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REVISED VATICAN TEXT SAYS JEWS SHOULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR JESUS' DEATH

ROME, Sept. 30; (JTL) -- The amended text of the draft on the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the Jewish people -- scheduled to be taken up for final voting at the present session of the Ecumenical Council -- was distributed today among members of the Council and newsmen were given official summaries of the revised document;

Although the controversial word "deicide" seems to be eliminated from the text, the document declares that "Christ's passion" should not be imputed either to Jews living at the time when Jesus was crucified or to Jews of our time. It also specifically condemns anti-Semitism; It emphasizes that the Jewish people "cannot be presented as condemned or cursed by God;" A footnote to the revised text explains that such terms as "deicide" and "Christ-stiller" are odious words.

The part exconerating the Jews from the decide charge reads: "Although the authorities of the Jews with their followers solicited the death of Christ, what happened in His Passion cannot be imputed either to all the Jews, without distinction, then alive or to the Jews living in our time. Although the Church is the new people of God, the Jews cannot be presented as condemned or cursed by God, as though this followed from Sacred Stritures." (The previous text said that the Jewish people "should never be presented as one rejected, cursed, or guilty of decide;")

"Consequently," the amended text adds, "all should take care that neither in religious 'teaching nor in the preaching of God's word, anything be taught that is not in harmony with the Gospel truth and the spirit of Christ;"

In condemning anti-Semitism, the amended text says that the Catholic Church "condemns all persecutions against any group of men, and remains mindful of the common patrimony with the Jews and so deplores the natred, persecution, and manifestations of anti-Semitism which have erupted at any time and by whatever group of people against the Jews." This, the text stresses, is "not for political reasons but by the force of religious evangelical love;"

The changes in the text are still subject to approval by two-thirds of the 2, 200 Council Fathers. Otherwise the wording reverts to the text approved last year. In principle, the members of the Ecumenical Council have authority to reject any amendment, in which case the text of last year would stand. In practice, however, the application of the principle is not simple. Votes on the amendments will be held when the amended draft comes before the prelates for a final vote, after the return of Pope Paul VI from his visit to the United Nations next week.

Pope Paul VI, speaking to a general audience yesterday, declared that the Catholic concept of the "People of God" stresses its origin in the Old Testament. His comments were similar in vein to those included in a statement by Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the Vatican Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, on Tuesday to the Brazilian Episcopate and Councillary experts on the attitude of the Church toward Jews.

American Jewish Committee Finds Original Draft More Decisive

NEW YORK, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, in a statement issued by its president, Morris B. Abram, said that "while the direct language of the original Vatican draft is more decisive and satisfactory, the new draft does declare that what happened in the Passion cannot be imputed to all the Jews then alive without distinction or to the Jews of our time. It emphasizes that Jews cannot be presented as condemned or cursed by God as though this follows from Sacred Scripture.

"We receive this declaration not as an act of favor, but as an act of justice," Mr. Abram stated, "We correlate it with the statement of Cardinal Bea, that '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."

"While reserving our dissent from some portions of the document, we regard it as a forward step in Jewish-Catholic relations; We withhold further comment until the full and official text of the document becomes available and has been studied in detail."

ISRAEL PRESENTS FINAL PAYMENT IN WASHINGTON OF \$135,000,000 LOAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30; (JTA) -- Harold F. Linder, president and board chairman of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, today lauded Israell economic progress at a ceremony marking the final payment of a \$135,000,000 loan extended to Israel on January 19, 1949.

