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30 BISHOPS TO MEET AT VATICAN ON FINAL TEXT OF DECLARATION ON JEWS

ROME, April 26. (JTA) -- The Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, headed by Cardinal Bea, has exclusive jurisdiction over the handling of the Declaration on Church Relations with Non-Christians, a spokesman for the Bea secretariat declared here today.

The statement was an obvious response to dispatches from Rome yesterday, which reported that an ad hoc commission of prelates has been planning drastic revisions of the Declaration, preliminarily adopted last November by the third session of the Ecumenical Council. The Declaration as passed in November, by a vote of 1,992 to 99, had categorically exonerated the Jewish people of the charge of deicide.

The secretariat spokesman said today that a full, plenary meeting of the 30 bishops on the body would be held here May 9, to work out the final version of the Declaration's text on the basis of amendments proposed during last November's session and since. These amendments, or "modi," will be reviewed by the 30 prelates. They had already held discussions on the subject last February, when they decided to postpone final action until the May 9 meeting.

After decisions are made at the May meeting, the text will be sent on to the Ecumenical Council, due to reconvene at the Vatican September 17. The Coordination Commission for the next Council session will then schedule the revised draft for the agenda. The Bea Secretariat spokesman made it very clear today that "no committee" -- obviously referring to the ad hoc commission -- can bypass this procedure or bypass the plenary meeting of 30 bishops to be held May 9.

Cardinal Bea Arrives in New York Tomorrow; Will Be Honored

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the Vatican Secretariat which deals with the Declaration on Jews to be presented to the forthcoming session of the Ecumenical Council for final adoption, will arrive at Kennedy Airport here on Wednesday. He will be en route to Philadelphia to accept there the International Fellowship Award which will be presented to him at a dinner on Thursday. He will be welcomed at the airport by a representative of the Philadelphia Archdiocese and an official of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Meanwhile, Professor Abraham J. Heschel, who had visited the Vatican in connection with the proposed statement on Jews by the Ecumenical Council, today issued the following comment on reports that the Vatican may revise drastically the statement on deicide:

"The deicide charge is the most dreadful calumny ever uttered. It has resulted in rivers of blood and mountains of human ashes. To millions of Christians and to the overwhelming majority of Roman Catholic bishops, it is absurd, monstrous, unhistorical and the supreme repudiation of the Gospel of love. Weakening the document in any of its aspects which was inspired by the grandeur of conscience and the spirit of love, would remain for all time one of the major contributions to anti-Semitism. We pray that Satan may never witness such a triumph."

Pope Paul Reassures Canadian Jewish Mayor on His Stand on Jews

TORONTO, April 26. (JTA) -- Philip Givens, Jewish Mayor of Toronto, now on a visit to Italy, in an audience with Pope Paul VI, was assured by the Pontiff that a recent remark he made about the crucifixion of Jesus had caused him "distress" by being interpreted as a criticism of the Jewish people. "I can assure you of my serious concern and my sympathies for the Jewish people," the Pope told Mr. Givens.

To emphasize his point, Pope Paul instructed one of his aides to show Mayor Givens a letter he was sending to an unidentified rabbi. In it, the Pope expressed his "surprise" and "consternation" over the criticism of his remarks during a Passion Sunday Lenten sermon. In that sermon, the pontiff interpreted the Gospel dealing with that day, quoting the Gospel's assertion that the Jews had killed Jesus.

ARAB UNITY DISRUPTED BY BOURGUIBA'S CALL FOR PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 26. (JTA) -- The statements issued by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, calling for peace talks between the Arab states and Israel, have "disrupted the Arab summit atmosphere," the daily newspaper El Hayat, of Beirut, declared today. Bourguiba's peace proposals, said the newspaper, "pose the question whether Lebanon can

risk the dangers inherent in the continuation of the Jordan River water diversion plans, while it is left without Arab backing."

