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TENSE ANTI-JEWISH ATMOSPHERE IN RUSSIA REPORTED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A tense anti-Jewish atmosphere prevails in the Soviet Union, it was reported here today by Israeli sailors upon their return from Odessa, Black Sea port city, where the Israel ship Tzfonit unloaded a cargo of citrus fruits from the Jewish State.

The sailors said they were shadowed by Soviet secret servicemen from the moment they left the port for the city proper. Jews who only a year ago welcomed the same sailors with joy when their ship was anchored there, this time pretended that they did not even notice them. The synagogues, too, were nearly empty this time as compared with a large attendance a year ago, the sailors reported.

The Israel seamen also revealed that the Soviet port authorities even forbade them from contacting sailors from another Israel ship, "Hadar," which was anchored in Odessa at the same time. The entire evening press here features the reports of the sailors, the only foreign Jews who set foot on Soviet soil in the course of 1952, the year marked by outspoken propaganda against world Jewry and Zionism.

2, 300 Jews Fled Communist Germany; About 2, 500 Still There

BERLIN, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Some 2, 300 Jews, all survivors of the Nazi regime, have fled the Soviet zone of Germany to West Berlin since the establishment of the East German Republic, it was reported here today on the basis of reliable information. Hundreds of them sought asylum in West Germany during the last few weeks.

Reports received here from the East zone state that last week more Jews were arrested there and charged with being "Zionist and imperialist agents." Few Jews remain in the higher echelons of the Communist Party in East Germany, the reports assert, and in many cases Jews have been expelled from the only organization of victims of Nazism in the country. At present there are only about 2, 500 Jews left in East Germany.

Mass Interrogation of Jews Reported from Communist Countries

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Reports published in the press here state that hundreds of Jews in government jobs in Soviet-dominated countries of Eastern Europe have been "interrogated" by the peoples' police and many have been "hounded out of their jobs by vague charges of supporting Jewish and American imperialism." These same dispatches report that "those who can are moving to the West" and find their way to refugee camps in Western Germany.

"Deep concern" at the "extensive use of anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist arguments" at the recent Prague trial was expressed today in a resolution adopted here by the executive committee of the British Council of Christians and Jews.

U. S. DETERMINED TO GUARANTEE ISRAEL-ARAB BORDERS, ENVOY SAYS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The United States would like to see peace and stability established in the Middle East and to that end will back the tripartite declaration of May 1950, to which it and Britain and France were signatories, American Ambassador Monnet B. Davis last night told a meeting of the Israel-United States Friendship League in Haifa. The declaration guarantees the borders of the Middle East states against aggression.

(A staff of 88 technicians and educational experts are employed on various projects in Israel initiated or supported in part by United States Point Four assistance, it was reported in New York by the New York Times in a world-wide survey of the effect of American technical assistance programs in 35 underdeveloped countries. The survey also reported that the Technical Cooperation Administration has spent \$3,728,000 on Israeli projects between 1951 and 1953, while Israel matched these funds with some \$1,211,000 in local currency.)

American experts are now training Israeli specialists who will operate an agricultural extension service and American engineers are helping Israeli counterparts set up water and milk protective services, sewage disposal systems and other sanitation projects. Among the other projects which U. S. funds and technicians are helping establish or extend, are the expansion of fertilizer, potash, petro-chemical and ceramics plants and mining and processing of ores.

ARAB POPULATION OF ISRAEL INCREASES; ARAB TAXES "INSIGNIFICANT"

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Israel's Arab population has increased by more than 60,000 during the nearly five years that the State of Israel has been in existence, C. Y. Palmon, advisor on Arab affairs in the Premier's Office, today told a press conference.

Mr. Palmon reported that when the state was established there were 108,000 Arabs in it and that now there are an estimated 170,000. He said that about 5,000 per year are accounted for by the normal increase of births over deaths, but that the remainder are Arabs who were permitted to enter the country from the surrounding states to be reunited with their families.

He asserted that security problems still existed in Arab areas and that therefore the continued maintenance of military administration in most Arab regions was necessary. He said that the Arab citizens of Israel enjoyed the same educational and health facilities as the Jewish citizens as well as the same rights, advantages and hardships encountered by the rest of the population. Mr. Palmon stressed that the Arabs paid the same proportion of the indirect taxes as the Jews, but that their share of the direct taxation was "insignificant, almost nil."

