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## RAFAEL, GOREN RAP VATICAN GUIDELINES ON JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--The Vatican set of guidelines "on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions" issued last Friday came under withering attack here from Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rafael. He declared yesterday that he could not see the document as "an outstretched hand towards the Jewish people" as, he noted, had been described in some quarters. The Minister was joined today by Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren who stated that he was less than enthusiastic about the Vatican document.

Rafael blasted the document for failing to mention the existence of Israel and for endorsing the ancient Christian version of the crucifixion; that the Jewish leaders of that time were responsible for deicide. This teaching had caused "rivers of holy and innocent Jewish blood" to flow through the centuries," Rafael said, and the Vatican showed in its statement that the church leaders of today remained faithful to it.

Rafael conceded, however, that the guidelines' statement freeing Jews from the guilt of deicide in generations after Christ was a positive step. He commended the paragraph that condemned anti-Semitism, adding, that it "remains without any practical consequence."

### Expressly Catholic Document

The Vatican declaration as a whole was "an expressly Catholic document," Rafael declared. It was written "out of deep identification with the historic approach of the Catholic Church towards Judaism, and it is therefore difficult for me to find in it any message of significant change...." The Minister said he could "not seek in the statement's four sections paths of understanding between Christians and Jews." The four sections dealt with Christian-Jewish dialogue, liturgy, teaching and education, and joint social action.

The Vatican statement revealed the fact, Raphael added, that the church had still not forsworn the hope that some day the Jews will accept Christianity, though it did dissociate itself from aggressive forms of missionary activity, preferring methods of persuasion. Judaism never sought to convert others, and it had the right to expect the same treatment from other faiths, the Minister said. The Vatican's condemnation of anti-Semitism "might indicate the first signs of regret for a misguided historic process.... Here and there in the document there are symptoms of a conciliatory spirit towards the Jews; in the blessed pattern of Pope John XXIII."

### Does Not Herald Real Change

Christian wrong-doing to the Jews would be atoned for when the Christian world comes to the aid of the Jewish people in rebuilding its homeland and gathering its exiles, Rafael continued. The absence of any reference to the existence of the State of Israel, thereby ignoring the greatest divine event of our generation; proves how far the church still is from recognizing the religious and

historic link between the people of Israel and the land of Israel, he said. Therefore, the document evinces no real movement and does not herald a real change, Rafael concluded.

Rabbi Goren stated that if the Vatican really wanted to change its traditional hostile attitude toward the Jews, it should have begun with a statement recognizing Israel and offering assistance to Jews in countries where they are being persecuted. He also ruled out the possibility of holding common services between Jews and Christians, noting that such services would endanger the uniqueness of the Jewish people.

The Vatican guidelines were issued to implement the "Declaration on the Jews" issued in 1965 by the Second Vatican Council. The new guidelines were prepared by the Catholic Church's Commission on Relations With Judaism.

## U.S. SAYS DETENTE NOT OVER

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Soviet-American detente "is not over," the State Department emphasized yesterday. The superpowers' relationship arose when Department spokesman Robert Anderson was asked whether Moscow's attacks on the newly-legislated Trade Reform Act meant the termination of detente. Anderson replied, "No, detente is not over." He said he was aware from the Soviet public statements that it would raise questions on the trade legislation that President Ford signed into law Jan. 3. "For instance," Anderson said, "the eighteen-month restriction. This does raise questions."

His reference was to the period in the Jackson-Vanik section of the trade law that calls on the President to report to Congress 18 months after he grants the Soviet government most favored nation trade treatment whether the USSR is meeting the assurances Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has written he has received on future Soviet emigration practices.

When the Jewish Telegraphic Agency noted that Kissinger gave the 18-month factor as an example and not the ceiling of \$300 million in loans to the Soviets over four years under the new Export-Import Bank loan, Anderson said that also was "a question that will have to be discussed."

The State Department had previously described the ceiling on credits as "absolutely discriminatory." This ceiling appeared to be Moscow's major complaint on the trade and loan laws affecting the Soviet government. The Kremlin is known to have expected U.S. credits up to \$8 billion as well as technological assistance under the 1972 trade agreement it had initialed with former President Nixon.

