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## SOVIET CONDEMNED IN ISRAEL PARLIAMENT FOR ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government was tonight accused in the Israel Parliament of promoting anti-Jewish hatred after "spiritually liquidating the Jews." A resolution condemning the Soviet anti-Jewish campaign was introduced in Parliament by the parties which compose the coalition government.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett told the deputies that "the Israel Government will expose in the United Nations and on every other platform the campaign of instigation against the Jewish people and its competent public bodies which is now going on in the countries under Communist rule, and will raise its voice in warning of the danger threatening the millions of Jews therein.

"The Israel Government," he continued, "will continue to demand with the utmost vigor that all Jews who desire to seek their salvation in Zion shall be permitted to do so. Any attempt by persons or public bodies in Israel to justify or attempt to defend anti-Jewish instigation imperilling the safety of Jews in any land will be regarded by the State of Israel as a hostile act against Israel, from which the necessary consequences will be drawn."

Mr. Sharett stressed that Israel's anxiety at the time of the Prague trial has proved justified. "This time again, as in the case of the Prague trial, the falseness of the indictment is inherently demonstrated," he said. "But its fantastic motives are sufficient to tear the whole accusation to pieces."

Meir Argov, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, speaking for the Mapai Party, termed the Moscow charges against Zionism and Jews a "blood libel." He charged the Soviet Government with suppressing the spiritual and cultural life of the Russian Jews--stopping the publication of Yiddish newspapers; closing Yiddish theatres and doing away with the best of Jewish writers, actors and spiritual leaders.

The "defamation of Jewish doctors" is the climax of this campaign, Mr. Argov declared. It is not only an anti-Jewish insult but a threat which "the entire Jewish nation must repulse." He called upon Parliament to "defend the purity and nobility of the world Jewish organization, the Joint Distribution Committee, which saved millions of lives" in the two world wars. He stressed that the J. D. C. rehabilitated millions of persons in the period between the two wars, pointing out that the recipients of its benefits were Christians as well as Jews. "We are proud of such an organization," he declared.

Agitation in the house reached its peak when Communist deputy Shmuel Mikunis rose to defend the Communist countries. Speaker Sprinzak was several times forced to call the house to order and warned Mr. Mikunis against continuation of such remarks as: "the garg of criminal doctors" and "this excitement is made here on orders from Washington." Even Ministers of the government forgot their dignity and shouted at the Communist deputy.

LIVES OF JEWS IN COMMUNIST GERMANY REPORTED IN "ACUTE DANGER"

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The lives of all Jews in East Berlin and in the East German Republic are in "acute danger," Albert Hirsch, a Jew from East Germany who recently fled to West Berlin, told a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian.

The Guardian correspondent today reports that "what appears to be a full-scale pogrom" is under way in Eastern Europe. The newspaper also reprints various press and radio statements villifying the Zionist movement carried in the satellite states since the Moscow accusation against nine "terrorist" doctors, six of whom are Jews.

The Guardian also suggests that Mr. Hirsch's report may be responsible for a statement issued in East Germany by a Rabbi Martin Riesenburger—who declared that there was no reason for alarm in East Germany. The Guardian correspondent estimates the number of Jews in East Berlin at 2,600 and the number in the entire Soviet zone of Germany at twice that figure.

Meanwhile, latest reports from East Germany stated that more political arrests occurred there last night, including that of a number of Jews. One of these Jews was identified as Dr. George Honigman, a writer on the East Berlin newspaper "Am Abend," who spent part of the war years in London.

Louis Golding, noted British-Jewish author, today published an appeal to Joseph Stalin to put an end to the anti-Jewish campaign, warning that he should draw back "while there is yet time." Mr. Golding declares that the "Jews are stronger now than the Jews whom your predecessors butchered in the pogroms of Kishinev. The six million Jews whom the Nazis exterminated in death trains and ovens are stronger now than when they were alive. The moral conscience of the whole world will be too much for you."

The World Jewish Congress here issued a statement charging that the Moscow accusations against Jews is a "most virulent attack not only on the 2,500,000 Jews behind the Iron Curtain, but on Jews all over the world." It vehemently protested the charges which it said were "reminiscent of similar charges in the dark Middle Ages."

The British Labor Party, in a statement today, said that it "views with horror the anti-Semitic trends in Eastern Europe which are now being openly encouraged and emulated by the Soviet Union." The statement pointed out that "with the downfall of Hitler and the establishment of the State of Israel it was the hope of all free men that the long and cruel ordeal of the Jewish people was at last at an end. Events of the past few weeks have gravely endangered that hopeful prospect."

CARDINAL SPELLMAN CALLS SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH CHARGES "APPALLING"

ROME, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Francis Cardinal Spellman, prior to his departure for the United States, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here that the Soviet accusations against the Jewish doctors in Moscow were "appalling."

JEWS IN MEXICO TO PROTEST TO U.N. AGAINST U.S.S.R.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish Central Committee has resolved to send a protest to the United Nations against the Soviet and satellite attacks on Jews. The protest will be forwarded to the World Jewish Congress, for transmittal to the United Nations.

