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POPE PAUL VI REPORTED INSTRUCTING WITHDRAWAL OF DECLARATION ON JEWS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Reports that Pope Paul VI has ordered the removal from the agenda of the forthcoming session of the Ecumenical Council, the Vatican declaration repudiating the delict charge against Jews, were circulating in Rome, according to a dispatch in the New York Times today.

The dispatch said that a spokesman for Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State and head of the Coordinating Commission which controls the Council agenda, declined to comment on the report that the Pope had sent the Commission a letter instructing it to withdraw the declaration on Jews and other non-Christian religions from Council debate.

According to the report, high church sources said that the declaration, which was overwhelmingly approved in a preliminary vote at the last session of the Council last year, was now "under study." Under normal Council procedure, the declaration, with some allegedly minor changes already dealt with by the Secretariat for Christian Unity, should come up for a final vote at the next Council session later this year without any further "study."

The fact that the matter was under further "study," the Times dispatch declared, seemed to confirm reports that doctrinal conservatives in the church and anti-Israel pressures from the Arab states were combining to block the declaration.

Sources in the Secretariat for Christian Unity headed by Augustin Cardinal Bea said that they had no knowledge of any departures from the normal Council procedures and that they were confidently preparing to present the declaration for passage by the Council in the fall. They conceded, however, the Times dispatch said, that their lack of knowledge of any new moves to withdraw the declaration could not be construed as a denial of such reports. They characterized the report of Papal intervention as "weird," but they would not say flatly that it was not true.

MAPAI MAJORITY REBUFFS BEN-GURION'S DEMANDS; MAPAM MAY SUPPORT MAPAI

TEL AVIV, June 20. (JTA) -- The possibility that the opposition Mapam party would throw its support to Premier Levi Eshkol in his bitter Mapai party leadership struggle with former David Ben-Gurion emerged today after the Premier's supporters rebuffed demands of the minority Mapai faction.

The majority reply, hammered out in a marathon nine-hour meeting of the Mapai Bureau and the Mapai Secretariat, condemned the "threat" to the party's integrity stemming from "calls to dissent" or from Ben-Gurion's call to his followers to form an independent list for the forthcoming Parliamentary elections. The minority faction indicated last week it would wait until July 1 for an approach from the majority before proceeding with an independent list.

The reply, contained in a communique prepared by a special committee named by the Secretariat, was uncompromising. The communique demanded dissolution of all party factions and called on all members of the party to unite behind Premier Levi Eshkol's leadership. The communique denounced as "untrue and unjustified" minority charges of "moral deterioration" in the party under that leadership.

Shimon Peres, a strong Ben-Gurion supporter who quit as Deputy Defense Minister last month in the abrasive leadership conflict, told the Secretariat that Ben-Gurion had not really called for a split. He asked that no communique be issued until matters were clarified. However, the decision to go ahead with the communique was taken by majority vote. The communique brought a pledge of support to the party from its strong Haifa branch.

As the crisis deepened, imperiling labor's continuous leadership of Israel, Mapam leaders indicated that if the Mapai struggle posed the threat of the loss by Israel's general labor movement of control of the government, Mapam would support the Premier to assure his continuance of Premier and of Israel's labor leadership.

ISRAELI MILITARY COURT SENTENCES JEW TO 60 YEARS AS DESERTER AND SPY

HAIFA, June 20. (JTA) -- A military court in Haifa today sentenced Meyir Amzalag to 60 years' imprisonment on conviction on charges of desertion and espionage. According to the indictment, Amzalag deserted his unit 10 years ago and crossed into Jordan where he was captured over the Syrians. In Syria, after two years in jail, he was released and sent to North Africa. From there he returned to Israel under an assumed name to spy.

HOUSE COMMITTEE DROPS REFERENCE TO JEWS IN RESOLUTION ON RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee this weekend reported out a watered-down version of a Senate concurrent resolution, eliminating from the enacting clause the specific reference to Jews as victims of Soviet anti-religious and anti-cultural discrimination. Introductory clauses were substantially the same as contained in the Senate measure adopted May 14.