In recent days the USSR has made known that it feels the United States has broken that agreement which has been under fire in Congress even before it was formally announced in October, 1972. That agreement was subject to Congressional ratification. It came in amended form in the trade bill signed by President Ford last Friday.

## PERES WARNS LEBANON ON TERRORISTS, SYRIAN ARMY ON ITS TERRITORY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Defense Minister

Shimon Peres warned Lebanon today not to permit either terrorists or units of the Syrian army to operate on its territory. Although he spelled nothing out, he indicated strongly that Israel would regard the entry of Syrian troops into Lebanon as an act of war.

Peres made his remarks during a question and answer session in the Knesset. He spoke on the eve of a meeting between President Suleiman Franjeh of Lebanon and President Hafez Assad of Syria at the Lebanese resort town of Shtura. The meeting has increased speculation that Syria would send elements of its army--probably Palestinian units--into southern Lebanon where terrorist concentrations have been subjected to Israeli shelling, air attacks and commando raids. Israel describes these actions as preventive measures to ward of terrorist incursions against civilian centers in Israel.

"The Israeli Defense Forces will not abandon the borders and will not permit its settlements to become targets for terrorists or for foreign armies," Peres said in reply to a question from Labor MK David Koren. He reminded Lebanon of the lesson Jordan learned four years ago when it permitted terrorists to operate on its soil. Peres also recalled that Israel had made it clear to Jordan at the time that Israel would consider it a hostile act if Syrian forces entered Jordan to bolster the terrorists.

#### Syrian Presence Spells Confrontation

If the Syrian army gains a foothold outside the Syrian borders, that would spell the start of a confrontation and an extension of aggression, Peres said. "There is no need for Israel to give advice to Lebanon concerning that country's affairs, but as far as Israel's policies are concerned, the situation is clear," he added.

Peres enumerated nine different terrorist organizations operating in Lebanon today. "All of these organizations share a maximal extremist line in pan-Arab affairs and draw strength from the split that exists in the Arab world," he told the Knesset. "They have bases in both Syria and Lebanon but they operate from Lebanon because of the weakness demonstrated by the Lebanese authorities which allows them to entrench themselves and turn Lebanon into a base for their operations," Peres said.

In a related development, 10 border policemen, including Jews, Druze and Bedouins, were cited for bravery today in connection with the destruction of a gang of three terrorists in a gun battle near Manara last month. The citations were awarded by Border Police Chief Chaim Levi at ceremonies held at Metzudat Coah, a police outpost near the site of the battle. Levi said the border police have improved their methods to a point where terrorist infiltrators can be intercepted almost as soon as they cross the border into Israel.

#### WEST GERMAN LEADER SAYS 'SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP' WITH ISRAEL IS OBSOLETE

BONN, Jan. 7 (JTA)--The Secretary General of the Free Democratic Party believes that West Germany's "special relationship" with Israel has become obsolete and should be replaced by a relationship based on the democratic institutions the two countries hold in common. Martin Bangemann, who just returned from a visit to Israel, said he discussed this and other points of German-Israeli relations with Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

Bangemann also said that West Germany "should take a more realistic attitude toward the

Palestine Liberation Organization." He said that while Israel was justified in rejecting any international recognition of the PLO as long as Yasir Arafat refuses to recognize Israel, "a word of clarification from Arafat" on this subject would ensure the PLO of observer status at the planned European-Arab dialogue on future relations with Israel.

Regarding West Germany's special relationship with the Jewish State, stemming from the Nazi past, Bangemann said that "a moral obligation to maintain a special relationship based on the past" was "inadequate and fragile." He said efforts should be made to put German-Israeli policy on the basis of what the two countries had in common, such as similar democratic constitutions and support for Israel's right to exist. The maintenance of special relations was "correct and reasonable" in the past but in the future this could become merely a "hollow phrase," Bangemann said.

#### HERUT SEEKING TO PREVENT RE-ELECTION OF GOLDMANN AS WJC PRESIDENT

Fight Shaping Up For WJC's Plenary Assembly Opening In Jerusalem Feb. 3

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--The Herut World Movement is waging a bitter campaign to prevent the re-election of Dr. Nahum Goldmann as president of the World Jewish Congress. Their efforts are doomed to failure, most observers agree, but they are expected to enliven the WJC's plenary assembly which opens in Jerusalem Feb. 3.

