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U.S. PRELATES FIGHT FOR FULL EXONERATION OF JEWS FROM DEICIDE CHARGE

ROME, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- The fourth session of the Ecumenical Council starts its fifth week tomorrow, with the issue of the Vatican declaration on Jews anticipated to come up for final voting on Thursday or Friday:

American prelates were reported here today as making a strong attempt behind the scenes to secure the retention of the text of the draft declaration which was approved by a large majority of the 2,200 cardinals and bishops taking part in the Council's session. That text exonerated the Jews of all times of the charge of deicide, and said that the Jews should never be presented as a "cursed" people. The new version of the text, which has been presented to this session, eliminated the word "deicide." The new version also has another important change: It merely "deplores" anti-Semitism, while the version of last year said that the Catholic Church "condemns" bigotry.

As the time approaches when the Ecumenical Council is to take a final vote on the amended version -- which came as a concession to prelates from Arab lands and to a small, hard-core conservative group in the Curia -- it becomes obvious that the changes in the text on Jews are arousing more emotion than any other item discussed by the Ecumenical Council during its three previous sessions. Several American bishops are strongly lobbying for the restoration of the words "deicide" and "condemns." If the amended text will be opposed by just over one-third of the 2,200 Council fathers in the forthcoming vote this week, then the text approved last year will automatically remain in force.

ESHKOL PLEASED WITH KING OF JORDAN STAND AGAINST ARAB RAIDERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol today expressed appreciation of the speech last week by King Hussein of Jordan, denouncing the activities of El Fatah saboteurs who have repeatedly made attacks on Israeli installations from Jordanian bases.

The Premier indicated, however, in a radio interview, that Israel was not satisfied only by speeches, and expected Jordan to take effective steps to curb such activities. He reiterated that Jordan was capable of controlling the El Fatah raiders. Asked whether Israel would retaliate militarily, he replied that Israel's reaction would depend on what action Jordanian authorities took to cope with the problem.

The interview with Mr. Eshkol, on Israel's government-owned Kol Israel radio network, took place after the Prime Minister visited some army installations. While he refused to identify specifically "the source of danger," he declared Israel will judge those sources "only by their actions."

MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY BODY CONFER WITH ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- Rep. Chet Holifield, California Democrat, who is chairman of the Congressional Joint Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, and Rep. John B. Anderson, Illinois Republican, who is a member of that commission, conferred here this weekend with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, who is also Minister of Defense.

Stopping in Israel on their way home from an atoms-for-peace conference in Tokyo, they discussed with Mr. Eshkol Israel's energy resources, and reviewed the importance of the joint U.S.-Israel project to use atomic energy here for desalination of seawater. They also visited the experimental atomic reactor at Nahal Sorek, near Tel Aviv. That reactor had been built and fueled under the nuclear cooperation agreement between Israel and the United States.

ISRAEL ASKS U.S. TO CONTINUE ECONOMIC AID ON PRESENT CONDITIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir asked a United States aid official for continuation of American economic assistance on the same conditions as previously, it was reported today.

Mr. Sapir met with H. Waters, deputy administrator of the United States Mutual Assistance program. The Minister cited Israel's balance-of-payments problems as well as the heavy burden of Israel's foreign indebtedness, in explaining the request.

1,280,823 ARAB REFUGEES RECEIVE RELIEF FROM U.N.; RELIEF ROLL GROWS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 10: (JTA) -- Laurence Michelmore, the Commissioner-General who heads the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, submitted a report to the General Assembly stating that he believes that, today, more than 15 years since UNRWA was established, "the refugee problem has not grown any less complex or less dangerous to the peace and stability of the region." His report showed also that:

1) The number of Arab refugees on the UNRWA rolls, registered for one or another form of relief, had grown in the last year by 34,238, or 2.7 percent, reaching an all-time high of 1,280,823 persons;

2) Since its establishment in January of 1950, UNRWA had spent a total of \$534,397,505, of which the United States alone had contributed \$364,468,069;

3) The relief organization faces now for the first time the problem of extending aid to the "third generation" of refugees -- the children of the Arab children of those who claimed refugee status in 1948, after the Arab exodus from Israel when the Jewish state fought its war of liberation;

4) Virtually no progress has been made in the efforts, under way for many years, to rid the UNRWA relief rolls of claimants deemed ineligible because the original claimant had died or other fraud;

5) The emotions of the refugees, who believed that their "nation has been obliterated" and their "population arbitrarily deprived of its birthright," has, if anything, "increased with the additional focus for their feelings provided by the Palestine Liberation Organization which came into being in June, 1964."

This was the first time UNRWA has officially taken note of the existence of the PLO which Israel had denounced here a number of times as an organization formed for the express purpose of using the refugee for warfare against Israel;

U.N. Commissioner Requests \$38,611,000 for 1966 Aid Program

The report, issued annually by UNRWA, and encompassing statistics up to June 30, 1965, also requested a budget for 1966 totaling \$38,611,000. That figure compares with a budget for 1965 estimated at \$37,833,000 and actual 1964 expenditures of \$37,193,000.

