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POPE PRAISES GERMAN JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO GERMAN CULTURE; CRITICIZES, BY IMPLICATION, ROLE OF CHURCHES DURING ERA OF NAZISM

By David Kantor

BONN, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Pope John Paul II conferred with representatives of the Central Organization of German Jews in Mainz yesterday, the ancient Rhineland city where Jews have lived continuously for more than 900 years.

He spoke in praise of German Jews who contributed to German culture and of the declarations by Catholic bodies in West Germany in recent years calling for a broader base of understanding with the Jewish community. He criticized, by implication, the dormant role of the Church in Germany during the era of Nazi persecution.

The Pontiff refrained from mentioning Israel in the course of his dialogue with 30 prominent West German Jews representing a total Jewish population of 40,000 in the Federal Republic.

Hopes Jerusalem Will Enjoy Peace

According to participants in the meeting, his comments made no reference to the Arab-Jewish conflict and all of his references were to the "Holy Land." He expressed hope that Jerusalem will enjoy peace and prosperity and that all parties involved would cooperate toward those goals.

Last week, however, the Pope said that any Middle East solution that did not recognize Palestinian rights and the religious uniqueness of Jerusalem would be only a partial solution and he rejected it.

Much of the dialogue yesterday was devoted to the persecution of Jews by the Third Reich. Werner Nachmann, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany told the Pontiff that "the land of Israel has become a symbol of our survival after the Holocaust."

He departed from his prepared text to urge the Vatican to support the Middle East peace process based on the Camp David accords. Referring to Jerusalem, he said that never in its history was access to the holy places by people of all faiths more free than it is today.

Jews, Moslems Set Up Group To Discuss Issues of Mutual Concern

By Janice Arnold

MONTREAL, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The Jewish and Moslem communities in Canada agreed for the first time to set up a new interdenominational group to discuss local social issues of mutual concern.

Representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and the Council of the Moslem Communities of Canada reached the informal agreement following the Canadian conference on religion and peace held in Toronto last week. Catholics and Protestants have also expressed a desire to be partners in the group.

The group does not intend to become involved in Middle East issues, said CJC representative Edward Wolkove of Montreal. He listed the breakdown of family, poverty, the situation of the native peoples of Canada, and the potential for a nuclear holocaust as possible subjects of discussion.

Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel Synagogue in Toronto will sit on the planning committee for the group. Ikram Maaki, spokesman for the Moslem Council, called the agreement "a major breakthrough." Wolkove said the group's first goal will be to get Jewish and Moslems in Canada to know each other better.

Rabbi Allan Langner of Congregation Beth-El in Montreal conveyed in his address to the conference that the increasing threat of nuclear war in the world has placed increased importance on the role of religious groups in promoting peace.

ISRAEL TO GET \$785M IN ECONOMIC SUPPORT, \$1.4B IN MILITARY SALES CREDITS UNDER NEW FOREIGN AID BILL NOW IN HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE UNIT

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, went into conference today to consider the foreign aid bill for fiscal year 1981. Under the proposed legislation, Israel would receive \$785 million in economic support funds and \$1.4 billion in foreign military sales credits.

Egypt is recommended to receive \$250 million in support funds and \$550 million in military sales credits for the fiscal year. In addition, it would receive \$274 million under the Public Law 480 Food Program.

The only other Middle East country slated to receive a significant amount of aid is Jordan which would get \$100 million evenly divided between economic support funds and military sales credits. The two committees are expected to work out a foreign aid bill by the end of this week.

HURWITZ UNDER SEVERE CRITICISM BY LIKUD KNESSET FACTION FOR HIS ECONOMIC POLICIES

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz, whose economic policies are being blamed for Israel's resurgent inflation, ran into a storm of criticism in the Likud Knesset faction yesterday amid speculation that he is about to resign -- which he denies -- and demands from some MKs that he do so. Three no-confidence motions on the government's economic policies were scheduled to be introduced in the Knesset today.

The most vociferous critic was former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman who quit the Cabinet earlier this year because, among other reasons, Hurwitz threatened to slash the defense budget. Yesterday, however, Weizman accused the embattled Treasury chief of not cutting it enough.

"I went (resigned) because of your demands to slash the defense budget," Weizman said. "But since then, what did you cut? A million here, a

million there. Its only pocket money. It's not good enough and it's not good enough to keep telling the people what a catastrophe we're in. If I were in your place, Yigal, I would go to the Prime Minister as quickly as I could and resign."

Under Fire in the Cabinet

Hurwitz came under fire in the Knesset and in the Cabinet Sunday because the cost-of-living figures for October, released last Friday, showed an 11 percent rise, the second highest in Israel's history, and indicated that inflation is running at an annual rate of 138 percent, believed to be the highest in the world.

