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## CARDINAL BEA TELLS PRELATES JEWS COULD NOT BE CHARGED WITH DEICIDE

ROME, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- With the Ecumenical Council preparing to take final action on its draft declaration absolving Jews from the charge that they crucified Jesus, Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the Secretariat at the Vatican which prepared the declaration, came out yesterday before a group of prelates and strongly reiterated the view that the Jewish people could not be charged with deicide. The text of his statement was made public today by the Vatican.

Cardinal Bea made his statement addressing a conference given to the Brazilian Episcopate. The conference was attended also by many other bishops and concillary experts. The press was not represented at the gathering. The text issued this morning makes it clear that the Cardinal flatly rejected the position of those prelates who claim that the Christian doctrine holds Jews responsible for the crucifixion.

The Cardinal presented to the prelates an exhaustive examination of texts from the New Testament and held that one could not speak of the guilt of the Jewish people of the "crime of deicide" in the death of Jesus. He stressed that it was wrong even to accuse the leaders of the Jewish people of that time of the crucifixion "because it can be doubted that they understood sufficiently the human divine nature of Jesus;"

Cardinal Bea declared that when the New Testament speaks of the responsibility for the crucifixion, it refers to the Sanherdin or "in a certain way" to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. But, the Cardinal stressed, such a reproach is never expressed against Jewish inhabitants of other towns, whether inside or outside of Palestine. He emphasized that "the punishments threatened or prophesied by Jesus do not signify that God rejected the Jewish people and that, on the contrary, God continues not only his fidelity to the election of the Children of the Covenant but also to offer his gifts;" The Cardinal added that God sent his preachers first to the sons of Israel.

"Not even the great judgment on Jerusalem proves a collective guilt of the Jewish people for the crucifixion, the less so can the Jewish people be considered deicide or reprobate," Cardinal Bea told the conference.

The Cardinal began his statement with the proposal that the point of departure for understanding the Catholic Church's stand on the issue was already contained in the Councilary Constitution promulgated at the end of the third session. In that Constitution, he pointed out, it was solemnly confirmed that the Church had been conceived since the beginning of the world and prepared by the history of the people of Israel and by the Old Covenant and realized "by the new covenant in Christ;"

He conceded that many Christians did not take into sufficient consideration these "obviously special links" between Jews and Christians. He added that if "we look at history -- without intending to accuse anybody -- we find that so many times Christians were blinded to the point of pretending to be entitled -- arbitrarily -- to avenging Jesus by submitting members of that people to discriminations and persecutions and by calling the Jewish people reprobate and cursed by God;"

## TWO ARAB INFILTRATORS KILLED IN CLASH WITH ISRAELIS IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- Two infiltrators from Jordan were killed last night in a clash with an Israeli army unit in the central Negev and El Fatah raiders made their second attack with explosives on irrigation units in 48 hours, the Israeli army spokesmen reported today.

He said the infiltrators apparently were trying to smuggle goods from Jordan into Egypt via Israel. The El Fatah infiltrators set off a charge of explosives under an irrigation pipe near Kibbutz Metzger in Shomron just before midnight, damaging the pipe. As they retreated, the infiltrators opened fire on a Kibbutz member on a tractor but he was not hurt. The scene of the attack was one mile from the Jordanian border. Footprints of two men were traced to the border. Israel filed a complaint with the United Nations Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

GOLDA MEIR CONFERS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 29; (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, held today her first conference during the current United Nations General Assembly with United States Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The conference lasted a full hour and was termed by Mrs. Meir as a "good discussion."

They reviewed the various problems in the Middle East including those affecting Israel directly and Mr. Rusk interpreted for Mrs. Meir the current United States position on various vital world problems, such as the situation in Viet Nam and the Indian-Pakistani conflict.

