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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SHARPLY ASSAILS SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, in his first message to a Jewish organization from the White House, today strongly condemned "the vicious anti-Semitism raging behind the Iron Curtain" and called upon every American "to guard our precious civil and religious liberties and to decry, with candor and courage, any violation of them."

The President expressed these sentiments in a message sent to the American Jewish Committee on the occasion of its three-day 46th annual meeting which begins its sessions tomorrow in the Hotel Commodore in New York, to be attended by 500 leaders of American Jewry from all parts of the United States. Similar sentiments were expressed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in a communication sent to the American Jewish Committee parley.

President Eisenhower, in his message, said: "I congratulate the American Jewish Committee on the celebration of its 46th anniversary. You have waged a tireless fight in defense of the civil and religious rights of Jews over the span of a half-century, scarred by totalitarianism's most violent assaults upon those rights. So doing, you have served the cause of freedom for peoples of all religions and all nationalities.

"In these days we are sharply reminded of the need and the meaning of your work by the vicious anti-Semitism raging behind the Iron Curtain. Once again purges, deportations and imprisonment are shown to be the stock weapons of the tyrant. Again we are taught that totalitarian systems, under any name, sooner or later employ the same weapons to serve the same evil ends.

"These bitter facts summon every free citizen to renew his awareness of his duty to do all in his power to honor and to guard our precious civil and religious liberties and to decry, with candor and courage, any violation of them. No violation is too trivial to be attacked. There is no such thing as a little bigotry--any more than there can be just a little persecution.

"For your work in inspiring our citizens' consciousness of this truth, I congratulate you. May this work go ever forward, until we know ourselves to be truly worthy of the ideals we profess."

Secretary Dulles pointed out in his message to the AJC that the "slave labor camps and ruthless purges are grim reminders elsewhere in the world of the bitter fruits of prejudice and discrimination." He added: "Your efforts to put down racial and religious bigotry serve the highest ideals of citizenship and you deserve the support and gratitude of all loyal Americans. Our great nation was conceived in tolerance and dedicated to equal opportunity to all. When you promote that concept, you are serving us all."

MAPAM COUNCIL EXPELS SNEH AND HIS FOLLOWERS FROM PARTY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Mapam Party council, highest policy making body of the left-wing Socialist party, today decided to expel Dr. Moshe Sneh and other leaders of the extremist faction which has set itself up as the "Socialist Workers Party." The vote was 222 to 21, with nine abstentions. Sneh's supporters on the council boycotted the meeting.

The council also authorized the party's steering committee, its administrative body, to expel any member of the party who joins the Sneh group. The motion for expulsion, previously adopted by the steering committee, was presented in the council by Jacob Chazan. Dr. Chanan Rubin, speaking for the opponents of expulsion, told the council that although he disagreed with Dr. Sneh's anti-Zionist attitude, he did not agree that expulsion was justified.

The members of the Sneh group distributed leaflets explaining their reasons for boycotting the council session and demanding another meeting of that body in six weeks. Meanwhile, Meir Yaari, Hashomer Hatsair leader, attacked Dr. Sneh and his new faction in an article in Al Hamishmar entitled "A Sorrowful Annex." In it, Mr. Yaari accuses Dr. Sneh of having attempted to disassociate the Mapam from the Zionist movement and predicts that the Sneh group will eventually join with the Communist Party.

SOVIET BOOK SHOP BOMBED IN TEL AVIV; DAMAGE HEAVY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Russian book shop in Jerusalem was today set afire for the second time in two weeks when an unidentified person threw a bomb into the premises. Damage was reported heavy.

Meanwhile, Tel Aviv police were searching for persons who again threw a "scare bomb" into the headquarters of a Communist club in that city. There were no casualties, nor any damage.

ISRAEL THANKS PERON FOR DENOUNCING SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today thanked Argentine President Juan Peron for his condemnation of anti-Jewish attacks in Eastern Europe and his call for the strengthening of Israel as the best haven for possible refugees from that area.

Israel's thanks were conveyed by A. Darom, director of the Latin American Division of the Foreign Ministry, who called on Martinez Repette, Charge d'Affaires of the Argentine legation. The Peron statement was featured on the front pages of Israel's newspapers.

SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWS CONDEMNED AT U. J. A. PARLEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Soviet efforts to "use Jews as scapegoats in the desperate and failing drive to conquer all mankind" were condemned today by Robert I. Nathan, Washington economist, addressing the opening session of a two-day conference of the National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal.

"We do know," he said, "that little value is placed on human lives in the Soviet world" and that "enslavement and even extermination of groups is not without precedent. Every effort must be made," he stressed, "to prevent a repetition of what happened under the Nazis."

AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCHES CONDEMN SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States today called on its 34,000,000 members to "register their condemnation" of the Soviet drive against Jews. A resolution to this effect was adopted yesterday by the Council's general board, which represents 30 Protestant denominations.

Emphasizing that the campaign against Jews in the countries behind the Iron Curtain is "painfully reminiscent of the anti-Semitic madness of Hitler," the resolution said that "the present series of purges in Russia and in other lands behind the Iron Curtain are an offense to God and a violation of the moral law." It also expressed the hope that "freedom-loving people everywhere will register their condemnation of these assaults upon the Jewish community."

