

**CATHOLICS: JEWS BOUND TO ISRAEL**

WASH. (WNS) -- The National Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting here voted 190-6 to adopt a 12-page statement acknowledging the Jewish people's historic "bond" to the land of Israel and calling on Catholics "to understand this link" without denying "the legitimate rights of other concerned parties" in the Mideast.

The phrase regarding legitimate rights was inserted at the insistence of Archbishop Joseph Twaiil of West Newton, Mass., a Melchite Rite prelate, who observed that the current fighting in Lebanon is of concern to all in the Mideast. The statement made it clear that the "appreciation of this link (that Jews have with Israel) is not to give assent to any particular religious interpretation of this bond nor to deny the legitimate rights of other concerned parties in the region. Nor is it to adopt any political stance in the controversy over the

Middle East, which is beyond the purview of this statement."

The bishops' statement also hailed the historic changes in Jewish-Catholic relations effected by the Second Vatican Council 10 years ago and called for further Catholic action to advance "the fruitful" communication. The statement declared "We reaffirm our wholehearted commitment to the principles" of the Second Vatican Council's "Nostra Aetate" declaration "as well as the directives of the guidelines" issued last year by the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews recently published by the Holy See to implement its principles.

All dioceses in the U.S. were urged by the bishops to give "special attention" to "create and support whatever instrument or agency is appropriate for carrying out the recommendations of 'Nostra Aetate'."

**ISRAELITE ADS PAY**

**PEARL BAILEY CHARMS UN DELEGATES**

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The noted singer Pearl Bailey, recently appointed a Special Advisor to the U.S. Delegation, made her debut in the General Assembly in a speech in which she took strong objection to the Cuban Delegation who, she said, had "tried to divert the meeting from its business by discussing something which is so far afield from its agenda."

The Cuban had injected into the discussion on decolonization the question of Puerto-Rican 'independence' which through a referendum in 1967 mustered only 39% of those who voted for statehood and less than 1% for independence.

After having read out the official U.S. statement stressing the American position, Miss Bailey paused a bit and then decided to say something on her own.

Turning her renowned charm on the delegates, she spoke out from her heart and said: "That was my

first statement and it was written. It was meant and it was honest. Now I shall make my second statement -- with no paper, with nothing -- from the heart and from the head. I do not know if members have been addressed this way before," she said, "but I have waited long to stand here and I stand here under God's truth, in all honesty seeking nothing but truth, brotherhood and the

will of God that everybody here should get together and get these bricks together.

"I tremble not from fear of standing before men," she continued, "but I tremble at the very thought that men and women who sit and dare to breathe the God-given air say: 'We shall be together' and still fight. No, there is no written speech. No representative sent me up here to say this, because no man knows my heart.

There is no paper. I reply to the representative of Cuba not from lack of experience. I am 57 year old; I do not look it and I do not intend to look it. (General laughter). This is the first time I have heard you laugh. Thank God... I come from the world of the theatre, which keeps its hand on the pulse and the heart of men of all humanity. I believe in humanism; I believe in more than brotherhood.

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