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ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO MAP PLANS AGAINST SOVIET DRIVE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive was today empowered to call a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee--supreme world Zionist body between congresses--to decide on a policy to counteract Moscow's campaign against Jews, Zionism and Israel.

The meeting will be held next month. The date and the place of the meeting will be fixed by the Jewish Agency executive. Authorization to call such a meeting was given today by the praesidium of the Actions Committee, after it heard a report from Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of Israel's Parliament, on the situation of the Jews in the countries behind the Iron Curtain since the recent anti-Jewish campaigns in Moscow and Prague.

Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Israel, will leave for Paris this Sunday to meet with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in the United States, to fix the date and place of the Actions Committee meeting. Both of them will proceed to New York to consult leaders of responsible Jewish organizations in America on a united reaction to Moscow's anti-Jewish drive. Dr. Goldmann is due in Paris this week-end from Bonn, where he discussed with the West German Government measures for speedy ratification by the German Parliament of the German-Israel reparations agreement.

Communist Paper in Israel Suspended; Sneh Forms New Party

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Minister of Interior Israel Rokach today suspended the Israel Communist newspaper Kol Haam for ten days for two violations of the regulations governing newspapers.

The Ministry said that an editorial on Kol Haam's frontpage on January 23 charging that American intelligence agents were appealing to unemployed Israeli veterans to fight in Korea was a false report which might cause panic. It also ruled that a translation of an editorial from the Soviet newspaper Pravda charging nine doctors, most of them Jews, with murdering Soviet leaders, had "endangered public security."

The Mapam extremist faction recently organized by Dr. Moshe Sneh and his associates, anticipating expulsion from the Mapam Party, today set itself up as a new party in Tel Aviv. The 200-member group will be known as the Socialist Workers Party. Dr. Sneh is expected to ask the Knesset to recognize himself and two other leaders of the group who hold seats in Parliament as representatives of the new party.

PERON SCORES ANTI-SEMITISM; HITS "IRON CURTAIN" CAMPAIGN

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- In statements to two Jewish delegations in the past two days, Argentine President Juan Peron has re-emphasized his determination to prevent anti-Semitism in this country, expressed repugnance of anti-Jewish developments in Eastern Europe, urged the strengthening of Israel as a haven for prospective immigrants from these areas and declared that the gates of Argentine are open to all victims of persecution.

Gen. Peron made his statements to a delegation consisting of Dr. Pablo Manguel, Argentine Minister to Israel, and Dr. Ezekiel Zobotinsky, chairman of the pro-Peronist Organizacion Israelite Argentina, which called on him two days ago, and one consisting of the representatives of the major communal organizations which conferred with him today. The second group, headed by Dr. Moises Goldmann, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community, included Jacobo Bronfman, vice-president of the BIAL, Isaac Arcavi, chairman of the Central Zionist Council, and Dr. Israel Yagupsky and Jose Ventura, co-chairmen of the United Israel Campaign, and others.

The President told the Jews that he would oppose by all means at his disposal attempts to disrupt the harmony of the "Argentine family" by anti-Semitic propaganda and activities. He stressed that since his accession to the Presidency there have been no anti-Semitic outbreaks in the country, and added that he would be on guard to prevent the spread of anti-Semitism from abroad to Argentina. He threatened to "punish and suppress" all forms of racial hatred.

After stating that Argentina would give refuge to victims of persecution, President Peron said that Israel must be strengthened to withstand the anti-Jewish attacks which, he said, are aimed at that country. He pledged Argentina's support of Israel, which he termed a country whose social conditions "are so similar to ours" and to which Argentina feels united by "strong fraternal ties."

He asserted that "it is a painful tragedy that certain frictions between the Big Powers result in the Jews becoming sacrificial victims." Predicting that a new anti-Jewish wave would be more dangerous to Jews than past repressions, President Peron said there is only one way to save the Jews: "Facilitate their migration to Israel and the countries of the free world." In the event such an evacuation becomes necessary, he stressed, he would take the proper steps.

