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RED ARMY SENDS JEWISH OFFICERS BACK TO MOSCOW IN SEALED TRAINS

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Some 50 Jewish officers serving with the Soviet forces in Germany have been sent back to Moscow in sealed trains, it was reported here today from Berlin.

Orders to "eliminate" Jewish doctors in the Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe have been traced to Marshal Stalin, the London Daily Sketch reported here today. The newspaper, which says that its report is based on information reaching the British Government, says that by this move Stalin hopes to win the sympathies of the Russian people as well as the nationalist military circles in East and West Germany.

The Sketch also reported from Berlin that world Jewish leaders have received information smuggled out by refugees, stating that 700 Jews have been arrested in Czechoslovakia; that Polish secret police are holding 1,800 Jews; and that the Soviet authorities in Austria have handed over 1,100 Jews to the Czech authorities.

The arrest in East Germany of a Jewish Communist leader on the charge that he aided the heads of seven Jewish communities in the Soviet zone of Germany to escape to West Berlin was reported here today. He was identified as Bruno Wolf, chairman of the education department of the Communist Central Committee in East Germany.

MAPAM GROUP DECIDES TO EXPEL DR. SNEH FROM MEMBERSHIP

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The expulsion of Dr. Moshe Sneh and his associates from the leftist Mapam Party because of their extreme pro-Soviet orientation was decided upon this afternoon at a meeting of the party's steering committee. It is expected to be approved Wednesday by the party council, which has the last word on party affairs.

Two members of the Communist Party in Israel were ousted today from the board of the Association of Immigrants from Bulgaria on the ground that "they are not Zionists." It is believed that other immigrant associations will follow their lead.

The latest anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist attacks by the Soviet Union and its satellites have had their repercussions in the ranks of the Israel Communist Party. Many members and supporters of the Communist Party who until now attended party meetings openly have severed all ties with the Communists, and the party's central committee is understood to be considering closing down a number of clubs in Tel Aviv and its environs.

HEAD OF U.S. DELEGATION AT U. N. SCORES SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, the new permanent representative of the United States at the United Nations, told a press conference today that he had read about the anti-Semitic campaign behind the Iron Curtain with "consternation."

However, when he was asked what his delegation would do about it when the General Assembly reconvenes at the end of February, he said that he did not know yet.

ISRAEL WILL BRING MOSCOW'S ANTI-SEMITISM TO U. N. ATTENTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will bring the anti-Jewish drive in the countries behind the Iron Curtain to the attention of the United Nations, it was indicated at a press conference here today by Dr. Ariele Kubovy, Israel's Minister to Czechoslovakia and Poland, who was recently declared "persona non-grata" by the governments of both countries.

Dr. Kubovy, who came here to address meetings on behalf of the Israel Bond campaign, said that the proceedings of the recent Prague "purge" trial were of a "patently anti-Semitic character." He added that the present Moscow campaign of slander against Israel will not deflect the efforts of the Jewish state "to consolidate and defend its democracy, press forward its economic development, and keep its doors open for all Jews who wish to find a haven in its midst."

Assailing Moscow's charges against the Joint Distribution Committee and the leaders of Israel, Dr. Kubovy stated: "I would repeat in this regard the statement made last week in the Parliament of Israel by our Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, that 'the Government of Israel will expose in the United Nations and on every platform this campaign of instigation against the Jewish people in the countries under Communist control. The people of Israel have been gravely concerned by the pernicious anti-Jewish course which has now been officially adopted in the U.S.S.R. and which must arouse the most vehement indignation and condemnation on the part of the State of Israel and Jews throughout the world.'"

"All I need to add is that Mr. Sharett was expressing in that statement the deep-seated feelings of all our people in Israel," Dr. Kubovy pointed out. He reported that fundamental economic developments are proceeding apace in Israel. "The pace of development is slackened today only by capital shortages, not by the unavailability of raw materials and other natural wealth," he stated.

IMMIGRATION RISE ASKED IN HOUSE; MOSCOW'S ANTI-SEMITISM CITED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Citing an "undeniable urgency" caused by the outbreak of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe, Rep. Emanuel Celler today introduced a bill in the House of Representatives which would admit 328,000 Europeans to this country within three years.

Rep. Celler's bill would admit 64,000 refugees in Western Germany and Austria, in addition to escapees from countries behind the Iron Curtain. The bill also provides for the admission of 100,000 immigrants from Italy and Trieste, which are suffering from excess populations; 100,000 German expellees, defined in the bill as "people of German ethnic origin" who were expelled from Eastern European countries at the end of the war; 22,000 Greeks and 22,000 from the Netherlands, both of which have population problems; 20,000 refugees "who have found temporary asylum" in North Atlantic Treaty countries. He said most of the persons in this group would come from France.

GERMANS START MOVEMENT FOR RATIFICATION OF PACT WITH ISRAEL

HAMBURG, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The "Peace with Israel" movement in West Germany has inaugurated a campaign designed to influence the Bonn Government to immediately press for ratification of the German-Israel reparations program in the German Bundestag.