Israel Government Expands Education System for Arab Children

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The appointment of two noted educators as inspectors of the Arab education program in Israel was announced here today by the Ministry of Education. The government's Arab education program was recently expanded to embrace the education of almost all Arab children.

COMMUNIST-LED DEMONSTRATION IN TEL AVIV PASSES QUIETLY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A Communist sponsored demonstration protesting against unemployment and rising prices in Israel passed without incident here today. Most of the 2,000 persons who participated were recent immigrants from nearby work villages.

This is the first time that the Communists have called a demonstration on economic issues over the opposition of the Histadrut and the trade unions. In the past, the Communists have only called demonstrations counter to Histadrut policy on political matters. Speakers at the rally called for tax-free cost of living allowances to bridge the gap between prices and wages.

FIGHT BETWEEN MAPAI AND MAPAM SETTLERS LEADS TO COURT ACTION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Thirteen members of Ein Harod, the settlement in which a fight between Mapai and Mapam settlers broke out this week-end, were today hauled into a magistrate's court in Tiberias to answer charges of disturbing the peace.

Meanwhile, the district commissioner has warned all members of the colony, which was last year split physically along party lines, that further disorder would result in one year's banishment from the settlement for anyone involved in an incident. The Histadrut executive is also considering the problems of the settlement and is attempting to adjudicate the row.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT DRAFTS PLANS TO RECOVER LOSSES ON NEGEV CROP

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry of Agriculture was today considering the possibility of doubling the acreage under cultivation in the Negev to make up for drought damage to the wheat crop there, at the same time that heavy rains in northern Israel was saving the crops of that area.

The Ministry revealed that it was drafting plans to plant some 400,000 dunams (100,000 acres) of land in the Negev to make up for the loss of 200,000 dunams of wheat. Funds have already been set aside for this project, if it proves feasible.

LEBANESE DELEGATES AT BURMA CONFERENCE ATTACK ISRAEL; WALK OUT

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Lebanese delegates to the conference of Asiatic Socialist Parties being held here, this week-end walked out of a meeting of the body after delivering a blistering attack on the State of Israel and a personal denunciation of Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, head of the Mapai delegation to the parley. The chairman of the session apologized to the Israeli delegation for the remarks of the Lebanese delegation.

Last night, Mr. Sharett addressed a mass meeting held here in connection with the parley. He told the 25,000 people in the audience that Israel has "recaptured its old place in its Asian homeland." Earlier, Mr. Sharett had been elected to the most important conference committee, the one assigned the task of drafting a program for Asian and world peace.

SEN. LEHMAN CALLS ON TRUMAN AT WHITE HOUSE; DISCUSS IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- President Truman is believed to have discussed prospects for the implementation of the recommendations of the President's Commission on Immigration today when Sen. Herbert H. Lehman called at the White House. Sen. Lehman described the visit as a "farewell courtesy call."

FIRST NATIONWIDE STUDY OF JEWISH EDUCATION IN U. S. LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The launching of the first nationwide study of Jewish education was announced here today by Prof. Oscar I. Janowsky, chairman of a commission which is conducting the study under the sponsorship of the American Association for Jewish Education.

Reporting to a national commission on his plans for the undertaking, Dr. Janowsky said he expects to start intensive investigations in 1953 in three pilot communities - a large, a middle-sized and a small community - with a nationwide study to follow thereafter. Two of the pilot communities will be Cleveland, Ohio, and Savannah, Georgia, with the third yet to be selected.

Outlining the purposes of the study, Dr. Janowsky declared that it will seek "to determine how education can contribute to a more creative and satisfying Jewish life in America," how the process of Jewish education can be improved, and how Jewish education can contribute most effectively to the needs of Jews within the framework of American society. He stressed the qualitative emphasis of the undertaking, declaring that its major emphasis will be on the purposes of Jewish education, its achievements in terms of the results it has had in the lives of its graduates, and attitudes held toward the Jewish educational process and institutions by parents, students, teachers and community leaders.