At the weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday, Hurwitz clashed bitterly with Health Minister Eliezer Shostak who charged that his economic program was responsible for the "total deterioration" of the economy and that because of it citizens were "going hungry." Shostak said he was almost ready to join a demonstration by some 10,000 people against inflation that was going on outside the Prime Minister's Office while the Cabinet was in session. The demonstration was organized by Histadrut.

Hurwitz was the only minister to vote against a proposal to provide generous compensation to the settlers of Yamit and the Raffiah district of northern Sinai who must evacuate their homes and farms next year in compliance with the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

The Finance Minister thought that payments ranging from 180,000 Shekels to 240,000 Shekels (\$40,000) were excessive. Acting Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, who sided with the rest of the Cabinet on the issue, observed that "there is no price too high to pay for peace and this is part of the peace agreement."

Hurwitz retorted that "We cannot spend more than we have. We must live by our means, not according to our appetites." The Finance Minister contends that his economic policies would be successful in stemming inflation if he had the full backing of the government and his fellow ministers agreed to cut their respective budgets.

Specific Criticisms Aired

Yesterday he was told by MK Yigael Cohen of Likud's Lham faction, "You say you have no backing. How can you have any when you keep threatening to resign?" Haim Kaufmann of Herut accused Hurwitz of controlling the economy within his small Rafi faction while shutting out the rest of Likud. "You don't listen to us at all," he said.

Menachem Savidor of Likud's Liberal Party said more far-sighted planning was needed. He told Hurwitz that the government must stop imposing price increases on basic products "day in and day out." Last Thursday, fuel prices were hiked by an average of 25 percent, the second price rise within a month. Israelis will now pay almost \$4 for the equivalent of an American gallon of gasoline and about \$2 a gallon for heating oil. Further rises are expected in the price of cooking gas and heavy oil for industry.

Hurwitz said he would not restore government subsidies for basic commodities because that would be inflationary. At the Cabinet meeting Sunday Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i

ridiculed the theory that rising oil prices caused galloping inflation. "This is a fairy tale. Japan, for example, also imports her oil and there is hardly any inflation in Japan," he said.

Much of the anger against Hurwitz stems from his proposal that the Treasury from now on prepare the national budget without consulting the various ministries in advance and that the budget be based on what the Treasury believes to be the State's resources. Welfare Minister Yigael Katz termed this "economic dictatorship." The Cabinet decided to devote a special session to the economic situation soon after Premier Menachem Begin returns from his current trip to the U.S. (Begin today cut short his 10-day trip by one day and flew back to Israel. See story P.3)

CJC TO CITE JEWISH CONCERNS IN BRIEF RECOMMENDING AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED NEW CANADIAN CONSTITUTION By Janice Arnold

MONTREAL, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- A Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) committee will present a brief containing recommendations for amendments to the proposed new Canadian constitution before a parliamentary hearing in Ottawa next week.

Irwinn Cotler, CJC national president and a McGill University constitutional law professor, said the 50-page CJC brief "addresses itself to a clause by clause analysis" of the charter of human rights. In the proposed constitution, in addition to dealing with human rights in general, the brief cites three specifically Jewish concerns.

The CJC committee wants suspected Nazi war criminals exempted from a clause which states "Any one charged with an offense has the right not to be found guilty of any act or omission that at the time of the act or omission did not constitute an offense."

The CJC also wants hate propaganda to be exempted from the freedom of expression clause, and guarantees that affirmative action programs for disadvantaged groups do not result in reverse discrimination. Cotler and the chairman of the CJC committee studying the constitution, Maxwell Cohen, former McGill dean of law and Canadian chairman of the International Joint Commission, will make the presentation in Ottawa.

THREE JABOTINSKY MEDAL WINNERS URGE BEGIN TO RELEASE KAHANE IMMEDIATELY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Three recipients of the Jabotinsky Centennial Medal have appealed to Premier Menachem Begin of Israel to release Rabbi Meir Kahane from prison where he has been incarcerated since last May and who began a hunger strike almost two weeks ago.

A letter signed by Moshe Brodetzky, Rabbi Herzl Kranz and Dr. William Perl, released by the Washington United Zionists Revisionists, urged Begin "to end the martyrdom" of Kahane and "to order his immediate unconditional release."

The letter added: "Whether we agree or disagree with some or all of his actions, there can be no doubt that the former Betari is a Jewish patriot, a man of our flesh, our blood and our spirit and nobody Ze'ev Jabotinsky has done as much as he for Jewish identification in the United States." Kahane was jailed for allegedly inciting against Arabs in Israel and in Judea and Samaria.

Meanwhile, in New York, a spokesperson for the recently formed Ad Hoc Committee to Free Meir Kahane, described the leader of the Koch movement

in Israel and the founder of the Jewish Defense League in the United States as "growing weak" from his fast. The spokesperson noted that it was ironic that Kahane continued to languish in prison "while 50 Arab terrorists were recently released as a gesture to President (Anwar) Sadat (of Egypt) and the Moslem holy day" of Id Al Adha 1st month.