Mr. Michelmore recommended that the Assembly extend UNRWA's mandate "for a reasonably long period, such as five years." The agency's current mandate is due to expire June 30, 1966.

Israel's Ambassador Michael S. Comay today held a conference with Mr. Michelmore to discuss the UNRWA report. The contents of their talk was not revealed. But Mr. Comay was believed to have taken up three points in the Michelmore report. These concerned the introduction, which reported blandly the political, anti-Israeli attitude of the refugees; Mr. Michelmore's mention in the report that he intends to implement new definitions of what a "refugee" is for UNRWA purposes, thus opening the door to the granting of relief to categories not recognized now as entitled to relief; and his efforts for the rectification of the UNRWA relief rolls;

Mr. Michelmore is scheduled to deliver an oral address on the Arab refugee situation tomorrow before the Assembly's Special Political Committee, the body which annually debates this issue. The debate on the refugees is expected to start late this week or early next week.

ESHKOL OPENS MAPAI CAMPAIGN FOR NATIONAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol today opened the Mapai party's campaign for the November 2 Parliamentary and municipal elections with a radio address contending that only his party's alignment with Achdut Avodah could provide a stable and effective government for Israel.

Speaking on Kol Israel radio, the Premier elaborated his program for the coming years, including a continued strengthening of Israel's defense forces, deepening Israel's ties with world Jewry and the world, extending development projects, slum clearance, improving Israel's educational system, more attention to science and cultivation of the proper economic climate;

He said he wanted to promote further democracy, based on majority decisions and he referred to the split in his party signalized by former Premier David Ben-Gurion's formation of a dissident Israel Workers list (Rafi) for the November 2 elections. "I deeply regret the split in Mapai which I do not understand, at a time when the path to unity was open," he said. The Premier's leadership in creating a joint Mapai-Achdut alignment for the elections was one of the factors cited by Mr. Ben-Gurion in launching a political fight against the Premier;

MOSCOW PERMITS SMALL NUMBER OF JEWS TO JOIN RELATIVES IN U. S. A.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was reported here today to have relaxed somewhat its policies on banning emigration from the USSR, having issued exit visas to 50 Jews going to the United States alone this year, it was reported here this weekend.

According to a Moscow dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune, 30 Soviet Jews were given permission thus far in 1965 to visit the United States, while 20 other Jews from the USSR were allowed this year to leave their Russian homes for permanent residence in this country. Nearly all of the 20, it was indicated, are aged persons joining relatives in the U. S. (A very small number of aged Soviet Jews were also permitted to emigrate to Israel to join their families there.)

Other dispatches received here this weekend from Moscow reported an article in Izvestia, official daily organ of the Soviet Government, claiming that anti-Semitism is "rampant" in the United States; Using outdated information which had been published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and reporting isolated anti-Semitic incidents of several years ago as if they had all just occurred, the Izvestia article attempted to bolster its contentions in such a way as to "prove" that swastikas are being painted now on many American synagogues and that social discrimination against Jews in the U. S. A. is widespread currently.

TRIAL OF LATVIANS WHO HELPED NAZIS TO KILL JEWS STARTS TODAY IN RIGA

LONDON, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- Six Latvians, several of whom had held high police or administrative posts in Latvia during the era of the Nazi occupation of that region, will go on trial at Riga, capital of Latvia, tomorrow, on charges of murdering 15,000 Jews plus an unspecified number of Latvians and Gypsies, and causing 5,000 Jews to be caught by the Nazis for shipment to annihilation camps, according to a dispatch received here today from Moscow.

The Soviet authorities, it was indicated, plan on making a show trial of the proceedings. The report stated that the site of the trial had been moved from the Riga court house to the city's House of Culture, so that more members of the public could attend.

Among the defendants is Albert Echelis, former administrator of the Rezekne District, who is charged with personal participation in many of the executions of Jews; The indictment against the men stated that few of the 5,000 Jews they had helped toward deportation survived the death camps; Among the other defendants is the former deputy governor of the Rezekne prison.

BRITISH K. K. K. MEMBERS SENTENCED IN LONDON; PROCLAIMED ANTI-JEWISH AIM

LONDON, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- Six men and two women members of the British Ku Klux Klan were found guilty yesterday of charges growing out of a meeting at which they were reportedly told that the goal of the group was to "rid Britain of Jewish control."

Seven were found guilty of wearing a uniform at a public meeting signifying association with a political organization, in violation of the 1936 Public Order Act. All eight were found guilty of aiding and abetting two of the other defendants; Patrick Webb, 36, and William Duncan, 45, each were sentenced to three months imprisonment for wearing uniforms; Robert Relf, 42, received a three-months jail term for aiding and abetting. Others received fines of 20 pounds (\$56) to 25 pounds (\$70). All eight had pleaded innocent.