While these fears were being voiced openly in Beirut, however, Lebanese tractors today resumed their water diversion work near Israel's border. Earlier reports from Lebanon claimed that the tractors were being used for building only an irrigation project. A report broadcast today by Radio Damascus stated that the Arab League Water Diversion Board has decided that work on the diversion projects "be carried out in accordance with the schedule."

Arab fears regarding the Bourguiba stand continued to be voiced in the Cairo press, where concern was indicated that Saudi Arabia, Libya and Morocco may be siding silently with the Tunisian president. Al Goumhuria, the influential Cairo daily, asked pointedly, in a lengthy feature article denouncing the proposals by Bourguiba: "Does silence on the part of Morocco, Libya and Saudi Arabia imply consent on their part?"

SCANDINAVIAN CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY ASKS FOR WORLD INTERVENTION

STOCKHOLM, April 26. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging the world to intervene with the Soviet Union on behalf of ending Soviet anti-Semitism, calling upon the USSR authorities to safeguard the cultural rights of Soviet Jews, and to permit Jews to leave the Soviet Union for purposes of family reunification, were adopted here yesterday at the conclusion of a two-day Scandinavian Conference on Soviet Jewry. Leading scientists and writers from Sweden, Denmark and Norway attended the conference, under the chairmanship of Prof. Torgny Segerstedt, rector of Uppsala University.

A message was received from Lord Russell, the British philosopher, who called for the re-establishment of Jewish cultural rights in the USSR, abolition of religious discriminations practiced against Soviet Jews, family reunification privileges, and "an effective struggle against anti-Semitism."

One of the principal speakers at the conference, Prof. Herbert Tingsten, former editor of the influential Swedish newspaper, Dagens Nyheter, told the session: "Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union is carried out under the guise of anti-Zionism, on the theory that Zionists are guilty of dual loyalty. But dual loyalty should be possible in countries where Jews are tolerated. The great American patriot, Thomas Jefferson, had said that everyone believing in progress has two fatherlands, his own and France. Swedish Communists claim they can be loyal to the Soviet Union and to Sweden. I can feel solidarity with the Soviet Jews and with Sweden. Although I am not a Jew, I have a second fatherland--Israel--because Israel has promoted world progress."

Another of the speakers was Joseph Bernher-Barzilai, a former Palestinian Communist who had spent 25 years in the USSR, holding a high post in the Comintern for three years. Later, he served 22 years in a Siberian prison camp. He told the conference that the author of the infamous, anti-Semitic work, "Judaism Without Embellishment," which was officially rejected by the Communist Party of the USSR, had never been punished because ranking members of the Soviet presidium had supported his anti-Semitic theses.

HERUT AND LIBERAL PARTIES SIGN ALIGNMENT PACT ON KNESSET ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, April 26. (JTA) -- The Herut and Liberal parties formally signed an election alignment agreement here today. The pact was approved last night by a unanimous vote of the Liberal executive and by a majority of the Herut leadership.

The agreement provides for a common platform in the elections later this year to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament; a joint list for the elections of local authorities; the establishment of a common election headquarters; and the setting up of a joint election fund.

Addressing a gathering called for the formal signing of the pact, Herut leader Menahem Beigin said that the new united front will call on the nation to give it its confidence as a new alternative government. If the nation gives its confidence to the opponents of the new bloc, Mr. Beigin declared, "this bloc will continue to serve the nation as an opposition--but as a greater opposition."

Liberal leader Joseph Saphir said that while the new bloc comprised a unification of "relatives," they were not necessarily identical. He said the new united front may form an alternative to the present government and constitute a better regime.

ISSUANCE OF GERMAN-ISRAELI COMMUNIQUE ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DELAYED

JERUSALEM, April 26. (JTA) -- Informed sources here today attributed no importance to the fact that there has been a delay in issuing of the joint Bonn-Jerusalem communique on the establishment of diplomatic relations between West Germany and Israel. The communique was to have been issued in both capitals yesterday.

These sources said that only "marginal questions" remain as yet to be settled, and that these matters could not affect the issuance of the communique.