The Rabbinical Alliance of America today sent a message to the State Department for worldwide broadcast through the Voice of America calling on the people of the free world not to permit recurrence of the "tragedy of Treblinka, Maidanek and Buchenwald." Asserting that an aroused public opinion would compel the Soviet authorities to "withdraw their unjustified charges" against Jews, the Alliance asked the State Department to protest to the U. S. S. R. against the anti-Semitic attacks.

The New York Board of Rabbis today called for a day of prayer to seek divine guidance "so that we may employ all means at our command to rescue our brethren who live in peril." Members of the Greater New York Council of the Labor Zionist Organization of America will picket the offices of the Communist newspapers "The Daily Worker" and "The Morning Freiheit" tomorrow in protest against the Communist campaign against the Jews in Eastern Europe.

(In London, Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie today issued a special prayer to be recited in synagogues throughout the British Commonwealth "on behalf of our unhappy and oppressed brethren in Russia and the countries under her domination." It is to be recited immediately after the prayer for the Queen and the royal family.)

U.S. DOCTORS DENOUNCE MOSCOW'S CHARGES AGAINST JEWISH PHYSICIANS

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The American Physicians Fellowship Committee of the Israel Medical Association has denounced the "incredible charges against Jewish doctors of Russia as a Communist threat against the medical profession." The resolution was passed unanimously by the executive of the APFC, which represents 1,400 physicians in 33 states.

In a resolution adopted at the meeting, the committee joined the Israel Medical Association in asking an investigation of the charges against nine Moscow doctors, most of whom are Jews, by an international medical commission. The APFC resolution declared that "it is inconceivable that there are physicians anywhere in the world who would abuse professional ethics and utilize their knowledge and experience for crimes such as the Communist charges would indicate," and called for the "mobilization of all American physicians to fight the cold war of Communism and expose these vicious lies."

Joseph Brainin, leader of the National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs, issued a statement yesterday terming "fantastic" the Moscow charges against the nine doctors. He demanded that Moscow permit foreign observers to witness the trial of the doctors. He also ridiculed the Moscow charges that Solomon Mikhoels, former head of the Yiddish State Theatre in the Soviet capital, was involved in espionage against the Soviet Union.

ISRAELI BATTLE JORDAN TROOPS; ARAB CASUALTIES REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Two serious incidents occurred today along Israel's borders with Jordan, a military spokesman revealed here. A protest has been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

He disclosed that early this morning an Israeli patrol in the central region encountered a strong force of Jordan troops on Israel territory. After an exchange of fire, during which the Arabs suffered a number of casualties, the Arabs withdrew.

Later, an Israeli patrol south of Hebron was set upon by a force consisting of Bedouins and Jordan troops. After a two-hour battle, the Arabs again withdrew, taking their casualties with them. One Israel soldier was wounded.

U.S. BANKS ACCEPT ISRAEL BONDS AS SECURITY FOR LOAN TO JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Details of the \$16,150,000 loan to Israel made by a syndicate of ten banks in this country headed by the Bank of America of San Francisco, were revealed today by Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, representative for the Western Hemisphere of the Israel Ministry of Finance.

Emphasizing that this is the third major loan by the Bank of America to Israel in the past year and a half, Dr. Rosenbluth said that the loan was underwritten by "the outstanding subscriptions of the State of Israel Bond Issue." The loan was obtained following a visit to San Francisco by Ehud Avriel, Director General of the Finance Ministry of Israel, and Sidney S. Green, financial adviser of the Treasury.

The syndicate of banks which granted the loan includes, in addition to the Bank of America: the Chase National Bank of the City of New York; Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York; Bankers Trust Company, New York; The Citizens and Southern National Bank, Atlanta, Ga.; Swiss Bank Corporation, New York Agency; Credit Suisse, New York Agency; National Bank of Washington, Tacoma, Wash.; the National Bank of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.; and the First National Bank of Miami, Florida.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., commenting on the loan, said: "It is an indication of the continuing and growing inter-relationship between the economic interests of the State of Israel and financial institutions in the United States. The strength of attachment in America to the economic expansion of Israel is one of the significant factors taken into account by these and other financial institutions."

AMERICAN-BRITISH COOPERATION ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS URGED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Sir Roger Makins, new British Ambassador to Washington, in an address before the National Press Club here, called for closer United States-British cooperation on Middle East policy.

The Ambassador stressed that the Middle East is perhaps the most important area in the world where it is vital "to have full and thorough-going coordination" of policy. Although Sir Roger did not specify in what matters closer cooperation is needed, it is understood that one of these is the establishment of a Middle East defense organization without Arab participation in the opening stages.

GERMANY EXPECTED TO RATIFY REPARATIONS PACT "WITHOUT DELAY"

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. George Josephthal, who headed the Israeli team which negotiated the reparations pact with West Germany, today returned from Bonn where he went to expedite ratification of the pact. He said he hoped the agreement would be passed by the German Parliament without further delay.

