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MOSCOW ATTACKS BEN GURION, SHARETT; SAYS THEY ARE U.S. "AGENTS"

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) — The Soviet Government today attacked the leaders of the Israel Government, branding Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett "agents" of the United States "carrying out instructions from the State Department."

The attack, the most severe ever made in Moscow against members of the Israel Government, was made in an article published in the New Times, official publication of the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The article also termed Ambassador Abba Eban, Israel's envoy to Washington and head of the Israel delegation at the United Nations, a "British agent." The Zionist movement, the article said, is "an agency of American intelligence."

The Soviet organ also attacked the American Joint Distribution Committee. It claimed that although the J.D.C. has not been operating in the Soviet Union for a number of years, its "agents" have been conducting underground activities in the country. "It is clear from the arrest of the band of doctor-murderers that the network of this espionage outfit continued to operate in the deep underground by criminally masking itself," the New Times said.

Zionists Are Promoting Anti-Semitism, Soviet Organ Asserts

Asserting that "the Zionist agents have been caught red-handed," the organ of the Soviet Foreign Office charged the Zionist movement with "supporting American aggression and preparation by the imperialists for a new world war." It said that Zionist leaders are "maliciously hostile" towards the Soviet Union and declared that "Israel's representatives at the United Nations aid the Anglo-American bloc in interfering with Soviet proposals directed at strengthening friendship between peoples."

In attacking the Zionist movement and the leaders of the Israel Government, the article went so far as to claim that they were helping promote anti-Semitism and support a policy of restoring Hitlerism. "Supporting the policy of the American imperialists directed at unleashing a new war to dominate the world, the Zionists at the same time are factually supporting everything which contributes to this policy, in particular, the policy of restoring the order of Hitler and establishing bloody, fascist regimes permeated by a spirit of racial bigotry, including anti-Semitism," it said.

(Commenting on raids on Jewish homes which are being conducted in the Soviet zone of Germany, the New York Herald Tribune today says editorially: "The Jews of East Germany, clinging despite the past to their homeland, can only regard the charge that they are 'homeless cosmopolitans,' or 'bourgeois Zionists' as a wild fantasy; they can only be bewildered by the tale that the Joint Distribution Committee, which aided them in their distress, is a tool of capitalist imperialism.")

JEWS IN SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANY GET NEW COMMUNIST WARNING

BERLIN, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Jews in the Soviet zone of Germany were warned today that they will be punished if they ally themselves with "American warmongers." The warning was made in the "National Zeitung," Communist organ in Eastern Germany, which is noted for its appeals to Nazis to join with Moscow. The new warning is taken as an indication that more arrests of Jews are to be expected in the Soviet zone.

Official West German sources today estimated that about 400 Jews have escaped from the Soviet part of Germany during the last three weeks. Some of these Jews reported that they fled after they were cross-examined by the Communist Security Police as to whether they had any connections with Israel or with the Joint Distribution Committee.

The expulsion of Jewish leaders from the League of Victims of Nazi Persecution in East Berlin on the charge that they are "Zionist agents," was announced last night in a statement issued by the Communist-controlled league. Among those expelled were: Julius Meyer, president of the Berlin Jewish Community; Helmuth Looser, president of the Jewish Community of Leipzig; Leo Loewenkopf, president of the Jewish Community in Dresden and Guenther Singer, president of the Jewish Community in Erfurt. All four escaped from the Soviet zone into West Berlin last week.

U.S. JEWISH LABOR LEADERS PICKET SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish labor movement in the United States today picketed the Soviet Embassy here in protest against Moscow's anti-Jewish campaign. They carried placards reading: "Stop Soviet Butchery Behind the Iron Curtain," "Jews Protest Red Anti-Semitism" and "End Soviet Persecution of Jews."

The group, led by Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, several days ago telegraphed Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin asking for an appointment. The request was today termed "insulting" by a secretary of the Soviet Embassy. Following the demonstration in front of the Embassy, the Jewish labor leaders went to the Capitol where they conferred with a number of members of Congress on the situation of the Jews in the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Members of the delegation included leaders of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; New York City C. I. O. Council; United Hatters, Cap, and Millinery Workers; Hotel and Restaurant Workers; United Hebrew Trades; Hebrew Actors Union; Workmen's Circle; Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers; Jewish Pen Club; Congress for Jewish Culture; and the Jewish Labor Committee.

FIVE BRITISH RABBIS ASK ALL JEWS TO PROTEST SOVIET CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Five leading rabbis of Britain, Eire and Northern Ireland, led by British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, today broadcast an appeal to the Jews living in Israel and other parts of the world where they are guaranteed freedom of speech, to speak out against the Soviet anti-Jewish campaign.

Speaking on a British Broadcasting Corporation Hebrew program beamed to Israel, Dr. Brodie and his colleagues charged that the Communists were attempting to exploit "latent anti-Semitism in Russia and the satellite states." The rabbis rejected the argument that the current campaign is not anti-Semitic because anti-Semitism is banned by law in the U. S. S. R.