PRESIDENT OF WEST GERMANY SAYS TRIALS OF NAZI CRIMINALS MUST CONTINUE

BONN, April 26. (JTA) -- West German President Heinrich Luebke declared here yesterday that trials of Nazi war criminals must continue and that "no repressions of the truth of what happened under the Nazi regime could help, because the world realizes that Germany seriously desires to repent, and the world has confidence today in the new Germany."

President Luebke was the principal speaker at a rally commemorating the 20th anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Among the participants in the meeting were representatives of anti-Nazi and Resistance Fighters associations from virtually every free country in Europe. A separate ceremony was held later at a monument dedicated to the 30,000 Jews who lost their lives in Bergen-Belsen camp.

"Self-purification in Germany," said Dr. Luebke, "will be proven by deeds alone. What happened under Hitler was not done with the knowledge or under the instruction of the German people, but in our name. If Germany should fail a second time, then nobody could use the excuse that he knew nothing about what went on."

French Prime Minister Attends Services for Jewish Martyrs

PARIS, April 26. (JTA) -- Leaders of the French Government, including President Charles de Gaulle, took part here yesterday in commemorative services marking the 20th anniversary of the liberation of many of the Nazi concentration camps. Gen. de Gaulle attended special services at Notre Dame Cathedral, while Prime Minister Georges Pompidou and two other members of the Cabinet participated in rites conducted at the Monument to the Unknown Jewish Martyr.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Riquet, dean of Notre Dame, preached the sermon at the centuries-old cathedral. The priest had himself been imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp during the war. In the presence of the president, he preached a sermon recalling those "days of horror and terror," and led a prayer for "all those, whatever their race or creed, who vanished into the long night."

Meanwhile, M. Pompidou, accompanied by Pierre Messmer, Minister of Defense, and Jean Sainteny, Minister of War Veterans, took part in the ceremony at the Monument to the Unknown Jewish Martyr. Walking down a long lane of Jewish war veterans, whose units displayed their flags, and while a shofar sounded a dirge, the Prime Minister, flanked by a Presidential Guard of Honor in full uniform with swords drawn, laid a wreath at the foot of the monument. The wreath was inscribed simply: "From the Prime Minister."

Thousands of persons stood at attention during the rites. Many wore striped concentration camp uniforms. Chief official Jewish participants were Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan and Baron Guy de Rothschild, president of Fonds Social Juif Unifie. The traditional prayer for the dead was recited by a cantor. Similar services were held in cities and towns throughout France. Special programs recalling the Nazi terror were presented on the French national radio and television networks.

Remembrance Day for Martyrs of Warsaw Ghetto Observed in London

LONDON, April 26. (JTA) -- Thousands of persons crowded the Shaftesbury Theatre here yesterday for a Remembrance Day meeting honoring the martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 22 years ago and celebrating also the 20th anniversary of the liberation of some of the most notorious Nazi death camps like those at Belsen and Dachau. Prominent non-Jews joined the rites, among them Sir Elwyn C. Jones, Britain's Attorney General.

Other speakers at the function included Commander F. Ashe Lincoln, of the Polish Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association, which was one of the principal sponsors of the event, along with leading representatives of the other co-sponsoring groups, including the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the British section of the World Jewish Congress.

A message from Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, stated that "Jews of the present generation must, again and again, recall the tragedy of the Nazi era, the significance of which has not yet been realized. Meetings like this one must serve as warnings to all peoples of the world that they must protect freedom."

Large Rally for Warsaw Ghetto Heroes Held in New York

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- A large rally marking the 22nd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising was held here yesterday under the auspices of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization.

Those participating also paid homage to the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews killed in the Nazi holocaust. A resolution was adopted urging the construction of a suitable memorial here in New York City to honor the Jewish victims of the Nazis.

The main speaker at the event was Judge Michael A. Musmanno, one of the jurists who participated in the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial. Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, former president of the New York Board of Rabbis, also addressed the gathering.

