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ISRAEL CABINET HOLDS TWO SESSIONS ON PRAGUE TRIAL; HEARS ENVOY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today devoted its entire morning and afternoon meetings to hearing a report from Dr. Ariele Kubovi, Israel's Minister to Czechoslovakia, on the proceedings of the Prague "purge" trial at which Israel was vilified.

(Eleven of the fourteen defendants at the trial were hanged in Prague this morning. Nine of them were Jews. All former Communist Party and Czechoslovak Government officials, they were convicted of "Zionist and Trotzkyite" plotting against the state. Three other defendants, including two Jews, were sentenced to life terms.)

Dr. Kubovi, who was summoned home by Premier David Ben Gurion to present a detailed report on the trial, which was strongly anti-Jewish, may not return to his post in Prague. The Cabinet will decide whether he should go back to Czechoslovakia, or whether the affairs of the Israel legation there should be conducted by a Charge d'Affaires.

Czech Legation in Israel Publishes Provocative Statement

In the meantime, great resentment was generated here today against the Czech Legation for publishing this morning a bulletin in Hebrew on the Prague trial in which it stated that "the testimony of the American spy, the Zionist Orenstein, discloses that the plot (to overthrow the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia) was based on a secret agreement between President Truman, U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Israel Premier David Ben Gurion and Henry Morgenthau, Jr."

The statement apparently refers to S. Orenstein, an Israeli citizen now under arrest in Czechoslovakia. The bulletin put out here by the Czech Legation added: "It emanates from the agreement that a plan had been prepared containing conditions under which the United States Government agreed to support Israel in exchange for Israel's supporting American plans for world domination through all Zionist organizations throughout the world."

A conference of Israeli authors and poets convened in Tel Aviv to consider the effects of the Prague trial today protested the charges levelled at the Zionist movement by the Czech authorities at the trial. Expressing anxiety for the fate of the Jews in the Soviet satellite countries, the writers called on learned men throughout the world to check the "dirty wave endangering humanity." They also voiced the hope that the Prague trial would serve as a "lesson" to all sections of Jewry on the need to united around the Zionist flag and Israel, "which is the only way for Jews."

U.S. JEWISH GROUPS COMPARE PRAGUE TRIAL TO NAZI ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Leaders of major American Jewish organizations declared in a statement today that the "purge" trial in Czechoslovakia incontrovertibly reveals that the Communist-dominated regimes of Eastern Europe have resorted to the stimulation of anti-Semitism "as a propaganda device for justifying and defending their regimes and as a means of diverting their enslaved peoples from the contemplation of their slavery."

The trials and their handling in the controlled Communist press, the Jewish organizations said, provided final evidence giving the lie to any claims of the Communists that they are concerned about the equal protection of minorities and are opposed to racism. The Jewish leaders expressed anxiety "about the fate of the two and a half million Eastern European Jews who managed to survive the Hitler holocaust who are now sealed behind the Iron Curtain."

Signing the statement were: Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee; Jesse Moss, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans; Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and Irving Kane, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body for these groups and for twenty-eight local Jewish community councils throughout the United States; and by Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

"Throughout the free world," the statement said, "free men will condemn and recoil from the newest evidence of that Communist cynicism and duplicity which had led the Kremlin to embrace the most revolting of the policies of the Nazis -- with whom, when it suits their purposes, they make common cause."

Sharply revealing "that Communism cannot tolerate the democratic spirit," the Jewish leaders said, is "its baseless attack on that newest outpost of democracy in the Near East, the young state of Israel."

Voice of America Broadcasts Jewish Views on Prague Trial

The Voice of America today broadcast a statement by Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, declaring that the Prague "purge" trial means that "anti-Semitism, under Communism, has openly emerged as an instrument of totalitarian state policy." Mr. Goldman pointed out that the men convicted at Prague as "Zionist plotters" never had any appreciation of Jewish traditions, culture and religion, nor any relationship to Jewish life "other than to participate actively in smashing in Czechoslovakia those very things for which Jewish ideals strive."

