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GERMAN JESUIT SURE OF VATICAN APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT ON JEWS

ROME, Sept. 14; (JTA) -- Final approval of the Ecumenical Council's draft declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations has never been seriously endangered since the overwhelming majority vote of provisional approval last November, during the third Council session, a West German Jesuit leader said here today.

Rev. H. Hirschmann, professor of the Jesuit order at Frankfurt University, declared at the German Bishops press panel here today that this was true despite all rumors to the contrary. The provisional vote of approval was 1,691 for, 99 against and four abstentions. The declaration repudiates once and for all the ancient charge that the Jews, past or present, had any responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus. It is part of a document on the Catholic Church's relations with all non-Christian religions, including the Moslem and Buddhist faiths.

Father Hirschmann explained that any schema adopted by a two-thirds majority is considered as virtually accepted, and cannot be changed thereafter except by a majority vote of the prelates. He added that competent Council commissions can propose only amendments formulated on the basis of proposals contained in positions of Council members who voted "yes, with reservations." However, Prof. Hirschmann stressed, such proposed amendments can be only alternative formulations to those originally accepted. If such amendments do not receive a majority, the original text remains valid, he stated.

It was known, he said, that, for the sake of clarity and to avoid misunderstanding or misuse, a number of such alternatives were examined and formulated for the draft by the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, which adopted the initial strongly-worded draft. He declared, however, that these proposals did not change the substance of the text adopted in November, and could not alter the draft in essence.

Prof. Hirschmann noted that fears had been voiced by "one part" of the Church concerning possible reprisals against Catholics in the Middle East, stemming from the sweeping dismissal of deicide charges against the Jewish people. He said there was no reason to minimize such fears, but that it was equally true that the Ecumenical Council could not give "decisive weight to such considerations of expediency."

Predicting that there would still be "much opposition" at the Council to the declaration before final approval and promulgation, he said that the declaration was important also in its Moslem and Buddhist elements, and that it would most probably remain a separate document and not incorporated in the "Constitution of the Church" schema. This had been proposed during the third session.

ESHKOL REITERATES ISRAEL WILL USE ATOM FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14; (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reiterated today Israel's determination to use nuclear energy only for peaceful purposes. Addressing a reception at his home for delegates attending the second general assembly here of the Asian Press Organization, Mr. Eshkol stressed that Israel will use atomic energy for the desalination of sea water. He declined to comment, however, on Israel's theoretical capability to produce a nuclear weapon.

The conference is dealing with problems of freedom of information, the development of an independent press, the training of journalists, and other professional issues, particularly as they relate to developing nations.

EXPERTS SEE ARAB SUMMIT PRESSURE ON LEBANESE WATER DIVERSION PLAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14; (JTA) -- Experts on Arab relations predicted here today as the Arab summit meeting at Casablanca moved into its first full day, that there would be renewed pressure on Lebanon to resume diversion work on Lebanese headwaters of the Jordan River as part of a general Arab plan to curtail water supplies for Israel's Negev irrigation project.

Lebanon has carried out some diversion work which is said to be not in conflict with Israel's Jordan River interests, but rather designed primarily for Lebanon's own irrigation needs. Anticipating such Arab pressure, Lebanese officials have already asserted

that Lebanon has done all it could in such diversion, while the Arab League has defaulted on promised military measures to protect individual neighboring Arab states against possible Israeli retaliation for such diversion efforts;

(The London Daily Telegraph declared editorially today that fear of Egyptian domination was preventing both Syria and Lebanon from providing Egyptian President Nasser with military facilities on their territories. The Telegraph added that, without such joint military protection, the planned diversion of the Jordan River waters would be an ineffectual but still risky challenge to Israel. The Telegraph asserted that Nasser himself "has doubts about the usefulness of the Casablanca conference and, if this summit runs true to form, it may well be the last for some time.")

Jewish Journalists Denied Accreditation at Casablanca Session

CASABLANCA, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- A number of Moroccan Jewish journalists who wanted to cover the Arab summit conference, which opened here last night, were refused accreditation, it was learned today. No explanation for the refusal was given by conference officials. Two of the barred journalists were Andre Azoulay and Victor Malka.

ISRAEL NAMES REST OF DELEGATION TO UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- An Israeli judge, whose participation required special approval of both the Minister of Justice and the president of the Supreme Court, and four diplomats and Foreign Ministry officials, were today named as alternate delegates on the Israeli delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, opening on September 21. The top members of the delegation, to be led by Foreign Minister, Golda Meir and Ambassador Michael Comay, were named yesterday.

The alternates will be Mrs. Hadassah Ben-Ito, a judge; Shalom Hillel, now a deputy permanent representative at the United Nations; Eitan Ron, Uzi Nedivi and Theodor Meron of the Foreign Ministry. Appointed counsellors to the delegation were: Simha Dinitz, Zvi Keidar, Yitzhak Miniervi, Hillel Aldag, Dan Pattir, David Ramin, Mordechai Arbel, Dov Yeinon, Meir Rosenne and Gideon Yarden.

INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION URGED TO HELP OPPOSITION TO ARAB BOYCOTT

OTTAWA, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Ben-Meir, Israeli Deputy Minister of the Interior, today asked the Interparliamentary Union world conference here to encourage nations to oppose and denounce the Arab boycott. He said the nations of the world should reject the Arab boycott as "an immoral act of pressure."

Dr. Ben-Meir said it was not improper to expect developing countries to contribute toward their own development in a positive way, rather than concentrate on an aggressive military build-up such as is being pursued by Egypt.

PROMINENT ISRAELI LEGAL AUTHORITIES JOIN WASHINGTON PEACE PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- A number of Israeli legal authorities are participating in the Washington Conference on World Peace Through Law, which was underway here today. Over 2,500 lawyers, high court judges, ministers of justice and observers from 110 nations have gathered to improve existing laws and legal mechanisms. Plans will be sought to make international law, courts, and procedures more effective to build and preserve world peace.

The Israeli delegation includes Dov Joseph, Minister of Justice; Moshe Ben Ze'ev, Attorney General of Israel; Dr. Joshua Rotenstreich, president of the Israel Bar Association; Zvi Berinson, a justice on the Israel Supreme Court, and Shabtai Rosenne, head of the legal department of the Israel Foreign Ministry. Mr. Rosenne is one of four panelists to discuss existing and proposed world courts. Mr. Rotenstreich will serve on a panel, including Iran and West Germany, to examine arbitral tribunals.

BEN-NATHAN ABSOLVES GERMANY'S PRESENT GENERATION OF NAZI GUILT

BONN, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's Ambassador to West Germany, said today in an interview with the German Press Agency that he favored a youth exchange between Israel and West Germany. He said he felt the present generation of German youth was not responsible for the crimes of their fathers during Hitler's Third Reich.

He also referred to West German pledges to provide economic aid to Israel, which were incorporated in the talks leading to the exchange of diplomatic relations, and said he hoped negotiations would be satisfactory to both sides. He said he had come to West Germany to facilitate mutual goals in a "dialogue in free and open language" and to attain good political and economic contacts. He said he favored particularly West German-Israeli cooperation in the cultural sphere. Discussing his impressions of his first month in Bonn as envoy, he said "I have found a friendly welcome and I have been treated very well. Everywhere I have had the possibility of free and open talks about our problems."

AUSTRALIAN NEO-NAZI PARTY HOLDS FIRST OPEN RALLY; JUSTIFY HITLER

MELBOURNE, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- The first public rally was held here today by the Australian National Party. Complete with jackboots and brown-shirted troopers, the meeting in a Melbourne public park, lasted exactly 15 minutes before a continued uproar from a hostile crowd forced its closing.

The principal speech was delivered by Juris von Rand, "state leader" and national organizing secretary of the Australian neo-Nazis. He outlined his party's "policy" from a mound bedecked with swastika-painted rocks. Von Rand, who came to Australia from Germany eight years ago, said that one of his party's main aims was "to justify many of Hitler's policies." He said that Hitler "was not as evil as he was painted."

Concerning Jews, he said his party was "not violently anti-Semitic, but we don't believe that anything like six million Jews were killed in Germany and, anyway, most of them were probably criminal types or diseased."

PARIS ROTHSCHILDS, CHARGING 'GROSS CALUMNY,' SUE FRENCH AUTHOR

PARIS, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- The French branch of the Rothschild family today sued Roger Peyrefitte for "gross calumny" in his book "The Jews," which mentions the Rothschild family, allegedly in an unfavorable light. The three Rothschild plaintiffs, Baron Edmond, Baron Guy and Baroness Bethsabée, are asking for damages of 300,000 francs (\$60,000) and the elimination of large portions of the controversial book.

This new case, which is due to come before the Paris Criminal Court on October 21, is a suit "in depth," according to French law. In their previous suit, last June, the three plaintiffs want the elimination of four lines from the book. They said they intend to donate the damages to a Jewish charity if they win the case.

ISRAEL TO BUILD NEW DESALINATION PLANT IN NEGEV, COSTING \$2,000,000

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- The Israel Finance Ministry approved today the Government's participation in construction of a \$2,000,000 desalination plant in the northern Negev. The United Nations Special Fund will finance 40 percent of the investment.

The plant, to be located at Tzellim, about 15 miles from Beersheva, will use an electrodialytic method, instead of the freezing-evaporation method developed by Dr. Alexander Zarchin. The plant will have a purification capacity of 1,250,000 gallons per day.

ISRAEL PLANNING TO ORDER \$23,000,000 WORTH OF SHIPS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- An Israeli delegation will visit Britain at the end of this month to open negotiations for the construction in British shipyards of several ships for Israel, costing about \$23,000,000, it was reported here today. The delegation is expected to be headed by A. Bar Zeev, director-general of the Israel Transport Ministry.

