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JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD ALARMED OVER MOSCOW ANTI-JEWISH PLOT

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world were electrified today by news from Moscow that a "Jewish plot" against the lives of top Soviet leaders had been "discovered" and that nine prominent doctors, most of whom are Jews, had been arrested by the Soviet authorities and charged with "terrorism" and with taking orders from the American intelligence service through Jewish organizations.

The Moscow report, which was broadcast over the Soviet radio for publication in the entire Soviet press, was seen as an indication that a virulent campaign against the more than 2,000,000 Jews in the U.S.S.R. is now in the making and that the green light for unprecedented Soviet anti-Jewish propaganda has been given by the Kremlin.

The implications of the Soviet charges were considered here as dangerous for Soviet Jewry as was the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" forgery disseminated by the Czarist regime and the notorious Czarist "ritual murder" trials of Jews. Fear for the fate of the Jews in the Soviet Union as well as in the satellite countries was expressed as a result of this open move against the Jews.

Moscow Involves J. D. C. Which Withdrew from Russia 15 Years Ago

The Moscow broadcast said that the nine arrested doctors "confessed" killing Andrei Zhdanov, one of the top members of the Politbureau who was once considered a likely successor to Stalin and who died in 1948, and in bringing about the death, through false diagnosis, of Alexander Sherbakov, head of the political administration of the Soviet Army, who died in 1945.

Although the American Joint Distribution Committee ceased its relief activities in the Soviet Union in 1938, the Moscow authorities charged the doctors with being "connected with the international Jewish bourgeois-nationalist organization 'Joint' set up by the American intelligence service." A statement calling this charge "fantastic" was issued in New York by Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the J. D. C.

The arrested doctors are also charged with having tried to kill Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky and other military leaders including Marshal Leonid A. Govorov, commander of the Soviet armies in Finland in World War II; Marshal Ivan Konev, former commander of ground forces; a one-time chief of the general staff, Gen. S. M. Shtemenko, and Adm. P. I. Levchenko, deputy naval minister, it was said.

"The unmasking of the band of doctors and prisoners constitutes a crushing blow to the Anglo-American warmongers," Izvestia, the Soviet government newspaper,

said. "Their agencies were caught and rendered harmless, the true face of the slave-owners and cannibals of the U.S. and England now stands revealed," the newspaper said.

The nine doctors were identified as Profs. M. S. Vovsi, V. N. Vinogradov, M. B. Kogan, B. B. Kogan, P. I. Yegorov, A. I. Feldman, Y. A. Etinger, A. M. Drinshstein and G. I. Mayorov. All were identified as "therapeutic doctors" except Professor Grinshtein, who was described as a neuropathologist.

Three of the accused doctors were among the five physicians who signed the official Soviet medical report on Zhdanov's death. They were Yegorov, described in the medical report as director of medical administration at the Kremlin; Vinogradov, a member of the Academy of Medical Sciences, and Mayorov, physician emeritus of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic--largest of the republics making up the Soviet Union. The other two signatories of the 1948 report were Prof. Vasilenko, a corresponding member of the Academy of Medical Sciences, and A. Fedorov, a candidate of medical sciences.

Mikhoels, Soviet Jewish Artist; Called an Agent of American Jewry

Soviet press accounts today claimed that instructions concerning "the destruction of the leading personnel of the Soviet Union" were sent from the American headquarters of the "Joint" through a Dr. Shimyelievich and "the well-known Jewish bourgeois nationalist Mikhoels." There was no further identification of them.

Solomon Mikhoels, prominent Jewish actor and president of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow, was the head of the Moscow Yiddish Art Theatre until his death in January 1948 in the Soviet capital. He visited the United States in 1943 as head of a Soviet-Jewish mission and was awarded the Order of Lenin in 1931.