The prediction that the Prague trial will create a split in the pro-Soviet Mapam Party in Israel was made here today at a press conference by Dr. James Heller, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America. The Pioneer Women, women's Labor Zionist group in the United States, issued a statement condemning the Prague trial and emphasizing that the hatred displayed against Jews and Israel by the Czechoslovak satellite of Soviet Russia resembles the anti-Semitism of Czarism and Hitlerism, in that it is based upon the ancient and discredited libel of "international Jewish conspiracy."

A "deep sense of revulsion" at the "obviously anti-Semitic conduct" of the Prague trial was expressed today in Montreal in a joint statement by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Zionist Council of Canada. Samuel Bronfman of Montreal, president of the Congress, and Edward E. Gelber of Toronto, president of the Council, said that the trial "must mean the beginning of a new era of anxiety and repression" for Jews in Communist countries.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WARNS CZECH GOVT. AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The European branch of the World Jewish Congress executive today warned the Czechoslovak Government that the path it took at the Prague trial leads to the kind of race hatred that was responsible for the destruction of the historic Czech town of Lidice.

In a resolution on the Prague trial, the W. J. C. pointed out that it had once been Czechoslovakia's "proud claim" that anti-Semitism like other forms of racial discrimination was forbidden by basic law. "It is therefore with deep distress and anxiety for the future," the resolution said, that the Congress "notes that during the trial the prosecutor persistently underlined the Jewish origin of many of the defendants and accused the Zionist movement of being an instrument of certain states against other states, and has treated the idea of Jewish nationhood as inconsistent with civil loyalty and a crime against the state."

There is "no vestige of justification" in these charges, the Congress said, warning that the effects of the charges on the public mind can "only produce racial prejudice and hatred of the most dangerous kind" and would put "ammunition of the most explosive kind in the hands of anti-Semites in Czechoslovakia and throughout the world." To pursue the line of the trial "will lead the world back to the horrors and barbarism from which in 1945 all had hoped it had freed itself forever."

(In New York, the World Jewish Congress office today reported that messages received here "reveal that Jewish communities throughout the world have been deeply disquieted by the plainly anti-Semitic character of the Prague trial and the consequent suicide of leading Jews there." Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, W. J. C. leader, said that events in Prague indicate that Jews in Czechoslovakia and other Soviet dominated countries "will now become the victims of a regime of suspicion and mounting discrimination.")

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry today denounced the Prague trial as an attempt to use the Jews as a "scapegoat" to divert the attention of the Czech masses from internal matters. The council issued a statement declaring: "In conformity with the pattern put to such dread use by Hitler and Goebbels, the Communists, masters of once-free Czechoslovakia, have chosen the Jews as scapegoats in the Prague trial. It is clear that their object is to rally the masses and divert attention from internal administrative problems. Information reaching Sydney indicates this may be only the beginning of a direct attack on 2,500,000 Jews isolated behind the iron curtain."

EBAN CONFERS WITH MORGENTHAU, MONTOR ON THEIR RESIGNATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Ambassador Eban, accompanied by Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, representative of the Israel Ministry of Finance, today conferred with Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and Henry Montor. After the meeting, Ambassador Eban said:

"I am confident that the difficulties which had arisen in the administrative relations of the Government of Israel with the leaders of the Israel bond organization will shortly be overcome as a result of an awaited communication from Mr. Ben Gurion. I appeal to all supporters of the Israel bonds to maintain and intensify their efforts without interruption."

Ambassador Eban and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., will jointly lead the Big Day activities arranged by the bond organization for Dec. 14. (From Jerusalem it was reported today that Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister, cabled Mr. Montor inviting him to come to Israel for consultations in connection with the resignations.)