The Somerfin Company of Israel was reported meanwhile to have asked the Israel Government for a guarantee equivalent to 80 percent of the purchase price of two refrigerated fruit carriers, which the firm wants to order from Italian shipyards.

Israeli News Briefs

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Isser Harel (Halperin), the former head of Israel's security establishment, who resigned in 1963 after differences with former Premier Ben-Gurion over the evaluation of the work of German scientists employed in Egypt, was today appointed special adviser to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. He succeeds Zeev Sharaf who is a Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment candidate for the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Dr. Martin Buber, the late Hebrew University professor and eminent philosopher, willed \$3,330 to the university for the purpose of setting up a scholarship fund for Arab students. The contents of his will were made public today.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Hilton, said to be the largest hotel in the Middle East, was formally opened here today. Owned by Israel Hotels International, the 446-room hotel is managed by Hilton Hotels.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- The Mekorot Water Company said today it would spend 103,000,000 pounds (\$34,000,000) on water development projects during the coming year, half of it to complete the National Water Carrier project. The project taps the Jordan River to irrigate Israel's northern Negev section. It was also announced that water was discovered through a new artesian well near Ein Hatzeva in the Negev desert.

FIRST ISRAEL EDUCATION FUND-UJA HIGH SCHOOL IS DEDICATED IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Dedication ceremonies were held here today for the Rodman School in nearby Kiryat Yam, the first high school opened in Israel under the building program of the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal, which has undertaken to finance the construction of 10 to 15 such high schools during the next few years.

The first stage of construction of the Rodman School, which will serve Kiryat Yam's largely immigrant population, was completed two weeks ago, in time for the opening of the current school term. The school was made possible by a gift from Gertrude and Morris Rodman, of Washington, who were present at the ceremonies. The remaining stages of construction of the school, which will eventually accommodate 1,000 pupils, will be completed early next year.

YOUNG LEADERS URGED TO UNDERSTAND JEWISH LIFE TO ENSURE SURVIVAL

CLEVELAND, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Young American Jews were urged here to increase their efforts at understanding Jewish life in this country, to ensure Jewish survival in today's world.

Addressing a regional young leadership conference sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, said that, at a time when Christianity is making a greater effort to understand the Jews, "it behooves the Jews, especially the younger generation, to know more about their history and their role in the development of society." Among the factors contributing to Jewish survival, he listed Israel as a "major centrality and potent instrument" to that end.

Irving Blum, campaign chairman of the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund of Baltimore, who also addressed the conference, urged the use of the federation as the instrument for effectively applying the relevance of Judaism to today's community problems. Some 400 young men and women from Jewish communities in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Western Pennsylvania attended the conference.

RARE DOCUMENTS BELONGING TO THEODOR HERZL GIVEN TO ISRAELI MUSEUM

NEW YORK, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Two documents bearing on the early life of Theodor Herzl, the founder of political Zionism, were presented to Israel Consul Haim Zohar here today by Mrs. Cecile Koepfel, a friend of the Herzl family in Vienna, who now lives in New York. The documents, school grade certificates issued to Herzl when he was a pupil in the second grade of the Jewish Elementary School in Budapest, in 1868, will be placed in the Herzl Museum in Jerusalem. Written in Hungarian and German, the school certificates indicate that young Herzl was excellent in his studies.

The certificates were given to Mrs. Koepfel by Herzl's mother. A year after the death of the Zionist leader, Mrs. Koepfel decided to present the certificates to the Herzl Museum in Jerusalem, after consulting Israeli President Zalman Shazar about the disposition of the documents. She had kept the certificates with her even during the years of the Second World War, when she was hidden in a monastery in the south of France. Mrs. Koepfel, who is 81, emigrated to the United States in 1950.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE OFFERS GRANTS FOR NEXT YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture announced today it is offering its second annual program of scholarship and fellowship grants. Scholarship grants will be awarded for the academic year 1966-67 on a selective basis to graduate students engaged in the preparation of doctoral dissertations in a field of Jewish studies. Fellowships will be offered to persons involved in independent research in Jewish scholarship, literature, and the arts. Only candidates with a record of achievement in their chosen field will be eligible for consideration.

Applications for grants must be sent to the Foundation not later than January 4, 1966, and will not be accepted after that date. They must be filed on special forms which may be obtained from the Foundation offices at 3 East 54th Street, New York, N.Y., 10022.

Other News in Brief

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Martin Gang, an attorney and Jewish communal leader, was installed today as chairman of the board of regents of the Immaculate Heart College, becoming the first Jew to head the 50-year-old Catholic girls institution. Mr. Gang is active in the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Abrom Salomon, veteran Zionist and journalist, was elected president of the Manhattan region of the Zionist Organization of America at the region's 22nd annual convention here, succeeding Julius Rosbach. The region comprises 16 chapters in New York City.