The Senate resolution declared "that it is the sense of the Congress that persecution of any persons because of their religion by the Soviet Union be condemned, and that the Soviet Union in the name of decency and humanity be urged to cease executing persons for alleged economic offenses, and to permit fully the free exercise of religion and the pursuit of culture by Jews and all others within its borders."

The House Committee's version, as submitted to the House, altered the Senate measure to read that "It is the sense of the Congress that the persecution of any persons because of their religion by the Government of the Soviet Union and the governments of other Eastern European countries be condemned, and that such governments be urged to cease such persecution and to permit full and free exercise of religion and related cultural pursuits by all persons within their countries. It is further the sense of the Congress that the attention of the United Nations should be drawn to this resolution and that the United Nations should continue in its efforts on behalf of freedom of religion."

However, in the preface to the resolution, the House Committee's version adds references absent from the Senate measure. The Committee cites the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights and Articles 124 and 125 of the Soviet Constitution pertaining to religious freedom. The House preface is strengthened by addition of a "whereas" clause absent in the Senate version, pertaining to general anti-religious policies in Communist nations. It is expected that the differences between the Senate and House versions will be reconciled either when the resolution is before the House by amendment or in conference.

ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS CONTINUE IN BAMBERG; JEWISH CENTER BUILDING SMEARED

BAMBERG, June 20. (JTA) -- The outbreak of anti-Semitic incidents continued here in spite of stepped-up protective measures carried out by the city authorities. Last night a neo-Nazi vandal smeared yellow paint on the nameplate of the Bamberg Jewish Center building housing the communal activities of the city's 73 Jews.

The vandal was seen by two young German civilian volunteers guarding the building who chased the culprit but failed to apprehend him. They could only describe him as a "young man." The volunteer guards were part of a force of civilian vigilante patrols set up by the Bamberg Council of Elders to help police protect Jewish citizens and their property against the repeated threats of violence and arson by the neo-Nazis.

Security measures were increased after an incident earlier this weekend in which vandals, striking in darkness while police patrols concentrated on protecting Jewish landmarks, splashed a swastika and anti-Semitic slogans in violet paint on the statue of Dr. Johann Lukas Schonlein, a Roman Catholic Bamberg physician who died in 1864.

The Town Council today announced that the reward for apprehending the neo-Nazis had been raised. The reward being offered by Bamberg police and citizens for the apprehension of the neo-Nazis today reached 20,000 Deutschmarks (\$5,000), but so far no arrests have been made. Commenting on the latest anti-Semitic incidents, Mayor Theodor Mathieu said that Bamberg's citizens were enraged and that hundreds had volunteered for the special patrols.

The spate of incidents in the city started last week when the slogan "Death to Jews" was found inscribed on a memorial tablet erected to commemorate the Bamberg Synagogue burned by the Nazis on the infamous Crystal Night of November 9, 1938 when the Nazis destroyed synagogues throughout Germany. Later in the week, American Jewish tourists found the city's Jewish cemetery desecrated.

ISRAEL MUM ON BONN'S NOMINATION OF ROLF PAULS AS GERMAN AMBASSADOR

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- Israeli officials here today declined to indicate whether Israel would approve Rolf Pauls, a West German career diplomat, as his country's ambassador to Israel, after a statement yesterday in Bonn by Chancellor Ludwig Erhard taking a firm position over Israel's reported objections to the choice of Pauls, a career officer in the German army during World War II.

The Bonn Government's nomination of the West German envoy is expected to be submitted to Israel this week and officials here expressed hope that any diplomatic embarrassment would be avoided. It was reported that Israel had also picked an envoy but that final steps were stalled until the matter was clarified.

At a press conference in Bonn yesterday, Chancellor Erhard, without mentioning names, said that military service by a German was not grounds "for discriminating against him." Dr. Pauls was cited as a career officer under Hitler, for service during the war on the Eastern front where he lost an arm. He was not a member of the Nazi Party. Dr. Erhard said yesterday that he had chosen an envoy but that he would not announce his name until Israel had accepted him.

