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ECUMENICAL COUNCIL TO VOTE ON DOCUMENT ON JEWS TODAY OR TOMORROW

ROME, Oct. 13: (JTA) -- In the expectation that the Vatican statement on the Jews will come up for a final vote at the Ecumenical Council tomorrow or Friday, an expert of the Secretariat for Christian Unity -- the Vatican body which drafted the document -- today gave an unofficial explanation as to why the word "deicide" was dropped from the statement, and why the word "condemns" was changed to "deplores" in the part of the text dealing with anti-Semitism.

The expert said many of the Secretariat members had felt it would add to the validity and the universal acceptability of the draft declaration if it was clearly shown that its principal themes were not necessarily incompatible with the Christian Scriptures, even when these scriptures make antagonistic references to the Jews.

He said that scriptural references to the Jews of Jesus' time rejecting the Gospels were incorporated into amendments for that reason. He also referred to the principal themes as those of the acknowledgement of the common religious origin and spiritual patrimony of Christians and Jews, the desirability of a continuing dialogue between the two faiths, and the repudiation of anti-Semitism of all kinds and of all periods.

The Jewish view on the expert's comments was to question whether they would be understood in that sense everywhere in the Catholic world. Among Jews, the fear remained that those phrases would be singled out from the text of the declaration by enemies for use against Jews, which would not be a novelty in the history of Christian-Jewish relations.

It was indicated also that there was much wider understanding in Councilary circles for the justified concern among Jews over the decision to drop the word "deicide" and the use of "deplores" as expressing the Catholic Church attitude toward anti-Semitism. Apart from the differences in strength of the two words, it was pointed out that "condemns" refers clearly also to the future, whereas "deplores" is normally applied to past events.

The Rev. George Tavad, of Pittsburgh, expert consultant on interfaith problems at the Ecumenical Council, said here today: "Some bishops have expressed concern over changes in the text, but I do not know what they can do. My guess is that it is too late to take action. The text is not as advanced as it was, but strong efforts have been made to make it satisfactory."

Jesuit Organ in U. S. Pleads for Restoration of Dropped Words

NEW YORK, Oct. 13: (JTA) -- A plea for restoration of the words "deicide" and "condemns" -- the latter referring to anti-Semitism -- was made here today by America, a Jesuit weekly, in an editorial discussing the revisions of the Ecumenical Council's proposed declaration on relations with the Jewish people.

Stating that the text of the declaration, as amended, would be "an adequate rebuke to anti-Semitism," the editorial added: "But, since amendments are still possible, we may hope that the final form of the text will reflect the Council's further deliberation on certain delicate points."

"Some will feel," America stated, "that, in a declaration that aims to heal wounds, emphasis on Jewish rejection of Christ is out of place." The omission of the word "deicide" and the change in the anti-Semitism rejection from "condemns" to "deplores" were declared by the editorial as "somewhat neutralizing."

"The Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity," stated the editorial, "explains that it dropped the word 'deicide' because it is odious in any context and, secondly, could give rise to false theological interpretations. But the Secretariat also says that phrases such as 'murderers of God,' 'Christ-killers,' 'the deicide people' and equivalent expressions should disappear from the Christian vocabulary. If the Secretariat can say this, cannot the Council also say it, making it plain that it intends to ban the use of certain

epithets against Jews without implying any diminution of Christian faith in the divinity of Christ?"

"The other omitted word is 'condemns,' " the editorial continued. "Where the 1964 version said that the Council 'deplores, indeed condemns, hatred and persecution of Jews,' the 1965 text merely 'deplores' them. Surely, if the Council can deplore hatred, it can condemn it. To do so would add a little to the force of what is already an excellent statement of the Church's attitude toward the Jews."

U.S. URGED TO PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Senator Robert F. Kennedy, New York Democrat, said in the Senate today that action by the United States in the Arab-Israel conflict is required if the development of nuclear weapons in the Middle East is to be prevented.

"Israel," he told the Senate, "feels threatened by her larger neighbors; the continuance of her pledge not to be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East may depend on the continued firm opposition of the United States to any aggression in that area." He suggested that other nations might assist American efforts to prevent proliferation. He pointed out that "the nations of the Magreb might exercise their considerable influence against nuclear weaponry in the Middle East."

Sen. Kennedy outlined the need for country-by-country action to prevent nuclear weapons spread. He proposed a system of aid and assurances to India to discourage her nuclear weapons program, and indicated that other nations, like Israel, should be offered "aid and/or assurances different in direction -- but equal in scope." He said that, "in each case, the return we must seek is their continued abstention from nuclear weapons."

He did not elaborate on his statement that Israeli abstinence from nuclear arms might depend on "the continued firm opposition of the United States to any aggression in that area." "In a previous address on the proliferation problem, the Senator saw Israel and India as the two most imminent threats. Today, the main burden of his remarks emphasized that the greatest urgency and danger came from India."

UNITED HIAS ASSISTS CUBAN JEWS TO COME TO U.S. UNDER NEW PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, said today that the agency is "making every effort to implement the Government's program of assisting Cuban refugees to come to the United States."

