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VIOLENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS STARTED BY COMMUNISTS IN GERMANY

BONN, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The violent campaign opened yesterday by the Central Committee of East Germany's Communist Party against "capitalist Jewry" and "agents of Zionism" was likened here today to the virulent Nazi propaganda against Jews.

The belief was expressed here today that the anti-Jewish campaign, which found its expression in a resolution made public yesterday in Berlin by the East German Communist Party, is intended to impress former Nazis who are still strongly anti-Jewish. The resolution accused Paul Merker, a pre-war member of the German Communist Politbureau, of praising the Jewish Agency in 1944 and of subsequently "trying to find a way for Zionist agents to enter Germany as spies and diversionists."

Merker, who was the leader of the German Communists in Mexico during World War II, is also accused in the resolution of urging the return of all Nazi-confiscated Jewish property to its former Jewish owners. Other German Communists are charged with having associated with Merker in "glorifying" Zionism. The resolution emphasizes that Zionism is "ruled in Palestine by American imperialism."

DR. GOLDMANN ASSAILS COMMUNIST ATTACKS ON JEWS AND ZIONISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency and president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, today issued a statement assailing the attacks made by the German Communist Party against Jews and Zionism. The statement reads:

"Copying the pattern set by the Prague trials, the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party of East Germany yesterday published resolutions which seek to use Zionism as an excuse for the internal purge now going on in the Communist ranks in East Germany.

"The inner convulsions of the Communist regimes and the Cominform, and the guilt or innocence of Communist leaders, are not the concern of Jewry or of Communism. However, all Jews and Zionists were shocked by the attempts of the Prague regime to make the movement of Jewry's national renaissance the scapegoat for Communist political expediency. The allegation of the existence of 'an international Zionist conspiracy' in cooperation with 'agents of imperialism,' seems to have been intended by the Prague rulers to deflect the people's wrath from their disastrous policies. We shudder to think of the effect this has had on the security of Czech Jews.

"Attacks on Zionism and 'Jewish capitalists' come with extremely poor grace from the rulers of East Germany, for no one accepts the Communist contention that

conversion to Communism has absolved the East Germans from guilt for Nazi crimes which is the common responsibility of all Germans.

Calls Anti-Jewish Stand of German Communists "Shameless"

"Herr Merker, a deposed member of the East Germany Politbureau, is alleged to have favored a German subsidy for immigration into Israel and to have praised the rescue efforts of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. I know nothing of Herr Merker's alleged position or utterances. But it is shameless for the Socialist Unity Party to denounce such a position, if indeed this was Herr Merker's position, as a reprehensible act.

"On behalf of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, and on behalf of the Israel Government, I have repeatedly stressed that it is Germany's responsibility to pay for the resettlement of Nazism's victims in Israel. Israel demanded \$1,000,000,000 from West Germany and \$500,000,000 from East Germany. West Germany has made its settlement in the amount of \$822,000,000, soon to be ratified by the Bundestag. East Germany has kept silent on Israel's and Jewry's demand. In addition to paying for the resettlement of refugees, West Germany has also committed itself to pay indemnity and restitution to individuals. Some restitution has already been paid. Additional legislation will soon be passed to extend these indemnity benefits.

"East Germany has done nothing in this regard. The resolution published Sunday implies that one of Herr Merker's errors was that he urged 'the restoration of all Jewish property to its former owners.' I do not know whether Herr Merker has done so. However, the Socialist Party publicly refuses restitution and seeks to benefit from the Nazi-Aryan laws under which this property was confiscated.

"The resolution adopted Sunday follows on the heels of an all-out campaign in the East German press against West Germany's agreement with Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The Socialist Unity Party now attacks Zionists and 'Jewish capitalists' in the best manner of the Nazi Party. Its wordage seems to have been lifted from the Nazi lexicon. Is it determined to become the instrument of neo-Nazism? The answer seems to be implicit in the resolution adopted by the Socialist Unity Party."

Jews in England Indignant Over German Communist Slurs

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Indignation was expressed by Jewish leaders here today over the resolution published by the Central Committee of the East German Communist Party in Berlin yesterday declaring that the demands for compensation for Jewish victims of Nazism are "an attempted theft of German property."

Reports received today by the Jewish Agency offices here state that the Communist resolution, which is outspokenly anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist, says that when Jewish capital was confiscated by the Nazis, all that happened was that property of Jewish monopoly capitalists was transferred to Aryan monopoly capitalists.

This statement is "an insult to the memory of six million Jewish victims of German Nazi bestiality," S. Levenberg, representative of the Jewish Agency, said in a statement issued here today. "It is an attempt to whitewash the greatest crime in history."

Emphasizing that the Berlin Communist resolution is framed "in the old Nazi anti-Semitic style," Mr. Levenberg said: "The revival of the anti-Semitic campaign in East Germany, backed by official quarters, is a most disturbing development. Following so closely after the Prague trial, the new anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish drive in East Berlin is a challenge and a warning to the Jewish people."

