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DEICIDE CHARGE AGAINST JEWS WILL BE REFUTED, HIGH VATICAN OFFICIAL ASSURES

ROME, June 7. (JTA) -- A statement authorized by Augustin Cardinal Bea, chairman of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, declaring that the forthcoming session of the Ecumenical Council "would confirm the declaration repudiating the charge of deicide against the Jewish people" was published in the press here today.

The statement was made by Father Schmidt, the Cardinal's secretary. He declared that despite rumors to the contrary, no changes will be made in the text of the Declaration on Jews which clears them of the charge of "deicide." The Council is scheduled to reconvene in September for the final session.

SYRIA AND EGYPT DIFFER ON ATTACKING ISRAEL NOW; SYRIA FEELS ABANDONED

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) -- Syria and Egypt continued their verbal fight today over whether the time was ripe for the Arab rulers to resume military attacks against Israel. The Syrian press revealed that President Nasser of Egypt, addressing the five-day congress of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo last week said:

"If today we are incapable of defense, how can we speak of attack? If an aggression is committed against Syria, am I going to attack Israel? In this way Israel would be in a position to fix for me the time of attack. Is this wise or sound?"

The Syrian Government, replying to Nasser's arguments, charged him with having no intention to help Syria in a possible showdown with Israel over the Jordan River diversion issue. In a statement broadcast over the Damascus radio, the Syrian Government said that Nasser wished to see the Israel forces at the threshold of Damascus and only then would he move, primarily to pose as a "savior" of Syria.

The bitter attack by the Syrian Government against Nasser precipitated a number of articles in the Egyptian press, making it clear that Egypt would not be dragged into a war if Israel limited itself to raiding diversion installations on Syrian territory. This, in turn, brought about a public meeting in Damascus at which Nasser was denounced as a "double-crosser." Syrian President Amin el-Hafez, who addressed the meeting, charged not only Nasser but all Arab states with "conspiring" against Syria. He declared that none of the Arab countries had any intention of coming to Syria's aid if warfare broke out between Syria and Israel.

The Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram, which is considered the mouthpiece of Nasser, reported this weekend the details of a purported plan for a British-American landing in Lebanon if that country were attacked by Egyptian forces. The Foreign Office in London and the State Department in Washington refused to comment on the published report.

MEMBER OF ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SENTENCED TO DEATH IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- A member of the El Fatah terrorist gang, captured in a clash with an Israel patrol last January, has been sentenced to death by a military court, an Israeli spokesman announced last night. Under Israeli military court procedures, every capital punishment sentence must automatically be reviewed by the Military Court of Appeals and, if confirmed by that court, must then be confirmed by the Chief of Staff.

The Fatah member was identified as Mahmoud Bahar Muhammed Hedjazi, a Jordanian citizen. He was captured in a clash between the patrol and a group of Fatah infiltrators who tried last January 7 to sabotage a water tank of the Nehusha settlement in Lachish.

Hedjazi was condemned by a three-man court--including a lieutenant colonel who is a jurist in civilian life, another lieutenant colonel and one major--which found him guilty on four counts: These included sabotage, firing on Israeli soldiers and throwing handgrenades. Hedjazi admitted the charges but claimed that it was not he who was guilty but those who had sent him into Israel. His lawyer may appeal for clemency.

ISRAEL SERVES NOTICE TO U. N. ON DEFENSE ACTION AGAINST ARAB SABOTEURS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 7. (JTA) -- Israel served notice this weekend that it reserved the right to take "whatever defense measures may be appropriate in discharge of its duty to protect its citizens and territory" from saboteur infiltrations from the neighboring Arab states.

In a letter to the President of the Security Council, which he asked to be distributed as a Council document, Michael S. Comay, permanent Israel representative to the UN, reported two new terrorist attacks on the Israel villages of Yiftah and Bet Govrin. He charged that the first attack was carried out by a band of three men who came from Lebanon and returned there, while the second was carried out by a band coming from Jordan territory. The attacks took place on June 1.

The letter reiterated that "under the mixed armistice agreements, the governments concerned must in each case bear the responsibility for these acts perpetrated by persons crossing the border from their territories into Israel. That responsibility," it continued, "includes the duty to apprehend and punish the persons involved and the duty to take the strongest possible action to prevent any recurrence of organized infiltration, murder of civilians and sabotage of property."

Mr. Comay further advised the Security Council that the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission investigating the attack on Ramat Hakovesh on May 25 had found that "there had been a flagrant violation by Jordan of Article Four, Paragraph Three of the general armistice agreement" and had "expressed grave concern at the recurrence of incidents of this nature which disturb normal life in Israel and constitute a threat to peace and tranquility."

In voicing this new complaint, Israel did not ask for a meeting of the Security Council.

JORDAN CLAIMS CHECKING ISRAELI RAID; ISRAEL HAS NO COMMENT ON REPORT

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- A Jordanian spokesman claimed that Jordan stopped an attempt by Israeli troops to raid Jordan at a border bridge last Friday. There was no comment from Israel on the Jordanian report.