He concluded his statements by declaring that in the face of these grave developments he would like to offer encouragement to the Jewish community and expressed his "absolute conviction" that under the present regime with its high spirit of justice and respect for human rights all problems facing the community would be considered in full and satisfactory fashion and would be properly resolved.

Speaking for the second delegation, which also included the two men who were in the first group, Dr. Goldmann thanked the President for his "encouraging message" and his attitude on the domestic and international problems affecting Jewry, especially the recent anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist campaign of "certain countries against Israel."

Jews in CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPORTED FEARING TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC

MUNICH, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Refugees from Czechoslovakia reported here yesterday that Jews in that country hardly dare to appear in public and that buildings are plastered with signs: "Hang the Jews" and "The Jews are Ruining Czechoslovakia." A Jewish refugee from Hungary, who asked that his name be withheld, stated that the "oppression of Jews in Hungary is now worse than it was under the Nazi regime."

SOVIET HEALTH MINISTRY MAKES NEW ATTACKS ON JEWISH DOCTORS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Soviet Health Ministry has accused three more Jews of medical inefficiency and quackery, the New York Times reported here today in a dispatch from Moscow.

The dispatch cited an article in the "Medical Worker," a newspaper published by the Ministry, which accused a doctor, Myra Israellevna Chernyakova, of having made passes in examination of human tissues in cancer tests rather than in having performed the indicated biopsies. Two men, identified as M. Z. Izralit and Zaitnev, were charged with having practiced medicine and risen to the rank of chief of a hospital section and chief of a hospital, respectively, although neither man was a physician.

JEWISH GROUPS IN BRITAIN ACT JOINTLY ON MOSCOW'S ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Association and the Board of Deputies of British Jews "are working in the closest consultation" on the "recent developments affecting Jewry in the Iron Curtain countries," Ewen Montagu, A.J.A. president, told a meeting of the organization's council today. In recent years the two organizations have rarely cooperated on measures of a political nature.

Mr. Montagu told the council that although the situation could "hardly be more menacing, we must not altogether despair of somehow or other coming to the rescue of our brethren in Eastern Europe who may be facing one of the recurring crises in Jewish history."

On the British Government's policy of supplying jet planes to the Arab states, Mr. Montagu said that "it must be apparent to all of us that the Middle East must be strong if Russian imperialism and despotism" is to be restrained. He added that "we can rest assured that due safeguards will be maintained to prevent the misuse of arms, but we must all feel the deepest sympathy for the anxiety naturally aroused in Israel." He suggested the British Government be urged to help Israel in its efforts to establish peace in the Middle East.

SO. AFRICAN JEWS PROTEST AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH CHARGES

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A resolution rejecting the Communist charges against Israel, the Zionist movement and the Joint Distribution Committee was adopted here yesterday at a joint meeting of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the Zionist Federation. Only two of some 150 delegates at the meeting opposed the motion.

The resolution expressed the South African Jewish community's "profound condemnation and alarm" at the reports of an anti-Jewish policy in Czechoslovakia and other Communist states. It termed the charges against Israel, the Zionist movement and the J.D.C. "fantastic" and "baseless," pointing out that they "must inevitably have the most disastrous consequences for the Jewish populations" of those countries. It also urged the entire civilized world to condemn the Communist policy as a violation of human rights.

FRENCH ANTI-SEMITES SURRENDERS: WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH AS NAZI

PARIS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Pierre Clementi, founder and leader of the French anti-Semitic "National Collectivist Party" who was sentenced to death in absentia by a French military court in 1949, today surrendered here. Clementi, who was convicted of collaboration with the Nazis and of attacking Jewish property during the Nazi occupation, had been living in Italy.

GERMANY ALLAYS ISRAEL'S FEAR OF FATE OF REPARATIONS PACT

BONN, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Israel's fears that the German Government has changed its attitude of support of the German-Israel reparations pact are ill founded, it was indicated here today in West German Foreign Office circles.