REFORM RABBIS ASSAIL USING CATERING PLACES FOR RELIGIOUS OCCASIONS

CINCINNATI, June 20. (JTA) -- The use of catering places, public halls and vacation resorts for important religious occasions by "unsynagogue-minded Jews" was assailed by the Central Conference of American Rabbis which concluded its convention here yesterday. The 500 delegates to the 76th annual convention of the CCAR elected Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein of Chicago as president to succeed Rabbi Leon Feuer of Toledo.

A report embodying the criticism of use of such facilities was approved by the delegates. The report charged that such use undermined the sanctity of the synagogue in the process of "salving the conscience" of "peripheral Jews." The rabbis hit hardest at the resort hotels "which offer vacations opportunities during the High Holy Days and other festival periods" along with "religious services."

On the occasions, the rabbis charged, the setting and mood were more "in tune with 'holiday' than 'Holy Day' and the accompanying religious service was "at best artificial and at worst a mockery."

Use of public halls and catering establishments for Jewish weddings and Bar Mitzvahs was similarly condemned. The rabbis said that such settings were "not conducive to the solemnity of the ceremony" and that this demeaned the rabbi into a position "of a hired functionary, one of the staff." The rabbi also contended that the "traditions" observed in such settings were often "the invention of the entrepreneur or caterer" far from the meaning of Judaism.

The report also criticized the "mushroom synagogue," a "private enterprise" organized solely for the High Holy Days and "organized primarily for profit," to the detriment of the synagogue as "the basic institution of Jewish religious life."

SO. AFRICAN JEWS BECOMING INDIFFERENT TO JEWISH PROBLEMS, EDITOR SAYS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The paradox of a highly organized, thriving South African Jewish community threatened with potential decline because of the complacency of its members and a lack of young leadership willing to devote themselves to specifically Jewish affairs, was stressed here today by Leon Feldberg, editor of the Southern African Jewish Times, who is currently visiting this country.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mr. Feldberg said that, in spite of their location in a part of the world subject to periodic waves of tension, South African Jews "are becoming indifferent to matters specifically Jewish, simply because they do not have the problems that plagued world Jewry in earlier generations."

Currently numbering about 110,000, the South African Jewish community is among the best organized in the world in the fields of education, congregational activity, Zionist affairs and welfare programs, Mr. Feldberg said, adding that communal harmony was generally the rule among a Jewry largely of traditional learning with only a moderate Reform movement.

He cited as another difficulty to the thriving community the fact that a high level of Jewish education had created widespread demand for improvement far beyond their present resources. The community supports an elaborate Hebrew education network with the largest center of Jewish population in Johannesburg, providing some form of Hebrew education to 8,000 youngsters out of a total population of 55,000. Although currently training their own Hebrew teachers, religious leaders are largely brought in from abroad.

During his visit here, Mr. Feldberg presented to South Africa's Ambassador in Washington, H. L. T. Taswell, a copy of "South African Jewry, 1965." The volume, the first biographical work on South African Jewry published in nearly four decades, was edited by Mr. Feldberg.

\$8,500,000 BUILDING DEDICATED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY-HADASSAH SCHOOL

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- The new building of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, constructed at a cost of \$8,500,000, was dedicated here today. The structure is part of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, a complex of schools and clinical facilities in all the medical sciences.

Participating in the dedication ceremonies today were Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah and Dr. Albert B. Sabin, vice-president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and chairman of its Physicians Division.

An international symposium on "The Impact of the Basic Sciences on Medicine" with the participation of some 60 scientists from 12 countries will open tomorrow here in conjunction with the dedication of the new medical school building.

Among the noted scientists who will attend the symposium will be Nobel prizewinner Ernst Chain, Dr. Albert Sabin, developer of live polio vaccine; and other top scientists from France, England, Greece, Turkey, Poland, Yugoslavia, Italy, Sweden and other countries.

