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## CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS FOUND STILL FOSTERING ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Christian teachings which played "a crucial historical role in the rise of anti-Semitism" continue "to reinforce and foster" anti-Jewish prejudice in the United States despite an increasing spirit of good will between the faiths and a willingness on the part of most American churchmen "to take action to combat anti-Semitism."

This was the major finding of a sociological study, "Christian Beliefs and Anti-Semitism," conducted by the University of California Survey Research Center under a \$500,000 grant from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The study, based on five years of research into all aspects of anti-Semitism in American life, was made public by the ADL at a press conference here today. It was carried out by Charles Y. Glock, director of the Research Center, and Rodney Stark, a research sociologist at the University of California.

The study reveals that at least one-fourth of those in the United States with anti-Semitic attitudes "have a religious basis for their prejudice while nearly another fifth have this religious basis in considerable part," that "only 5 percent of Americans with anti-Semitic views lack all rudiments of a religious basis for prejudice."

The sociologists refute the "comfortable and complacent view" that anti-Semitism is no longer a real problem in the United States. Declaring that "there are no grounds for complacency, and especially none for churches," they call for "a systematic reappraisal of Christian education, both as it teaches its history and doctrines and in the way it deals with the question of anti-Semitism as such."

### 37% Protestants and 22% Catholics Score High in Anti-Semitism

The study is based on a three-hour questionnaire which was answered by 2,326 Protestants in 97 congregations and by 545 Catholics in 21 parishes, all in four counties in and around San Francisco. The study was then tested against a sample of 1,976 interviews representative of the entire population of the United States.

In the California counties, 33 percent of the Protestants and 29 percent of the Catholics queried "scored high and medium high" in their anti-Semitism. Nationally, 37 percent of the Protestants and 22 percent of the Catholics scored high, "with the amount of anti-Jewish prejudice varying from one region of the country to another, especially among Protestants," the study reported.

"It is least common on the West Coast," the sociologists reported, "followed by the East, and much higher in the Midwest and South where a majority of orthodox and particularist Christians still blame the Jews for the death of Jesus." But, the report stated, the implication of the Jews in the crucifixion "remains a common belief" and "provides an important basis for generating hostile religious images of the modern Jews." The data showed that 43 percent of the Protestants and 50 percent of the Catholics queried nationally identified the Jews as "the group most responsible for the crucifixion."

The study showed that social class among the Christian orthodox and particularistic believers has no direct or independent impact on attitudes toward Jews. "No matter how high their education or occupational status," the report declared, "persons remain very likely to foster anti-Jewish prejudices so long as they retain a religious perspective which facilitates an image of the Jew as a religious outsider."

The study hailed the recently proclaimed Catholic decree, adopted by the Ecumenical Council, repudiating the charge of the collective guilt of the Jewish people for the death of Jesus. That decree, the sociologists stated, "goes to the heart of Christian anti-Semitism" and its effect will be "to arm the lower clergy with appropriate theological means to denounce anti-Semitism in its religious trappings."

GERMANY STUDIES PLAN TO BUILD RAILWAY LINE FOR ISRAEL IN NEGEV

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- A group of West German experts will come to Israel shortly to study plans for building a railway line from Beersheba to Eilat in a joint West German-Israeli venture, a member of the West German Parliament disclosed at a press conference here today.

Erich Blumenfeld, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Bundestag, the lower House of the Parliament, and personal emissary of Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, cited the project in support of his belief that such joint efforts would be better than West German loans or grants in building relations between the two countries. He suggested that such ventures should constitute the principal form of West German aid to Israel.

"Joint projects could double or even quadruple the amount which Israel could expect to receive in grants," he said. He declined to disclose the figure he had in mind, but declared that Israel's economy might benefit by 500,000,000 marks (\$1,666,000) a year in income. He added he would present recommendations, based on his visit to Israel, to Chancellor Erhard.

EBAN TO CONFER IN WARSAW WITH ISRAEL ENVOYS IN COMMUNIST LANDS

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban will leave May 10 for a week's stay in Poland, in the first visit by an Israeli Foreign Minister to Eastern Europe, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

He will meet with Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki, and probably with Polish Communist chief Gomulka and other Polish leaders. During his visit to Warsaw, Mr. Eban also will preside at a conference of Israeli ambassadors to Eastern European countries, including envoys to Russia, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. He will be accompanied by senior officials of his Ministry.

Political sources here viewed the visit as part of a plan to improve Israeli relations with Eastern Europe. Polish officials were reported heartily in favor of the visit, and have provided all possible aid to Israel for the occasion. The Polish Foreign Minister is planning a number of receptions for Mr. Eban.

