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COMMUNIST STAND AGAINST JEWS ASSAILED BY BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The anti-Jewish allegations which marked the recent "purge" trial in Prague as well as the statement published last Sunday by the Central Committee of East Germany's Communist Party were condemned here today by Foreign Minister Anthony Eden in a radio broadcast in which he reviewed international affairs.

"I hope we are not going to see a revival under Communism of the evil racial persecutions conducted by Hitler," the Foreign Minister said. He emphasized that one of the most ominous features of the Prague trial was its anti-Jewish tone.

Mr. Eden also expressed regret over "the long standing issue between Israel and the Arab states which has created a human problem of refugees on a tragic scale." This issue, he said, is "a perpetual obstacle" to peace in the Middle East. "We have been and still are trying our utmost to eliminate it," he stated.

MAPAM SPLIT OVER PRAGUE TRIAL; EXTREMISTS LOSE AUTHORITY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The left-wing Socialist Mapam Party of Israel has been split wide open as an aftermath of the Prague trial, it was learned here today. Although the split has not been announced officially yet, such an announcement will take place within about ten days when the extremist group, led by Moshe Sneh and Yaacov Rittin, are expected to set up an independent faction within the Mapam Party.

Meanwhile, since the defeat of the Mapam-Rittin forces in the central committee over the party's resolution on the Prague trial, the extremist leaders have been removed from positions of authority within the party. Dr. Sneh has been ousted as secretary of the Israel-Soviet Friendship League, Mr. Rittin is no longer political secretary of the party and Eliezer Peri, another member of the group, has been removed from the editorship of the party's newspaper, *Al Hamishmar*. It has also been decided to remove secretaries of party branches throughout the country who are tied up with the Sneh-Rittin forces.

Yaacov Chazan, one of the moderate leaders, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the moderates are now strongly enough entrenched in the leadership of the party to purge the Mapam of "elements foreign to Zionist-Socialist ideals."

Dr. Sneh told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his forces "will not sit by idly" while the moderate faction fills the leading posts in the party with its followers. He said that his group would organize an independent faction and would fight for its place in the labor movement. If necessary, Dr. Sneh emphasized, his group would not "hesitate for a single moment" to leave the party, but would retain its seats in Parliament.

ISRAELIS PERMITTED TO ENTER EGYPT TO ATTEND UNESCO PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Israelis will be permitted to enter Egypt for the first time since the Arab-Israel war of 1948 to attend the forthcoming conference in Cairo of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, it was reported here today. The report said that when UNESCO threatened to cancel plans for holding the parley in the Egyptian capital this Spring if Israelis were barred, Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Fawzi yielded.

ARMISTICE BODY DISCUSSES "CAPTURE" OF EGYPTIAN SHIP BY ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission will meet in the Gaza area today to discuss the Israeli "capture" of an Egyptian vessel carrying armaments in Israeli territorial waters, it was reported here in dispatches from Cairo.

The reports stated that the Egyptian vessel, with a cargo of "surplus war material" valued at \$36,000, was en route to a Syrian port when it sailed into Israeli waters and was seized. The same reports stated that the Egyptian Government was informed of the capture of the 80-ton Samir and its crew of six by the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Another dispatch from Cairo revealed that the inter-Arab committee which conducts the economic boycott against Israel has issued a communique in the Egyptian capital warning foreign countries against establishing branches in Israel. The communique threatened to extend the Arab boycott against the products of such branches.

JEWS IN POLAND FORCED TO PLEDGE OPPOSITION TO ZIONISM

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Reports received here today reveal that Jews throughout Poland have been forced to hold meetings pledging their solidarity to Poland and opposing Zionism. Political observers here expect a trial of three or four Jewish Communists, replete with confessions charging Israel and Zionism with espionage against Poland, as an object lesson to Jews who may waver in their support of the Polish regime.

The Israel Government has taken no action on the arrest in Warsaw of two employees of the Israel Legation in Warsaw, pending the arrival of the official Polish note on the subject, it was learned here today. One of the arrested men, Arieh Lerner, was reported to have been assigned the task of processing visas to Israel when he worked at the legation.