CANADIAN JEWS ASK GOVERNMENT TO CENSURE RUSSIA AT UNITED NATIONS

OTTAWA, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today called on the Government of Canada to censure Soviet Russia now and at the United Nations for its anti-Semitic campaign both in the U. S. S. R. and its satellite countries.

A Congress deputation, headed by Samuel Bronfman, president, and Michael Garber, national vice-president, told Secretary of State for External Affairs Lester B. Pearson that "the grim news emanating from Russia suggests the possibility of a large-scale anti-Semitic program as part of state policy."

The Congress delegation pointed out that there was abundant evidence in world history that Jews were the first in the ranks of victims but that the evil spread until it encompassed those of other faiths and beliefs whose way of life was a refutation of the ambitions of ruthless leaders.

The delegation asked the Canadian Government to alert all its agencies to obtain all the facts with regard to the Soviet anti-Jewish drive, so that Canada might be able continuously to assess them and be in a position to take pertinent action. The Jewish leaders also suggested that Canada take whatever action it can to give succor and assistance to those innocent victims of the Communist system who may be allowed to leave that orbit. They pointed out that insofar as the Jewish victims are concerned, Israel will be the principal country of immigration.

At the same time, a delegation representing the United Zionist Council of Canada and comprising Edward E. Gelber, president, and Prof. Maxwell Cohen, chairman of the public relations committee, discussed with Mr. Pearson a number of matters affecting the State of Israel.

RABBINICAL CONFERENCE CONDEMNS SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, addressing the annual mid-winter conference of that body which is taking place here, today attacked the Soviet regime for its anti-Jewish drive and charged it with "taking a page out of Hitler's book."

"We have long known where this totalitarian philosophy of Communism will lead," Rabbi Adams said. "We have not been misled by their protestations that anti-Semitism was outlawed by the Soviets for we know that religious observance was banned as was the Hebrew language from use in Russia. We must pray for early redemption of our brethren from their yoke of bondage."

The State of Israel will gladly admit any Jew permitted to leave Russia or its satellite countries, Rabbi Zev Gold, of Jerusalem, declared in an address to the conference. Rabbi Gold, head of the Department of Education, Culture and Torah of the Jewish Agency who is now visiting in the United States, declared: "Now the Soviet leaders seem to have picked anti-Semitism as an instrumentality and under that pretext are not only punishing Russians who are Jews but also Jews as Jews."

The Rabbinical Council session was opened with the recitation of a prayer for the health and happiness of President Eisenhower and the success of his Administration.

ANTI-SEMITES PAINT "JEW" ON WINDOWS OF JEWISH STORES IN TOULOUSE

PARIS, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A report published here says that the windows of 30 Jewish-owned stores in Toulouse were painted with the word "Jew" last week. The police are conducting an investigation.

INTERNATIONAL BODY TO AID MOVEMENT OF JEWS TO ISRAEL

GENEVA, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration--successor organization to the International Refugee Organization--today announced a new agreement with the Israel Government to assist in the movement of Jewish refugees from Europe to Israel.

The agreement sets up two categories of Jewish refugees eligible for assistance: those who have left their country of citizenship in Europe on or after January 1, 1953 and have arrived in France or Italy en route to Israel; and refugees whose establishment in Europe "has been found impossible" and who now wish to be moved to Israel for permanent resettlement there.

The accord will cover the movement of 2,000 Jewish refugees to Israel. It makes provision, however, "should circumstances warrant it," for a new agreement prior to the termination of the present one. The Israel Government will name representatives to act in its behalf in Italy and France, "and elsewhere as may be necessary," to arrange for the immigration of refugees.

Under the 1952 agreement, which became effective last August after Israel's accession to I.C.E.M., the Migration Committee assisted in the resettlement of 485 Jewish refugees to Israel.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT STARTS DEBATE ON UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today began a debate on the unemployment situation in the country, after Labor Minister Golda Myerson reported that the number of unemployed had climbed to just under 17,000.

Mrs. Myerson said that the main cause of unemployment were a variety of obstacles encountered by the government development authority. She said that the government expected to place half of the unemployed on various projects that would provide from three to six months' work. For the others, whose number may grow, she said, there is an urgent need to provide jobs. In the future, the government will concentrate on finding employment primarily for those men and women who desire to work on the land or to enter "productive trades," Mrs. Myerson concluded.

MAPAM EXTREMISTS REFUSE TO GIVE UP THEIR KNESSET SEATS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Moshe Sneh and other leaders of the new extremist faction in the Mapam Party last night rejected a demand by the party's central committee that they either disband the faction or resign from any seats in governmental bodies or labor organizations which they held in the name of the party.

At the same time, Dr. Sneh called for a meeting of the Mapam Council to consider the matter. He charged that the central committee's demands were unlawful because only a national conference of the party has the authority to strip the members of his group of their official positions.

On the question of dissolution of the faction, he stated: "If all factions within the Mapam dissolve, we will follow suit." He also claimed that the program of his new group was based on Mapam resolutions which announce the party's cooperation with Zionist organizations. But, he insisted, "the resolutions do not demand Mapam participation in Zionist managing organizations."

