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### VATICAN DOCUMENT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SEEN STRIKING AT SOVIET UNION

ROME, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- The first full day of debate at the fourth session of the Ecumenical Council opened discussions at the Vatican today on the Catholic Church's draft declaration on religious freedom, a schema linked procedurally with the proposed document repudiating the ancient charge of deicide against the Jewish people.

The religious freedom instrument, termed in the debate today as "the Council's most important document," would strike out by implication against the USSR, where full religious and cultural rights are denied to the Soviet Jewish community. It would also act as a restraining warning against countries like Spain, where the Catholic Church itself is dominant. The religious freedom item and the "Jewish document" were the major topics held over from the last session of the Council, which recessed last December.

An official summary of the religious freedom draft, issued by the Vatican today, showed that, after affirming every man's right to be "guided by his own counsel" in matters of faith, and denying anyone's right to force adoption of a faith against an individual's will, civil authority would be declared "out of bounds if it interferes with man's relationship with God." Then the draft would state:

#### Draft Hits Gap Between Legal Guarantees and Enjoyment of Rights

"Religious groups are entitled to the same religious liberty as individuals. Such groups have a right to govern themselves according to their own laws, to honor the Supreme Being, with public worship, to assist their members in practice of religion, and to provide them with proper teaching and also to promote institutions in which their members collaborate in organizing their personal lives according to religious principles.

"Religious liberty implies this freedom for religious groups to point out the special value of their teaching in organizing society and vitalizing the whole of human activity. Man's social nature, and the very nature of religion, provide the foundation of the right to hold meetings and to set up educational, cultural, charitable and social organizations."

The draft would conclude with these statements: "Men today yearn for freedom both in the private and the public profession of faith. This freedom is recognized in many state constitutions and international agreements on civil rights. There are areas where this right is proclaimed, but where civil authority makes such freedom difficult and endangers it. This Council, hailing the former signs of the times with joy, while deploring the latter with sadness, asks all men to weigh carefully the importance of religious life, especially in present-day life."

In today's debate, eight cardinals participated; Six voiced agreement with the main text, but offered some reservations; Two, Cardinal Ruffini, of Italy, and Cardinal de Arriba, of Spain, were flatly opposed to the document.

#### Jesuit Paper Warns of 'Disappointment' If Jewish Document is Weak

NEW YORK, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- In an editorial on the opening of the fourth session of the Ecumenical Council in Rome, America, the Jesuit weekly, said editorially today that the world was eagerly awaiting the Council's final decrees; America warned "There will be keen disappointment if a strong, unequivocal directive regarding the relation between Christians and Jews is not issued."

#### Arab Churches to Toll Bells in Protest against Vatican Action on Jews

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- Bells of some Christian communities in Jordan-held Old Jerusalem will toll tomorrow to express "deep concern" over the Ecumenical Council draft declaration repudiating the ancient charge of Jewish responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus, it was reported here today.

The Mayor of Old Jerusalem told reporters that the decision to use that form of protest was made by Christian leaders in those communities, when he visited them Monday to discuss the draft declaration. He said he had also sent a message of protest to Pope Paul VI.

5,000 TO JOIN WASHINGTON 'VIGIL' PROTESTING JEWISH BIAS IN USSR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- The "Eternal Light Vigil," a protest demonstration on behalf of Soviet Jewry that will bring over 5,000 persons to Washington next Sunday, is drawing official reaction from the Soviet Union, according to the Vigil's sponsors:

Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen, of Chicago, chairman of the steering committee of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, a coalition of 24 national Jewish organizations sponsoring the Vigil, said that a "stepped-up Soviet propaganda campaign in recent weeks, depicting the positive aspects of Soviet Jewish life, was a device intended to confuse public opinion and soften the impact of public protest." He interpreted recent propaganda stories from Soviet news sources as "a definite response to the coming Vigil and similar protest meetings."

Rabbi Cohen listed among recent Soviet propaganda items the allegations that a memorial to Nazi victims would be erected at Babi Yar in Kiev, a report that Moscow's Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin has denied that the Moscow yeshiva had closed, a statement by Premier Alexei Kosygin claiming national attitudes such as anti-Semitism were "manifestations absolutely alien," and a Pravda editorial admitting existence of anti-Semitism but recalling Lenin's renunciation of it.

Reference was also made to a Soviet announcement yesterday that three books by Jewish authors will be published in Yiddish. The books would reportedly deal with Jewish participation in the anti-Nazi war effort; the role of the Jews in the anti-Czarist revolt in 1905, and with an anti-Semitic incident in the last days of the Czar. It was pointed out that the same pattern of Soviet propaganda emerged before the April, 1964, Washington mobilization of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, and prior to a recent Madison Square Garden rally in New York protesting denial of full religious and cultural rights to Jews in the USSR.

Arrangements have been made for the presidents of 24 major Jewish organizations to call at the White House, next Monday. Appointments have been arranged by Presidential advisers McGeorge Bundy and Lee White. It is hoped that President Johnson will be able to greet the Jewish delegation and hear its views.