In a front-page editorial today, Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party, declared the "exposure of the gang of doctor prisoners is a crushing blow at the American-English warmongers. Their agents have been caught and rendered harmless. Once more before the whole world, there is shown the real face of the slave-owner cannibals of the United States and England," Pravda added. However, the paper criticized the Soviet Ministry of Health and other state organs for not uncovering the group earlier.

The Moscow radio said that "investigation has established that members of this terrorist group, by taking advantage of their positions as doctors and by violating the trust of ill people with premeditation, criminally undermined their health and deliberately made incorrect diagnoses and then, by incorrect healing methods, destroyed them."

Regarding Mr. Zhdanov's death, the broadcast said: "The criminals confessed they made an incorrect diagnosis of his disease and, concealing the myocardial infarction from which he suffered, prescribed a regime which was contra-indicated for this serious illness and thereby killed Comrade A. A. Zhdanov." The broadcast added that in the case of Mr. Sherbakov, the doctors "incorrectly applied strong medicines for his treatment, introduced an experimental regime and thus caused his death."

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION DENOUNCES SOVIET CHARGES

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Louis H. Bauer, president of the American Medical Association, denounced the Soviet statement as part of a "hate America" campaign and as a defamation of the United States. He termed the charges against the Jewish doctors "ridiculous."

J. D. C., OTHER AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS RIDICULE MOSCOW'S CHARGES

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee which is charged by Moscow with participating in an allegedly American "plot" to kill top Soviet leaders, today issued a statement terming the charges "fantastic" and denying categorically that there is any truth in them. The statement, signed by Edward M. M. Warburg, J. D. C. chairman, reads:

"The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has been engaged in the relief and rehabilitation of Jewish victims of war and persecution since 1914. During these 38 years, it has operated, at one time or another, according to need, in some 60 countries of the world. It has never engaged in political activities or deviated from its principle of exclusive adherence to its humanitarian role.

"The charges as reported in the newspapers, whether during the course of the Prague trials, or in these latest reports from Moscow, that the Joint Distribution Committee has engaged in espionage or has participated in plots against the Russian Government or any government, are fantastic. We categorically deny that there is any truth whatsoever in any of these charges."

The American Jewish Committee said in a statement that the Soviet announcement that nine "terrorist Jewish doctors" plotted to kill top Soviet leaders is "the latest demonstration of how the Kremlin is using the fantastic big lie of anti-Semitism as a weapon of state policy. It would seem that no charges are too preposterous to further the nefarious aims of the Soviets for world domination," the statement continued. "Even physicians and non-political relief organizations, such as the Joint Distribution Committee, are grist for the Red lie mills.

"This latest Kremlin aggression proves that anti-Semitism as expressed in the Soviet campaign against 'cosmopolitans'; in the Hungarian deportation; in the Czech purge trial; and the recent purges of Jews in Eastern Germany, are not sporadic manifestations of local character, but are part of an overall Soviet pattern dictated by basic Kremlin policy. This policy apparently aims at destroying all religious, racial and ethnic minorities," the statement said.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared: "From Prague to East Germany to Moscow completes the circle of infamy which the Soviets have drawn around themselves and their satellites by their undisguised use of anti-Semitism as a fixed instrument of their political policies and purposes. The world did not need these latest monstrous charges from Moscow to indicate the extent of Soviet determination to stamp out all human freedoms by inciting anti-Semitism throughout Eastern Europe. The Soviet Union has unleashed new forces of fear and of evil which will take great human toll."

The World Jewish Congress issued a statement signed by Dr. Maurice L. Perlsweig, director of its international affairs department, declaring: "The news which comes from Moscow will intensify the deep disquiet throughout the Jewish world created by the Prague trials. In some ways, this news is even more disturbing." He warned the Soviet leaders to remember that "they have embarked on a course the end of which they cannot foresee, and that they have challenged forces which lie beyond the control of any government."

The Anti-Defamation League said in a statement that the Moscow charges come "straight from the Russian book of horrors of Czarist days." Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the A. D. L., declared that "the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and other anti-Semitic forgeries widely distributed throughout Russia in the late nineteenth century and the early twentieth century, are providing the inspiration for Soviet anti-Semitism today." He added that "Stalin seems intent on genocide against the Jews."