ARAB CONTINUE TO OPPOSE U.N. PLAN FOR TALKS WITH ISRAEL

UNIONED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 3. (JTA) — The Arab countries today continued their opposition at the U. N. Special Political Committee against the plan for direct Arab-Israel peace talks. At the same time, Pakistan, backed by the Arabs, submitted to the Political Committee a resolution urging the expansion of the Palestine Conciliation Commission from its present three members to five members and to move its headquarters to Jerusalem. The resolution was sponsored by three non-Arab — but Moslem — countries, Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan.

In introducing the resolution Prof. Akbar Bokhari of Pakistan said that it should be considered side by side with the other resolution before the committee -- the call for direct negotiations by eight neutral powers.

Prof. Bokhari said that the "jungle was being allowed to take over again" as far as the Palestine Conciliation Commission was concerned. The powers of the Commission have been weakened hit by hit, he said.

That was why, he stressed, his delegation deemed it wise to submit the new draft resolution. He did not question the "fine" motives which underlay the eight-power resolution, but he asked how there could be direct negotiations without any common ground on which to start. The Pakistan delegate answered his own question by asserting that the decisions already taken by the United Nations provided such common ground.

Dr. Sa'ad el Jazali of Iraq called the Israeli peace plan a "peace offensive declared by the Zionists in America." He said that there was nothing new in it -- it was a line of propaganda which the Jews had been using for a long time. The Iraqi delegate asserted that the Arabs wanted peace. "But it is one thing to talk about peace and another to bring about conditions for an honorable settlement."

"Believe me," he said, "all talk went bring about peace. A change of heart is needed on the part of the Jews, a change of attitude and a readiness to recognize the other side's rights." Dr. Jazali asserted that a meeting between the Arabs and the Israelis would serve no purpose unless it was based on United Nations resolutions.

"No Israeli sovereignty can deter the United Nations from fulfilling its functions," the representative of Iraq maintained. "Israeli sovereignty is conditioned on the final settlement of frontiers and populations." The present armistice lines are not final, as Israel wishes them to be considered, he insisted.

Israel Delegation Rejects Moslem Proposal

An Israeli delegation spokesman said today that the three-power proposal to increase the membership of the Palestine Conciliation Commission "would go against the entire current of thinking in the United Nations today. The time has come to emphasize the direct responsibility of the parties, not the intermediate functions of international organs," he said. "This proposal would perpetuate past deadlocks and tend to divert the parties from their responsibility of direct settlement."

Late yesterday, South Arabian delegate Amey W. DeJany, opposed the proposals for peace negotiations set forth by Israeli delegate Abba Eban. He accused the Israeli representatives of offering "nothing new" and of withholding the Arab states.

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KNESSET REJECTS MOTION TO POSTPONE ISRAEL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- A proposal to postpone the election of a new President of Israel for twelve months as a mark of respect to the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, was today rejected by the Parliamentary rules committee. The proposal made by two deputies who recently split away from the Mapam Party was turned down because, the committee said, it had been submitted too late and all preparations have been concluded for the election.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Parliament that four candidates were named for the Office of President before the deadline for filing of nominations expired. The election will take place in the Knesset Dec. 8.

The four candidates are: Isaac Ben Zvi, nominated by the Mapai Party; Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, named by the Mapam; Dr. Peretz Bernstein, candidate of the General Zionists; and Rabbi Mordecai Nurok, behind whom all religious parties have united.

Since no party or bloc candidate can command an outright majority in the Knesset, it is likely that after the first or second ballot several of the candidates will be eliminated, probably leaving the field to Mr. Ben Zvi and Rabbi Nurok. Since Mr. Ben Zvi's party commands the largest single bloc of votes, his chances are deemed best by observers here.

ISRAEL ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF RESIGNS; MAKLEFF NAMED NEW HEAD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today accepted "with regret" the resignation of Gen. Yigal Yadin as Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Army and immediately named Gen. Mordechai Makleff his successor. Gen. Makleff at 32 is believed to be the youngest Chief of Staff of an army anywhere in the world.