Mrs. Meir emphasized for Mr. Rusk Israel's view of the gravity of various recent incidents especially on the Jordanian border and the serious view Israel takes regarding Arab intrusions into Israel which have caused casualties and damage. She referred especially to the two latest incidents of aggression near Petach Tikva and the shooting of Israeli civilians near Ein Geddi. Mrs. Meir emphasized also the deprivations by El Fatah terrorists.

Mrs. Meir was accompanied to the Rusk conference by Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to Washington, and Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's Permanent Representative here. Mr. Rusk and Mrs. Meir also exchanged the evaluations by their respective governments of the recent Arab summit conference at Casablanca. It was understood that the Israelis felt that regarding current developments in the Middle East, the U.S. and the Israeli points of view were almost identical.

Discuss Jordan Waters Issue and Arab Refugee Problem

Among other subjects brought up was the problem of Arab efforts to divert the headwaters and tributaries of the Jordan River. The Israelis and the Americans discussed also the problem of the Arab refugees which will be debated in the current Assembly and the efforts to be made by the Arab delegations to inject into the refugee debate a full-scale discussion of "the Palestine question" and all of the Arab-Israel conflicts from 1947 to date.

The Arab refugee question was believed to have come up in another of Mrs. Meir's high-level conferences today when she met with Rene Chalmers, foreign minister of Haiti. The Assembly's Special Political Committee in which the Arab refugee debate is to be held is headed this year by M. Auguste, a member of the Haitian delegation.

Mrs. Meir was hostess today at a luncheon for 50 foreign ministers and permanent heads of delegations to the United Nations. She is scheduled to deliver her annual major foreign policy address at a plenary session of the Assembly on October 7. She may return for a brief visit to Israel shortly after that date, but it is possible that she may have to return here before the end of October to participate in the annual debate of the Arab refugee problem. Originally, the refugee debate was to have taken place some time in November. However, a number of states, most of them African, would like to move the Arab refugee debate to an earlier date.

As the 20th session of the General Assembly, now underway, concluded its organizational phase today, Israel emerged with not a single office either in the Assembly itself or in any of its seven standing committees. In the Administrative-Budget Committee today, one member of the Israeli delegation, Teddy Miron, was nominated by Liberia and seconded by Iceland for the post of vice chairman. A member of the Colombian delegation ran against Mr. Miron. With the support of the Soviet and Arab blocs, the Colombian won the vice chairmanship by a vote of 64-44.

TUNISIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER ATTACKS ISRAEL AT U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 29; (JTA) -- Tunisia's Foreign Minister Habib Bourguiba Jr. has ignored the call issued last summer by his father, President Habib Bourguiba, for peace talks between the Arab states and Israel, and has instead sharply attacked Israel here as "an unscrupulous invader" of Palestine.

The new Tunisian policy became evident today from the official text of a major foreign affairs address delivered to the General Assembly by Tunisia's Foreign Minister on Monday.

"Almost 18 years after the trials which tore apart the Holy Land of Palestine and substituted for the indigenous population a colony of people who came from the four corners of the world," Mr. Bourguiba Jr. told the Assembly, "the situation in that region, instead of reaching an equitable settlement, has deteriorated from day to day. The Arab population, despoiled and hunted from the land of its ancestors, is still living in hope, its eyes turned toward its paradise lost. It languishes in misery and continues to seek out an existence only thanks to international charity. Its condition has become worse year by year because of the obstinate refusal of the usurper to abide by the resolutions of our organization on this matter."

"Time cannot eradicate the right of the Arab people of Palestine to their country or justify the aggression and the despoiling of Palestine in the eyes of the world. This tragedy, the story of which is known to all, constitutes an illustration of the primacy of brutal force, aggression and flagrant violation of that legality of the United Nations which we should all like to see prevail," Mr. Bourguiba Jr. said. Thus far, he has been the only Arab spokesman to address the General Assembly.