Meanwhile, the Israel Foreign Ministry has been studying the Polish note declaring Minister Arieh Kubovy persona non grata. It has become clear from the study that not only has Dr. Kubovy been charged with espionage, but all employees of the Israeli legation are also accused of participating in such activities.

Dr. Kubovy, commenting today on the note of the Polish Government charging him with taking tours in Czechoslovakia "connected with espionage," declared that his visits to synagogues and Jewish centers in Poland were made with the full knowledge of the Polish authorities, and that on some of his visits he was followed by agents of the secret service.

CZECH LEGATION DEFERS ISSUANCE OF VISA TO MAPAM DELEGATE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Czech Legation in Tel Aviv has not yet acted on a request for a visa by a Mapam delegate to attend a Communist youth parley in Prague, it was learned today. It has already granted a visa to a Communist delegate.

ISRAEL GETS 4,000 OFFERS FROM GERMAN BUSINESS FIRMS

BONN, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- More than 4,000 German business firms have so far submitted offers of goods to the Israel "purchasing mission" in Cologne which will select the German products and services to be supplied Israel under the Bonn-Israel reparations pact, it was reported here today. Most of the offers came from West Berlin industrial enterprises.

Competent observers here believe that the Arab campaign against the Bonn Parliament's ratification of the German-Israel reparations agreement will have no effect. They are also convinced that the Arab boycott threat against Germany will not be carried out. They point out that the Arab countries need German capital goods, and see in West Germany one of the most important markets for their own products.

The German press reports today that Gen. Mohammed Naguib, Egypt's dictator, has received German military and technical experts who have been advising the Egyptian Government and industrialists. The report reveals that these experts include a number of former Gestapo officers notorious for their anti-Jewish roles under the Nazi regime.

Premier Naguib, the press reports point out, is very satisfied with the work of the German advisers and intends to double their number. The reports stress the fact that German trade with Egypt in 1952 reached three times the volume of 1950. They also state that special trade delegations will leave Germany this month for all Arab countries.

ISRAEL TO PROD BONN ON RATIFICATION OF REPARATIONS PACT

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is sending Dr. Chaim Yabli, deputy chief of Israel's Reparations Corporation, to Bonn with instructions "to see to it that there are no further delays in the ratification of the reparations agreement" with the West German Government, the New York Times reported today from Tel Aviv.

The report said that Israeli authorities believe in the Adenauer Government's good faith, but are aware that the Arabs are bringing pressure to bear through numerous private channels in an effort to prevent the payment of reparations. As a result the danger of a "vendors' strike" has arisen, according to information reaching Israel Government officials--that is, some West German industrialists have threatened to refuse to make deliveries to Israel.

If Israel's Reparations Corporation has difficulty in placing orders in West Germany for the \$740,000,000 worth of indemnities provided in the agreement, it probably will seek to buy in other countries, the Times report says. It adds that offers to supply goods needed for the reparations program have been received from France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Finland and Switzerland. One Swiss concern offered to make deliveries now on credit, for which the ultimate security would be the last year of West German reparations payments, ten years from now.

"Since most countries of Europe are indebted to West Germany, it probably would not be difficult to finance the purchases outside West Germany," the Times correspondent points out. "Such arrangements would have the additional advantage of meeting the fear expressed recently both by leading Israelis and by foreign observers that if Israel received great quantities of German capital goods she would become dependent on West Germany for spare parts and replacements."

J. D. C. SPENT \$500, 000, 000 ON RELIEF DURING ITS EXISTENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has spent nearly \$500, 000, 000 on its world-wide relief and reconstruction programs since 1914, when the organization was founded, it was reported here today.

The report was issued in connection with the 38th annual meeting of the J. D. C. which will be held this Saturday at the Hotel Astor here. More than 500 delegates from Jewish communities throughout the country are expected to attend the meeting at which Senator Herbert H. Lehman will be one of the principal speakers.

Highlighting the conference will be first-hand reports on the present situation of distressed Jews in Europe and Moslem lands and on aid now being provided by J. D. C. for "hard core" cases in Israel. A major report on J. D. C. activities during 1952 will be made by Moses A. Leavitt, J. D. C. executive vice-chairman, who was chief spokesman for the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany in the recent negotiations with representatives of the West German Government on reparations claims.

