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### VATICAN SCHEDULES FINAL ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ACTION ON JEWISH ISSUE

ROME, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- Publication by the Vatican press office today of the agenda for the fourth session of the Ecumenical Council, which opens next Tuesday, raised the possibility that final action on the draft declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations may not take place until early next year.

The agenda is divided into two parts. The first consists of schemas yet to be discussed by the Council fathers, including the controversial declaration on religious liberty. The second part includes five items which were thoroughly discussed during the first three sessions. These, including the draft declaration on Jews, will have to be voted on.

Vatican sources said that the fact that the draft on Jews is last on the agenda did not necessarily mean it would be voted last, since a time table remains to be established. But it was indicated that the declaration on the Jews will probably be the final item when the time table is fixed. But the press office announcement was in effect an authoritative denial of rumors that the declaration on the Jews would not be on the agenda.

### Assurances Seen That Provisional Draft Will Not Be Diluted

The question of the length of the session developed when an authoritative source said that Pope Paul VI "hoped" that the final session would be finished by Christmas. That report was viewed as raising the possibility that the fourth session might go into the first weeks or months of 1966.

The press office did not deal with continuous speculation of another effort at dilution of the draft on Jews. A diluted version was rejected, and a strong one approved at the third session last year. Since then, high Catholic sources in many countries have given assurances that the strong draft provisionally approved at the third session would receive final acceptance at the last one, to be followed by official promulgation of the document by Pope Paul.

The document, which actually deals with the Catholic Church's relations with all non-Christian religions -- including the Moslem and the Buddhist faiths -- rejects once and for all the ancient charge that the Jews of any time, past or present, were responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus. It also condemns anti-Semitism. At the conclusion of the Council's third session, the fathers had approved that draft by a ballot of 1,691 against 99, with four abstentions.

### ITALIAN PARLIAMENT TO DEBATE TWO STRONG BILLS BANNING WAR CRIMES

ROME, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- The Justice Ministry presented to the Italian Parliament today a bill to bar application of the constitutional ban on extradition for political crimes to persons charged with genocide. Under the present law, many German ex-Nazis have used Italy as a haven in their flight from trial on war crimes charges in Germany. A two-third Parliamentary majority will be required to approve the bill.

At the same time, a draft of a bill to enact an Italian law, in support of Italy's 1952 ratification of the United Nations Convention Against Genocide, was distributed today in Parliament. A parliamentary commission drafted the bill this summer.

The Italian anti-genocide bill would provide severe punishment for all forms of aggressive acts against ethnic, racial, national and religious groups when such acts are clearly meant to destroy the target group either partly or completely. Crimes listed in the bill include enforced living conditions likely to cause partial or total destruction of the affected group, deportation, impeding or restricting the fertility of the group by sterilization, forcibly taking children from their parents, and enforcing the wearing of discriminatory devices by persecuted groups.

The penalty for conviction of such crimes would be long prison terms up to life imprisonment if the victims perish as a result of the crime. There is no capital punishment in Italy.

IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL ENDORSED AT TWO ZIONIST MEETINGS IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- British Labor Zionists and Orthodox groups today pledged full support for all efforts for settlement by British Jews in Israel at meetings of various organizations devoted to immigration, and addressed by S. Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency immigration department.

The British Labor Zionists voiced support for immigration to Israel after Dr. S. Levenberg, Labor Zionist chairman here, reported that 15,000 British Jews have settled in Israel since the establishment of the State. He said that more than 700 members of the Young People Zion were among the settlers. In the resolution adopted at the meeting, the delegates reiterated "whole-hearted" support for immigration as the "central task of the Labor Zionist movement" in Britain.

At a meeting sponsored by the British Mizrahi Federation, delegates representing various Mizrahi groups as well as the Federation of Synagogues, the Religious Students Organization and the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists, adopted a resolution terming immigration "the call of the hour and the duty of this generation." The resolution urged every religious Jew to "make an effort to settle in Israel."

Shragai Stresses Urgent Need for Newcomers From Western Lands

The shift in Israel's economy from farming to industry as the main prop of the economy has increased the need for immigration from Western countries, Mr. Shragai told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today: "We are now in great need of manpower for industry," he said, "and we will obviously not find the necessary skills in countries with distressed Jewish communities in urgent need of migration to Israel." He said this was the reason his department was seeking migrants "from free countries with prosperous Jewish communities."

He said that, since Jews in such countries felt no security reasons for migrating to Israel, two other factors would have to be depended on. One of them, he said, was anxiety of Jews for the fate of Israel if suitable manpower failed to arrive from other countries. The other is the assurance of reasonable living conditions for immigrants "who are used to a fairly high standard," he said.

He noted that a new settler now could get an apartment by a down payment of from \$100 to \$333, paying off the rest with a loan from the Jewish Agency for 30 years at 6 percent. He reported also that his department was arranging talks between skilled Jews in other countries and Israeli industrialists. He said such industrialists were offering three-year contracts to such newcomers and to cover their expenses.