According to a military spokesman in Amman, the Jordanian capital, Israeli forces opened fire on an outpost at Sheik Hussein Bridge on the Jordan River and then tried to advance but were stopped by Jordanian fire. The spokesman said the exchange lasted two hours and that the Jordanians did not suffer any casualties.

ESHKOL'S VICTORY OVER BEN-GURION MAY NOT CAUSE SPLIT IN MAPAI PARTY

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- Predictions that the group of leaders in the Mapai Party which is supporting former Premier David Ben-Gurion will not break away from the party to form their own group were made here today in connection with the nomination during the weekend of Premier Levi Eshkol as the party's candidate for Premier after the forthcoming parliamentary elections this fall.

Mr. Eshkol was nominated to be the next Premier at a meeting of the Central Committee of the Mapai Party held jointly with the Mapai members in Knesset, Israel's Parliament. The ballot was secret and he received 179 votes while Ben-Gurion received 103 votes. It was decided in advance that the nominations would be made not by the forthcoming Mapai convention but by the Central committee plus the Mapai faction in Knesset.

Following the vote, which gave Eshkol 63.5 per cent as against Ben-Gurion's 36.5 per cent, Reuven Barkat, Mapai secretary-general, issued an appeal for party unity. He expressed the hope that "all sections" would abide by it and that Ben-Gurion would regard the decision as the "party's will." The vote was preceded by receipt of a letter from the former Premier barring his heading the party list if Eshkol was named as Mapai candidate for Premier. Neither protagonist attended the voting sessions.

Premier Eshkol received news of the vote by telephone while Ben-Gurion was visited by a group of his backers with the information. The Ben-Gurion followers indicated they were satisfied by the fact that the voting showed they had maintained the strength of their faction in the party.

GERMAN INTELLECTUALS CALL FOR ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

BONN, June 7. (JTA) -- A public call for action against the "misuse of freedom of opinion" by the extremist Deutsche National und Soldaten Zeitung was issued here today by a group of 57 scientists, writers, poets and theologians. The appeal was addressed to leaders of Parliamentary groups, trade unions and churches.

The Press Council welcomed the appeal and said the 57 signers had long fought against the Soldaten Zeitung for its misuse of freedom. The Soldaten Zeitung was denounced in Parliament earlier this year as viciously anti-Semitic.

DUTCH JEWS APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT FOR REHABILITATION OF JEWISH LEADER

THE HAGUE, June 7. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Dutch Jews appealed today to Justice Minister Ivo Samkalde to arrange for a new trial of Dr. Frederick Weinreb, who was sentenced in 1948 in a sensational trial which involved charges he collaborated with the Nazis during the occupation of Holland.

The petitioning Jews, urging the rehabilitation of the one-time leader of the Dutch Jewish community, based their appeal on disclosures in recent publications dealing with Dr. Weinreb's activities during the Nazi occupation.

After he was convicted for six years on charges of treason--after dropping of charges he had extorted money from Dutch Jews--various organizations came to his defense. The International League for the Rights of Man urged his release after he began his six-year term. The term was imposed by a Special Court of Appeals at The Hague. Many of his supporters, including Members of the Dutch Parliament, asserted that he had been railroaded to cover up the collaborationist activities of some Dutch officials.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OPPOSES GROUP LIBEL BILL; EXPLAINS MOTIVES

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee has informed Governor Rockefeller of its opposition to the Group Libel Bill introduced by Senator Irwin R. Brownstein (Democrat) and now waiting the governor's signature. The bill would create for the first time in New York State a criminal penalty for group libel, which is the utterance or publishing of any statement or statements defamatory of a racial or religious group, known by the utterer or publisher to be false.

"Our examination of the history of group libel statutes, particularly those in pre-Nazi Germany, underscores their inherent futility," Theodore Ellenoff, chairman of the group's Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Committee, said in his letter to the Governor. "For the past twenty odd years the Committee has opposed group libel legislation nationally and in the several states. Although such legislation is generally introduced with the highest motivations, we have based our objections on the ground that more problems are raised than are solved.

"Such legislation provides bigots and extremists with an opportunity to use the courts as a forum for their calumnies and as a focus for publicity," Mr. Ellenoff explained. "A prosecution to alleviate racial and religious antagonism might well become an instrument for extending it. These fears are not imaginery."

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT SEEKS TO RAISE FUNDS IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Dr. George Wise, president of Tel Aviv University, said here today that the present development plans for the new university call for expenditures of \$16,000,000 and about \$7,000,000 of that sum had been given or pledged for that goal. He is visiting the United States to raise additional funds and to recruit more Israeli teachers, now on university faculties in this country, for the Tel Aviv school.

Among the reasons cited by Dr. Wise at a press conference for the urgent need for additional higher education facilities in Israel was the fact that Israel had one of the lowest percentage of its population in the college student level of any advanced nation. Another, he said, was the fact that while the Oriental-originating Israeli Jews had been integrated politically and economically, they were not integrated culturally.