Meanwhile, in Cologne, the Israel "purchasing mission" established to expedite the procurement of goods and services for Israel under the terms of the reparations treaty, has published a "White Book" replying to Arab arguments against German ratification of the treaty. The statement rejects the Arab threats of a boycott of German trade, asserting that not even the Arabs who make the threats take them seriously since the Arabs have more to lose from such a boycott than the Germans.

The Israel Government recognizes German patents and trade marks, the West German Patent Office revealed here today. It stated that since the beginning of the year, German citizens have enjoyed the same patent rights in Israel as other foreign nationals.

KNESSET DEBATES GOVERNMENT REPORT ON ECONOMIC PROGRESS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today began a debate on the report of Israel's economic and financial progress which was presented here yesterday by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. The report, which attracted wide attention throughout the country, pointed out that Israel's trade balance last year was in the red to the extent of 80,000,000 pounds.

To improve the trade balance, Mr. Eshkol told the Israeli people that industry must become more efficient and turn out better and cheaper products for the international market. He appealed to labor to recognize its stake in helping cut production costs. He said that Israel, faced with the choice of maintaining its present standard of living without worrying for the future of the country or making sacrifices now to guarantee a better life for succeeding generations, had chosen the latter path.

The Finance Minister warned the public that government subsidies designed to keep prices of essential commodities within reach of the general public might have to be abandoned. Citing comparative statistics of the cost of essential commodities in various European countries, Mr. Eshkol pointed up the fact that the Israeli's standard of living despite cuts is still higher than in many other sectors of the western world.

He reported that in Israel a worker had to work eight minutes to earn a kilo (2.2 pounds) of bread, while in England 13 minutes was required for the same item. In Israel, he said, four minutes' labor will earn a single egg, while in England six minutes is required, in Czechoslovakia nine minutes, and in Poland 26 minutes.

Mr. Eshkol also emphasized that this was the first time in the five-year history of the Jewish State that the normal administrative and defense budgets had been balanced. He concluded with the exhortation: "We must work and work, and be able to sell to earn our living. We cannot depend on other sources."

AMERICAN JEWISH WELFARE OFFICIALS HONORED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Israel Government and of the Jewish Agency executive today tendered a luncheon in honor of the executive directors of the Jewish welfare federations of nine American cities which together raised \$5,250,000 for the United Jewish Appeal last year. The nine were: Sidney Cohen, Boston; Martin Cohen, Minneapolis; Norman Dockman, New Haven; Edward Kahn, Atlanta; Dan Rosenberg, St. Paul; Arthur Rosichan, Buffalo; Max Stern, Patterson, N.J.; W. B. Sudran, Kansas City; and Bernard Gottlieb, Hartford.

TURKISH PREMIER GUARANTEES EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL CITIZENS

ISTANBUL, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Turkish Prime Minister Adnan Menderes has reaffirmed that his Democratic Party and the government which it controls will adhere to the principles of equal rights to all citizens, regardless of race or religion.

Addressing an annual party congress at Gaziantop, the Prime Minister warned reactionaries who attempt to abridge minority rights that the government will not stand for their activities, and he pledged that his party would expel any member who espouses such views. "Our party," he stressed, "recognizes equal and full rights for all Turkish citizens without discrimination as to race or religion." He also asserted that the government holds "our educational and cultural institutions responsible for the fulfillment of this national ideal."

EISENHOWER URGED TO SECURE REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon President Eisenhower and the new Congress to give top priority to the revision of the new immigration and naturalization law was adopted here tonight at a meeting against the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. More than 1,500 persons attended the rally which was held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

The resolution urged that the revision of the McCarran-Walter Law include at least four major principles: elimination of the national origins quota system, abolition of distinctions between native-born and naturalized citizens, a reform of deportation provisions to permit expulsion only of persons who obtained entry by fraudulent or illegal means and guarantee of fair hearing and review for all persons subject to American immigration laws.

Commissioner Edward Corsi, former head of the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission, in a statement to the meeting, called attention to President Eisenhower's pledge during the election campaign to modify the McCarran-Walter Act, and declared that "affirmative action on the part of Congress to carry out this pledge will do much to convince the world that we not only believe in democracy but act accordingly to its principles." Commissioner Corsi also pointed out that a new immigration statute, in itself, would not be sufficient, but that "the administration of a newly conceived law should be placed in the hands of agencies which are sympathetically administered."