They are also expected to consume a great deal of time which might be put to better use tackling such issues on the plenary agenda as assimilation; safeguarding Jewish rights; the right to emigrate; growing anti-Semitism; and aid for needy Jewish communities, especially in countries where regimes have changed.

Nevertheless, Herut seems resolved to push the anti-Goldmann movement as far as it will go. Joseph Klarman, a Herut member of the World Zionist Organization Executive, raised the issue at an Executive meeting in Jerusalem earlier this week. "I have nothing personal against Goldmann. We are good friends. But I do not see how he can continue in his office after all of those statements he made," Klarman said.

He was reflecting Herut's distaste for Goldmann's moderate, frequently dovish views on the Middle East situation, his past criticisms of Israeli policies he believed to be rigid and his suggestion that Israel will one day have to deal with the Palestinians, even with the hated PLO.

#### Struggle Is A Matter Of Conscience

According to Klarman and his Herut colleagues, such views expressed by the president of the World Jewish Congress are politically harmful to Israel and the Zionist movement. Klarman urged the WZO Executive to revise the terms of its agreement with the WJC. Under the agreement, the WZO has greater representation on the governing bodies of the WJC in consideration of the fact that the activities of both organizations often overlap.

But the WZO as such has no control over WJC organizational matters. The WZO Executive rejected Klarman's demand that it go on record in opposition to Goldmann's re-election. But he asked to be permitted to continue the struggle because "it is a matter of conscience for me."

Rumors had it that Klarman favored former Foreign Minister Abba Eban to replace Goldmann as head of the WJC. When a colleague pointed out that "even he (Eban) does not rule out contact with the PLO," Klarman retorted, "Who said it

is a he? I mean a she." This led to speculation that the Herut bloc would support former Premier Golda Meir for the WJC presidency. But Klarman refused to elaborate and the matter has never been taken up with Mrs. Meir.

#### DULZIN SAYS UJA CAMPAIGN IS DOING RELATIVELY WELL, BUT RECESSION IN U.S. MAKING ITSELF FELT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin said today that although the 1975 United Jewish Appeal in the U.S. was doing relatively well, some \$500 million in pledges to Israel by world Jewry had still to come in. He said he was confident the money would eventually be made available to Israel because Jews who made commitments rarely defaulted. He noted that in the last five years, only three percent of American pledges have gone unredeemed.

Speaking to Jerusalem Post staff members, Dulzin, who just returned from a coast-to-coast UJA speaking tour in the U.S., said the American recession was making itself felt in the drop in pledges by big donors and in the wide gap that still remains between 1974 pledges and cash payments. He stated, however, that the new campaign was making good progress, especially among small and middle-range contributors. He said younger people were coming to the fore in fund-raising and leadership in the U.S. and often displayed a higher personal commitment and deeper personal identification than some of the older generation.

Dulzin complained of an inadequate Israeli information effort in the U.S. "We are slow and way behind," he said. "There is almost no information coming out of Israel and Jews in America are very confused. Israel's policies are not clear," he said.

#### LIBEL SUIT FILED AGAINST GOREN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Two army reserve officers of the chaplaincy corps filed a libel suit against Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren today over his recent allegations that the corps had badly mishandled body retrievals during the Yom Kippur War. Although Rabbi Goren, in a television appearance last night, retracted his charges, the plaintiffs, Eliahu Hirsch and Avshalom Langer, are demanding symbolic damages of one Pound or a full apology from the Chief Rabbi.

The matter has stirred widespread anger against Rabbi Goren for causing renewed grief and pain to many bereaved families. Yediot Achronot reported today that a group of parents who lost sons in the war planned to sue Rabbi Goren before a religious court. His allegation that the chaplaincy corps failed to retrieve bodies on the Sabbath and festivals, thereby creating a severe morale problem among the armed forces, was sharply rebutted by Defense Minister Shimon Peres in the Knesset yesterday.