The campaign, which already has the support of an impressive list of prominent authors, educators and theologians including 24 Catholic professors, will attempt to convince the Germans that delay in approving the treaty will injure Germany's prestige abroad.

Meanwhile, a report has been received from Cairo that as a consequence of the activities of Dr. Gunther Pawelke, German Ambassador to Egypt, a German-Arab agreement intended to dissolve Arab opposition to the Israel reparations pact is imminent. The Egyptian Government is pictured as having come around to an understanding of the German viewpoint on the reparations pact.

ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER SAYS NO RISE IN PRICES EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol today declared that he sees no likelihood of further price increases in the immediate future. Mr. Eshkol made his statement to a meeting of leaders of the government coalition parties, which was told at the same time by Minister for Trade and Industry Peretz Bernstein that his office has been under pressure to grant price increases to various producer groups.

The session, which was called to work out a unified stand on economic issues which are likely to arise in Parliament tomorrow when Mr. Eshkol presents his latest economic report, heard the Finance Minister report that the current budget would be balanced by the end of the fiscal year. He said he foresaw no deficit, despite the fact that the worldwide inflation has cut the value of Israeli exports and increased the price of its imports.

GENERAL ZIONISTS SEEK EASING OF ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC CONTROLS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Liberalization of economic controls in Israel was demanded today at a meeting of General Zionist leaders and economic experts. At the same time, the speakers agreed that although it is necessary to lift controls on foreign currency in order to attract more capital from abroad, the easing of such controls must be done gradually. Dr. Peretz Bernstein, Minister of Trade and Industry, outlined the pressing economic situation but added that conditions could be expected to improve slowly.

S.S. Hoofien, director of the Israel National Bank, speaking before the Haifa Maritime Club, cautioned against too great a dependence on industrialization as the overall solution for Israel. He stressed that for some decades to come Israel will be mainly an agricultural country and secondarily an industrial one.

ISRAEL MINISTERS FAIL TO REACH COMPROMISE ON EDUCATION SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A special Cabinet committee which journeyed to Tiberias yesterday to consult vacationing Premier David Ben Gurion on a compromise proposal to establish a public education system satisfactory to all parties, failed to reach an acceptable formula, it was learned here today. No date has yet been set for further meetings of the Ministerial committee, which is composed of representatives of the government parties.

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ISRAEL FORCES IN NEGEV CLASH WITH EGYPTIANS AT BORDER

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Israel forces in the Negev last night chased a large band of infiltrees back across the Egyptian frontier after a lengthy battle, an Israeli military spokesman revealed today. He said that the Arab force consisted of trained fighters. The infiltrees were caught trying to steal irrigation pipe, which is nearly always the sole object of raids by bands from Egyptian territory.

Relations along the Israel-Jordan border continued to deteriorate today, despite the fact that the Arab Legion yesterday released four Israeli soldiers kept prisoner for three weeks. Arab troops on the other side of the frontier were today observed wearing battle helmets. The number of infiltrees from Jordan territory apprehended last week was 35.

Meanwhile, Israeli political circles confess that they are "perplexed" by the British Government's assertion that it is delivering arms and jet planes to Egypt to help the Egyptian Government maintain internal security. They point out that Saturday "strong man" Premier Mohammed Naguib threatened publicly to "save Palestine" after he has cleared the British out of the Suez Canal area. These same circles express the belief that the bellicose statements of Egypt's dictator coupled with increased infiltration activity along Israel's Gaza border prove that Egypt intends to use its new weapons against Israel.

SOVIET'S ANTI-ISRAEL POLICY ATTRACTS ATTENTION IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Soviet anti-Israel, anti-Jewish policy has attracted wide attention in Turkey, one of the U.S.S.R.'s closest NATO neighbors, and the Turkish press has been featuring reports of the Soviet campaign on their frontpages.

The major concern of Turkish political circles with the campaign is that it may throw additional difficulties in the path of the projected Middle East Defense Organization, in which Turkey would be one of the leading factors. Turkish leaders have expressed the hope that the Arabs would not bite for the Soviet bait.

Although Turkish leaders frankly see no way for the projected regional organization to include the Israelis and the Arabs while no formal peace has been established between them, they express the hope that Israel will join the MEDO.

U.S. ARTIST ASKS REMOVAL OF HIS PAINTINGS FROM MOSCOW MUSEUM

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- An American artist, whose gift of a portrait of Dr. Albert Einstein to the Treasury Department brought the record price of \$1,000,000 in U.S. bonds, today asked the Soviet Government to remove from the walls of the Moscow Museum of Modern Western Art 15 of his pictures as a "cultural protest" against the current "outrageous anti-Semitic turn of events."

Paul Meltner, whose series of pictures depicting industrial scenes in the U.S. is the largest single collection of the work of an American artist hanging in a Moscow museum, said that he sent a letter to this effect to Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin in Washington. The text of his letter was made public through the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

JEWISH APPLICANTS FOR U. S. VISAS NOT REQUIRED TO STATE RELIGION

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The provision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act which requires applicants for U. S. visas to list their "race and ethnic classification" does not require Jewish immigrants to disclose their religion, Edward Maney, director of the Visa Office of the U. S. Department of State, informed the American Jewish Congress.

