International Medical Unit Opposes Demand Abortion

Oslo, Norway — (NC) — The International Medical Congress expressed strong opposition to abortion on demand at its meeting here.

Delegates from the medical congresses of 40 countries, with only one dissenting vote, approved the so-called "Oslo Statement on Abortion," which stated that abortions would be performed for therapeutic reasons only.

The statement said that a decision to terminate a pregnancy should be approved by two qualified physicians, who should sign a statement of approval.

The statement also declared:

• An abortion should be performed only by a physician

specially trained for it in a publicly recognized hospital;

- A physician must have the right to refuse the request to handle an application for abortion if his conscience opposes abortion;
- A physician who refuses to handle an abortion has a duty to see that the matter is taken up by another qualified physician.

The Oslo Statement is intended as guidelines for physicians throughout the world, provided that it is accepted by the medical association of the countries represented at the congress and provided that it does not conflict with the laws of any country in which it is accepted.

Spanish Grammarians Limit Uses of 'Jew'

Madrid — (NC) — The Academy of the Spanish language, official arbiter of the nation's written word, is deleting a derogatory definition of the word "Jew" from its newest dictionary.

Earlier Academy dictionaries have defined "judio" (Jew) as a usurer, as well as a member of a religious group, and defined the derivative "judiada" as usury. The new edition will delete the offensive definition of "judio" and eliminate the word "judiada" entirely, a spokesman for the Association to Promote Judeo-Christian Friendship announced here.

The defamatory definitions in previous editions have been copied in many dictionaries abroad, including several Span-

ish-English dictionaries published in the United States.

English dictionaries published in the United States contain similarily derogatorý definitions.

The 1969 edition of the American Heritage Dictionary contains the expression "to jew down," meaning to bargain by haggling in prices; and the 1967 Random House Dictionary of the English Language lists a similar definition for the word "jew."

The Third Edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary gives an alternative definition for the noun jew as "a person believed to drive a hard bargain," and says the verb "jew" means "to cheat by sharp business practices."

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Yaounde, Cameroon — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has named Father Paul Zergzekov of Buea as first bishop of the newlycreated diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon The diocese, part of the Archdiocese of Yaounde, has a population of 600,000, in-

cluding 97,913 Roman Catholics. Bishop-elect Zergzekov, 39, was ordained in 1961. He is the editor of the monthly magazine, Cameroon Panorama.

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