Mr. Linder said the bank took great satisfaction in the "minor role" it played in assisting Israel's development. He said "the Export-Import bank is gratified to see this loan, made 16 years ago, regaid in full, a year before it was due;"

The bank president noted that "in the years since this lean was made, Israel has made truly great strides along the read to international economic independence, And without such progress, the Expert-Import Bank would have been hard put to authorize the 1st additional leans which have since financed American experts of equipment Israel needed;" He said that "Today Israel is an important customer for America, Just as America is an important customer for Israel; "

Ambassador Avraham Harman expressed appreciation to the bank, stating that the loan was very significant and came at a decisive moment in Israel's history: He said it was extended at a time when Israel was faced by enormous expenses in maintaining defense, meeting the population increase, and developing agriculture, industry, and trade: The loan helped build up the country and its people, facilitating the growth of Israel's human resources, said the Ambassador:

The final check, in amount of \$60,180:00, was presented by Dr. Jacob Arnon, director general of the Israel Ministry of Finance. He represented Israel Finance Minister Pinnas Sapir. Also participating in the impressive ceremony at the bank presidents office was Nahum Shamir, Israel Embassy Economic Minister, and Ephraim Evron, Diplomatic Minister of the Embassy.

ISRAEL DIPLOMATS SEEK TO CHECK U. S. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ISRAELIS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30; (JTA) -- Diplomats of the Embassy of Israel are in contact with "appropriate authorities" on the decision of the State Department to eliminate Israelis from the list of 19 session panel chairmen of the first International Symposium on Water Desalination to convene here October 3:

The State Department reportedly eliminated Israelis although some Israeli participants were more qualified in the field of desalination than a number of the chairmen named, the reason-being-Arab pressure against the presiding by any Israeli over any panel of the symposium. Dr. Moustafa Hafez, representing Egypt, was named chairman of a panel of conversion plant economics "to give the Araba a sense of participation;"

U.S. Government sources have revealed that the State Department was careful not to put Israelis in charge of panels, although the Israelis were acknowledged to be nignly qualified, because the Arabs threatened not to sit in such meetings. Eleven nations, the United Nations, UNESCO, and the United States are represented by panel chairmen. Egypt is among them but Israel is not:

TWO MORE ARAB INFILTRATORS KILLED IN ISRAEL; RAID PREVENTED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 30; (JTA) -- The Israeli Army spokesman reported today that two El Fatan infiltrators were killed last night in an attempted raid on a pumping installation, the third such raid in as many nights;

The infiltrators were headed toward the installation near Amatzia, about two miles from the Jordanian border, but were stopped by Israeli fire and killed. Two El Fatan terrorists were killed in a smuggling attempt Tuesday night in the central Negev. In each case, evidence pointed to Jordan as the source of the infiltrations. Israel again filed a protest with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

ELECTION LIST OF ARAB ILLEGAL GROUPS INVALIDATED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 30; (JTA) -- The Central Election Committee ruled today that the Arab "Socialist List" for the November 2 elections to the Sixth Knesset was invalid after considering the question at three meetings;

The list was submitted by the subsequently outlawed pro-Masser El Ard group. The committee said that "the list was in the nature of an illegal organization because its initiators negate the integrity of the state and its very existence;"

CONGRESS APPROVES NEW IMMIGRATION BILL; PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SIGN IT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30; (JTA) -- Congress today completed final action on the Immigration and Reform Bill with approval of the conference version of the bill by both Senate and House; The bill, which ends the discriminatory national origins quota system, was passed by the House by a roll-call vote of 320 to 69. Senate approval followed on a voice vote; The bill now goes to the White House for the President's signature;

PHILIP BERNSTEIN OUTLINES QUALITIES REQUIRED FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

BOSTON, Sept; 30; (JTA) -- The nation's federations and welfare funds are seeking new leaders who are creative "innovators," possessing "a total view" of contemporary Jewist communal responsibilities, it was emphasized here today by Philip Bernstein, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; He addressed the first seasion of the new leadership the program of Beston's Combined Jewish Philanthropies:

Mr. Bernstein noted that special qualities of leadership are required today "embracing the breadest scope of responsibilities in Jewish life." He told the young men and their veteran "spensors" that such leaders will be "people deeply steeped in the priceless and timeless heritage of their Judaism, who understand the essence of American democracy, who can bring to reality the new opportunities effered by a blending of the two:"