ISRAEL FEARS DIFFICULTIES IN GERMAN REPARATIONS PACT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. P. Shinnar, who headed the Israel delegation which worked out the reparations pact with Germany, last night departed by air for Bonn where difficulties have developed over the scheduled ratification of the treaty by the German Parliament.

According to information received here, opposition to the agreement has increased greatly in Germany and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is hesitant about presenting it to the Bundestag for approval. Dr. George Josephthal, who also worked on the agreement at The Hague negotiations, may stop off in Bonn before he continues to the United States on a scheduled trip.

(Addressing a meeting of the German Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Hamburg, Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the German delegation to The Hague reparations negotiations, declared that the treaty must not be sacrificed to Arab demands. He charged that German opponents of the agreement were "making themselves instruments of Stalin's anti-Semitism" which, he insisted, was aimed at both the Middle East and West Germany.)

DEATH PENALTY BILL WITHDRAWN FROM ISRAEL PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A bill punishing certain crimes against the state with the death penalty, which was introduced in the Israel Parliament at the end of last year, has been withdrawn for redrafting by the Ministry of Justice. The Justice Minister, Dr. Pinchas Rosen, refused today to estimate when the bill would be re-submitted to Parliament and what form it would take at that time.

According to the version of the bill which was withdrawn, the death penalty was provided for crimes which endanger the existence of the state, its sovereignty or its ability to wage war. An alternate punishment is life imprisonment. Life terms are also provided for waging war against the state, spying, causing another nation to make war on Israel, or for an Israel national who serves in the armed forces of an enemy.

Trafficking in state secrets obtained without authorization from official or unofficial sources, or the publication of reports of closed meetings of Knesset committees or other government committees would be punishable by three years' imprisonment. A one-year sentence is provided for persons who publish without authority government documents or their contents, in whole or in part.

ISRAEL RABBINATE ISSUES APPEAL AGAINST RAISING OF PIGS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Chief Rabbinate today issued a new appeal against the raising and selling of pigs in Israel. Posters have been plastered up in various parts of the country to "cast out" hog raising. Benjamin Mintz, Poale Agudah deputy, today introduced a motion in Parliament to ban hog raising.

(In South Africa, the Transvaal Federation of Synagogues yesterday adopted a resolution protesting the unrestricted sale of pork in Israel.)

SCHOOL TEACHERS IN TEL AVIV GO ON STRIKE; DEMAND SALARY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- One thousand primary school teachers went on strike yesterday disrupting classes with a total student enrollment of 28,000. The teachers are demanding full payment of their salaries.

Z. O. A. URGES U. S. GOVERNMENT NOT TO SEND ARMS TO ARABS

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the United States Government "to reject any course which would equip the Arab states for possible aggressive action against Israel," was adopted here last night at a joint meeting of the national executive committee and the national administrative council of the Zionist Organization of America.

The resolution also urged the U. S. Government to use its good offices with the Government of Britain to discontinue sending arms to the Arab countries. It also suggested that the American Government's major immediate objective in the Middle East should be to induce the Arab states to enter into direct peace negotiations with Israel.

The meeting also adopted a resolution hailing the new coalition government of Israel and assuring it that "the Zionist Organization of America stands ready, as always, to render every assistance to it in the fulfillment of its historic responsibilities." The meeting approved a resolution providing for the sponsoring by the Z. O. A., as a national project, the building of a colony in Israel honoring Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER SATISFIED WITH RANGOON PARLEY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Israel regards the recently concluded Rangoon conference of Asiatic Socialist Parties as an important step toward its organic integration with the Asiatic nations under the flag of democratic Socialism, Moshe Sharett, who headed the Mapai delegation to the parley in Burma, declared here today upon his return.

Israel's Foreign Minister reported that friendly relations had been established at the conference between the representative of Israel and the delegates of many Asiatic nations. He added that Israel had been named a member of several important conference committees which are scheduled to meet twice annually.

Referring to the conference as an "historic event," Mr. Sharett said that the major developments at the parley were: the formation geographically of an Asiatic power; and, the laying of the groundwork for a world ideological union of Socialists. He also said he was impressed by the high intellectual standards of the parley, its high socialistic thoughts and its anti-Communist feelings.

JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSN. VOTES TO SUPPORT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish Colonization Association voted further financial support for the Agricultural Faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at its quarterly meeting here. It also considered various problems connected with the projected construction in Israel of an agricultural colony in conjunction with the Jewish Agency.

The J. C. A. also voted a grant for cultural activities to the DAIA, representative body of Argentine Jewry. It heard a report that the position of the J. C. A. colonies in Argentina had improved, and decided to investigate the possibility of setting up DP's from Austria in farm colonies in South America. It also decided to expand its activities in the field of vocational training.

EBAN PREVENTED FROM ATTENDING EISENHOWER INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban will not attend any of the Eisenhower inaugural ceremonies because of the sudden death last Thursday of the Ambassador's 26-day-old daughter Meira, the Israel Office of Information here announced today. Israel Minister Plenipotentiary David Gotein will replace Ambassador Eban at the ceremonies.