Domestic Relations Court Justice Justice Polier sharply attacked members of Congress who injected racial and religious bigotry in the debate on the McCarran-Walter bill. "Let the gentlemen in the Senate and House who violated the spirit of the Bill of Rights when they injected racial and religious bigotry in the debate on the McCarran-Walter bill," Judge Polier urged, "now put away this ugly and infamous stock-in-trade and become representatives of the entire American people."

A speech prepared by Senator Hubert Humphrey and read at the meeting by his legislative counsel, Max H. Kampelman, declared that the sudden stepping up of officially sponsored anti-Semitism in the Soviet sphere, which creates the real possibility that the number of Jews among escapees from behind the Iron Curtain will increase in the near future, is the kind of emergency which demonstrates the urgent necessity for revision of the "rigid, racist" provisions of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

"As of today," Sen. Humphrey declared, "we still don't know how far that ruthless group in the Kremlin intends to go. But we must face the brutal fact that if it will serve their purposes, the men responsible for Katyn will not bat an eyelash at creating another Auschwitz. The spirit of America, the spirit of our people and the spirit of our religious traditions rejects the notion that there is room for discrimination and bigotry in our immigration laws."

HOUSE NAMES GROUP TO STUDY OPERATION OF NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Every single House member of a new joint Congressional "watchdog" committee created to study operation of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act voted to pass the Act over President Truman's veto, it was learned today. Rep. Emanuel Celler, the House's leading advocate of liberal immigration legislation, was denied a seat on the body but Rep. Francis E. Walter, who has expressed anti-Semitic remarks on the floor of the House, was made a member.

The Joint Committee on Immigration and Nationality Policy will have strong influence over any attempt to carry out changes which President Eisenhower has said must be made in the law. It is seen here as an indication that the new Administration will take no effective action to revise the spirit of the controversial act.

Speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., named the following House members to the joint committee: Representatives Louis E. Graham, D-Pa., Ruth Thompson, R-Mich., Patrick J. Hillings, R-Calif., Francis E. Walter, D-Pa., and J. Frank Wilson, D-Texas. All those appointed voted to override President Truman's veto of the McCarran-Walter Act.

When the names were announced, Rep. Celler asked Speaker Martin if he could delay the appointments. Mr. Martin replied that it was too late. Furthermore, Mr. Martin said, the Democratic leadership had cleared the names of Congressman Walter and Wilson. Minority leader Sam Rayburn, D-Texas, confirmed that the Democrats had approved the naming of Rep. Walter and Rep. Wilson and the elimination of Congressman Celler.

CONNECTICUT GETS BILL BANNING DISCRIMINATION IN COLLEGES

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A bill banning discrimination in admissions to Connecticut colleges and universities was introduced in the state legislature here yesterday.

The measure would prevent non-denominational tax-exempt schools in the state from making inquiries on their application forms as to race, religion, color or national origin of an applicant, and authorizes the state Civil Rights Commission to investigate complaints of violations. Similar measures were defeated in the legislature within the past few years.

BOSTON FIRM TO PRODUCE SHOES IN ISRAEL; WILL SEND EXPERTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A Boston firm manufacturing women's shoes will begin production soon in Israel of hand-sewn moccasins under a license agreement with the Jerusalem Shoe Corporation, it was reported here today by the economic department of the Jewish Agency.

The report said that the firm, A. Sandler & Co., which operates seven shoe factories in New England, will send equipment and experts to the Jerusalem Shoe Corporation to establish a special department for the manufacture of women's sport shoes. One of the experts will start a training class with some of the 300 employees of the Jerusalem plant. Other experts will set up the specialized equipment to be shipped from Boston and will instruct the Israel workers in its use. Initial production will amount to 360 pairs of shoes per day, to be increased to 1,200 pairs daily within a year. Most of the production is slated for export to European and other foreign markets.