Two special Vigil trains of 2,300 total capacity have been filled. The overflow crowd will arrive from points North, West, and South of Washington by buses, airplanes, and automobiles. More than 100 communities have made known that they will participate.

The Vigil in Washington will be only the first of a series of such comprehensive protests scheduled to be held in a number of Jewish communities around the country. In each case, the local sections of the 24 Jewish organizations making up the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry will participate, along with Protestants and Catholics in those localities.

Soviet Anti-Semitism on Agenda as Jewish Veterans Open Convention

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Sept. 15: (JTA) -- Combating the John Birch Society and taking action on Soviet anti-Semitism were the key items on the agenda today, as more than 1,700 delegates from all parts of the United States gathered to open the 70th annual national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

The convention delegates heard an address from Rev. Edward Flannery, a Catholic priest, of Providence, author of "The Anguish of the Jews." He said that anti-Semitism is "a hatred of Christ." Rev. Flannery is editor of the Providence Visitor, the diocese newspaper. A firm supporter of the original draft on Jewish relations at the Ecumenical Council, Father Flannery told the Jewish veterans that "Arab bishops, pressured by Arab politicians, have been trying to water down the draft." He said he hoped that the original draft would prevail. He termed the phrase "deicide" as ridiculous, since "no man can kill God."

JORDAN RIVER WATER DIVERSION ISSUE SPLITS ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE

LONDON, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- For the first time since taking power 12 years ago, President Nasser of Egypt is completely on the defensive at an Arab conference, it was reported here today from the Arab summit conference in Casablanca.

Sources there reported that he has never before had to face such skeptical scrutiny from fellow Moslem rulers and that, while debate has been moderate at the request of Morocco's King Hassan II, the discussion in the two days of the conclave constitute a challenge to Nasser policies. Syria, Jordan and Lebanon were reported particularly to be feeling that Nasser has sold them a very large white elephant in the project to divert the tributaries of the Jordan River and thus deny its waters to Israel for irrigation purposes.

Nasser protested to the Moroccan government, it was also reported, when he saw the West German flag displayed in front of his Casablanca hotel. He said this was a "provocation," because Egypt broke off diplomatic relations with West Germany after Bonn decided on diplomatic relations with Israel. The West German flag was thereupon removed, but, as a sign of Western solidarity, the British Consulate hauled down the British flag, and the French and Italians joined in the gesture. The United States Embassy said it would not hoist its flag under the circumstances.

#### HIGH BRITISH OFFICIAL TO VISIT ISRAEL WHILE TOURING THE MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office announced today that George Thomson, Minister of State in the Foreign Office, will visit Israel October 13-17, as part of his tour of the Middle East.

The British diplomat, who has visited Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iran, will leave on September 24 for Cairo, where he will meet with President Nasser. Then he is scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia. Prior to departing for Cairo, Mr. Thomson will meet with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, during her stop-over in London en route to the United States for the 20th General Assembly of the United Nations. She will meet also with other members of the British Government.

#### India Favors Changing Israel's Borders but Not Kashmir Frontier

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- Indian Ambassador B.K. Nehru, appearing before the National Press Club, indicated today that India sees no contradiction in its support of Arab claims to revert the Israeli borders to the 1947 Partition Plan as against India's refusal to adjust the Kashmir boundaries.

Mr. Nehru said that India's policy is to support the status quo of boundaries or change according to a particular case. He strongly opposed a change in the Kashmir boundary. He made the comments in response to a question from the audience, seeking an explanation of how India's Kashmir border stand squared with her backing of Arab boundary claims against Israel.

#### SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, LED BY WARREN, HONOR GUESTS FROM ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U.S. Supreme Court, Justices Abe Fortas and Byron White, and many international legal authorities attending the Washington Conference on World Peace Through Law attended a reception at the Israeli Embassy tonight, honoring Israel Minister of Justice Dov Joseph.

Members of Congress and many diplomats of various nations attended the function, tendered by Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman. Israeli guests also included Joshua Rotenstreich, president of the Israel Bar Association; Attorney General Moshe Ben-Ze'ev, and Israel Supreme Court Judge Zvi Berenson. They are delegates to the conference.

#### NAMING OF ISRAEL'S EX-INTELLIGENCE CHIEF BECOMES HOT POLITICAL ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol's surprise appointment of Isser Harel, former Israeli intelligence chief, as his general adviser, evoked a political storm in Israel today.

The appointment of Harel, who led Israel's search for Nazi killer Adolf Eichmann, and who was ousted two years ago as chief of Israel's secret security services in a dispute with then Premier David Ben-Gurion, brought him into the public eye for the first time. Publication of his name as security chief had been officially forbidden.

