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POPE ADVANCES PROMULGATION DATE FOR THE VATICAN DECLARATION ON JEWS

ROME, Oct. 18; (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI will formally promulgate the Declaration on Relations of the Church With Non-Christian Religions, which includes the chapter on Catholic relations with the Jews, during the Ecumenical Council's next public session, October 28, it was announced officially today by the Council's press office.

The official announcement noted that October 28 is the anniversary of the election to the papacy of the late Pope John XXIII, and that the scheduling of the promulgation of the decree was done under instructions by Pope Paul. Pope John XXIII had initiated the move for the drafting of a church document repudiating the ancient charge that the Jews were responsible for the killing of Jesus. That document, with certain amendments, was adopted by the Council last week by the overwhelming vote of 1,763-250.

Early scheduling of the promulgation of what many here call "the Jewish document" came as a surprise. The fact that a public session would be held October 28 was announced last Friday, and four schemas had been scheduled for promulgation. The document referring to the Jewish and other non-Christian religions had not been mentioned in connection with the October 28 session. After the Pope's promulgation, the document will become official Catholic doctrine, binding on all Catholics around the world.

Yesterday, Pope Paul told thousands of persons gathered in St. Peter's Square that he was praying for non-Christians, "especially for Jews and Moslems." Referring to the declaration which includes relations with the Jewish people, he said "loving charity is widening and opening up to all."

Chief Rabbi of Italy Says Jews Cannot Judge the Declaration Now

ROME, Oct. 18; (JTA) -- Prof. Elio Toaff, Chief Rabbi of Italy, said here today that he is unable to give an opinion regarding the document approved by the Ecumenical Council last week, spelling out the relations between the Catholic Church and the Jewish religion.

He stated he was doubtful whether it was the task of Jews to judge such a document. Secondly, he declared, if the Catholic Church has changed its attitude toward Jews -- "and this is acknowledged with sincere satisfaction" -- Jews will be able to give final judgment only by the facts that will follow. "It is my sincerest wish," he added, "that our opinion be unconditionally favorable."

The Jewish people, the Chief Rabbi noted, not only "deplore" any persecutions, but "condemn" them in strongest terms "whether they are carried out against our friends or enemies." In this way, he pointed out, the Jewish people prove their love toward their neighbors and also their faithfulness to the Law of the Lord "Who has elected us."

Prof. Toaff said also that "a word of gratitude should be addressed to Cardinal Bea and to all who, with open and friendly spirit, inside the Council and outside the Council, fought for the triumph of truth and justice, following the noble line opened by the late Pope John XXIII." He was referring to Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, whom the late Pope John had charged with the task of putting through the Ecumenical Council a schema relating to Jews like the one just adopted.

Catholic University Denies Opposing Vatican Declaration

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 18; (JTA) -- Jorge Molina, vice-rector of the Catholic University in Valparaiso, announced today that he is instituting an investigation to discover the identity of the person or group that falsified the institution's stand on the question of anti-Semitism.

A leaflet claiming that the university was opposed to the adoption of the Catholic Church declaration deploring anti-Semitism had been distributed widely inside the Vatican last week, just as the issue was being voted upon by the Ecumenical Council.

On the contrary, Mr. Molina said, the faculty and the students of the university favored that declaration, when it was pending in the Ecumenical Council, and now welcomes heartily the fact that the Council had taken a firm stand against anti-Semitism.

STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES IT AGREED TO HELP JORDAN PAY FOR BOMBERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- The State Department today denied reports that the United States secretly agreed to help Jordan pay for a large portion of the cost of two squadrons of French Mirage-3-E fighter bombers, supersonic jets that fly at twice the speed of sound.

A report from Amman said Jordan had sought the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter from the United States to modernize her air force. The United States reportedly broke off negotiations to prevent regional escalation. But, when Jordan considered purchasing Soviet MIG-21 supersonic jets, "unimpeachable Jordanian sources" revealed that the United States secretly agreed to underwrite the purchasing of jets by Jordan from Western Europe.

Jordan is expected to contract for 24 to 28 of the ultra-modern French fighter-bombers, said the report. The total cost is about \$42,000,000. The United States confirmed today supplying Jordan with tanks and other American weapons. But a spokesman said the United States had made no arrangement to "sell more modern fighters to Jordan." He added that "we have no agreement to finance French aircraft for Jordan."

(Informed sources in Paris reported today that France's reluctance to extend easy credit terms was the main factor holding up the sale of 24 French Mirage jet fighter planes to Jordan, a transaction which has caused considerable concern in Israel.)

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER SEES ARABS BECOMING MORE REALISTIC ON ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- George Thomson, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, declared here today, at the conclusion of a tour of Middle Eastern capitals: "I view the Middle Eastern situation with much less concern than when I joined the Foreign Office. At that time, chances of an explosion looked much more serious to all of us."

In a conversation with Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban, he was reported to have said that the Arabs have been showing "more realism" of late and that "this might lead in time to their acceptance and possibly eventual recognition of Israel."