Rabbi Goren went on television last night to say he thought the matter should be closed and expressed admiration for the work of the chaplaincy corps. But indignation continued to run high over the disclosure that Rabbi Goren's office had planted a "question" on a radio program last week that gave the Chief Rabbi the opportunity to attack the chaplaincy corps. Rabbi Goren had claimed that the question, telephoned to the radio station by a listener, was "spontaneous."

The Jerusalem Post disclosed that the questioner was in fact an employee of the Chief Rabbi

who falsely identified himself as an army officer who had seen unretrieved bodies lying around while serving on the Golan Heights. The libel suit against Rabbi Goren was filed through the Jerusalem law firm of Yanovsky & Son which has been involved in past legal actions against the Chief Rabbi. (By David Landau)

#### TEKOAH ACCEPTS NEW POST

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, has accepted the post of president of the Ben Gurion Negev University in Beersheba, it was announced here today. There was no immediate word as to when Tekoah would assume the post. Prof. Moshe Prywes, the current president, is reportedly resigning in March. The resignation of Tekoah as UN Ambassador was actually rumored several weeks ago, but he insisted that nothing had been settled so far as his future plans were concerned. According to the Israeli press, Tekoah had indicated that he felt he had been at the UN for too long a time. He denied this to the JTA in New York at the time.

#### JEWISH AGENCY EARMARKS IL 10 M TO AID POOR FAMILIES, SEPHARDI STUDENTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--The IL 10 million earmarked by the Jewish Agency for the World Federation of Sephardi Communities will be used to establish a fund for aid to needy families and for fellowships for Sephardi students. Dr. Nissim Gaon, chairman of the World Federation of Sephardi Jews, announced at a press conference here. According to Dr. Gaon, IL 4 million will be assigned to further the education of Oriental student drop-outs and IL 3 million will be used to help needy families.

The sums of IL 1 million each will be used to aid social welfare societies; help students in institutions of higher learning; and to help promote superior students. Dr. Gaon said he hoped the activities of the World Federation of Sephardi Communities would help to advance those groups in Israeli society which are in need of help.

#### JNF AT NAHAL SINAI

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund is presently carrying out a stepped-up program for the preparation of the infra-structure of Nahal Sinai at a site some five kilometers east of the Arab city of Al Arish in the Gaza Strip.

The ground upon which the new moshav is to be built, covers 500 dunams of sand dunes cut by deep wadis. The JNF plans to level the area's surface which is to be flattened with a slight downward grade in the direction of the nearby Mediterranean coast. To implement this project, heavy earth moving equipment will have to move more than 600,000 cubic meters of sand.

The first stage of the program calls for the preparation of an infra-structure for the construction of 100 housing units to be built by the Housing Ministry. The new settlement will depend chiefly on agriculture and tourism for its economy.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Hebrew University's 1974 Rabbi Shai Shkatal Memorial Prize in Immunology and cancer research has been awarded to Prof. Baruj Benacerraf of Harvard Medical School. Prof. Benacerraf delivered the Shkatal Memorial Lectures at the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Medicine last week. The guest lectureship and prize were established in 1971 by Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey who is now United Jewish Appeal general chairman, to commemorate the Jerusalem-born rabbi of Wayne, New Jersey who died several years ago at the age of 38.

## BEAUME URGED TO ENFORCE CITY'S LAWS SEEK ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO CORRECT ABUSES IN THE NURSING HOME INDUSTRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Mayor Abraham Beame was urged to make full use of existing city ordinances and to seek additional legislative authority to correct alleged abuses in the nursing home industry. In a letter to the Mayor, Naomi Levine, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, cited the city's fire, building, sanitation and health ordinances and its administrative code as means to protect the welfare of nursing home patients.

In addition, she urged the Mayor to make use of his own emergency powers to inspect proprietary nursing homes and condemn those with "serious" violations. The letter suggested further that Beame seek legislation that would give him the authority to appoint temporary public trustees "to replace existing management in homes where conditions threaten patient health and safety, conditions threaten patient health and safety."

Ms. Levine endorsed the Mayor's demand yesterday for legislation to restore the city's authority to inspect nursing homes for Medicaid reimbursement and licensing purposes. But she pointed out that the city already has power under existing laws to send inspectors into nursing homes believed to be in violation of municipal health and safety ordinances.

