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ISRAEL DOES NOT INTEND TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH SOVIET SATELLITES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Israel is not contemplating breaking off diplomatic relations with Czechoslovakia and Poland, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared here today in a press conference broadcast over the government radio.

The Minister revealed that, for the time being, the Israel Government will not nominate a Minister to replace Dr. Arie Kubow, who was denounced by both the Prague and Warsaw Governments to which he was accredited.

Meanwhile, the Polish legation here has announced that it will give no more information to Israelis about Jews living in Poland. The statement was made in reply to a local attorney who sought to establish the whereabouts of one of his clients in Poland.

The Jewish Agency said today that it is ready to pay "the total cost" of emigration to Israel of all Jews who can escape from behind the Iron Curtain.

The Mapam Party newspaper Al Hamishmar today refused to publish a regular weekly column by Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, a regular contributor, because the article contained a strong attack on Moscow. Dr. Gruenbaum is reported to have threatened to discontinue his weekly columns unless his current article is published without editorial comment.

Soviet May Break Relations with Israel, London Believes

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Moscow's violent attacks on the Israel Government and its leaders was seen here today as a prelude to the Soviet Union's breaking off diplomatic relations with Israel.

The prediction was made by the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph who suggested that the break might come after the trial of the nine Soviet doctors arrested in a "terrorist" plot against the lives of top Soviet political and military leaders. The correspondent said he believed that the Soviet authorities would use the trial of the doctors as an excuse for the break which, he added, will not sit well with world public opinion. He pointed out that the same action was taken, in effect, by the Warsaw and Prague governments after the Prague trial.

Meanwhile, the Telegraph reported from Vienna that the Rumanian, Hungarian and Czech radio networks have intensified their jamming of programs from Israel and Hebrew programs from the British Broadcasting Corporation beamed to Israel.

DEVELOPMENTS IN HUNGARY FORCE J.D.C. TO CEASE WORK THERE

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today announced that "in the light of present developments in Hungary" it is no longer possible for the J.D.C. to continue operations in that country. Therefore, the J.D.C. said, it will end its relief activities in Hungary as of today. A statement issued by Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the J.D.C., reads:

"The J.D.C. in its work of relief and rehabilitation of Jewish victims of war and persecution has scrupulously refrained from political activities and has never deviated from its principle of exclusive adherence to its humanitarian role. In the program of aid in Hungary, carried on in behalf of the aged and the sick, of widows and children since the end of World War II, the J.D.C. has remained faithful to these principles.

"In the light of present developments in Hungary, it is no longer possible for the J.D.C. to continue to operate and it is therefore ceasing its relief activities in that country as of this date. However, the J.D.C. as the representative agency of American Jews will continue to manifest its deep concern on behalf of Hungarian Jewry as well as on behalf of other Jewish victims wherever they may be."

U.S. GOVERNMENT URGED TO PROTEST SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was today urged to have the United States Government voice a formal protest at the United Nations against the anti-Jewish campaign in Moscow and in the Soviet satellite countries. A similar request was communicated to Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., new U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

The requests were made by Senator Irving Ives of New York. He was joined in them by Rep. Jacob K. Javits. "I call upon the Government of the United States, through the medium of the United Nations, to take all possible action to bring these Soviet outrages to the bar of world public opinion to the end that they shall cease," Sen. Ives wrote Sec. Dulles and Ambassador Lodge.

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman told representatives of the Jewish Labor Committee gathered in Washington to protest Soviet anti-Semitism that "it is no coincidence that Soviet Russia should now turn to anti-Semitism" because "it may be recalled that Adolf Hitler learned the political advantages of anti-Semitism directly from the annals of the Russian history." He said that "anti-Semitism in its modern form is Russian in origin. In Russia its practice was called the pogrom."

Rabbis Ask State Department to Influence Moscow

LAKEWOOD, N.J., Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America today concluded its two-day convention here with a resolution asking the State Department to raise at the United Nations the question of the anti-Jewish drive in the countries behind the Iron Curtain. The State Department was also urged to influence the Soviet Union through the United Nations to permit Jews to emigrate from the U.S.S.R. to Israel.

Another resolution asks the governments of the United States and Great Britain not to sell arms to the Arab countries as long as they are at war with Israel. The Rabbinical Council represents 500 Orthodox rabbis in the United States and Canada.

U.S. WATCHES EFFECT OF SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH MOVE ON GERMANY

BONN, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- American observers here are watching the effect of the Soviet anti-Jewish propaganda on the German population, it was learned today. Although anti-Semitism has been soft-pedaled even by former Nazis who fear to advocate it openly while the Allied armies are still on German soil, it has been noticed that they have become bolder since the Prague trial.