In the debate over handling the problem of West German scientists working on advanced weapons systems for Egypt, Mr. Ben-Gurion had favored minimal protests to avoid embarrassing the West German regime, with which he was then negotiating for arms for Israel. Mr. Harel favored vigorous measures, including a press campaign. Mr. Harel was forced out after an Israeli government employee was arrested in Switzerland on charges of threatening the daughter of one of the West German scientists.

The opposition parties, including Mr. Ben-Gurion's independent Israel Workers List, charged that the appointment amounted to dragging Israel's intelligence affairs into party politics. Mr. Harel, as the Premier's general adviser, will oversee both military and non-military intelligence. It was reported that, after the election, if Premier Eshkol wins, he will be named director-general of the Premier's office.

#### WEST GERMAN SAILOR 'HEILS' HITLER IN HAIFA, DRAWS VERY HEAVY FINE

HAIFA, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- Folk Henreis, 23, a West German sailor, who shouted "Heil Hitler" and sang a Nazi marching song here last Friday, was fined 2,000 pounds (\$666) by a magistrate's court today. He pleaded guilty to charges of disturbing the peace. Three other West German seamen, who admitted joining with Henreis in his song, but who denied they also shouted "Heil Hitler," were fined 200 pounds (\$66) each.

BEAME, A JEW, VICTOR IN NEW YORK'S DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR MAYOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- The prospect that New York City may have its first Jewish mayor emerged today from the victory of Abraham Beame as the Democratic nominee for Mayor in the November elections;

Mr. Beame, now New York City's controller, defeated three other candidates for the Democratic nomination in the city Democratic primary election yesterday. The fact that Democratic registration in the city is three and a half times that of Republican registration gives the Jewish Democratic nominee a strong hope of defeating his Republican-Liberal opponent, John V. Lindsay on November 2. Democrats have controlled New York City government for more than half a century. The only Republican Mayor in recent history was Fiorella LaGuardia.

The 59-year-old Democratic nominee was born in London and brought to the United States as an infant. He has lived in Brooklyn ever since. A graduate of City College of New York, he taught accounting for many years before becoming a partner in a city accounting firm. He resigned to enter city service as assistant budget director and served as director from 1946 to 1952. He was elected controller in 1961. In New York City's administration, the controller is the third highest municipal officer, after the Mayor and the president of the City Council.

The losers in the Democratic primaries included Orin Lehman, a grand-nephew of the late Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, who was a candidate for nomination as city controller, the post held now by Mr. Beame. Mr. Lehman, making his first bid for public office, was widely believed to have been chosen to provide a Jewish name for an opposing slate. With 294,000 votes, he ran ahead of his own ticket by more than 25,000 votes, in incomplete returns.

Another loser in yesterday's balloting was Rabbi Shulem Rubin, of the Bronx, who ran for public office against a member of his own congregation. He conceded defeat today.

Rabbi Rubin, whose selection as a contender for the Democratic nomination in the 36th State Senatorial district touched off widespread controversy, ran against the incumbent, State Sen. Abraham Bernstein, a member of the rabbi's synagogue, Young Israel Congregation of Pelham. Defeated by a vote of 12,213 to 7,137, Rabbi Rubin said today that his brief political career was over, declaring he doubted he would ever be interested in running again for political office.

WORLD DRIVE FOR \$100,000,000 HEBREW U. ENDOWMENT OPENED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 15: (JTA) -- A worldwide drive to raise a \$100,000,000 endowment fund for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was announced here today. The announcement was made by Ira Hirschmann, who was installed as national chairman of the university's endowment program at a reception in his honor. He was inducted into his new office by Allan Bronfman, of Canada, world chairman of the program.

Stressing the extraordinary growth of the university from a few hundred students in 1948 to 11,000 in 1965, Mr. Hirschmann stated: "The explosion of higher education is such that the university is faced not only with its critical day-to-day needs but with an absolute necessity to expand to meet Israel's rapid growth. All of us who have been involved in assisting educational institutions know that, as a cardinal rule, no university can endure, build and expand on outright gifts; that the life and foundation of these institutions must be their endowment.

"Unlike comparable American institutions, the Hebrew University, only 40 years old and in a newly developing country, does not have a backlog of wealthy alumni to draw upon for financial support. It remains for us, the members of the various societies of friends of the Hebrew University throughout the world, to assume the role of foster alumni."

TWO YOUTHS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF DESECRATING TWO JEWISH CEMETERIES

ALBANY, N.Y., Sept. 15: (JTA) -- Two teenage youths were under arrest here today on charges of having desecrated Jewish cemeteries in this area. The youths, whose names were not disclosed, are 16 and 17 years of age. They were picked up by state police after the Workmen's Circle Cemetery was desecrated for a second time in two weeks, and a cemetery belonging to Temple Israel was also vandalized.

The first incident occurred two weeks ago, when 14 gravestones were overturned in the Workmen's Circle burial grounds. After the tombstones were restored last week, the cemetery caretaker found eight additional gravestones overturned. The police were also notified of a similar desecration in the Temple Israel cemetery. It is believed that others were involved in the incidents, in addition to the two youths under arrest.