He reported that while the Arab university student population on Arab countries had advanced from 25,000 to 180,000 in the past ten years, in Israel the college student population had risen from 12,000 to only 18,000. He said Israel's needs for university-educated experts required an increase in the university student total to 40,000 by 1970. He noted that the increase to 18,000 students in Israel included the 4,000 attending Tel Aviv University and said he hoped that in the next three or four years, the University would have 10,000 students.

He said one of the goals of his current trip to the United States was to continue to find Israeli teachers who came to this country because of lack of teaching and research openings in Israel. He reported that 30 such Israelis had been persuaded to return to Israel to join the Tel Aviv University faculty and that he hoped that another 60 would follow their example.

TWO SYNAGOGUES BOMBED IN LONDON; HALL ADJOINING SYNAGOGUE ALSO BOMBED

LONDON, June 7. (JTA) -- Police reported today that apparently one person was responsible for the fire-bombing of two London synagogues and a hall adjoining a third in a weekend attack. They found the remains of one of the home-made bombs bearing a painted swastika. No damage was done to the synagogues.

John Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, appealed in his sermon yesterday for racial tolerance in Britain and throughout the world. He warned that "those tempted to commit the sin of racial hatred should remember Belsen and Auschwitz," the Nazi death camps.

SAN FRANCISCO FEDERATION REPORTS RAISING OF \$2,080,000 IN 1965 DRIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7. (JTA) -- More than \$2,080,000 will have been raised by the Jewish Welfare Federation of San Francisco, Marin County and the Peninsula by the end of its current campaign, it was reported here today by Carl W. Stern, 1965 campaign chairman.

This announcement was augmented by Samuel A. Ladar, president of the Federation, who pointed out that this would represent the largest campaign result in Federation history. Tribute was paid to Mr. Stern for his dedicated and dynamic leadership, as well as to the large number of volunteers who worked unceasingly to better the 1964 results.

ANNENBERG FAMILY ANNOUNCES \$8,000,000 GIFT TO MT. SINAI IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- A pledge of \$8,000,000 for construction of the projected \$55,000,000 Mount Sinai School of Medicine here has been announced by the eight children of Mrs. Moses L. Annenberg, widow of multi-millionaire publisher Moses L. Annenberg, in honor of the widow's 86th birthday.

In announcing the gift, in which the eight will share equally, Walter Annenberg, son of the late publisher, said that in deciding on "a distinguished gift" for Mrs. Annenberg, the children had decided that nothing was more important than education "and that the opening of another medical teaching institution is of tremendous importance."

Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman of the school fund, said that nearly half of the voluntary goal for the hospital had been reached with the \$8,000,000 pledge. The medical school will be housed in a 23-story building to be named the Annenberg Building at the center of the hospital's Manhattan site. The new school is expected to be opened in 1968.

MAX BRESSLER REPORTS ON PLANS OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Max Bressler, president of the Jewish National Fund, who just returned from a two-week mission to Israel, reported to the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund of America that 68 new settlements will be established within the next three years by the JNF in cooperation with the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency. Many of these settlements built along Israel's border, will strengthen Israel's security. While in Israel, Mr. Bressler completed arrangements for the erection of the John F. Kennedy Monument at the entrance to the Kennedy Peace Forest in the Judean Hills outside Jerusalem.

DR. A. A. ROBACK, NOTED PSYCHOLOGIST AND STRONG SUPPORTER OF YIDDISH, DEAD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 7. (JTA) -- Dr. A. A. Roback, noted Jewish psychologist who wrote many books and hundreds of articles on psychology and Jewish questions and who taught at many leading American universities, died here today at his home. He was 75.

A strong supporter of Yiddish, he personally developed a 10,000 volume Yiddish library for Harvard University, at which he taught for several years. In 1929, he introduced the first academic course in Yiddish literature in the United States at the Massachusetts University Extension. He wrote on Yiddish topics and literature in both English and Yiddish.

He taught at the University of Pittsburgh, Northeastern University, Clark University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other schools. In addition to membership in many psychology and philosophy groups, he was a member of the board of Governors of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the academic council of YIVO, and of other groups interested in Jewish literature.

MYER FEINSTEIN, NOTED JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN PHILADELPHIA; WAS 69

PHILADELPHIA, June 7. (JTA) -- Myer Feinstein, Philadelphia banker who served as a member of the national campaign cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal and as a national board member of the Joint Distribution Committee, died in the hospital here yesterday at the age of 69.

He was president of the Jewish Exponent, local English-Jewish weekly, and served as president of the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia in 1954. He was treasurer of the Jewish Publication Society and of Gratz College. He was a member of the executive committee of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia as well as of the United Fund, United Hias Service and the Home for the Jewish Aged.

He was awarded last month the Shield of Israel award of the State of Israel established to honor persons who combined contributions to their own nation with friendship for Israel. He was also the recipient of the Edwin Rosenberg award of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the State of Israel Medallion of Valor.