At a brief ceremony in the Premier's Office, Mr. Ben Gurion, who is also Minister of Defense, read Gen. Yadin's letter of resignation. Afterwards, with the Ministers lined up on one side of the room and high ranking Army officers on the other, Gen. Yadin handed over his standard as Chief of Staff to Mr. Ben Gurion. Mr. Ben Gurion then read the official proclamation appointing Gen. Makleff and handed the standard to him.

After accepting the symbol of his new rank, Gen. Makleff said: "I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I know what a difficult and dangerous job we face; our army is the army of a small state encircled by many enemies plotting against our safety. But with your guidance and the help of the Premier-Minister of Defense as well as my colleagues, I hope to stand up to the task of securing our state."

Gen. Makleff, who was born at Motza, a suburb of Jerusalem, was left an orphan when his parents were murdered by Arabs in the riots of 1929. He served with the Jewish Brigade and with the British Army. When the war with the Arab states ended in an armistice in 1948, he was commander of the northern front. For the past two years he has been second in command of the Israel forces. He recently returned from studying abroad and from inspection tours of British, European and American forces based in Europe.

Gen. Yadin has served as Chief of Staff for the past three years. Unofficial reports state that the General, who is one of Israel's leading archaeologists, will now devote himself to his studies.

RECESSION IN U.S. WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT ISRAEL, HARRIMAN WARNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- A prolonged recession in the United States would make Israel's difficult economic problems "utterly unmanageable," W. Averell Harriman, Director for Mutual Security, declared tonight in an address to more than 400 Jewish leaders attending a testimonial dinner given by the Palestine Economic Corporation at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Harriman said that a "recession here would cut our imports and have a shattering affect abroad. Moreover, it would spread to other countries, shrink their purchasing power and reduce their ability to buy the goods which Israel has to sell." The Mutual Security Director added that a recession in the United States "would also tend to dry up private sources of assistance and capital investment so vital to Israel during the next years."

The United States, Mr. Harriman asserted, "must maintain a dynamic expanding economy, not only for our own sake, or for Israel, but for the sake of the whole free world." Mr. Harriman also expressed confidence that "the strains and frictions which now exist between Israel and its neighbors will be ameliorated and ultimately removed by the economic upbuilding and social improvement of the whole Middle East."

Palestine Economic Corporation Honors Builders of Israel

Alan M. Stroock who served as chairman of the dinner, announced that guests had subscribed to more than \$500,000 worth of P. E. C. stock in honor of "Six Builders of Israel." The P. E. C. testimonial dinner honored the following as "Builders of Israel !"

Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, widow of the late co-founder of the P. E. C. , whose \$500,000 gift to Israel led to the formation of the Warburg Foundation for Settling Immigrants in Israel, in which the Israel Government and the P. E. C. are participants; William O'Neil, president of the General Tire and Rubber Co. , of Akron, O. , which sponsors of the General Tire and Rubber Co. of Israel, now in full production.

Also Joseph Mazer, treasurer of the Hudson Pulp and Paper Co. , and motivating force, with the P. E. C. , behind the American-Israeli Paper Mills, Israel's first paper plant; Joseph Levy, president of Crawford Clothes, and together with the P. E. C. the builder of Israel's two largest and most modern office structures, located in Tel Aviv; Leonard Ratner, Cleveland industrialist and philanthropist who has joined the P. E. C. in the construction of a large lumber mill in the Haifa Bay area; and David Bernstein, representing the American Biltrite Rubber Co. , of Chelsea, Mass. , which has invested with the P. E. C. in building in Israel a synthetic shoe sole and heel plant,

ISRAEL WILL EXTRACT 100,000 TONS OF COPPER ORE WITHIN SEVEN MONTHS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The State of Israel will extract 100,000 tons of copper ore from the ancient site of King Solomon's Mines within seven months, it was predicted here today at a press conference by Abraham Dor, chief engineer of Israel Mining Industries, who arrived recently for a nationwide speaking tour on behalf of the State of Israel bond issue.