U.S. INSURANCE FIRMS REJECT \$6,000,000 CLAIM OF ISRAELI FIRM

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- The three American insurance firms which underwrote a \$6,000,000 guarantee to assure completion of a new Dead Sea dam informed the Dead Sea Works today they would not accept the claim of the Israeli firm that the Kaiser Engineering Company had broken its contract on the project.

The American engineering firm halted work on the contract with the contention that specifications for a major portion of the contract were technically impossible. When the American firm threatened a \$25,000,000 suit, the Dead Sea Works ordered Kaiser to evacuate its personnel from the projected area. It then sought to collect the insurance.

The three American firms claimed, in their refusal, that Kaiser had not broken the contract. The policy covered failure to complete the dam either for technical reasons or because the contractor failed to fulfill the contract. The Israeli firm reportedly was considering whether to sue the insurance firms, to obtain the \$6,000,000.

ISRAEL MINISTER SAYS COUNTRY SUFFERS FROM 'CONCEALED UNEMPLOYMENT'

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir declared here today that Israel was suffering from "concealed unemployment" in that 10 percent of Israel's labor force -- 90,000 workers -- was "redundant." The term was used to indicate employes either doing work duplicated by other workers, or doing little work in their jobs.

Calling for more manpower streamlining and rationalization, he urged that one way to overcome Israel's burden of costs was to get rid of such unemployment by putting such workers into posts where they would be more productive.

ISRAEL ATOMIC ENERGY EXPERT CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- Prof. Ernst Bergman, who resigned earlier this week as chairman of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission in a policy dispute, criticized the Government today for "failure to understand the problem."

Writing in "New Look," the publication of former Premier David Ben-Gurion's dissident Israel Workers Party (Rafi), Prof. Bergman warned that, if Israel did not continue its scientific efforts, the Arab countries would, within two generations, bridge the scientific gap separating them from Israel.

**FRENCH MOTOR COMPANY TO RESUME EXPORTS TO ISRAEL UNDER NEW PACT**

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Transport announced here today that the agreement between Israel and the Renault Motor Company, of France, calling for resumption of Renault's car exports to this country, have been officially finalized. Renault had bowed out of the Israel market seven years ago, in response to demands by the Arab League boycott office, but announced in the last year that it is ready to trade with Israel again.

Renault exports to Israel will start again in June, the Ministry stated. The French firm had agreed, under the new pact, to buy from Israeli producers auto parts costing at least 10 percent of the value of its exports to Israel.

**BIROBJIDJAN YIDDISH PAPER BARED FROM OTHER PARTS OF SOVIET UNION**

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Soviet authorities have prevented recently the circulation of the USSR's only Yiddish newspaper, the BiroBidjaner Shtern, in any part of the Soviet Union except in the city of BiroBidjan itself, it was learned here today from highly reliable sources.

The BiroBidjaner Shtern has been published for years in the capital city of the BiroBidjan Republic, an area once designated by Moscow as an "autonomous" Jewish region. The four-page newspaper, printed entirely in Yiddish, is issued three times a week in a total of 1,000 copies.

Until recently, it had been on sale on newsstands of three Moscow hotels, and arrangements could be made through Intourist, the official government tourist agency, to have copies of the newspaper on sale at those hotels when visiting foreign delegations had requested that they be allowed to buy the Shtern. Soviet citizens interested in the newspaper in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev could also subscribe for the paper.

Now, it has been learned, all subscribers in any place in the USSR outside the city of BiroBidjan can no longer receive the newspaper. None is on sale at any of the hotels in Moscow or Leningrad. Soviet authorities, asked about the apparent restriction of the newspaper's circulation to the city of BiroBidjan itself, have explained its spread is being prevented because of its "low standards." There was no explanation as to what the "standards" were.

**SOVIET CITIZEN WHO AIDED NAZIS TO KILL JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH**

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- Vassily Donin, a member of a Gestapo unit which operated in the Leningrad area and who evaded arrest for 20 years, was tried and sentenced to death in Luga, it was reported here today from Leningrad.

Donin, who was charged with participating in the torture and murder of Jews, Gypsies and other Soviet citizens, was sentenced after a two-week trial. A number of witnesses, including several from outside of Russia, testified. Donin changed his name and occupation and it took Soviet authorities 20 years to trace him.

**EUROPEAN CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL BONDS PLEDGES \$7,500,000 FOR 1966**

PARIS, April 20. (JTA) -- Representatives from seven European countries, plus observers from Britain, concluded here today the second European Conference of Bonds for Israel, by pledging to sell \$7,500,000 worth of bonds in the European lands in 1966. Moshe Galli, European director for the Bonds organization, assured the conference that the goal could be reached. He reported that, in France alone, \$1,000,000 worth of Israel Bonds had been sold in 1965.