BEGIN SHORTENS VISIT TO DEAL WITH NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS IN KNESSET

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) — Israeli Premier Menachem Begin was scheduled to leave for Israel tonight, cutting short his 10-day visit to the United States by one day. Begin's decision to return home earlier than planned was prompted by three opposition motions of no-confidence against the economic policy of the government. The Knesset will debate tomorrow the three motions introduced by the Labor Party, Tehiya and the Communists.

In his last public appearance today Begin addressed more than 1000 leading members of the New York Jewish community at a luncheon at the Sheraton Centre Hotel here sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal - Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Campaign. Calling for unity of efforts on behalf of Israel, Begin said that "at this crucial moment Israel expects everybody to do his duty."

Stressing Israel's yearning for peace, Begin said that the achievement of peace requires "patience." He said that the process of normalization between Egypt and Israel "is going on" and claimed that the peace between the two countries "is one of the achievements of our times."

The guests at today's luncheon were volunteer leaders, workers and contributors to the UJA-Federation campaign. The UJA-Federation 1981 drive aims to raise \$112.5 million, Peggy Tishman, advance-gift chairman of the 1981 campaign disclosed during the luncheon.

ADL RAPS GREENSBORO VERDICT

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) — Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, today welcomed the statement that Drew Days, the head of the Justice Department's civil rights division, was studying the verdict acquitting six present and former Ku Klux Klan and Nazi Party members of murder charges by a Greensboro, N.C. all-white jury "to see if there was anything we can do." The charges stemmed from the slaying of five members of the Communist Workers Party at an anti-Klan rally last fall.

In his statement, Perlmutter noted that in the past the federal government has brought criminal civil rights charges after acquittals on local charges, adding: "It would be a misreading of our judicial system for anyone to interpret the Greensboro verdict as a license for further violence by extremists."

Harold Covington, leader of the National Socialist Party of America, commonly referred to as the Nazi Party, termed the verdict "a great victory for white America. It shows we can beat the system on their own ground." A spokesman for the Communist Workers Party termed the verdict a "cover-up" and "a green light to the Klan and Nazis."

SHAMIR TELLS GERMAN LEADERS PEACE ACCORD SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY ALL By David Kantor

BONN, Nov. 18 (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said here last night that the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement stands as an island of stability in a violent Middle East and deserves the support of all nations. He said Israel hoped the European community would refrain from taking steps that could hurt the prospects for peace in the region.

The Israeli diplomat spoke at a State dinner given in his honor by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Earlier yesterday he conferred for about an hour with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and before that, had two long meetings with Genscher. Shamir also met in Munich with Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

He arrived here Sunday evening to begin a two-day official visit aimed at strengthening the dialogue between Israel and the Federal Republic. His visit precedes by less than two weeks the second stage of the European Economic Community's (EEC) Middle East initiative.

The EEC heads of state will hold their second summit meeting this year in Luxembourg, Dec. 1-2. West German diplomats acknowledge that the results of the American Presidential election and the Iraqi-Iranian war have caused Bonn and its EEC partners to reconsider their next moves in the Middle East.

Shamir said at the State dinner: "We cannot agree to decisions or plans that are worked out without being discussed with us." He was apparently referring to the EEC's Venice declaration last June which called for association of the Palestine Liberation Organization with the Middle East peace process. "Israel is unable to accept participation of a murder organization in peace talks," Shamir said. He called the PLO a key element of the international terrorist movement.

VIOLENCE FLARES UP ON WEST BANK

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) — Ten young Arabs, three of them women, were wounded by Israeli troops in flare-ups of violence on the West Bank during the past 24 hours. Five of the casualties occurred in the center of Ramallah this morning when Israeli forces opened fire on stone-throwing Arab youths wounding two women and three men.

Four other Arab youths were wounded this morning in clashes with Israeli patrols in Bethlehem. The incidents followed the wounding of a 16-year-old high school girl, Sahar Moussa Ibrahim, in a stone-throwing melee of the El-Bireh high school yesterday. She was reported in satisfactory condition at the Ramallah hospital today.

The latest wave of unrest on the West Bank was attributed to the Military Government's shut-down of Bir Zeit College after its students and faculty went on strike to protest the Israeli ban of "Palestine Week", an annual campus event. The strike touched off demonstrations by Arab youths which escalated into near riots, the erection of roadblocks and stoning of Israeli vehicles. Official reports of the incidents said Israeli troops fired their weapons only after the demonstrators refused to disperse. They fired warning shots into the air and when those had no effect, they fired toward the ground, the reports said. Most of the wounded were hit in the legs. (By David Landau)

FISHER OUTLINES TASKS OF U.S. JEWRY UNDER REAGAN ADMINISTRATION

By Murray Zuckoff

DETROIT, Nov. 18 (JTA) — Max Fisher, the noted Jewish communal leader and chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, who has been a behind-the-scenes advisor on Jewish issues and Israel to several Republican Presidents, told editors and publishers of American Jewish publications that the task of the Jewish community during the Administration of President Reagan will be "to maintain our presence" and to assure that it has "maximum input on issues of concern to us."