MOSCOW'S NEW ANTI-JEWISH CHARGES PROVOKE CONCERN IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The Moscow charges that "Jewish terrorist doctors" had plotted against the lives of Soviet leaders and had killed Andrei Zhdanov, once seen as a possible successor to Joseph Stalin, have depressed Jews throughout Israel and have caused them to fear for the future safety of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

The charges and comments on them dominate the front pages of every newspaper in the country. Practically the only subject of conversation in public places are the Moscow arrests. The general sentiment, in the press and among the people, is that this is the point at which the Soviet authorities have adopted an official anti-Jewish line in the U. S. S. R. itself. The newspaper headlines today reported the charges under banner heads of "Ritual Murder Libel in Moscow."

The labor newspaper Hador likened the Soviet "plot" discovery to the trial in Russia of the Jew Mendel Beilis 40 years ago, during the Czarist regime, on charges of having committed ritual murder. But, said the newspaper, "then Beilis rejected the charges and was finally acquitted. Today, according to the reports, the accused have already confessed to receiving orders from the Joint Distribution Committee." Other newspapers charge that the latest Moscow charges are aimed at purging the Red Army of Jewish doctors.

The Israeli Medical Association today called on Jewish physicians and scientists throughout the world to unite in protest against the defamatory campaign launched against Soviet Jewish doctors and the Jewish philanthropic agency.

The left-wing Mapam, already badly split over the Prague trial and the recent charges of Zionist "espionage" in East Germany, was hit even harder by today's news. Leaders of the party were described as "astonished" by the charges.

Soviet Crusade Against Zionism Seen As Threat to Israel

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Moscow's renewed offensive against Zionism constitutes an increased threat to Israel's position and should be reacted to vigorously by American Zionists. Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, told a meeting of the Zionist Organization of America last night, following his return from Israel.

"We must be under no illusion about the significance of the Prague trial," he said. "It points to something even more serious than a Communist crusade against Zionism and Zionists. The record of the trial bears ample evidence of a revival of the anti-Semitic technique - a cold, cunning, deliberate exploitation of anti-Jewish prejudices for political ends.

"In Israel," Dr. Neumann reported, "the Prague trial will have a salutary effect in clearing the political atmosphere. Already, earnest heart-searching is going on in the ranks of Mapam. Forced to a choice between a pro-Zionist and a pro-Communist orientation, the great majority of Mapam will, I believe, prove loyal to their Zionist ideals and the paramount interest of the State of Israel, even at the risk of a split with its extremist minority.

"The people of Israel do not wish to court an open break with Soviet Russia, whose political support in the United Nations in the critical years of 1947-48 has not been forgotten. But the overwhelming majority of the Yishuv is united in its sentiment of solidarity with liberal democracy the world over," Dr. Neumann stated.

SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN REVEALS INSECURITY, STATE DEPT. SAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the State Department said today that the "reported Soviet arrests of a number of Jewish doctors under accusation of medical sabotage seems to be another step in the recent Soviet campaign against Jews revealed in the anti-Zionist aspects of the Prague trial."

"The real motivation for the present charges is not yet known," the spokesman said. "But the Soviets have used this technique of the accusation of medical sabotage before. For an example it was claimed that during the 1937 purge trials Maxim Gorky, the writer, had been the victim of medical sabotage by opponents of Stalin. It is becoming increasingly clear that current Soviet allegations of Zionist plots are indicative of an extraordinary and growing sense of internal insecurity."

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said today that "Stalin has now taken up where Hitler left off" in the persecution of Jews. He said "the charges made in Moscow against a group of Jewish doctors, and the tone and background of that announcement, give the final confirmation to the terrible fact that the Kremlin has indeed determined to pick up anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism as its latest weapon to divide and conquer the free world."