ISRAEL CABINET MEMBERS DIFFER ON PROPERTY TAX ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Economic Affairs ended in a stalemate last night when members of the Mapai and General Zionist Parties, the major partners in the Israel government coalition, failed to agree on a general property tax. The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, at which time a compromise is expected.

The laborites, headed by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, insisted upon immediate passage by Parliament of the property tax in order to provide badly needed revenue for the government. The centrist General Zionist Party, which is largely representative of middle class interests, fought the tax.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet yesterday instructed Pinchas Lavon, Mapai, Minister without portfolio, Joseph Serlin, General Zionist, Minister of Health, and Moshe Shapiro, Poale Mizrahi, Minister of Religion and Welfare, to form a committee to draft a law providing for compulsory state education and a law reforming the election statute, as pledged by the major two parties in their agreement to set up a coalition.

The Knesset was today scheduled to approve the appointment of the following Vice Ministers: Joseph Ephrati, Mapai, Agriculture; Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Poale Mizrahi, Religion; and Rabbi S. Rosenberg, Mizrahi, Welfare.

JEWISH AGENCY MAPS PLANS FOR 30,000 NEW IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL

PARIS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Plans to facilitate the immigration to Israel of some 30,000 Jews from various European countries and North Africa were worked out here at a conference of Jewish Agency immigration directors from 12 different countries.

Special emphasis was laid on the need to bring 8,000 Jews from southern Tunisia to Israel. It was also decided to attempt to attract more middle class immigrants to the Jewish State, and to improve the health of immigrants while they were waiting to go to Israel.

(A total of 23,700 immigrants arrived in Israel in 1952, according to provisional figures released in Jerusalem today by the Jewish Agency. Included in the total are the following figures: from Morocco, Tunis and Algiers, 7,652; from Tripoli, 1,150; from Persia, 4,860; from Rumania--during the first few months of the year only--3,712; from various European countries, 1,060; and from various American countries, 800.)

BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH TRUMAN ON ARMS SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, had a half-hour private conference at the White House today with President Truman. Mr. Blaustein stated that several broad subjects were discussed, including the economic and arms situation in the Middle East, as well as the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and the implementation of the report of the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization.

EGYPT SETS DEADLINE FOR BONN TO ANSWER ON PACT WITH ISRAEL

BONN, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Egyptian Premier Gen. Mohammed Naguib has given the West German Government until January 10 to make a final decision on its attitude toward the Israel reparations pact, it was reported here today. Until that date, the report said, Gen. Naguib will take no retaliatory action against West Germany as he has threatened if Bonn does not abrogate the pact.

PLANS TO INCREASE ISRAEL'S EXPORTS TO U. S. ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Measures to increase Israel's exports to the United States, which amounted to \$10,000,000 last year, were announced here today by the economic department of the Jewish Agency.

The plans now under way to increase the sale of Israel products in this country include the establishment of an advisory committee in the United States composed of experts in different fields to offer specific recommendations and guidance to Israel exporters with regard to merchandising, clearing and warehousing, designing and packaging, banking and financing, and similar matters. The members of the committee will also concentrate on finding additional outlets for Israel goods in the United States.

Another project is the initiation of market research by competent U. S. organizations to provide Israel manufacturers with vital information as to the marketability of products in America. The formation of the committee and arrangements for market research are expected to be completed within the next few weeks, the announcement said.

Felix Manor, director of the Israel Export Institute, recently revealed that the bulk of Israel's exports to the United States were diamonds. He emphasized that exports of other manufactured items show "promising beginnings." Among these he listed raincoats, shoes, gift articles, knitted outerwear, chocolates, books and religious articles. He explained that canned fruits and vegetables, essential oils, aluminum and brass household ware, clocks and watches, could also be manufactured in Israel for export to the United States.

ISRAEL HINTS IT WILL DISCUSS EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE AT U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Egyptian blockade against Israel may be brought up for discussion at the United Nations, it was hinted here last night by a spokesman of the Israel delegation. Commenting on a statement by the Egyptian delegation here that shipments of food to Israel are being allowed through the Suez Canal without interference, the Israel spokesman said:

"The Egyptian promise to stop interfering with Israel food imports is welcome as far as it goes. However, Egypt is under obligation to abandon all regulations and practices of blockade with respect to all commodities or cargoes bound for Israel ports. The resolution of the Security Council of Sept. 1, 1951 opposed all such restrictions and upheld the right of Israel and all other states to trade freely with each other through the Canal.

"The Security Council was especially insistent in opposing Egypt's illicit ban on the passage of oil tankers through the Canal. The Council also rejected Egypt's claim of belligerency which is the central cause of all the present tension. Thus, the statement of the Egyptian delegation leaves the situation as it was when the Security Council made its ruling.

"It is completely proper and 'in place' for Israel to discuss in the United Nations the whole question of the Egyptian blockade regulations. We shall not abandon this matter so long as the illicit blockade is in force to any degree in defiance of the Security Council's ruling."

ISRAEL'S VIEW ON ARMS TO ARABS PRESENTED TO STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban met with Secretary of State Dean Acheson today for a discussion of the shipment of arms from the West to Arab states and, following the meeting, told newsmen that he was "certain that our anxiety is being very sympathetically considered."