JEWISH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LAUDED BY VICE PRESIDENT NIXON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Vice President Richard M. Nixon last night commended Jewish members of Congress for their alertness to the peril of Communism. Mr. Nixon made this commendation at a dinner honoring Jewish Congressmen held at the Mayflower Hotel under the auspices of the Men's Club of Adas Israel Synagogue.

The Vice President said that Jewry could be proud of co-religionists serving in Congress. The Jews in Congress sensed the danger of Nazism very early, he said, adding that today they are bringing the Communist threat to the attention of the free world. Mr. Nixon said the Jews he knew in Congress were "as articulate a group and as able a group as you will find" and lauded "the splendid work they are doing in the cause of freedom."

A warning of "particularly sinister developments" involving anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe was expressed by the Vice President. He said that there should be awareness that an attack on any group, whether religious or racial, "involves our survival as free people." He said such attacks were assaults "on freedom itself."

Words of praise were also spoken on behalf of Jews in Congress by Sen. Styles Bridges, President Pro Tem of the Senate, and Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Majority Leader of the House. Those present at the banquet in their honor included Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, of New York, and Representatives Jacob K. Javits, Lester Holtzman, Arthur G. Klein, Emanuel Celler, Abraham Multer, Sidney A. Fine, and Isidore Dollinger, all of New York; Earl Chudoff, of Philadelphia, and Samuel Friedel, of Baltimore. All are Democrats except Javits. Reps. Heller and Yates who were also honored were not present.

Response to the praise by Republican leaders was made by Sen. Lehman and Rep. Celler. Sen. Lehman said that "wherever common cause can be made with hate, fear and prejudice, the Soviet leadership is quick to move. Anti-Semitism serves its frightful purpose not only behind the Iron Curtain, but also in the troubled ferment of the Middle East. Now Israel, that new and valiant nation which holds the seeds of progress and the promise of liberty for all the Middle East, is suddenly pictured as a monster, to be struck down with Soviet encouragement and support." Sen. Lehman pledged that "we shall not permit this to happen."

BILL AGAINST BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT RE-INTRODUCED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Senators Irving M. Ives and Hubert H. Humphrey joined today in re-introducing a bill "to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry." This bill was first introduced during the 82nd Congress. If enacted it will be known as the "Federal Equality of Opportunity in Employment Act."

The bill has bi-partisan sponsorship consisting of nine Republicans, nine Democrats, and one Independent. Lengthy hearings doubtless will have to be held on the measure and other fair employment practices legislation which other Senators have introduced or are expected to introduce. A similar bill by the two Senators failed to reach the Senate floor in the Eighty-second Congress.

The Ives-Humphrey bill provides for the "maximum use of educational programs" with emphasis on voluntary processes. It contains a minimum of enforcement provisions but provides penalties when there "may be open and deliberate defiance on the part of a violator," the two Senators said. As far as possible, they said, it provides for the maximum actual participation by state and local authorities in its administration and enforcement.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE TO ESTABLISH STUDENT HOSTEL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Plans for the establishment of a Hebrew Union College House in Jerusalem, offering dormitory, study and worship facilities for visiting students, faculty and alumni, were announced today by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, America's only unitary of Reform Judaism. The project has the endorsement of Israel government officials and the Board of Governors of the College-Institute, Dr. Glueck said.

As a result, first efforts to assemble the funds necessary for the building's construction have been launched and contributions have begun to come in. Some HUC-IR undergraduates have been going to Israel each year for specialized study. The projected hostel would serve them as well as faculty members and alumni working or studying in Jerusalem for limited periods. It would also serve as a base for projected field activities of the Hebrew Union College Department of Biblical Archaeology.

RABBIS ENDORSE FORMATION OF INTERFAITH BODY TO FIGHT CORRUPTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis has endorsed a call for the establishment of a consultative body of religious leaders of all faiths to deal with civic problems in New York City.

The call originated with a Protestant bishop and has been forwarded to Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders. The bishop, the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, called for religious action against corruption, inefficiency and neglect in the civic and governmental affairs of the city.

MRS. ROSENBERG HONORED BY MILITARY CHAPLAINS OF ALL FAITHS

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Leading representatives of the major faiths in this country and the chief chaplains of the three branches of the United States armed forces last night joined in honoring Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, at a dinner given by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board.

A resolution presented to Mrs. Rosenberg by the chaplains commended her for "her steadfast devotion to the truth that the highest aspirations of military personnel, as of the citizens of our nation, can be attained only through the pursuance of the individual dignity of man as the handiwork of his Omnipotent Creator." The three faiths were represented by Rabbi David de Sola Pool, Francis Cardinal Spellman and Bishop William C. Martin.

NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION STARTS EMPLOYMENT PROJECT FOR AGED

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A pioneer pilot-project to obtain part-time positions for recipients of pensions, social security and old-age assistance is being undertaken by the Federation Employment Service, Walter A. Miller, president of the F.E.S., announced today at a press conference.

Aim of the program is to improve the economic status and psychological outlook of men and women 60 years and over by providing them with part-time jobs to supplement their limited income. Mr. Miller said this program is being added to the regular vocational services provided by the F.E.S., an affiliate of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.