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VATICAN STATEMENT ALREADY EFFECTIVE

POPE EXONERATES JEWS

ROME (WNS) A new chapter in Catholic Church relations with non-Christian religions was written when Pope Paul VI formally and publicly promulgated an Ecumenical Council declaration exonerating Jews for all time of guilt in the crucifixion of Jesus and deploring the practice of anti-Semitism.

Promulgation of the document means that it is now binding on the faithful as an official doctrine of the Catholic Church.

Before the Pope formalized the declaration, the 2,312 prelates attending the solemn ceremony were asked to vote once again on the declaration, which was adopted on October 15 by a vote of 1,765 to 250. Obviously moved by the solemnity of the occasion and the presence of the Pope, many prelates who had previously voted against the document now voted for it. The final vote was 2,221 to 88, with three abstaining.

After the vote, Council secretary Archbishop Pericle Fellici formally informed the Pope of the results.

On promulgating the document, Pope Paul said: "May our Christian brothers, still separated from the full communion of the Catholic Church, wish to contemplate this new manifestation of its renewed face. May such contemplation come also from the followers of other religions and, among them, those who have the same relationship to Abraham, especially the Jews who are objects not of reprobation or distrust but of respect, love and hope."

ROME (WNS) A group of Jews, in the city of Trent who were executed in the fifteenth century for an alleged "ritual murder" of a two-year-old child has been exonerated by the Catholic Church after an investigation which proved them innocent.

Announcement of the development so soon after official Papal promulgation of the Vatican declaration on Jews is seen in informed sources here as indication of Church determination to implement the historic document on Catholic-Jewish relations.

The "trial" of the Jews of Trent for the "ritual murder" of two-year-old Simon of Trent took place in 1475. The child vanished late in March of that year and his body was found some two days after his disappearance by one of the twenty-five Jews living then in Trent. Since the child's body was found close to the Passover holiday, the churchmen and people in Trent, as was common in those days and for centuries thereafter, charged the child was killed so Jews could have its blood for the Passover ritual. The "trial" resulted in the conviction of all accused Jews, most of whom were put to death after being subjected to all manner of torture and humiliation.

Later, Pope Gregory XII sustained the guilt finding and declared Simon a martyr. Although never formally beatified by the Congregation of Rites, Simon of Trent over the centuries has been venerated.

Acknowledgement of the Jews' innocence was made in a pastoral letter by the Most Rev. Alessandro Gottardi, Archbishop of Trent. The current investigation of the case was conducted by the Rev. P. Eckert, a Dominican.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



Exchange of Views

Dear Jack:

About your Tell Tales column, I don't believe you have the right slant on the action of the Vatican Council. I refer you to Dr. A.L. Sachar's article in this month's issue of the National Jewish Monthly. This excerpt is particularly pertinent! "Was it really in the Jewish interest for some of our shtadlonim to hang breathlessly on the words of Catholic prelates as the Vatican Council argued out whether the Jews should be forgiven for the purported crime of the Crucifixion? After the murder in our time of 6,000,000 Jews, wasn't it

macabre and a degrading form of Mah Yofis to plead with the princes of the Catholic Church for a manifesto of absolution? Whoforgives whom -- and for what?

Then, too, I think that, historically, it's always been a fallacy to hold the Jews accountable for the Crucifixion. I recall reading a book review recently, about a book wherein the author after considerable research gave 13 reasons why it was incorrect to have blamed the Jews, in the first place. So don't get so ecstatic about the action in Rome.

Sid Peilte

Dear Sid:

It is most refreshing to receive your views concerning the Ecumenical Council's statement on the Jews.

We differ, of course, in the ultimate effect the Vatican's move will eventually have on members of our Faith throughout the world, but we respect your right to your opinion. The free flow of communication is the most enlightening means of airing differences, and therefore we shall expend every ounce of energy, every word at our command, every inch of space in this paper, to give the reading public every minute, detail of expression concerning a matter we consider of supreme importance.