Mr. Eban stated that the expression of concern which he made today to Secretary Acheson was similar to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett's previous statement on the same subject. Mr. Eban said that he had expressed hope that those in charge of the Western policy should take into account the fact that Arab states claim a state of war with Israel, refuse to negotiate peace, and maintain a blockade against Israel.

Sec. Acheson was told that the Arabs' continued belligerent attitude should be a limiting factor with regard to the supply of arms to those countries. Mr. Eban insisted that the British policy of selling jet planes to Arab states was "unfortunate."

U. N. SENDS DUTCH EXPERT TO ADVISE ISRAEL ON AGRICULTURE

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. R. P. Lammers, prominent Dutch engineer, will soon proceed from here to Israel to advise the government there on agricultural problems, it was announced here today. He has been assigned to this task by the technical assistance administration of the United Nations.

A resolution urging the facilitation of emigration of Jews from Holland to Israel was adopted here at a convention of the Zionist Association of Netherland. As a result of this resolution, Zionist leaders here will start negotiations with the Dutch Government for subsidizing Jewish emigration to Israel.

TRUMAN DENOUNCES MCCARRAN'S SLURS ON HIS IMMIGRATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- President Truman today issued a special statement denouncing "unwarranted and reprehensible" attacks on his Commission on Immigration and Naturalization including smear charges against Harry N. Rosenfield, executive director of the Commission. The attacks to which the President referred came principally from Sen. Pat McCarran who sought to label members of the Commission as pro-Communist.

The Commission members visited the White House today and received commendation from the President for their work. The Commission's chairman, Philip Perlman, made known that copies of the report have been supplied to members of the incoming Republican Administration. Mr. Perlman said he did not know what they would do about revising the McCarran-Walter Act, target of the Commission's criticism, but that he "earnestly hoped that they will proceed to make the recommended changes."

Mr. Truman said in his statement: "It is to be regretted that persons who disagree with the findings of the Commission have resorted to personal vituperation and slander of its members and its executive director. "Such politically motivated attacks have, unfortunately, become all too common in controversies over issues of great public importance.

"In this case, these attacks are particularly unwarranted and reprehensible. This is a Commission of distinguished citizens, noted for their experience with the subject under inquiry--as churchmen, laymen, or public officials. They have freely given months of devoted, patriotic and able service in the interest of finding solutions for some of the most important questions that effect our country."

JEWISH GROUP APPEALS TO EISENHOWER AGAINST MCCARRAN ACT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- An appeal to President-Elect Dwight Eisenhower to make consideration of the report of President Truman's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization his "first order of business immediately after" his inauguration, was today addressed to Gen. Eisenhower by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The Commission's report recommends reconsideration and extended overhaul of the new McCarran-Walter Immigration Law.

Reminding the President-Elect of his "statements of vigorous opposition to the McCarran Act" during the Presidential election campaign, A. D. L. national chairman Henry E. Schultz, warned that "the finely wrought structure of the community of free nations which (General Eisenhower) has toiled so magnificently to build" is endangered by the provisions of the new immigration statute. Although President Truman plans to lay the Commission's report before Congress for action, Mr. Schultz pointed out that it is the incoming Republican Administration and Congress which will have to make the decision on its recommendations.

Meanwhile, former Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, who headed the President's Commission, has scored Sen. Pat McCarran, author of the immigration law, for having "wantonly smeared" leaders of the three major religious faiths in his "intemperate" attack on the Commission's report. Sen. McCarran had labelled the report "propaganda" of a leftist nature. Mr. Perlman said that "the Senator cannot make a reasoned defense of an act which embodies so much discrimination and prejudice, so he ignores the facts and makes unfounded insinuations and smears against those who disagree with him."

YIVO ADOPTS \$450,000 BUDGET FOR 1953; APPEALS TO WELFARE FUNDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The 27th annual conference of YIVO, Yiddish Scientific Institute, now in session here, today adopted a \$450,000 budget for the activities of the institute in 1953. More than 1,400 delegates representing 119 Jewish organizations and institutions are attending the conference.

The delegates adopted a resolution appealing to Jewish federation and welfare funds throughout the country to grant greater financial support to the YIVO activities. A plan to publish a volume on the history of the Jews in the United States in connection with the celebration in 1954 of 300 years of Jewish settlement in this country was approved at today's session. The delegates also approved the publication of a volume devoted to the Jewish communities of Europe annihilated by the Nazis.

BALTIMORE INSTITUTE TO ISSUE DEGREES IN TALMUDIC LAW

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Ner Israel Rabbinical College here has been authorized by the Maryland State Board of Education to issue the degrees of Master of Talmudic Law and Doctor of Talmudic Law. The college is the only school in America with authority to grant these degrees. The state board's action followed study of the graduate department curriculum set up at the college by an advisory committee of distinguished educators appointed by the board.

MORGENTHAU LEAVES NEW YORK HOSPITAL AFTER OPERATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of governors of the State of Israel bond drive, today left New York Hospital where he underwent an abdominal operation two weeks ago. His condition is reported good.