ZIONIST AND NON-ZIONIST GROUPS GREET PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower was the recipient today of messages of greetings from American Zionist and non-Zionist groups, wishing him health and vigor to carry out his great responsibilities.

The American Zionist Council, representing all Zionist groups in the United States, sent a message reading: "The American Zionist Council, the public relations representative of all national Zionist organizations in the United States, extends its best wishes for your success as President of the United States. It expresses the hope shared by all Americans that the economic well-being of our great Republic may be sustained and furthered and that world peace may be consummated during your administration. May you be given the strength to carry the burden of your great responsibilities."

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, representing 32 national and local Jewish organizations engaged in combatting bigotry, said in a message to the President: "As you assume the Presidency, the 32 national and local Jewish organizations associated together in the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the joint policy formulating and coordinating agency for Jewish community relations in the United States, pray that you may be preserved in health and vigor, to realize the full potential of your office for advancing the peace of the world, the welfare and security of the nation and the extension of equal rights and equal opportunities to all Americans."

Israel Minister David Goltin represented Israel as a diplomatic observer at the inaugural parade yesterday. Col. Chaim Herzog, chief Israel military attache, viewed the parade as a military observer.

ISRAEL AIRLINES CONVERTS ITS OPERATION TO TOURIST SERVICE

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- "The successful operation of an international commercial airline is signal evidence of Israel's arrival on the scene of world commerce and industrial enterprise," Louis Pincus, managing director of El Al, Israel airline, said here today. He described his airline as "a vital link of communication to the many countries with which Israel has developed trade, as well as political, relations."

Mr. Pincus, who is now on an inspection tour in the U.S., reported that within four years the airline had become a significant factor in Israel's economic and industrial picture, and in the fields of world air travel and cargo shipping. "While the Government of Israel had set up a company to give Israel a national airline, El Al functions as an independent commercial concern. It has received no government subsidies and now is about to seek private investment for further expansion," he said.

Referring to the decision of El Al's management to convert its entire operation to tourist service, Mr. Pincus stated: "We will attempt to make tourist service a speciality, not merely an inexpensive alternative to luxury travel. We also feel that a growing number of tourists of all faiths will visit the Holy Land, on a three-leg junket that will include a visit to Rome, a visit to Athens and a visit to Jerusalem."

FRENCH AIRLINE LENDS 700,000 POUNDS TO JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The French airline Air France today lent the Jewish National Fund of Israel 700,000 pounds from Air France funds frozen in Israel. The loan, which bears two percent interest, falls due in two years.

J.N.F. PROCLAIMS NATIONWIDE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A house-to-house fund-raising campaign will be launched by the Jewish National Fund on March 1st throughout the United States, with more than 50,000 volunteers enlisted in the drive which will last a full month, it was announced at a press conference here today by Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the J.N.F. of America.

The special drive, which will continue throughout "Jewish National Fund Box Month," will seek to place a J.N.F. box in 750,000 Jewish homes in this country, Dr. Levine explained. There are at present 250,000 J.N.F. blue-white boxes in Jewish homes throughout the United States. Mrs. Israel Goldstein has been named chairman of the committee which will supervise the drive.

A proclamation calling on all American Jews to support "Box Month," which is signed by the national presidents of all Zionist organizations in the United States, stresses the popular character of the J.N.F. "The Jewish National Fund is the people's fund," the proclamation says. "For more than a half-century, it has lived with the masses of the Jewish people and has derived its power for great achievement from the people." The proclamation ends on the confident note that the Jews of America will respond to the call of the J.N.F.

Dr. Levine said that the 1953 budgetary requirements of the Jewish National Fund total \$22,000,000. The principal programs which the J.N.F. is seeking to carry out this year include the drainage of the 60,000 dunam (15,000 acres) marshland in the Huleh region of Israel; the planting of 7,000,000 trees in the Galilee and other parts of the country, in addition to the 6,000,000 trees of the Forest of Martyrs now being planted in the Judean Hills near Jerusalem; the reclamation of 250,000 acres of sandy soil, primarily in the Negev; and the preparation of hundreds of thousands of acres for agricultural production by scores of thousands of immigrant families.

Mrs. Goldstein declared that the drive's slogan--"a J.N.F. box in every Jewish home"--is "a realizable goal" and stressed that the blue-white box has "become a feature in the Jewish home in America." The day has arrived "when every Jewish household should make it a point of pride in Jewish tradition and in the State of Israel to display the J.N.F. box," she stated. Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund, called attention to the educational value of J.N.F. "Box Month" for the State of Israel and the cause of land redemption.

HAIFA TECHNION RECEIVES BOOKS FROM U.S. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

HAIFA, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A collection of several thousand books dealing with various phases of modern science and technology have been received by the library of the Haifa Institute of Technology from the Exchange and Gift Division of the Library of Congress in Washington.

ISRAEL PAINTING "JERUSALEM" TO BE PLACED IN TRUMAN MUSEUM

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A painting "The Holy City of Jerusalem" by the Israeli painter Myron Sima will be placed in the Truman Museum here. The painting was presented to Mr. Truman in Washington a day before he left the White House in behalf of a committee of prominent American art lovers and friends of Israel interested in cementing cultural relations between the United States and Israel.