U. S. BOWS TO ARABS; NO ISRAELI CHAIRMEN FOR DESALINATION SYMPOSIUM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- Arab pressure has resulted in the elimination of Israelis from the list of panel chairmen named by the White House for the First International Symposium on Water Desalination, opening here October 3, it was learned today from U. S. Government sources:

Although six prominent Israeli desalination authorities will deliver important research papers at the symposium and Israel, in direct cooperation with the United States, is a world leader in desalting technology, the State Department surrendered to Arab threats; Arab governments served notice that they would not participate in any symposium panel under chairmanship of an Israeli;

Egypt is far behind Israel in desalting research and is not submitting a single research paper to the symposium; But Dr. Moustafa Hafez, representing the Egyptian Ministry of Scientific Research, of Cairo, was named chairman of the session on conversion plant economics "to give the Arabs a sense of participation;" No Israeli was appointed to head any such panel session "to avoid offending Arab sensitivities;" Nineteen scientists from 11 nations, UNESCO, and the United Nations were announced by President Johnson as selected to act as panel chairmen for the various panels;

State Dept. Officials Admit Israel is Entitled to Chairmanship

The White House appointed no Israeli panel chairman upon advice from the State Department although President Johnson personally conceived a vast program of Israel-American cooperation in desalting through use of nuclear power, it was reported here today; The State Department was aware that Israel has done much more to advance desalination than most other participants; However, Arab objections to any Israeli chairmanship -- even of a single panel -- was accepted when the Arabs stressed that they would not sit in a panel if an Israeli presided;

State Department sources explained that the Israelis were being given "recognition" of a sort by allowing them to submit research papers; A number of panel chairmen representing other countries are also submitting similar papers; The panel chairmen include scientists from Australia, Egypt, France, Soviet Union, Mexico, Italy, Canada, Greece, Japan, Austria, Venezuela, and the United States;

U. S. Government sources said the aim of the symposium, in which 63 nations will participate, is the diffusion of knowledge of water desalting technology; Officials acknowledged that Israel, "under normal circumstances," would have been given the status of providing a panel chairman because Israel is more advanced in desalination than most other countries; But these officials suggested that Israelis should overlook "factors of prestige and emotion" in the interest of diffusion of knowledge to the water-hungry Arab states and other arid regions; The symposium, a major observance of the "International Cooperation Year," is sponsored by the U. S. Department of the Interior with guidance from the State Department and the White House;

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR MEETS FOR FIRST TIME WITH PRESIDENT OF GERMANY

BONN, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- Asner Ben-Nathan, Israel's Ambassador to West Germany, had his first meeting today with President Heinrich Lubke; The President had been on leave when the envoy arrived in Bonn earlier this year and the ambassador presented his credentials to the Presidential Assistant, the President of the Upper House of Parliament;

Meanwhile, the much-postponed first meeting between the Israeli envoy and Chancellor Ludwig Erhard was rescheduled today for next week; Previously, Mr. Ben-Nathan had expected to meet the Chancellor this week; Previous postponements were attributed to the election campaign which ended September 18 with Chancellor Erhard's Christian Democratic Union remaining the dominant party in the Federal Republic; The latest postponement was attributed to the fact that there were six other Ambassadors ahead of the Israeli envoy waiting to be received by the Chancellor;

VIRGINIA STATE FAIR CLOSES DOWN BOOTH OPERATED BY U. S. NAZI LEADER

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 29: (JTA) -- The Virginia State Fair today closed down a booth operated by American Nazi Party leader George Lincoln Rockwell, and kicked the Nazis out of the Fair;

Rockwell is running for Governor of Virginia as nominee of what he calls the "White Constitutional Party," and had set up the booth for "political purposes;" Last Friday, general manager J. A. Mitchell, of the State Fair, ordered removal of display signs from the Rockwell booth on grounds that they were inflammatory, racist, and obscene;

NAZI ADMITS IN COURT HE HELPED TO KILL JEWS IN SOBIBOR DEATH CAMP

HAGEN, W. Germany, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- Former SS Sgt. Franz Wolf, 58, one of 11 former SS men on trial here on charges of participating in the wartime murder of 250,000 Jews in the Sobibor death camp in Poland, admitted today that he helped kill the victims;

THREE YOUTHS SENTENCED IN TORONTO FOR ATTACKING JEWISH GROUP

TORONTO, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- Three youths were sentenced here to prison terms ranging from one to three years for an unprovoked assault against a synagogue youth group during a ball game and picnic on Toronto's Center Island.