20, 000 JEWS RECEIVED TRAINING IN ORT SCHOOLS IN 1952

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- About 20, 000 Jews received vocational training during 1952 in 270 ORT schools and workshops located in 19 countries, according to a report issued today by Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation. Some 4, 000 students graduated from the organization's schools during the past year, the overwhelming proportion finding immediate employment in their skills, particularly in Israel where technically trained workers are at a premium, the report said.

The world-wide ORT program is financed, in the main, by American contributions made available to ORT through an agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Haber announced that \$1, 070, 000 has been remitted for the overseas program during the past year.

The trade schools maintained by ORT in Israel were described by Dr. Haber as the largest non-governmental vocational training system in that country with an annual enrollment of 3, 000 pupils studying 26 trades at schools located in 16 cities and towns. Forty-five special courses were organized last year with government cooperation. In the Moslem lands of North Africa and Iran, 3, 522 students attended 11 ORT operated institutions. Large school networks are maintained among the Jewish communities of Italy and France, with smaller programs in other European nations.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION INCREASES INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation increased its investments in Israeli industry by 26 percent last year, Dr. Heinz Grunbaum, vice-president of P. E. C., announced here today. He added that the companies in which the P. E. C. is active increased their income from \$9, 600, 000 in 1951 to \$10, 000, 000 in 1952.

The P. E. C. invested, in whole or in part, in such companies as Fertilizers and Chemicals, Israel's largest producer of fertilizers, General Tire and Rubber Company, American-Israel Paper Mills, a plastics producing company and other local industrial establishments, Dr. Grunbaum revealed. The corporation also invested in several banking institutions and an Israel trading corporation which will supply the Jewish State with some \$3, 000, 000 in raw materials.

JEWISH TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE ISSUES REPORT ON ITS PLANS

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Tercentenary Committee which was established for the purpose of arranging the 300th anniversary celebration of Jewish settlement in the United States--which will take place in 1954--today made public a report on the scope of the observance.

The report does not outline specific plans for the celebration, but emphasizes that these must include research and scholarship, community observances, religious activities, and use of mass information media.

The report reveals that a suggestion had been made for a permanent physical symbol of the Tercentenary, such as a building in Washington to be called the House of Human Freedom. This building would house documents dealing with human freedom to symbolize Jewish appreciation for the opportunities which America has given the Jews to live and develop in freedom. This proposal is being given active consideration by the Tercentenary Committee, the report indicates.

The report points out that the celebration would deal "with the whole stream of American Jewish history, in which both the early settlers and the later ones share equally." It emphasizes that in its American aspects, it is fitting for the Tercentenary to assume a patriotic tone--not in a superficial flag-waving spirit, but rather in the sense that all Americans hold a deep and often unspoken love for their country and its people."

"In its Jewish sense, it is equally fitting that we recognize, not in self-glorification but in self-respect, the good things that we as a group have brought to America," the report continues. "We have brought to the United States a deep religious faith and we have kept it alive within a harmony of differing faiths. We have brought a tradition of learning, of scholarship, of scientific curiosity. We have brought a love of the arts, and a respect for those who create with words and sounds and colors.

"We have brought a healthy and growing culture in the Yiddish and Hebrew languages, with a flourishing literature, press and theatre. With our all-too-intimate knowledge of persecution, we have brought a deep passion for human freedom and personal dignity. With our intimate knowledge of poverty and privation in the Old World, we have brought a striving for social justice and equality of economic opportunity."

FRATERNITY VOTES \$360,000 FOR DENTAL SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

TORONTO, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A grant of \$300,000 toward the establishment of a dental school at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem was voted here at the 45th annual convention of Alpha Omega, the Jewish dental fraternity of the United States and Canada.

Addressing the convention, Dr. Isaac Schour of the University of Illinois reported that undernourished children entering Israel from Persia, Iraq, Morocco and Egypt had an average of only one cavity per child, in contrast with an American-Canadian average of seven or eight cavities per child. The difference was caused by the absence of sugar from the diet of the immigrant children, Dr. Schour said.

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