

POPE HEARS AJC LEADERS

NEW YORK--In a special audience with Pope Paul VI in Rome, a delegation of leaders of the American Jewish Committee, expressed concern for what they called "the recent apparent mis-interpretation of the Vatican position concerning Jerusalem and the holy places therein" and requested "clarification, making the distinction between the safeguarding of the holy places and the status of the city as a whole."

The delegation's comment as to "apparent misinterpretation of the

Vatican position" referred to two recent editorials in the newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, which reflects official Church attitudes, indicating that the Vatican considered favoring the internationalization of Jerusalem.

In reply, the Pontiff declared, through an interpreter, that he would pray and work "so that there will be peace, and that a just solution will be found to the question of Jerusalem and the question of the holy places, so that peace will reign for all in the Holy Land."

The delegation, consisting of 30 leaders of AJC chapters across the United States, had just completed a two week tour of Israel, during which they had meetings with Prime Minister Golda Meir, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Walworth Barbour, representatives of the Arab and Druze com-

munities, members of the Knesset (Parliament) and other dignitaries.

Pope Paul VI opened the special audience with a prepared statement in English, in which he commended the activities of the American Jewish Committee in the area of Jewish-Christian collaboration and urged that "the directives of the Vatican Council be put into practice so that, through the development of a better understanding and a deeper respect between Christians and Jews, they may be able to work together in the task of serving peace of all mankind."

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Mayor Teddy Kollek dedicated a street in the Kiryat Yovel section of the city in honor of the Dominican Republic for its diplomatic support of Israel during the past 22 years.

WASHINGTON (WNS)--Rabbi Simon Burnstein of the Southwest Orthodox Hebrew Congregation conducted a Passover seder for eight inmates, five white and three black, at this city's reformatory, the Lorton Complex in nearby Virginia.

NEW YORK (WNS)--The Italian-American Civil Rights League, founded several months ago to combat "the persecution of the Italian people," has been working closely with the Jewish Defense League on several projects.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Another plane load of Soviet Jews landed at Lydda Airport carrying, for the first time in months, two Jewish families from the remote Georgia SSR. They said there were 70,000 Jews in Georgia and they all wanted to immigrate to Israel.

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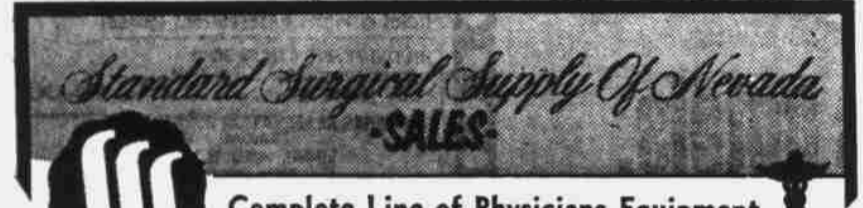


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