In passing sentence, Magistrate Donald Graham called the incident a case of "gang violence" against innocent persons minding their own business. Judge Graham said the victims were "deliberately set upon and beaten unmercifully by armed hoodlums." The victims were members of the Beth Shalom Youth Organization of Toronto.

Paul D. Little, 17, identified by two witnesses as the person who broke a baseball bat over the head of one of the Jewish teenagers, received a term of 18 months plus a six-month suspended sentence. James W. Brunswick, 18, who admitted swinging a plastic hose in the attack, received a term of 15 months plus a six-month suspended sentence. Maurice Thibeault, 25, was sentenced to nine months plus a three-month suspended sentence. The magistrate dismissed charges against three other youths.

958 JEWS IMMIGRATED TO CANADA DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1965

OTTAWA, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- The Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration reported here that 958 Jews immigrated to Canada during the first six months of this year, compared with 1,284 for the first six months of 1964.

Classified by countries of citizenship, the data showed that those who came from Israel totaled 208. A total of 486 Jews entered Canada during the second quarter of 1965.

VILNA YIDDISH THEATER GRANTED PROFESSIONAL STATUS AFTER NINE YEARS

LONDON, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- The nine-year-old Jewish theater in Vilna, capital of Soviet Lithuania, has been granted professional status, the English-language journal of the Soviet Embassy here reported today.

According to the journal, the troupe consists of 40 actors and musicians, among them students, workers, doctors, engineers and housewives who have taken up the theater as a hobby. The journal reported that the audiences for the performances of the Yiddish-language theater total 20,000 persons a year.

JEWS IN POLAND SEEK TO RESTORE ANCIENT JEWISH CEMETERY IN LUBLIN

LONDON, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- A great effort is underway in Lublin to restore the Jewish cemetery in that Polish city, which contains graves of martyrs of the Nazi occupation, as well as ancient monuments and tombstones, it was reported today by the Folkstimme, the Yiddish newspaper in Poland.

Some restoration work has been done locally but much more is needed and the Jewish Cultural and Social Association of Poland has undertaken the task at a cost of nearly 500,000 zlotys. The Lublin branch of the Jewish Cultural and Social Association has 80 members but this includes Jews who live in nearby towns, a membership total which emphasizes how few Jews are left in Lublin.

SYNAGOGUE FOR JEWS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES REOPENED IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- Three large synagogues were reopened here in new buildings for Rosh Hashanah, including one house of worship for Jews from Aleppo and other Arab cities.

Gustavo Dias Ordaz, Mexico City president, sent a message of thanks to the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico for the congratulations sent him in connection with his first report on his administration to Parliament.

DAVID SCHWEITZER DIES IN SWITZERLAND; DIRECTED JEWISH RELIEF WORK

GENEVA, Sept. 29: (JTA) -- David J. Schweitzer, one of the leading workers in Jewish overseas aid services for the past 45 years, died today in Locarno, after a prolonged illness. He was 76 years old. Mr. Schweitzer had been director of overseas fund-raising for the World Ort Union in Geneva during the last decade.

For a period of 20 years beginning in 1920, Mr. Schweitzer represented the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe. In the 1940's he directed the JDC project of resettlement of Jewish refugees in the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Schweitzer came to the United States from Russia at the age of 15. He received a bachelors degree at City College and a masters at Columbia University. He was for many years connected with the New York Federation of Philanthropic Societies and other social agencies. In 1937, he was decorated with the Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor for his services to refugees. Funeral services will be held here tomorrow.