Russia's embracing anti-Semitism is obviously encouraging Nazi elements in Germany. More underground anti-Semitic publications are being circulated and increased anti-Jewish propaganda is being conducted under the guise that the West German Government should take into consideration Arab protests against the payment of reparations to Jews and to Israel. Parallel with the increase in anti-Jewish propaganda, Nazi underground forces have intensified their agitation against the United States, using the Soviet propaganda line that Jews are "agents" of America's interests.

Einstein and Urey Assail Soviet Drive Against Jews

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein and Dr. Harold C. Urey, the atomic scientist, today made public statements condemning the Soviet drive against Jews. The statements were sent by the two leading scientists to the New Leader, a weekly publication in New York, which has been fighting Communism for many years.

Prof. Einstein said: "It goes without saying that the perversion which manifests itself in all the official trials staged by the Russian Government, not only that in Prague, but also the earlier ones since the second half of the thirties, deserves unconditional condemnation. The most appropriate step would be, in my opinion, a kind of corporate condemnation from the side of recognized authorities in the field of science and scholarship. The advantage of such action would be that it would be obviously independent from politics."

Dr. Urey declared: "In the 'workers' paradise of the U. S. S. R. gross injustices are done intentionally by government officials, directed by men with cast-iron hearts and minds at the very top. No need to read the evidence. There isn't any. But I protest these crimes and I hope others do, even though one expects that the protest will fall on the deafest ears in the whole world."

Hadassah Likens Soviet Anti-Jewish Drive to Nazi Campaign

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- An emergency meeting of the national board of Hadassah today adopted a resolution which likened the current Soviet anti-Semitic drive to the beginning of the Nazi campaign 20 years ago, and emphasized that "complicity, the ally of all foes of freedom and democracy, will never again lull the free world into inaction and indifference."

The Hadassah statement, made public by Mrs. Samuel J. Rosenschn, national president, voiced the prayer that the Soviet-dominated governments "would recover their reason before it is too late" but warned its membership "to be prepared, staunchly and with dedication, to preserve fundamental principles of equality, justice and democracy which we hold so dear."

Jews in Brazil Protest Communist Anti-Jewish Campaign

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The confederation of Jewish communities of Brazil today published a resolution protesting against the anti-Semitic drive behind the Iron Curtain. The resolution was adopted at a conference of the federation at which an appeal was issued to Jewish Communists to leave the ranks of the Communist Party

ISRAEL CABINET HEARS REPORT ON PROPOSED TAX ON PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met in extraordinary session today to hear a final report from Finance Minister Levi Eshkol on a proposed government tax on property.

Mr. Eshkol estimated that the levy would bring in between 40,000,000 and 60,000,000 pounds, depending on the manner in which it is collected. The funds so collected will be used for financing projects provided for in the national development budget.

Speaking to newsmen later, Mr. Eshkol declared that the current budget would be balanced by the end of the fiscal year. His comment was made in denial of reports that the fiscal year, now in its last quarter, would end with a deficit of some 50,000,000 pounds. He also expressed the belief that the development budget would be balanced. Next year's budget would also be balanced, regardless of the expense to government services, the Minister declared.

KNESSET DEPUTIES SEEK GOVERNMENT BAN ON SALE OF PORK IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Some 30 members of Israel's Parliament, including deputies of every party except the Mapai and the Communists, met here today to consider action by the government to ban the breeding of hogs and the sale of pork in the Jewish State.

The meetings, called by Poale Agudah leader Benjamin Mintz, elected an "actions committee" of ten, each representing a different party. Among the deputies at the meeting was Mapai leader Meir Argov, who was as vehement in his demand that pork sales be ended as were the religious representatives.

TWO HEART OPERATIONS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED AT HADASSAH HOSPITAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The first two delicate heart operations performed at the recently organized cardio-surgical unit at the Hadassah Hospital here were today announced to be completely successful.

Officials of the hospital heralded the operations as opening up a new phase of surgery in Israel. Both patients are progressing well after operations for the removal of tumors from the pericardium.

GERMAN GROUP TO LEAVE FOR CAIRO; MAY AFFECT PAYMENTS TO ISRAEL

BONN, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A German trade delegation which has been invited to Cairo by the Egyptian Government is scheduled to leave for the Egyptian capital at the end of this week, it was reported here today.

It is understood that the decision on whether to submit the Israel reparations pact to the Bundestag for ratification this month or at some later date depends on the outcome of the trade delegation's talks with Egyptian leaders. The members of the delegation have not yet been named publicly.

ISRAEL PAYS \$72,998 IN 1952 DUES TO UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 22. (JTA) -- United Nations headquarters here announced today that Israel has paid \$72,998 as its 1952 contribution to the U. N. budget.

SHARETT PRODS GERMANY ON RATIFICATION OF REPARATIONS PACT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today expressed "astonishment" at the continued hesitation of the West German Government to introduce the German-Israeli reparations treaty to the Bonn Parliament for ratification. He made his statement during a radio broadcast here.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO START REPARATIONS TALKS WITH JEWS

VIENNA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Negotiations between the Austrian Government and major world Jewish organizations on Jewish reparations demands will begin in March or April, authoritative sources here said today.