Your views, Sid, reflect those of most Jewish leaders, but coming from you, a learned, dedicated member of our local Jewish community, there cannot be any possibility of an ultimate, personal motive behind your stand. Distasteful as it may sound, professional Jews - those who make a living from our religion - no matter how pious and devoted they are to our Faith, despite the absolute necessity of their unquestionable contributions to the enhancement and promulgation of our Belief, there still remains the possibility of an onus that could be a reflection of their attitudes.

There is no question the suffering and deprivations of the Jews throughout the centuries, have been one of the most driving and important forces in the determination of our People to sustain, defying overwhelming odds, proving unparalleled human stamina and setting a chapter in world history that challenges every other Spiritual denomination since the beginning of time. Misery likes company. While no one prefers to be miserable, if misery is thrust upon you, there's comfort in having someone else along.

The very reasons you advance, Sid, for minimizing the importance of the Vatican's statement, are the self-same arguments we state to show pronouncement of the Catholic Cardinals is the most significant circumstance to come into the life of every Jew alive today with continuing effect on our children and children's children and Jews forevermore. As a renowned lawyer, you Sid, more so than a layman are aware of cases in court where both the defendant's and plaintiff's attorneys present identical precedents to prove opposite sides of the same case. That is precisely what we maintain.

We do not deny the Jews have suffered from anti-Semi-

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Meet Jerry Camhi



JERRY CAMHI

by Claire Dase

Six feet tall, with grey wavy hair, blue eyes, rugged features, a large smile and an enveloping personality. Such is "Uncle Jerry", known to the community of

Las Vegas from his appearances on T.V. under this name. How it started? For this let us go back to March 21st, 1916, to Rochester, N.Y. Morris and Grace Camhi, originally from Monastir, Turkey, a strict Sephardic family became parents of Jerry, the third from the youngest of seven children.

He recall that his school days started at P.S. 9, and his education included Washington Junior High, and Ben Franklin High School, from which he graduated in 1933.

He insists that he was very ordinary pupil, with no particular ambition, merely to complete his schooling, and to be able to get out into the world and find out what it was all about. He started

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RABBI GOLD'S SERMON

The Ecumenical Council Statement

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM
FRIDAY BE THERE EVENING

RIGA (WNS) The prosecution opened its case against six Latvians accused of involvement in the killing of thousands of Jews in the Latvian town of Rezenke with testimony to the effect that the murderers were so efficient that only one Jew of the town managed to survive the massacre.

The only survivor was Jacob Israeli, who was then fourteen years old. He escaped death because he was in hiding with a Christian family. Three of the defendants are being tried in absentia. One of the absentee defendants, the prosecution said, is in West Germany, another in the United States and the third one in Canada.

Among the three defendants in person, two are former police officers and one a former chief of the Rezenke prison. All of the accused on trail interposed a plea of innocence on the ground that they had been minor cogs in the Nazi wheel.

JACK COBERT BAR MITZVAH



JACKIE

Jackie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cobert will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah Saturday November 6th at Temple Beth Sholom. Rabbi Gold and Cantor Kohn will officiate.

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, THE AUCTION-RAFFLE DRAWING EVENING OF SUNDAY, NOV. 14, WHERE HOLDERS OF \$50 TICKETS FOR THE \$7,500 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL ARE INVITED GUESTS, WILL BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. FOR \$5 DONATION YOU WILL RECEIVE A DELUXE DINNER, ENJOY A FULL PROGRAM OF TOP ENTERTAINMENT AND TAKE PART IN THE AUCTION OF \$50,000 IN CHOICE MERCHANDISE. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO TEMPLE HEBREW NEW CLASSROOM FUND.

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Friday Nov. 5

Jack Snyder
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Eugene Weiss
Benjamin Reise
Jacob Peilte
Sol Braiker
Asher Kochberg

Sharon Wynn Unrot
Ida Haber