"In accordance with our Government's policy to give first priority to family reunion and to political prisoners who may be released by the Cuban Government," he said, "we have already submitted to the Cuban Refugee Center, in Miami, the names of all parents of unaccompanied Cuban Jewish children and separated spouses. We are working hard to reunite these families."

He pointed out that United Hias Service is in daily contact with the United States State Department, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service with regard to the Cuban refugee situation. He urged Cuban refugees, who wish to bring their relatives here, to complete an application supplied by the United Hias Service, or its local cooperating agency. "We have already received inquiries which concern more than 500 persons. Their applications have been mailed," Mr. Gurfein said.

He estimated approximately 2,500 Jews are still in Cuba, out of an original Jewish community which numbered more than 10,000 prior to the advent of Castro. United Hias Service, he said, has assisted in the resettlement of close to 4,300 Cuban Jewish refugees who have been relocated in 88 communities in 29 states in the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Included in this figure are 400 unaccompanied Jewish children, 340 of whom have already been reunited with their parents in this country, become of age, married, or joined the United States Army.

SECRETARY OF MOSCOW'S CHIEF RABBI ARRIVES WITH FAMILY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Mordechai Chazanin, secretary to Moscow's Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, arrived in Israel two weeks ago, after obtaining the Soviet Union's permission to emigrate, it was learned today.

Mr. Chazanin, a member of the Chabad Hassidic group, is believed to have received permission to leave the USSR through intermediaries acting on behalf of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of Brooklyn, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who is the acknowledged leader of Chabad. The former secretary to Chief Rabbi Levin speaks Hebrew fluently, with a Sephardic accent. He came here accompanied by his wife and 9-year-old daughter.

It is understood here that, since Mr. Chazanin's departure from Moscow, Chief Rabbi Levin has been without a secretary.

U.N. MEMBER STATES 'TIRED' OF ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM, GOLDA MEIR REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13: (JTA) -- The Arab countries have shown no desire to find a solution to the Arab refugee problem, with the result that the countries supporting the United Nations activities for aid to those refugees "are getting pretty tired of it all," Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared here today.

Mrs. Meir made her statement upon returning home after a three-week absence, during which she attended the current session of the U.N. General Assembly, in New York, and conferred with most of the leading Foreign Ministers of U.N. member states, including U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk and French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville. During her absence from Israel, she also conferred in London and Paris with top statesmen of the British and French Governments.

Israel's Foreign Minister said she found general understanding among leading diplomats and foreign policy chiefs of Israel's position on many issues, including Israel's concern regarding the recent spate of raids into Israel by saboteurs belonging to El Fatah, many of whom operate from bases in Jordan. But on the Arab refugee question, she said, there is a general feeling among U.N. delegations that "an impossible situation" is developing.

BEN-GURION'S GROUP ANNOUNCES ITS PLATFORM FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 13: (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's Israel Workers List (Rafi) will seek electoral reform and a streamlining of Israel's economy as part of its campaign platform for the Parliamentary elections to be held on November 2, it was announced here today by Shimon Peres, former Deputy Defense Minister and a leader of Rafi.

Mr. Peres told a press conference here that his party would also seek a reduction in administrative bureaucracy including a transfer of the Jewish Agency's settlement department to the Government; national health insurance; a master science plan; free education from the age of 3 to 16; promotion of sports and the preservation of Israel's beauty.

Another plank in the program dwells on the need to maintain separation of powers "so that ministers do not sit as judges and the same law pertains to all," Mr. Peres said that Rafi was opposed to the enactment of a constitution for Israel at this time because, he said, "it would perpetuate existing compromises particularly in the field of religion."

ISRAEL'S POPULATION REPORTED PASSED THE 2,500,000 MARK THIS SUMMER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13: (JTA) -- Israel's population passed the 2,500,000 mark this summer, according to official statistics released here today. The figures showed an August 1 population of 2,567,000 of which 2,273,000 are Jews with the remainder mostly Arabs.

The figures also showed a decrease in the ratio of marriages from 7.3 per thousand last year to 6.9 per thousand this year; and a notable increase in the divorce ratio from 1 per 1,000 couples last year to 1.2 per 1,000 couples this year.

Other vital statistics show that heart disease is the number one killer among Israelis, followed by cancer. Polio, however, has ceased to be a threat to the Israeli population with not a single death from that disease reported during the first seven months of this year.

WORLD ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET IN JERUSALEM IN JANUARY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13: (JTA) -- The World Zionist Actions Committee, the supreme world Zionist body between congresses, will hold its next meeting here January 11-18, 1966, according to a decision by the Committee's presidium announced here today.

Plans were also announced here today for the establishment by the Jewish Agency of a special sports section for the purpose of aiding and advising physical training programs in Jewish schools abroad. The new section, to be headed by Yehoshua Aluf, a veteran Israeli physical training instructor, will develop special teachers training courses in Israel and abroad.