The letter was sent to the Mayor as joint U.S. Senate-New York State hearings into alleged fraud and misuse of public funds in nursing homes moved into high gear. The hearings, set for Jan. 21, are an outgrowth of investigations conducted by the New York State Temporary Commission on Living Costs headed by Assemblyman Andrew Stein. The probe was prompted in part by an A.J. Congress study published last July that was highly critical of conditions in many nursing homes. The scheduled hearings will focus on nursing homes owned by Rabbi Bernard Bergman in New York.

## Abrazz Recommended As Prosecutor

Related development, Gov. Hugh Carey announced the appointment of Morris B. Abrazz, a 37-year-old practicing attorney and former student of Brandeis University, to serve as the state prosecutor to investigate the nursing home industry. Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz actually appoint the special prosecutor, but he agreed to accept the Governor's

recommendation. Abrazz, of Georgia, served as president of the New York Jewish Community Center and is currently its honorary president. He was the prosecuting staff at the Nuremberg trials after World War II. The Senate has voted, meanwhile, to create a legislative committee to investigate the industry. In that state and the federal government are expected to approve. The regulations in New York City are the most stringent in the nursing home industry, which controls about 100,000 beds.

Abrazz is a New Jersey lawyer who has been involved in New Jersey nursing home investigations.

## ON EMIGRATION Stern

A system to monitor Soviet emigration with the Jackson Amendment. The House of Representatives has passed a bill to establish a committee to study the effects of the Jackson Amendment on Soviet emigration.

Jewry at its national convention held in Hempstead, N.Y. last weekend. "Despite the Soviet denial that any understanding was reached," Mrs.inez Weissmann, the group's president told the delegates. "We intend to monitor non-compliance based on the letters of agreement between Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Sen. Henry Jackson."

The monitoring procedure is based on a network of international connections which will directly feed facts and data on non-compliance to Jackson and President Ford. Each of the 18 local committees across the United States will be responsible as a "watchdog" for a particular Soviet city or region and will keep a constant vigil on Soviet emigration practices. Mrs. Weissmann reported.

## STERN SENTENCE APPEALED

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Michael Stern's defense attorney appealed yesterday to the Ukrainian Supreme Court against Dr. Stern's eight-year sentence in a "strawmanned" labor camp and confiscation of all his property on charges of swindling and accepting bribes, according to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union. The sources said that Dr. Stern's son Viktor, telephoned Western correspondents in Moscow to report that the lawyer, David Akselbant, based his appeal on the grounds of judicial error. Jewish activists have charged that the conviction by a court in the Ukrainian city of Vinnytsa was due to the application for emigration to Israel by Dr. Stern and his two sons, Viktor and August.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has denounced the sentence as a "blatant injustice" which illustrated the cruelty to which Soviet authorities would stoop to frighten Soviet Jewry and stifle their desire to come to Israel. He declared that this blatant miscarriage of justice will not deter Soviet Jewry in the future as they did not deter them in the past.)

(In London, 3200 doctors from Britain and several West European countries protested the Stern sentence in a telegram to President Nikolai Podgorny of the Soviet Union. The telegram pointed out that virtually all of the government witnesses against Dr. Stern had recanted their testimony in open court, yet Stern was sentenced as if there had been evidence against him. The signatures of the 1200 British physicians who signed the protest were collected by Dr. Harold Merskey, an eminent psychologist. The European doctors' signatures were collected by Dr. Jeanne Smeulders, a Dutch endocrinologist. Endocrinology is Dr. Stern's specialty.)

## WIENER ARCHIVES FOR TEL AVIV U.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Tel Aviv University has confirmed that it has been selected to receive the Wiener Archives, said to be the world's best collection of material relating to Nazi crimes and the Holocaust. The archives were established in Amsterdam in 1934 by Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, a Jewish Orientalist and community leader who transferred from Holland to London in 1938. It is presently located in London. Under terms of the agreement, it will be shipped to Israel in 1980. Trustees selected Tel Aviv University as the repository.

The collection, founded as the Central Information Bureau, provided material for preparing the Nuremberg war crimes trials. Wiener was a German-Jewish refugee who came to London. He started the library in 1934. The present director of the Wiener Library is Dr. Yehuda Bauer, a professor of modern history at Tel Aviv University who spends some time in London each year.