They should be fully capable of doing "their own thinking," Mr. Bernstein declared. They will be "people of deep conviction, whose deeds will attract others to follow what two do. They will have a unique capacity to bring together individuals and groups with divergent interests, "working effectively to develop a true spirit of "cooperation from which all benefit:"

The Gouncil is the national association of 220 local federations, welfare funds and community councils; These central communal organizations, serving more than 800 communities throughout the United States and Canada, annually raise the bulk of all American Jewish philanthropic funds for local services, national programs and overseas needs;

LENINGRAD SYNAGOGUE LEADER, ARRESTED IN 1961, IS REPORTED RELEASED

LONDON, Sept. 30: (JTA) -- Nachum Abramovitch Kaganov, one of three leaders of the Jewish community of Leningrad, who was sentenced four years ago to seven years' imprisonment after being convicted of "activities against the security of the Soviet State," has been released, it was learned here today.

In July, 1961, Mr. Kaganov was convicted along with Gedaliah Pecharsky and a third synagogue leader named Dinkin. The charges arose from the fact that the three Jewisn leaders nad complained to authorities in Moscow that they were denied by the Leningrad Soviet the right to open a school teaching Yiddish, although they had obtained the required 20 signatures from local citizens desiring such a school. Mr. Pecharsky was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment, and was reported today to be serving his term in a labor camp in Siberia. Mr. Dinkin was given a four-year term. No reason for Mr. Kaganov's release has been ubblished in the Soviet Union,

BERLIN LAWYER GOES ON TRIAL FOR LINKING GLOBKE TO JEWISH DEPORTATIONS

BONN, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- The trial of Max Merten, a West Berlin lawyer who was a key German occupation official during the war in Greece, opened here yesterday with the defendant absent. He is charged with making false accusations against Dr. Hans Globke, who served as State Secretary under former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and as a key official in the Nazi Justice Ministry.

Merten claimed five years ago that he wanted to save 10,000 Jewish men, women and children in Greece from deportation and that he made a trip to Berlin to discuss the matter with Adolf Eichmann who was head of the Gestapo's Jewish Affairs department. Merten also said that Eichmann told him to take "20,000 to Palestine" and that Eichmann then discussed the matter with Dr; Globke who, according to Merten, proposed the idea.

At Dr. Globke's insistence, an investigation was started of the Merten report and, according to the prosecution, it was found allegedly to be a fabrication. Merten was then indicted for trial. The state prosecutor today asked that the court call Dr. Robert Servatius, the attorney who defended Eichmann in his trial in Jerusalem, and who also defended Globke. Eichmann was hanged in Israel in 1961;

BONN PARLIAMENT TO CONSIDER INDEMNIFICATION FOR JEWISH CEMETERIES

BONN, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- Martin Hirsch, chairman of the Indemnification Committee of the Bundestag, the lower house of the Vest German Parliament, said here today that the question of indemnification payments for some 2,000 cemeteries destroyed by the Nazis in Eastern Europe would get early consideration by Parliament.

Mr. Hirsch stressed that the Bonn Government had a "positive attitude" on the matter. He discussed the matter with a two-man delegation representing the World Center of European Rabbis; Taking part in the meeting was Dr. L. Lerman, Chief Rabbi of Berlin.

The West German legislator also promised to present to the Bundestag a request by the rabbis that a commission of the newly elected Parliament visit the countries where the Nazis desecrated cemeteries to appraise the extent of the damage.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN OTTAWA TO STUDY ASSIMILATION AND INTERMARRIAGE

OTTAWA, Sept. 30. (JTA) -- Preliminary steps have been taken here by the Jewish community's Commission on Assimilation and Intermarriage to develop a study in depth on these vital issues, it was announced today by the chairman of the 45-member body, Dr. Abraham Hurtig;

Thus far, he said, it has been decided to study carefully and to identify every one of the underlying causes, including social, cultural, economic, religious, educational and psychological factors. Subcommittees have been named for assurance that every vital area will be studied. Dr. Hurtig and Mervin Mirsky, chairman of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, will be ex-officio members of the subcommittees, as well as the rabbis and the senior executive members of the Vaad Ha'ir, staff.