The State Department official replied to an A. J. C. letter to which was attached copies of mimeographed "personal data forms" used by two American consulates in Italy. These forms contained space for the designation of the applicant's religious belief. The A. J. C. requested that the use of these forms be discontinued and that a new general departmental directive be issued.

Mr. Maney's letter notified the American Jewish Congress that he had ordered American consular officers to remove questions which would reveal religious affiliations from the consulate's data form. The State Department's position, Mr. Maney declared, is that "the requirement for stating race and ethnic classification in a visa application does not pertain to the applicant's religion."

Mr. Maney further noted that since this requirement "is the only one under the new law which could possibly lead to an inquiry about an alien's religion" and "since the regulations specifically state that this requirement does not relate to the applicant's religion," all American missions and consulates now stand fully instructed not to conduct such inquiries into the religious affiliations of immigrants.

JEWISH GROUPS IN N. C. R. A. C. REACH AGREEMENT ON 1953 PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Agreement on the main lines of an integrated program for Jewish community relations work in 1953 was reached at a planning session of the executive committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, it was announced today by the Council.

"This represents the first tangible step toward that effective national planning and coordination in the field of Jewish community relations which the Jewish communities of the United States have been demanding for many years," Irving Kane, chairman of the N. C. R. A. C., said in the announcement.

No details of the plan were revealed, but the announcement said that it will be made public soon and will include recommendations on the specific roles which each of the Jewish national agencies engaged in fighting for civil rights, as well as the communities, should play in carrying out the entire program.

"The plan represents the combined judgement of the national and local agencies in the N. C. R. A. C. as to the major directions which their programs should take in 1953," the announcement stated. "Like all N. C. R. A. C. judgements, this is an advisory one, to which it is expected, however, that all will adhere," the statement emphasized.

ORT GETS PERMISSION TO OPEN TWO SCHOOLS IN ITALY

ROME, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Italian Ministry of Education has given the ORT permission to open two new schools in Rome, it was announced here. One of the schools will be a trade school for women and the second will train naval engineers and mechanics.

NEW YORK GROUPS CONFER ON CHECKING ANTI-SEMITIC HOODLUMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Plans to combat a series of anti-Semitic outbreaks in New York's East Side, long a center of Jewish immigrant population, were discussed here yesterday at a neighborhood conference called by the local post of the Jewish War Veterans and attended by representatives of about 100 local religious, civic and educational groups.

A representative of the J. W. V. post reported on a number of incidents, including the beating by young hoodlums of Jewish school children, a rabbi and the two daughters of another rabbi. The local police captain said that arrests have been made in a number of cases. Congressman Arthur Klein, who addressed the parley, suggested a combination of police activity and education to combat the problem.

FORMER U.S. MINISTER AND BROTHER PRESENT ESTATE TO H. U. C.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- David E. Kaufman, former U. S. Minister to Bolivia and later to Siam, and his brother Morgan S. Kaufman, of Philadelphia, today announced the gift of their estate, "Davan Lodge," at Towanda, Pennsylvania, worth an estimated \$250,000 to the Hebrew Union College, and its affiliated Jewish Institute of Religion.

The lodge, which includes 30 acres of surrounding land and 11 buildings besides the main house, will be used as "an inter-faith center and a summer retreat for the students and members of the faculty of the Institution." David E. Kaufman was U. S. Minister to Bolivia in 1928-1929 and U. S. Minister to Siam in 1930-1933.

JOHANNESBURG JEWISH COMMUNITY FACES SERIOUS SPLIT

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A serious communal split threatens Johannesburg Jewry as a result of the decision of the Berea Hebrew Congregation to secede from the Transvaal Federation of Synagogues, an Orthodox organization.

The secession was precipitated over sharp differences of opinion between Rabbi Moshe Swift, spiritual leader of the Berea Congregation, and various colleagues in the Federation's ecclesiastical court, which is presided over by Chief Rabbi A. Rabinowitz. Rabbi Swift resigned from the Beth Din and took his fight to the congregation, which reached its decision at a closed meeting.

I.D.C. GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO NEEDY JEWISH STUDENTS IN ITALY

ROME, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has announced that it will grant additional scholarships to needy Jewish students in Italy. Some of the grants will be reserved for students who agree to teach in Jewish schools after they complete their education.

ISAAC METCHIK, FORMER EDITOR OF JEWISH DAILY, DIES AT 103

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Isaac Wolf Metchik, former editor of a London Jewish daily newspaper, died here yesterday at the age of 103.

Mr. Metchik who was born in Russia, lived in Poland then moved to England where he remained for 40 years before coming to the United States. While in Britain he published a Hebrew weekly, "Hatsophe," and established and edited a Yiddish daily, "The Jewish Advertiser." He retired at the age of 98 from the post of executive secretary of the Hebrew Day Nursery of New York, a job he had held for 36 years.