Baron Edmond de Rothschild, president of the European Conference, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, of New York, executive vice-president of Bonds for Israel, participated in the discussions, as well as Joseph Burg, Israel's Minister for Welfare. The delegates represented sections of the Bonds organization in France, Belgium, West Germany, Holland, Austria, Switzerland and Italy.

**FIRST JEWISH SCHOOL IN GERMANY SINCE END OF WAR OPENED IN FRANKFURT**

FRANKFURT, April 21. (JTA) -- The first Jewish school in Germany since World War II opened here this week with 20 first grade students and 10 second grade students, served by two teachers.

The school was established by the Jewish community and is recognized by West German authorities as an elementary day school which non-Jewish children are permitted to attend. The school is operated on modern, rather than Orthodox lines. Classes are conducted in German, and Hebrew is the main foreign language.

J. T. A. OPENS PRIVATE LEASED WIRE CIRCUIT FOR TRANSMISSION OF NEWS

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency opened a private leased-wire circuit today for the transmission of the JTA daily news report to clients on the Eastern seaboard. The 10-hour newswire opened with clients in New York City and Washington and with facilities for extension into Newark, Camden, Trenton, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The full foreign and domestic news report of JTA will be moved on this circuit six days a week, considerably speeding up the transmission and reception of information on Jewish news developments. The circuit equipment has been made compatible with the JTA radio and cable printers so that punched tape will be interchangeable from one circuit to another and news stories can be transmitted to JTA clients throughout the world in a matter of moments.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS PROTEST DECISION OF N. Y. BOARD OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- Spokesmen for Jewish religious schools in New York City joined with Christian representatives here to accuse the New York City Board of Education of depriving poor children of the benefits due them under federal law.

The spokesmen made their views known at a conference with officials of the U. S. Office of Education for which Rep. Hugh L. Casey, Brooklyn Democrat, and member of the House Education Committee, served as chairman. The meeting was called at the request of leaders of religious school systems in New York City. They sought a review of a recent decision of the New York Board of Education severely restricting participation in new federal school aid programs of more than 60,000 disadvantaged pupils in non-public schools.

Jewish spokesmen included Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, director of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools; Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice-president of Agudath Israel of America; and Rabbi Leonard Rosenfeld of the Jewish Education Committee. They expressed disappointment that the Board of Education had ruled that children of non-public schools must go to public schools for any after-school services to which they are entitled. The Jewish spokesmen said that this ruling in effect deprives children of Jewish day schools of benefits to which they are entitled by law.

Spokesmen for Catholic, Lutheran and Greek Orthodox schools also demanded that the Board of Education rescind its policy on such federal aid and revert to its original agreement to treat non-public school children on an equal basis with those in public schools.

JEWISH CONGRESS LAUDED FOR VOLUNTEERING TO PAY N. Y. CITY TAX

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress was praised by the New York Times today for giving a check for \$1,200 to Mayor John V. Lindsay representing 10 percent of the real estate tax on the organization's headquarters before it became the Stephen Wise Congress House and thus tax exempt.

The editorial noted that the organization's treasurer, Frank Abrams, had declared that the Congress believed strongly "that religious, educational and other tax-exempt institutions in a position to do so have a great moral obligation to give voluntarily of their resources to support the needs of the community at large." The editorial said that perhaps other groups which benefitted from city services and city tax exemption "will be moved to come forward."

MORDECHAI BERNSTEIN, YIDDISH SOCIALIST LEADER, AUTHOR, DEAD AT 61

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Mordechai Bernstein, editor of Der Wecker, Yiddish Socialist weekly, and secretary-general of the Yiddish Socialist Farband, died here today, aged 61. Born in Russia and active there and in Poland for years as a writer and organizer in the Bund, he was arrested by the Soviet Union's regime during World War II, but went to Poland in 1946, then came to the United States two years later. He had contributed widely to Yiddish Socialist publications throughout the world.

DR. ASHER GOLDIN, PHYSICIAN AND AUTHOR, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 74

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Asher A. Goldin, Yiddish and Hebrew author, who died yesterday, at the age of 74. He was born in Russia and came to this country in 1913. He received his medical degree from the New York Medical College in 1921. He contributed to well-known Jewish publications in Europe and in the U. S. A. and was also literary editor of "Harofeh Ha'Ivri," a unique medical quarterly published in both Hebrew and English.