500 ISRAELI YOUTHS IN STREET VIOLENCE IN TEL AVIV; 45 ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 13: (JTA) -- About 500 youngsters jammed the streets in the Hatilova section of Tel Aviv, blocking traffic, stopping cars and molesting passersby until police moved in.

The police arrested 45 of the youths, aged 16 to 22 and dispersed the mob. They said the area had been a center of hooliganism in recent months. On Sunday night, the youths assembled to see "races" between cars stolen from northern Tel Aviv. When only one car arrived, the disappointed youths spilled into the streets, shouting "we want youth clubs" and later started throwing stones.

SO. AFRICAN JEWISH LEADERS APPEAL AGAINST INVOLVING COMMUNITY IN POLITICS

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 13; (JTA) -- An appeal to all political parties to avoid dragging the Jewish community into the campaign for South Africa's next general election, due early next year, was issued here today by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. The appeal was decided upon by deputies attending the Board's monthly meeting in Johannesburg, following upon comment in some newspapers on the Jew in the political scene;

The Board of Deputies statement deplored that there are again tendencies to drag "the Jews" into the political arena and revive suspicions "which we had hoped had long since been laid to rest." It reaffirmed that "the Jewish community -- as has been emphasized time without number -- has never constituted a political entity. Jews have functioned in the political field as individual citizens and not as members of a religious group." The diversity of their political viewpoints is reflected in the fact that Jews are to be found in all the political parties and their loyalty to South Africa had been repeatedly proven. The statement pointed out: "As they have answered the country's call in times of need in the past, they will answer it in the future."

"It will be a sad day for South Africa," the statement said, "if any citizen, whatever his language or religious or cultural affiliation, will be required to prove his loyalty to the republic by having to support a particular political viewpoint or racial ideology. It is a dangerous fallacy to suggest -- as is apparently being implied in some quarters -- that failure to agree with the political party in power is equivalent to disloyalty to the country."

SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$250,000 AWARDED TO STUDENTS IN SOCIAL WORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 13; (JTA) -- Ninety-four scholarships and fellowships have been awarded for the 1965-66 school year by local Jewish Community Centers and YM and YWHAs, the National Association of Jewish Center Workers and the National Jewish Welfare Board to 69 students for their graduate education in social work; it was announced here by Mrs. Robert M. Klein, chairman of JWB's national scholarship committee. JWB is the national association of YM and YWHAs and Jewish Community Centers;

Awards totaling \$250,000 have been made by JWB and its affiliated agencies, Mrs. Klein said. The grants range from scholarships valued at \$1,500 - \$4,000, to work-study plans worth \$6,500. More than 20 students received more than one grant. All 69 plan professional careers in Jewish Community Center and YM and YWHA work. A recent survey revealed that there are at least 200 positions of major responsibility in YM and YWHAs and JCCs which are now unfilled for want of qualified staff. To be eligible for the awards, students must be accepted at an accredited graduate school of social work, and must be interested in Center and Y work as a career;

JEWISH YOUTH CLUBS IN POLAND HAVE 1,600 MEMBERS, LEADERS REPORT

WARSAW, Oct. 13; (JTA) -- A total of 1,600 boys and girls are currently members of the 22 Jewish youth clubs sponsored by the Jewish Cultural and Social Association, the Folkstimme, Yiddish newspaper published here, reported;

The newspaper said that the figures were disclosed during a recent conference of leaders of the clubs which offer a program of Yiddish language, Jewish history and Jewish literature, in addition to the usual club activities provided for Polish youth. The club leaders explained that the aim of the Jewish clubs was to implant in members a love for Poland as well as a love for Jewishness;

JEWISH STUDENTS IN FRENCH UNIVERSITIES APPEAL TO FRENCH JEWRY FOR AID

PARIS, Oct. 13; (JTA) -- The Association of Jewish Students in French Universities made a public appeal to French Jewry today to help such students, particularly those who live away from home. The appeal noted that most of the students lack funds for the kind of accommodations which permit concentration on their studies;

SAMUEL ASKENAZY, YOUNG ISRAELI VIOLINIST, GIVES CONCERTS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 13; (JTA) -- Samuel Askenazy, the 24-year-old Israeli violin virtuoso, gave a concert at Tschaikowsky Hall in Moscow with so enthusiastic a reception that he had to play three encores, it was reported here today from Moscow. He will give concerts also in Leningrad and Kiev and a final concert in Moscow in the Israeli-Soviet cultural exchange program. Three years ago, the young violinist played in the International Tschaikowsky Festival in Moscow;

NEW YORK CRITICS HAIL ISRAEL'S FILM 'SALLAH'; OPENED LAST NIGHT

NEW YORK, Oct. 13; (JTA) -- New York's film critics today hailed the opening here last night of the Israeli film, "Sallah," a satirical comedy written and directed by Ephraim Kishon. Both the New York Times and the Herald Tribune praised the work of Haym Topol, the 29-year-old actor who portrays Sallah on the screen, and lauded the film as a novel spoof on modern life in Israel;