C. I. O. executive vice-president Allan S. Haywood said today that the arrest of nine doctors in Russia and the evidence of anti-Semitism involved "shows the hand of the beast - an anti-Semitic beast trained by Hitler and adopted by Stalin." He described the arrests as "Red fascism in action."

BRITAIN, FRANCE BELIEVE SOVIET WILL BAR JEWISH OFFICIALS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The Voice of America today gave full coverage in its overseas broadcasts to the arrest in Moscow of nine Soviet doctors. It emphasized that by his latest move "Stalin has brought home to the heart of the Soviet Union the new anti-Semitic drive which he began in Czechoslovakia with the Slansky trial."

In its round-up of world reaction to the Radio Moscow announcement, the Voice of America quoted a source close to the French Foreign Office as stating that this was part of a longterm plan to eliminate Jews from Soviet public life which goes back to the Moscow purge trials of the '30's. A spokesman for the British Foreign Office, quoted by the Voice, said that the latest Moscow charges "fit neatly" into the anti-Semitic drive now under way in the Soviet satellite nations.

EISENHOWER TO NAME UGO CARUSI AS U.S. IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Ugo Carusi, former chairman of the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission, will be nominated by President-Elect Dwight Eisenhower as Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, it was learned today from official sources.

Mr. Carusi's appointment would remove the possibility of the selection of another candidate for the job, Richard Arens, whose background on immigration matters was considered controversial because of his close association with such figures as Sen. Pat McCarran and ex-Sen. Chapman Revercomb. Mr. Carusi was named by President Truman to the D. P. Commission and is considered by Jewish organizations to be favorably disposed toward a liberal immigration policy.

TRUMAN APPEALS TO CONGRESS TO REVISE NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Rep. Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania, co-author of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, today heatedly defended his act before the House and complained that "so many professionals, professional Jews, are shedding crocodile tears for no reason whatever."

Rep. Walter told the House there was nothing in the law that could be construed as "anti-anything" despite the report of President Truman's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization that the law is discriminatory and a disgrace to the nation. The Congressman charged the Commission was established "for the purpose of discrediting the law."

Rep. Walter's outburst occurred today after a message was received by Congress from President Truman who asked for "earnest and prompt consideration" by Congress of the recommendations for revision of the immigration act which were offered by the President's Commission. The Commission, headed by former Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, has urged hundreds of liberalizing changes to remove totalitarian aspects of the new act.

Mr. Truman said today that "the recommendations are designed to eliminate from our immigration laws the unfortunate provisions which apply discriminations based on national origin, race, creed, and color, and to substitute provisions worthy of our people and our form of government."

Such revision, said the President, "would do much to convince the people of the free world that we have not lost an iota of our faith in the great principles upon which this nation was founded, and upon which it has risen to a place of pre-eminence among all nations." Rep. Emanuel Celler and Jacob K. Javits urged the House to act promptly on the recommendations of the President's Commission.

BILL AGAINST BIAS IN ADVERTISING INTRODUCED IN N. Y. LEGISLATURE

ALBANY, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- The New York State Legislature last night was presented with a bill making it a misdemeanor to advertise that a restaurant or hotel in New York is restricted to the patronage of persons of any particular race, creed or color. The measure was introduced in the State Senate by Bronx Senator Helman.

In the Assembly two bills were introduced to permit Jewish merchants to keep their shops open on Sunday, if they closed them on Saturday. These bills were introduced by Assemblyman Philip Schupler and A Warbel, both of Brooklyn.

GEN. DORI, ISRAEL'S FIRST CHIEF OF STAFF, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Gen. Yaacov Dori, Israel's first Chief of Staff of its defense forces, a hero of its War of Liberation and president of the Haifa Institute of Technology, arrived here today on a three-month visit to the United States.

The 53-year-old soldier and engineer will confer with American educators and scientific leaders and will tour the country in behalf of the American Technion Society, which is conducting a drive here to help the Technion in Israel raise \$20,000,000 for rebuilding the institute on a new site.