(The dedication of the new home of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School was celebrated in New York this afternoon at a reception held at University House.

NEW JERSEY COUNTRY CLUB FACES TRIAL FOR BARRING JEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP

HACKENSACK, N. J., June 20. (JTA) -- The board of the Packanack Lake Country Club and Community was given a court order this weekend to stand trial on charges it barred membership and the right to own property in the community to Jews and Negroes.

The order was a victory for two non-Jewish families, members of the Passaic County residential community of about 1,300 families, who accused the board of bias in a court complaint. Superior Court Judge Morris Pashman upheld motions of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conover and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mooney, who filed a complaint charging that only persons of "northern European Christian" background were eligible for membership.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE REVIEWS ITS ACTIVITIES; LEADERS STRESS NEW TASKS

PARIS, June 20. (JTA) -- The new responsibilities of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, particularly for the many young North African Jews who have settled in France, were emphasized today at the Alliance annual meeting here by Jules Braunschvig, the Alliance vice-president. He also discussed the Alliance program in day schools.

Rene Cassin, the president, affirmed confidence in the future of the Alliance, declaring its work flourished through the generous support of friendly organizations and faithful members.

Louis Kahn, Alliance vice-president, said that "education and the rights of man" were the principal concerns of the Alliance, in describing its work during more than a century. Secretary-General Eugene Weill presented the annual report and Treasurer Andre Goldet presented the Alliance financial report.

N. Y. STATE ESTABLISHES 225 FELLOWSHIPS IN MEMORY OF LATE GOV. LEHMAN

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- A total of 225 graduate fellowships in social science and international affairs have been established in universities in New York state in memory of the late Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, under a new state law.

The bill establishing the fellowships was signed by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller in the presence of Mrs. Lehman and Federal Judge Edward Weinfeld, a member of the committee which recommended the fellowship program. The fellowships, involving an annual cost of \$1,000,000, will provide \$4,000 a year for candidates for master's degrees and those in the first year of work for doctorates, and \$5,000 a year for other doctoral candidates.

CAHAN RESEARCH CENTER OF YIDDISH JOURNALISM DEDICATED AT HEBREW U.

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- The Abraham Cahan Research Center at the Hebrew University was dedicated here today at a ceremony in which Adolf Held, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward of New York and head of the Abraham Cahan Fund in the United States, and Hebrew University president Eliahu Eilat participated.

The Center contains an estimated 5,000,000 microfilmed units of Yiddish journalism which have appeared in newspapers, periodicals and books during the past 300 years. Publications received from the Soviet Union are also included in the collection. The Research Center was made possible by the Abraham Cahan Fund which was established in New York in memory of the late editor of the Forward. Following the dedication ceremony Mr. Held was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered by the university.

U. N. GROUP ISSUES ROSH HASHANAH CARDS DESIGNED BY ISRAELI ARTIST

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 20. (JTA) -- The United States Committee for UNICEF announced today that a UNICEF greeting card designed by an Israeli artist will be issued for sale this year for Rosh Hashanah for the first time.

"Birds and Trees," by Shalom Moshkovitz, an exponent of the Safed style of primitive art, will be sold for the benefit of the UN Children's Fund. It is available with Rosh Hashanah greetings in both Hebrew and English. The artist has had his works exhibited in galleries and museums in Tel Aviv, New York, Chicago, Paris, London and Zurich.

Born in the village of Safed high in the hills of Galilee some 70 years ago, Mr. Moshkovitz came late to painting. For more than half a century he worked at various trades, chiefly watchmaking, but also as a silversmith and a stonemason. Fond of children, he spent his spare time making wooden toys decorated with crayons.

Nine years ago, after making a bird of paradise which he wished to color brightly, he asked his neighbor, an artist, for some paints. The artist watched him decorate the bird, and urged him to paint his impressions on paper. He returned home with a few paints and brushes and gradually a sheaf of temperas and oils accumulated. Since then his paintings gained recognition throughout the world.