DR. HERZOG'S REFUSAL OF BRITISH CHIEF RABBINATE EXPLAINED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- Dr. Yaacov Herzog's surprise decision not to accept the post of Britain's Chief Rabbi was taken after medical tests in Switzerland confirmed a medical diagnosis in Jerusalem that he needed prolonged treatments and recuperation from surgery, it was disclosed here today.

Complications developed after an appendectomy, and doctors here advised the former Israeli envoy to Canada to avoid the strain of public life. Dr. Herzog left last week for Switzerland to convalesce. There he received similar advice, leading him to inform the Chief Rabbinate Council in London that he had decided not to accept the position. He was to have taken up those duties in November.

W. GERMANY TO PAY HISTADRUT \$3,750,000 FOR LOSSES DURING WORLD WAR

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- The West German Government has agreed to compensate the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, for the assets of the Hechalutz Youth Pioneering movement left behind in Germany and the countries occupied by the Nazis prior to World War II, it was announced here today by Yehoshua Levy, Histadrut treasurer. The compensation agreement calls for payment by the Bonn Government of 15,000,000 Deutsche marks (\$3,750,000).

Mr. Levy announced that the money would be used exclusively for the building of vocational schools, club houses and other educational institutions. He noted that Histadrut had already allocated 4,500,000 Israeli pounds (\$1,500,000) for the establishment of vocational schools in five immigrant development towns. The Israel Government is matching the allocation, pound for pound.

ISRAEL REPORTS HEAVY FINANCIAL AID TO MOSQUES IN ARAB VILLAGES

ACRE, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- The Israel Government has built during the last few years 10 mosques in Arab villages, and contributed 200,000 pounds (\$66,000) for a million-pound (\$333,000) Grand Mosque of Peace now under construction in Nazareth. Dr. Zorah Warhaftig, Israel's Religious Affairs Minister, reported today. He revealed the information at an Israel Moslem conference here at which he also said that the Government was ready to provide full assistance to its Moslem citizens to enable them to make pilgrimages to Mecca.

SENATE UNIT APPROVES IMMIGRATION BILL ELIMINATING OLD QUOTA SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8; (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee today reported out the Administration's immigration reform bill, assuring action on the measure by the full Senate before adjournment. The committee voted 14 to 2 to approve the measure. The two negative votes were registered by Sen. James O. Eastland, of Mississippi, and Sen. John L. McClellan, of Arkansas, both Democrats.

The bill would terminate the discriminatory national origins quota system by 1968, and otherwise liberalize entrance requirements. However, the Senate committee for the first time in history imposed an amendment putting a ceiling on immigration from Western Hemisphere nations.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS BACK FIGHT AGAINST PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BUS LAW

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8; (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced here today that it is giving legal and financial aid to a suit challenging the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's new school bus law, authorizing bussing of pupils to "non-public schools."

Mrs. G.R. Worrell, of Upper Providence Township, filed the suit in the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. The suit seeks a preliminary injunction to bar the Rose Tree Union School District from spending funds to transport parochial and other private school pupils. Costs of the legal action are being met by the American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union. The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia announced it would enter the case as a "friend of the court" in support of the suit.

BOND CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH FALL DRIVE FOR SALES OF \$100,000,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 8; (JTA) -- Senator Robert F. Kennedy, New York Democrat, and Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman will be among the principal speakers at a three-day national planning conference of the Israel Bond Organization to be held here September 17 to 19, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Israel Bonds vice-president. The conference will launch the fall campaign for the sale of \$100,000,000 in Israel Bonds during this year.

Other participants will include Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization; Dr. Schwartz; Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman; Louis H. Boyar, chairman of the board of governors; Ira Guilden, national chairman; Morris W. Berinstein, national chairman of trustees; and Mrs. Jan Pearce, national chairman of the Women's Division. More than 500 Jewish leaders, representing members of the national board of governors and chairmen of the bond campaign in major cities throughout the country, will participate in the weekend meetings, Dr. Schwartz said.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PLEDGES CONTINUED AID TO UNITED HIAS PROGRAM

ROME, Sept. 8; (JTA) -- Italian Government officials and consuls here representing various countries pledged today continuance of their cooperation with the United Hias Service in its program of resettlement of Jewish refugees.

The occasion was a reception given to Murray J. Gurfein, United Hias president, and Mrs. Gurfein, and Mr. and Mrs. Gaynor Jacobson. Mr. Jacobson is Hias director for European operations, in Geneva. Mr. Gurfein toured Hias installations in Rome and in Naples during a four-day visit enroute to Israel.