Mr. Thomson told newsmen at Lydda Airport, just before his plane departed for London, that his visit to the Middle East indicated that his Government's wishes "for a greater degree of understanding with the Arab countries in the area will never be at the expense of normal and friendly relations with Israel."

FRENCH NOBEL PRIZE WINNER SAYS HE IS JEWISH; ANOTHER IS SON OF CONVERT

PARIS, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- Prof. Francois Jacob, one of the three Frenchmen awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine last week, confirmed here today that he is a Jew and that one of his brothers is a prominent member of the Jewish Consistory in their home city of Nancy. The second of the three new French laureates is the son of a Jew who, while he was converted to Christianity as a child, takes pride in his Jewish past. All three prize winners acknowledged today that their respective assistants are Jews.

Prof. Jacob was born in Nancy, fought with Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Free French forces during World War II, suffered 90 percent disability during the war, and was decorated later with the French Legion of Honor and with four army citations for bravery in action.

The second of the three scientists, Prof. Andre Lwoff, speaks of his father's "Jewish past," pointing out that his parent, a practicing French physician, was baptized in Russia while he was still a child. The three assistants to the laureates, all Jews, are Dr. F. Gros, Dr. E. Wollmann and Dr. M. Cohen.

U.J.A. STUDY MISSION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL CONDUCT 12-DAY SURVEY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- The 11th annual United Jewish Appeal Study Mission, comprised of more than 200 Jewish leaders from various communities in the United States, arrived here last night for a 12-day tour of Israel and a survey of the activities of UJA-supported institutions. It is the largest study mission ever brought here under the aegis of the UJA. Leading the group is Max M. Fisher, of Detroit, UJA general chairman.

The mission visited the Israel National Museum today, being honored with a luncheon by Teddy Kollek, board chairman of the museum. The Americans are scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Jewish Agency chairman Aryeh Pincus, and will tour many settlements and various development areas. Wednesday, they will participate in the groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$1,000,000 Denmark school here, a comprehensive high school honoring the Danish people for their rescue of Danish Jewry during the war. The school is a project of the UJA-Israel Education Fund.

BOLIVIA MOVES AT U.N. TO KILL SOVIET BRACKETING OF ZIONISM WITH NAZISM

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 18: (JTA) -- Bolivia today took steps to kill a Soviet move which would equate Zionism with Nazism and anti-Semitism by introducing an amendment to the Soviet Union's proposal and knocking out the words "Zionism and neo-Nazism," substituting instead a condemnation of "Nazism in all its forms."

The Bolivian step was taken in the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee where the USSR is trying to bracket Zionism with Nazism and anti-Semitism at the behest of Arab delegations. The Soviet maneuver was interpreted here as an effort to get the United States and Brazil to withdraw a provision calling for outright condemnation of anti-Semitism which they have co-sponsored. All the moves have been made in connection with a draft U.N. convention against racial intolerance, being debated now by the committee.

Delegations here were impressed today by world-wide reactions condemning the Soviet bracketing of Zionism with Nazism. Reports were received today that various Communist parties have denounced the Soviet move. From Jerusalem came a report that Kol Haam, organ of the Israel Communist Party, has criticized the Soviet delegation sharply for its stand. A report from Paris indicated that the French Communist Party is debating the issue vigorously.

In New York, the pro-Communist Morning Freiheit asked in a front-page editorial "How can anyone equate Zionism with Nazism?" It termed such linkage "monstrous." Soviet sponsorship of such a clause, declared the Freiheit, "is simply inconceivable; it is a serious mistake." The newspaper implied that the move is a remnant of Stalinism inside the Soviet delegation.

TRIAL OF 15 NAZIS OPENS IN GERMANY; CHARGED WITH KILLING 17,000 JEWS

BOCHUM, West Germany, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- The trial of 15 former SS men charged with the war time mass murder of more than 17,000 Jews at Nev-Sandz, Poland, opened here today.

The main defendant is a former high ranking SS officer, Heinrich Hamall, who alone is charged with having committed 88 murders. The trial, expected to last about six months, will hear testimony from witnesses now living in the United States, Canada, Australia and Israel.

CONFERENCE OF JEWS FROM GERMANY LAUDS BONN GOVERNMENT ACTION

LONDON, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- West Germany's establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel, and the Bonn Parliament's completion of legislation for indemnification of more Jewish victims of Nazism, have marked "a decisive stage" in the development of Germany's postwar relations with the Jewish people, it was declared here today by the Council of Jews from Germany. The Council held a conference here, attended by representatives of affiliated organizations in the United States, Britain, France, Belgium, Israel and Latin America.

The recent series of trials in Germany, where many ex-Nazis were found guilty of atrocities committed against Jews during World War II, and publication of considerable, relevant literature about the Nazi holocaust, "have fully exposed before the eyes of the German people and of the world the catastrophe of the National Socialist regime," the conference stated in a resolution. The session voiced support for the efforts made in Germany in recent years to develop among the German people, especially the youth, "genuine understanding of the Jewish question and its part in the German past, helping eradicate the distorted image of the Jew created by the Nazi propaganda machinery."