The discussions were originally set for last November, but a government crisis intervened and the present "caretaker" government refused to bind any new government which will take office after the February 22 elections by agreement on Jewish reparations. Invitations will be sent by the new government to the Jewish groups early in March, according to the authoritative sources. They also point out that with the United Nations adoption of a positive recommendation for an Austrian peace treaty, the new government need no longer fear Arab threats of sabotaging Austrian hopes in the U.N. if reparations are paid the Jews.

Meanwhile, in an interview with the Zionist publication "Neue Welt" here, Vice-Chancellor Adolf Schaerf, who has opposed the talks, said that his Social Democratic Party wants to safeguard the interests of Austrian Jews wherever they now live. However, Dr. Schaerf asserted that neither the world Jewish organizations nor the Vienna Jewish Community have furnished the government with sufficient data to calculate the exact amount of the Jewish claims.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that much of the property originally stolen from Jews by the Nazis is now in the hands of the Soviet authorities and suggests that demands for its return be made to the occupation authorities since the Austrian Government has no control over it. On heirless Jewish property under the government's control, he said the Vienna Community is "entitled" to cooperate with the government in its administration. He added that the Vienna Community would also help distribute Austrian Government funds for the benefit of needy Austrian Jews.

"JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL" MERGES WITH "THE DAY"; EXISTED 52 YEARS

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The merger of the Jewish Morning Journal, daily Yiddish newspaper which has been in existence for 52 years, with The Day, was announced here today. Beginning Monday, the Morning Journal will discontinue publication and a new paper, known as The Day-Morning Journal, will appear under the editorial direction of Solomon Dingol, editor of The Day. The newspaper will be published from The Day plant.

In a statement issued today by Morris Weinberg, publisher of the merged newspaper, it was emphasized that out of respect for Orthodox readers, the paper will not appear on Saturday. On that day The Day alone will be published. It is understood that Mr. Weinberg paid \$150,000 for the Morning Journal and that the merger has been approved by Judge Sidney Sugarman of the Southern District Federal Court who directed the affairs of the bankrupt Morning Journal. Part of the money will go for severance pay to members of the Morning Journal staff who will lose their jobs. About 15 of the 30 members of the editorial staff of the Morning Journal will be employed on the merged paper.

FEDERAL AGENCY PUTS TEETH INTO BAN ON JOB DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A new administrative procedure designed to effectively implement Federal regulations banning discrimination in hiring by private firms working on government contracts has been put into operation in the General Services Administration, the Federal Government buying agency, it was announced yesterday by Jess Larson, head of the agency.

Mr. Larson said that his office would be able, with the new procedure, either to persuade a contractor to meet the requirements of the regulations or to cancel his contract. The new procedure was recommended in a report of the President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance presented to President Truman before his term expired.

NEW JERSEY GROUPS ORGANIZE TO IMPROVE IMMIGRATION LAW

NEWARK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A temporary New Jersey Commission on Immigration Legislation has been formed here to work for the implementation of recommendations of President Truman's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization. The Commission suggested a complete revision of the McCarran Immigration Law.

The body was formed by representatives of the State C. I. O., Jewish Community Council, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and civic and church groups. A meeting of state-wide organizations will be held in the near future.

ISRAEL-U.S. FRIENDSHIP GROUP MARKS EISENHOWER INAUGURATION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel-United States Friendship League last night held a special meeting to celebrate the inauguration of President Eisenhower. The meeting sent a message of congratulations to the President.

American Ambassador Monnet B. Davis told the audience that the celebration in Israel of the inauguration of an American President was a "great honor for the American people and democracy." Israel Justice Minister Pinchas Rosen, another speaker, said that it was "fortunate for democracy in general and for the American people that in such troubled times a man of President Eisenhower's stature should lead them."

U.S. GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES SALE OF YIDDISH BOOKS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- M. Shklarsky, American Jewish publisher, sailed for Israel today with a plan to sell in Israel Yiddish books published in the United States. On the basis of an understanding reached with the American authorities, he will be able to sell up to \$18,000 worth of books for Israel currency which will be deposited with the U.S. Consulate in Tel Aviv and later paid to his account in America by the State Department in dollars at the rate of \$1.40 per Israel pound. This is the first experiment in selling American-produced Yiddish books in Israel with the encouragement of the U.S. Government.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT COMMEMORATES ANNIVERSARY OF NORDAU'S DEATH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today marked the 30th anniversary of the death of Max Nordau, pioneer of the modern Zionist movement. The Jewish Agency held a memorial meeting and a delegation of members of the Agency executive visited Nordau's grave in Tel Aviv.