Among suggestions being considered by the commission, Dr. Hurtig said, are the appointment of a social scientist and a psychologist to work with the commission. He said also that a bibliography of relevant literature for reading by members of the commission will be sent to the members of the body soon;

TORONTO YOUTHS ADMIT DESECRATION OF CEMETERY; 103 TOMBSTONES TOPPLED

TORONTO, Sept; 30: (JTA) -- Two 18-year-old youths, arrested in a desecration of the Mount Sinai Cemetery in which 103 tombstones were toppled, were held today for sentence after admitting the vandalism; The names of the youths were withheld;

Hundreds of Jews visiting the cemetery on the annual pre-High Holy Day visit found the mass desecration which apparently took place the might before Rosh Hashanah; Folice noted that there were no anti-Semitic scrawlings or slogans in the vandalism;

The youths, who were residents of the neighborhood, were arrested within a few hours on a charge of wilful damage. Police said that on the same night they broke into a gasoline station and stole a car. They were arrested when the car collided with another. They pleaded guilty to the desecration charge and were remanded a week for sentencing.

UNIVERSITY GETS GRANT TO PUBLISH HISTORY OF JEWS IN UTAH AND IDAHO

SALT LAKE CITY, Utan, Sept; 30; (JTA) -- The University of Utan announced plans here today for the publication of the first "History of the Jewish People in Utan and Idano;" The project was made possible by a grant to the university by Myrtle H; Friedman of Hailey, Idano, a descendant of one of the earliest Jewish settlers in the region.

Juanita Brooks, author of a number of historical works, has been commissioned to write the book. She will be associated in the project with Dr. Louis C. Zucker, University of Utan professor emeritus of English, who will collaborate in the translation and research. A special advisory committee has been formed by the university to coordinate the project. The members are: Prof. Zucker; Dr. Sterling M. McMurrin, university provost; Dr. Russell A. Mortensen, university historian; and Benjamin Roe and Joseph Rosenblatt, Utan Jewish communal leaders;

DETROIT COMMUNITY ESTABLISHES BOARD TO LICENSE JEWISH TEACHERS

DETROIT, Sept. 30; (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of Jewish education in this city, a Board of License was established here by the community for the accreditation of Hebrew and Yiddish teachers. Many of the leading Jewish educational institutions in this city, including congregational schools, have indicated their willingness to accept the standards for certification set up by the new Board of License;

Requirements for certification have been set up for various categories, and provisions have been made for temporary licenses for Jewish teacher-trainees. The schools, which vary widely in their religious orientation and curricular content, have agreed to restrict their teaching staffs to those who hold valid Board certificates or who are working toward certification. All expressed a common concern to help, through this plan, to raise the standards of Jewish education and Jewish educational institutions.

STATE UNIVERSITY IN BRAZIL STARTS COURSE IN HEBREW; 50 STUDENTS ENROLL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 30: (JTA) -- A course in Hebrew has been instituted at the University of Guanabara, the university supported by the Guanabara provincial government, it was reported here today. Some 50 students, including a number of professors, have enrolled for the course which was established at the initiative of the Israel Ambassador.

RABBI MEIR GRUNWALD, KNOWN AS TETCHER REBBE, DIES IN TORONTO; WAS 56

TORONTO, Sept. 30. (JT4) -- Rabbi Meir Grunwald, the Tetcher Rebbe, died here of a heart attack at the age of 55 on the eve of Rosh Hashanan.

He settled in Toronto after World War II and established the Shlomei Emunei Yisroel Yeshiva which recently moved from downtown Toronto to a new building in the suburbs. A native of Faungary, he was deported by the Nazis to occupied Byelorussia to do forced labor.