While the study is being sponsored by the American Association for Jewish Education, which will meet its costs, Dr. Janowsky pointed out that "no one organization, nor even a group of organizations, will control the study; an independent commission will have the authority to determine policy. The work of research and analysis will be done by experts subject to the review of the Commission and under the direction of an executive committee, and the recommendations will be presented to the community--and especially to the Jewish educational agencies--for consideration, discussion, and, it is hoped, adoption."

The National Study Commission consists of 90 leading rabbis, educators, cultural figures, community organizers, journalists and organizational leaders.

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE ASKED TO PROBE HOUSING BIAS

ALBANY, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A study of the causes and effects of racial and religious discrimination in housing is sought in a bill introduced today by Senator George R. Metcalf of Auburn and Assemblyman Hulan E. Jack of New York.

The bill, endorsed by the New York State Committee on Discrimination in Housing and by 30 religious, civic and labor organizations, would establish a 15 man bi-partisan commission to study the causes and effects of discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in the sale, rental and use of housing.

The bill provides that the commission report its findings to the Governor by January 10, 1954, with recommendations for any action it deems necessary. Five members would be appointed by the Governor and five each from the Senate and Assembly of the New York State Legislature. Among the organizations supporting the bill are: American Jewish Committee; American Jewish Congress; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Jewish Labor Committee; Jewish War Veterans; and National Council of Jewish Women.

LARGE NUMBER OF CANADIANS FAVOR INTERMARRIAGE WITH JEWS

MONTREAL, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The results of the first poll on mixed marriages ever conducted in Canada were announced here today by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion. To the question: "Do you think Jewish and non-Jewish people could have a happy married life together or not?" the answer of 48 percent indicated a belief in the possibility of happiness; 35 percent, negative; 6 percent qualified their answer; and 11 percent, no opinion.

LEADERS OF Y. M. H. A. WORK ABROAD TO STUDY METHODS IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Five leaders in Young Men's Hebrew Association work in France, Belgium, Scandinavia, Italy and North Africa will come to the United States for one year of intensive training in Jewish Community Center and Y. M. H. A. activities under a grant of \$15,000 from the Ford Foundation to the World Federation of Y. M. H. A.'s and Jewish Community Centers, it was announced here today by Frank L. Weil, president of the World Federation.

The grant will go to defray the travel and maintenance expenses of the five leaders during their period of study in the United States. The National Jewish Welfare Board will sponsor the program in the United States. Louis Kraft, general secretary of the World Federation, will leave for Europe this month to interview and select candidates for the program. The applicants will be screened by a specially appointed committee of qualified persons. The training program will include assignment to a selected Y. M. H. A. or Jewish Community Center for in-service training.

EXTENSIVE JABOTINSKY BIOGRAPHY TO APPEAR IN FOUR LANGUAGES

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A complete and extensive biography of the late Zeev Jabotinsky, founder of the Zionist-Revisionist movement, will be prepared for the Jabotinsky Institute of Tel Aviv by Dr. Joseph B. Schechtman, life-long friend and collaborator of the late Revisionist leader, it was announced here today.

Dr. Schechtman, who now resides in New York, will devote himself entirely to this task so that the biography, conceived as a standard work on Jabotinsky's life and activities "against the background of his epoch," may be ready for 1955, on the 15th-anniversary of the death of Jabotinsky. The biography, which will be published in Hebrew, English, Yiddish and Spanish, will be based on source material collected by the Jabotinsky Institute and on supplementary documentation to be supplied by friends and followers of Jabotinsky.

DR. GOLDMANN ARRIVES IN HAVANA TO LAUNCH UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL

HAVANA, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, has arrived here in connection with the proclamation of the United Israel Campaign for 1953. The campaign will be opened at a banquet honoring Dr. Goldmann on January 17. Dr. Goldmann was met at the airport by the Israel Consul and leaders of the Zionist movement in Havana.

JEROME MICHAEL, NOTED COLUMBIA PROFESSOR, DIES AT 63

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Prof. Jerome Michael, well known lawyer and member of the faculty of Columbia University, died here last night at the age of 63. Prof. Michael, who was active in the American Jewish Congress, served as a special assistant to the United States Attorney General in the prosecution of frauds during World War I. He was honored last year for 25 years of service at Columbia.