U. J. A. HOLDS REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH; 83 COMMUNITIES ATTEND.

PITTSBURGH, April 26; (JTA) -- Max M. Fisher, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, yesterday addressed 400 delegates at a regional conference of the United Jewish Appeal, representing 83 communities from Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia. The conference also commemorated the 17th anniversary of Israel's independence.

In response to Mr. Fisher's request to raise the greatest amount of money in any UJA campaign, the delegates reported a total to date of \$450,000 in the local campaigns. David L. Lawrence, former Governor of Pennsylvania, who is now chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity and Housing, also addressed the conference. He asked the Jewish leaders to join with him in the fight against prejudice for the Negro. He cited his and their common history of being victims of prejudice. Mayor Joseph M. Barr of Pittsburgh, welcomed the delegates.

CROWD IN TORONTO STONES HEADQUARTERS OF NAZIS; POLICE INTERVENE

TORONTO, April 26; (JTA) -- Three Toronto self-avowed Nazis were besieged last night by a rock-throwing crowd which broke most of the windows and left a hangman's noose on the door of their new East End Toronto headquarters. The attackers were all residents of the neighborhood, a completely Anglo-Saxon working class section of Toronto.

At the height of the 30-minute episode, the Nazi trio's leader, William John Beattie, brandished a rifle at the crowd: "We were scared. They were shouting: 'Kill them, kill them,'" said Beattie after police were rushed to the house and dispersed the crowd.

The meeting room of the headquarters, dominated by a large swastika flag, was littered with stones and boulders, including an eight-foot piece of drainspout showed through the window. Beattie charged that police at first refused to provide protection for the Nazis and did so only when he threatened to complain to the police commission chairman.

Earlier, an angry white-haired grandmother punched the "fuhrer" when he gave a heel-clicking salute to his jeering neighbors. "You're nothing but a bunch of dirty thugs," said Mrs. Edward Deane as she struck Beattie. Her three sons served with the Canadian forces in World War II. "First we had termites, now these!" said another disgusted neighbor. The city building commissioner is checking into the alleged violation of the zoning by-laws by the neo-Nazis. The headquarters are located in a residential area, where club houses or "headquarters" are not permitted.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS CANVASS CONGRESSMEN ON U. S. AID TO NASSER

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- A large number of United States Senators and Representatives are dissatisfied with the Middle East policies of the Administration. Beirish Epstein, executive vice-chairman of the United Zionists-Revisionists of America, reported here today to the organization's national council. He noted that, in communications received from more than 80 members of both Houses, the overwhelming majority expressed a desire to see an end of Arab appeasement and a halt to the aid given to Nasser.

Among the legislators who were outspoken in their views urging a firmer U. S. policy toward Nasser were: Senators William Proxmire, of Wisconsin, Harrison A. Williams, Jr. of New Jersey, Paul Douglas of Illinois, Paul J. Fannin of Arizona, Joseph S. Clark of Pennsylvania, Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia, and Thomas H. Kuchel of California.

BROOKLYN MAIMONIDES HOSPITAL DEDICATES 186-BED PAVILION COSTING \$4,100,000

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- A new 186-bed pavilion was dedicated yesterday by Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, bringing the total capacity of the hospital to 580 beds.

The \$4,100,000 addition, which was partially financed by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and a grant from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, includes general care beds as well as replacement of former maternity and pediatric beds elsewhere. It is named the Hortense and Jacob Aron Pavilion.

OMAHA SYNAGOGUE PUBLISHES BRAILLE GUIDE TO NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

OMAHA, Nebraska, April 26. (JTA) -- The first Braille guide to aid blind persons visiting the New York World's Fair has been published by Beth El Synagogue here, and will be available in the Travelers Aid Pavilion at the Fair.

Entitled "Fingertip Trip Through the Fair," the guide was written by Al Sperber, of New York, who has been blind for seven years. He visited the Fair last year and made a record of the places the sightless would enjoy through hearing, touch, smell or taste. Aiding Mr. Sperber in the project was Dr. Jacob Freid, director of the Jewish Braille Institute in New York.