During the trial, the prosecutor also told the court about a list of Jewish leaders, including Labor leader and Minister Mrs. Barbara Castle and the Jewish wife of Labor leader George Brown, of whom the movement planned "to get rid." The prosecutor said that the eight defendants met on June 19 at Rugby near London, all wearing long white robes with a black cross over the heart, and cloth head covers with slits for the eyes and mouth; The aims of the British KKK were explained by a man named Newly, who is a member of the tiny British National Socialist movement which split with Colin Jordan's slightly larger Nazi group.

TWO CANADIAN YOUTHS SENTENCED FOR DESECRATING 103 JEWISH GRAVES

TORONTO, Oct. 10: (JTA) -- Two 16-year-old youths were sentenced here in a magistrate's court yesterday for overturning 103 tombstones in a Jewish cemetery after they admitted their "escapade" to Magistrate James Rennick.

One, James Bootle, was sentenced to a year's definite imprisonment, plus a further indefinite term of three months. Police told the court he had a record of previous arrests. The second youth, Allan Sawin, was sentenced to six months in a reformatory. Bootle told the court the depredation had been committed when both were drunk, but that they intended "no disrespect for the Jewish people."

CHICAGO JEWISH INSTITUTIONS TO REMAIN IN MIXED POPULATION AREAS

CHICAGO, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Synagogues and other Jewish institutions in an area of this city affected by population changes are determined not only to give public notice that the Jews will not desert the region but also to spend \$1,500,000 in the next two years to expand Jewish religious and educational activities.

According to The Sentinel, Chicago Jewish weekly, the affected area is in South and Southeast Chicago where, since January 1, 1965, homes were purchased by 35 white families and 14 Negro families. More than 250 residents of the area heard a report detailing the region's housing, school and other facilities delivered by Lester Mouscher, chairman of the South Shore Commission and of a B'nai B'rith chapter.

Rabbi Leonard C. Mishkin, superintendent of the Associated Talmud Torahs, proposed that the Jews in the area adopt the slogan "we are here to stay." His proposal was adopted, and the meeting voted to expend \$1,500,000 on Jewish buildings and improvements between this year and 1967. Another of the major participants in the meeting was Gordon Sherman, a member of the Board of Jewish Education. He supported Rabbi Mishkin's plea that the Jews of the area "continue to live here because we like it here."

KING OF MOROCCO REPRESENTED AT SYNAGOGUE SERVICES BY MINISTER

PARIS, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- King Hassan of Morocco was represented at Yom Kippur services in Casablanca's main synagogue by two of his closest advisers, Interior Minister General Oufkir and Casablanca Governor Col. Sefioui, it was reported here today.

The two officials presented the king's "best wishes to his loyal Jewish subjects" to the community's chief rabbi and principal Jewish leaders. Despite various anti-Jewish campaigns aimed at King Hassan's government, the presence of the two officials at the synagogue received considerable publicity in the Moroccan press.

S. J. AGNON, PROMINENT HEBREW AUTHOR, PROPOSED FOR 1965 NOBEL PRIZE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Shmuel Joseph Halevi Agnon, of Israel, one of the most prominent Hebrew authors of the contemporary era, and the winner several times of the coveted Bialik Prize for literature, was high on the list today for possible selection as the winner of the 1965 Nobel Prize in literature, it was learned here today.

The year's Nobel laureate in literature is to be announced Friday, but the deliberations of the Swedish Academy, which picks the winner in the field of literature, are clothed in more than usual secrecy this year. Other writers reported among the leading candidates for the prize are the British-American poet and critic, W. H. Auden; and two Russian authors, Mikhail Sholokhov and Konstantin Paustovsky.

3,500 REPORTED AS PARTICIPANTS IN JEWISH AGENCY SUMMER PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency reported today that 3,500 Jewish teachers, rabbis and university students from 14 countries took part this year in the Agency's vacation-in-Israel summer program during 1965. The largest single group came from the United States. Since the program was started 15 years ago, nearly 29,000 Jews have taken part.

PAUL FELIX WARBURG DEAD; WAS 61; FUNERAL SERVICES TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here Tuesday at Temple Emanu-El for Paul Felix Warburg, a member of the prominent Jewish family of financiers and philanthropists, who died in New York yesterday at the age of 61.

A son of the late Felix M. Warburg, founder and first president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York, Paul F. Warburg was one of the Federation's active leaders for many years and was credited with having led in developing the Federation's highly-successful fund-raising methods, according to Irving M. Flet, president of the Federation. He was also on the board of trustees of the Jewish Board of Guardians and a founder of the Federation's Employment and Guidance Services.

Among Felix Warburg's survivors are a brother, Edward M. Warburg, chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; and two sisters, Mrs. Robert W. Sarnoff, wife of the chairman of the board of the National Broadcasting Company; and Mrs. Walter N. Rothschild.