Addressing the American Jewish Press Association, which held its midwinter conference here in conjunction with the 49th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Fisher stressed that the most important aspect of the new Administration will be the kind of foreign policy advisor Reagan chooses.

He noted that from all indications, Reagan's transitional team as well as its preliminary choices for the posts of Secretary of State, Treasury and national security advisor are basically pro-Israel, as is the President-elect himself.

"Cites Friends of Israel"

Fisher said that among those targeted to head the State Department are Gen. Alexander Haig, former commander of the NATO forces, "a great friend of Israel"; and George Shultz, who is heading Reagan's economic policy coordinating committee and a former Treasury Secretary, also a friend of Israel. The leading candidate for the post of Treasury Secretary, Fisher added, is William Simon, who was Treasury Secretary under President Ford.

"I hope Dick (Richard) Allen will be the foreign policy advisor," Fisher said. Allen was an advisor to Nixon who left the Reagan campaign in the last week of the election windup after an article in the Wall Street Journal tugged him as having been involved in some financial irregularity while in the Nixon Administration.

Fisher also noted that Reagan's transition team includes a number of pro-Israel individuals. He mentioned Sen. Richard Stone who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Middle-East and who was defeated in the Florida Democratic primaries, Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.), and former Under-Secretary of the State, Eugene Rostow. Fisher noted that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will have "an important input" in the new Administration but that he is unlikely to be the new Secretary of State.

Fisher said he spent "a great deal of time struggling with myself" whether to support Reagan's candidacy, since he supported former President Ford as the Republican Presidential candidate. "I had three meetings with Reagan before I was reassured" that he would be "a strong ally of Israel," Fisher said.

Must Watch Out for Moral Majority

Referring to the Moral Majority, the fundamentalist rightwing Christian movement, Fisher said Reagan has already made it clear that

just because the Moral Majority supported his Presidential bid it does not follow that he supports the movement's views on every issue.

Nevertheless, Fisher said that while both the GOP and the Moral Majority are pro-Israel, if for no other reason than they are anti-Communist, "we will have to watch out for the Moral Majority." He expressed the view that Reagan will not be a President of the new right but will move toward the middle. Fisher warned, however, that historically, the extreme right is a danger to the Jewish community. He stressed several times that America is a pluralistic society and that it must remain so.

JEWISH WOMEN'S GROUPS GRATIFIED U.S. VOTED IN UN UNIT TO REJECT COPENHAGEN PROGRAM OF ACTION

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) — The Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations said in a message to President Carter that it was "deeply gratified" that the U.S. had voted against a resolution in the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly endorsing the "Program of Action" adopted at the world conference of the United Nations Decade for Women in Copenhagen last July. There had been reports earlier that the U.S. was under pressure to reverse its rejection of the program when it comes before the UN General Assembly for official adoption.

Despite the many positive aspects of the Program, the U.S. along with Canada, Australia and Israel voted against it in Copenhagen for its equation of Zionism with racism and its legitimization of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Program calls for the eradication of the "evils" of Zionism, racism, imperialism and neo-colonialism, and for economic assistance to Palestinian women inside and outside territories occupied by Israel in cooperation and consultation with the PLO.

In a letter to the White House, Leona Chanin, chairwoman of the Leadership Conference, declared that in Copenhagen the U.S. "properly opposed the action program because it reflected the infamous Zionism-is-racism equation adopted by the General Assembly five years ago this month." The cynical politicization and flagrant abuse of United Nations agencies and conferences by the Arab-Soviet-Third World bloc in behalf of the terrorist PLO continues to erode the already diminishing credibility of the United Nations system.

"We commend you for the Administration's leadership role in opposing this latest abuse of the United Nations and for recognizing that the true needs of women are subverted by the effort to exploit the United Nations Decade for Women for partisan purposes."

CORRECTION: An article in the Nov. 6 Daily Bulletin reported that incumbent Rep. Paul Findley (R. Ill.) received 77 percent of the vote in Illinois Nov. 4. However, David Robinson, the Jewish Democrat who opposed Findley in the election, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Monday that Findley had received only 55 percent of the vote and that he himself had received 45 percent of the vote. Robinson added that he ran 15 points ahead of the Democratic ticket in Illinois.

REHOVOT (JTA) — Prof. Michael Sela has been reelected for a second five-year term as president of the Weizmann Institute of Science at the conclusion of the Institute's 31st annual board meeting.