'ART IN ISRAEL' EXHIBIT OPENS IN DETROIT; 26 ARTISTS REPRESENTED

DETROIT, Sept. 8; (JTA) -- An extensive exhibition featuring the works of 26 Israeli artists and sculptors opened here today at the Detroit Institute of Arts for a showing that will continue through October 3. Entitled "Art in Israel," the exhibition was organized by the Museum of Modern Art in New York under the joint auspices of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and the International Council of the Museum of Modern Art.

STUDENT ZIONIST GROUP TO TRAIN YOUTH LEADERS IN EDUCATIONAL WORK

COLON, Mich., Sept. 8; (JTA) -- The Student Zionist Organization was urged here today to initiate a summer program for next year in which members of the group would serve in small Jewish communities as educators and youth leaders. Addressing the national convention of the SZO, Charles Kleinhaus, president of the organization, also called on the group to provide "a Jewish framework" for those members of the SZO who are planning to participate in civil rights projects in the South.

ISRAELI COMPOSER NAMED HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CULTURE GROUP

NEW YORK, Sept. 8; (JTA) -- Issachar Miron, a prominent Israeli composer and educator, has been appointed executive vice-president of the International Cultural Centers for Youth, it was announced here today by Murray Silverstone, president of the organization.

HUMPHREY ADDRESSES CJP OF BOSTON AT 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BOSTON, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- The inevitability of poverty, discrimination and injustice are being challenged, not only here in America, but throughout the world, Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey declared here tonight. Delivering the keynote address at the 70th annual dinner meeting of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Mr. Humphrey lauded the CJP as "a pioneer in American philanthropy, a federation that has epitomized the conscience, the compassion and the concern which are the hallmarks of the American character."

A capacity crowd of 900 persons attended the dinner, celebrating the 70th anniversary of the CJP as the nation's first united community welfare organization.

Sidney Stoneman, who was elected to a second term as CJP president, declared that "the concept of federation founded in Boston 70 years ago has continued vitality today." Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg, CJP executive director, declared: "The meaning of our 70th anniversary will be enhanced if we consider it not as the end of an era but as a springboard toward a new plateau of achievement in meeting the crucial needs of our Jewish community."

PARLEY WARNED AGAINST JEWISH ISOLATIONISM IN FACE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

STARLIGHT, Pa., Sept. 8: (JTA) -- A "growing trend toward Jewish isolationism which threatens Jewish survival throughout the world" was attacked here today by Avraham Shenker, deputy member of the Jewish Agency executive, and American head of its Youth and Hechalutz department.

Speaking before almost 200 delegates from 23 national Jewish youth organizations, at the Second North American Regional Conference of the Jewish Youth of the United States and Canada, Mr. Shenker said: "All Jews must unite and cooperate to save the Jews of Soviet Russia, the remnants of European Jewry and the Jews of Latin America, who are living under the threat of a catastrophic volcano."

Mr. Shenker expressed the hope that the Jewish leaders of the year 2,000 would not look back 35 years and say of today's Jewish leaders that they "were not informed and were not alert" to the threats to Jewish survival.

"The task of Jewish youth today," he said, "is to keep informed of the problems facing Jewry, so that they will heighten the consciousness of their responsibilities as Jews, and seek specific activities and programs to enable them to maintain intimate contact with other Jewries of the world." "The special role of Israel," he pointed out, "is to be a constant reminder to Jewry of its responsibilities to the Jewish people of the world."

Emanuel Batsnaw, director of national services of the National Jewish Welfare Board, making a plea for "a sense of 'Klal Yisroel' and actual working together," said that unity of action among Jewish youth could be achieved through local youth councils. "Our object should not be to develop a monolithic youth organization," he declared. "There is great value in diversity. What we should seek is not uniformity, but rather unity within diversity."

PEC ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT OF \$500,000 IN ISRAELI DAN HOTELS CHAIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- PEC Israel Economic Corporation, New York, has invested \$500,000 in the Dan Hotels, the only major hotel chain in Israel, it was announced today by John Furman, PEC's president. The investment in debentures carries with it an option to acquire 10 percent of the equity in the Dan Hotels Corporation.

The Dan chain comprises the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv; the Dan Carmel, Haifa; King David Hotel, Jerusalem; and Accadia Grand Hotel, Herzlia, with an aggregate of approximately 1,000 luxury rooms in addition to banqueting and convention halls. Mr. Furman stated that the acquisition is in line with PEC's policy of increasing its investments in Israel's rapidly growing tourist industry, which has become a most important foreign currency earner for that country.

LEON ILUTOVICH, TEMPORARY HEAD OF ZOA, IS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 8: (JTA) -- Leon Ilutovich, of New York, assistant executive director of the Zionist Organization of America, has been appointed executive director, Jacques Torczyner, ZOA president, announced today.

The new executive director has held the post in a provisional capacity for a year. He was named to a second term as ZOA secretary at the organization's convention last July. Born in Poland, he served as secretary of the Organization of General Zionists there until the German invasion, when he fled to China. He came to the United States after the war, and was named assistant director of the Palestine Bureau and director-editor of the Zionist Information Service.