Two paintings by an Israel artist were presented today to President Truman and Vice-President Alben W. Barkley. In accepting the paintings for himself and on behalf of President Truman, Mr. Barkley said that recent developments in Eastern Europe make it more necessary than ever to sustain Israel. He emphasized that the acceptance of the painting marked his last public act as Vice-President.

The Vice-President told of his long devotion to Zionism and paid tribute to Israel's "courage, fortitude, and indomitable spirit." He assured the delegation that he would maintain continued interest in Israel and its welfare despite the fact that he was returning to private life. Senators Hubert H. Humphrey and Guy Gillette joined in the presentation. They spoke highly of Israel and praised Mr. Barkley as a sincere humanitarian. Spokesman for the art committee was Dr. Leon S. Medalia, of Boston.

The painting given Vice-President Barkley was "Galilee Landscape" by Moshe Castel, while "The Holy City of Jerusalem" was presented to Mr. Truman. Rabbi David Panitz, of Adas Israel Synagogue, Washington, pronounced a brief invocation, including an invocation of benediction upon Mr. Truman and Mr. Barkley.

C. J. F. W. F. FORMS COMMITTEE ON JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds today announced the formation of a special committee authorized to work for full cooperation among all organizations engaged in community relations work. The establishment of such a committee was decided upon at the General Assembly of the C. J. F. W. F. which urged the American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League to "rejoin the cooperative process which is the National Community Relations Advisory Council."

In announcing the membership of the committee, Julian Freeman, C. J. F. W. F. president, called attention to the fact that communities have continued to maintain full local unity in their welfare funds and in their community relations councils, and that they are unanimous in their desire to see such full cooperation extended to national operations. Mr. Freeman stated that the N. C. R. A. C., the Anti-Defamation League, and the American Jewish Committee have been informed of the constitution of the committee, and that steps are going forward to carry out the charge given it.

The committee consists of Herbert R. Abeles, Newark; A. G. Ballenger, Chicago; Judge Maurice Bernon, Cleveland; Edwin Rosenberg, New York; Mendel Silberberg, Los Angeles; Michael A. Stavitsky, Newark; Bernard H. Trager, Bridgeport; and Edwin Wolf, Philadelphia. Mr. Freeman will serve as chairman.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA OPENS TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

LAKEWOOD, N.J., Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Armed services chaplaincy requirements, extension of Jewish education and current religious developments in Israel will be among the matters to be discussed at the two-day annual mid-winter conference of the Rabbinical Council of America, opening here tomorrow. About 300 rabbis from all parts of the country will attend. The Rabbinical Council is comprised of more than 500 leading Orthodox Rabbis in the United States and Canada.

LOS ANGELES MEETING PROTESTS AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A protest against the wave of anti-Jewish propaganda in the Soviet Union and in other Communist countries was adopted here last night at a meeting of 1,500 members of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order at which the 40th anniversary of the organization was celebrated. The meeting also celebrated the 25th anniversary of Louis Segal as general secretary of the Order.

Mr. Segal, who was one of the principal speakers at the meeting, participated in an impressive ceremony installing 150 new members into a new "David Ben Gurion Branch" of the Order. Other speakers included Maurice Schwartz, noted Jewish actor, and Harry Lang, member of the editorial staff of the Jewish Daily Forward.

OSE DECIDES TO INCREASE ITS PROGRAM OF HEALTH WORK IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- In view of the need for special care for many of Israel's children, the OSE has decided to increase its program for rest and recovery centers for children in the Jewish State, Dr. N. Wolf, Israel director of OSE announced here today.

Several homes have already been constructed in various parts of the country with 250 additional beds for recuperating child patients, he revealed. A home with 60 more beds for children up to the age of four will be built in the south. He disclosed that 4,000 children received care in eight Israeli OSE centers last year.

ISRAEL SEEKS DATA ON CULTURAL LIFE OF JEWS OF WORLD

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry of Education is planning to issue a new publication in which it will assemble folklore, historical data and cultural data from Jewish communities throughout the world, it was learned here today.

The Ministry has invited authors, poets, musicians and other cultural representatives from Jewish communities throughout the world to set up an editorial committee representative of the countries in which the Jews live. In the invitation, Education Minister Ben Zion Dinur stressed the historical and national importance of such a project.

JEWISH CONGRESS SPONSORS CONTEST FOR ESSAYS ON JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A worldwide contest for original essays in modern Jewish history and contemporary Jewish affairs was announced today by the Department of Culture and Education of the World Jewish Congress. A total of \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded for the three winning essays, dealing with political, economic, social or cultural aspects of Jewish life since the beginning of the 19th century. First prize will be \$500, second prize \$300, and third prize \$200. Manuscripts can be up to 15,000 words in length.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YIDDISH

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Columbia University today announced that applications for scholarships for the study of the Yiddish language and literature in the 1953-54 academic year will be accepted until February 20. Three scholarships of \$600 each, known as the Atrani Scholarships, will be awarded. Each scholarship covers the bulk of a year's tuition fees at Columbia.