In a report to the conference, the Council noted that the Leo Baeck Institute in West Germany has been trying "to contribute to the rectification of the historical misinterpretations by publishing unbiased works on the history of the German Jews and their interdependence with German history." The conference expressed the hope that "during the lifetime of the present generation, these efforts on both sides may help to further gradual relaxation of tensions between Germans and Jews."

DAUBING OF SWASTIKAS ON JEWISH SHOPS CONDEMNED BY BRUSSELS MAYOR

BRUSSELS, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- The daubing of swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on Jewish shops here was condemned today by the Mayor of Brussels at a meeting of the Municipal Council.

In rejecting a request for an urgent debate by the Municipal Council on the anti-Semitic acts, the Mayor termed the daubings "a crime of a particularly odious character" but pointed out that this was a matter of concern to Belgium's state organs of justice and not the municipality. "A debate at the Municipal Council would not serve any purpose," he said.

NEW IMMIGRATION LAW WILL INCREASE JEWISH ENTRY TO U.S., EXPERT SAYS

ROME, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The addition of new categories of non-quota immigrants to come to the United States in the next three years from countries other than the Middle East and Communist lands will increase Jewish entry into the U.S.A. by 20 to 25 percent, James P. Rice, of New York, executive director of United Hias Service, reported here today.

He spoke at a seminar for representatives of Jewish, Protestant and Catholic organizations who discussed the effects of the new American immigration law which, by 1968, will abolish entirely the old national origins quota system. Mr. Rice was co-chairman of the seminar. Jewish organizations represented included, in addition to United Hias, the United Jewish Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, ORT and OSE in Italy. The principal speaker was James Hines, counsel of the U.S. State Department's visa division.

U.S. GROUP CRITICIZES ISRAEL FOR TOLERATING RELIGIOUS COERCION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- A statement sharply criticizing the Israel Government for alleged "constant appeasement and retreat" in the religious field, calling for full religious freedom in Israel, was issued here today by the American Friends of Religious Freedom in Israel. The organization's board of directors includes a number of non-Orthodox rabbis and intellectuals, with Prof. Horace Kallen, a well-known American Jewish author and political scientist, as president.

Linking its protest to the recent "Eternal Light Vigil" conducted here by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, protesting anti-Jewish discriminations in the USSR, the committee applauded that action but added: "At the same time, let no one forget that religious freedom is the natural birthright of every man, wherever he may live, even in Israel."

Claiming that Israel faces "the growing threat of clerical political parties," the committee stated that "religious coercion in Israel has already engendered widespread resentment against religion, and caused irreparable harm to the nation's economic and cultural development."

The group protested the fact that marriages performed under Conservative or Reform auspices are not recognized in Israel, declared that "children of such marriages are considered illegitimate and relegated to second-class citizenship," and predicted that a new "Sabbath Law" scheduled to be enacted in Israel, "will make the operation of any enterprise on the Sabbath subject to criminal prosecution." It held that in the international arena, the rule of Orthodoxy in Israel "is staining Israel's image and flouting the struggle of Jewish leadership on behalf of religious freedom everywhere."

CELEBRATIONS SET FOR 60th ANNIVERSARY OF CANADIAN LABOR ZIONISM

MONTREAL, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The period between November, 1965 and June, 1966 has been designated for the celebration across Canada of the 60th anniversary of Canadian Labor Zionism, according to an announcement today by Leon Kronitz, president of the Labor Zionist movement of Canada and chairman of its special 60th Jubilee Committee. This nation-wide series of celebrations will mark the anniversary of the establishment of the first branch of Poale Zion in Canada.

The series of commemorations will be inaugurated in Montreal at a meeting on November 14 at which Marie Syrkin, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, will be guest speaker. Celebrations in Canadian cities large and small will follow.

Mr. Kronitz stressed the pioneering role of Labor Zionism in the establishment of outstanding Jewish community institutions which are now taken for granted. Among these institutions are: Canadian Jewish Congress; Jewish Peoples Schools and Peretz Schools in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Windsor, Jewish public libraries in various cities, the Israel Histadrut Campaign, and Canapal -- Canada Israel Investment Corporation. Mr. Kronitz pointed with particular pride to the Movement's youth organization, Habonim, and to its network of five camps from Montreal to Vancouver.

U.S. TO ISSUE COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP HONORING PROF. EINSTEIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18: (JTA) -- A commemorative postage stamp honoring the late Jewish physicist Albert Einstein will go on sale at first day ceremonies in Princeton, New Jersey next March 14, according to an announcement today by the Postmaster General.

The eight cent stamp honoring Einstein is part of a series of 18 postage stamps honoring the memory of prominent Americans which are scheduled to be issued during the next several years.