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TRIAL OF NINE SOVIET DOCTORS STARTS TODAY IN MOSCOW

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The trial of the nine prominent Soviet physicians accused of causing the death of Andrei Zhdanov, late Soviet leader, under instructions from American Jews, and plotting to kill other high Soviet officials, is scheduled to start in Moscow tomorrow, it was reported here today. No indication was given whether the trial will be open to the public.

The Soviet press continues, in the meantime, its intensified anti-Jewish propaganda. Pravda, leading Communist newspaper, came out yesterday with a bitter attack against "Jewish nationalists" in Soviet Lithuania, charging them with being "in the pay of American imperialism" and working as spies for the United States. In Soviet Ukraine the press similarly attacks "Jewish nationalists" and describes them as servants of American imperialism.

Sir David Kelly, former British Ambassador to Moscow, told a meeting of the Overseas League here that the Soviet rulers "are hitting at Jews now for the simple reason that Jews did not and could not fit into Stalin's system, because of their connections all over the world and above all because of their extremely open minds and high intelligence." Sir David served as Ambassador to Moscow from 1949 to 1951.

Reports reaching here from Hong Kong say that Communist authorities in China have indicated they want all foreign Jews to leave the country as soon as possible. At present there are 1,180 Jews in China and the Joint Distribution Committee and Israel Government representatives in Hong Kong have been transferring small groups of Jews to Israel, with priority going to those who are young, are technicians or who have guarantors in Israel. Many of the Jews still in China are aged and ill and under the care of Jewish welfare bodies.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASKS ACTION ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today concluded its three-day annual meeting with the adoption of a declaration appealing to all free men of the world to denounce Soviet anti-Semitism as a "new threat to humanity."

"Anti-Semitism has long been present in the internal policies of Moscow and its subjugated countries," the declaration stated. "The injection of anti-Semitism into the trial of renegade Jews who had espoused Communism, is renewed evidence that the anti-Semitism of Stalin is similar to the anti-Semitism of Hitler."

"The Jews are not the first to suffer. The doctrine of group guilt and group annihilation has long been ruthlessly applied by the Soviet master to social classes, ethnic

minorities and religious groups. Members of all religious groups have been persecuted and their churches destroyed. The Catholic Church has been the object of special persecution, culminating in the recent infamous imprisonment and execution of Catholic priests.

"Communism has long done its utmost to destroy the spiritual life of all groups, like the Jews, who by reason of their religious belief or cultural heritage do not yield to its total domination. Now, the Jews, like others, face the threat of imprisonment, starvation, exposure and execution.

"Anti-Semitism is for the Communist rulers not an end in itself, but a tactic. It is not the Jews only they seek to destroy. Stalin's attack on the Jews is a bid for support from all Fascist forces in Germany, in Western Europe, in the Near East and Latin America, looking ultimately to the conquest of America and the entire free world. As with Hitler, anti-Semitism is again being used to unite the enemies of democracy. The American Jewish Committee appeals to free men the world over to denounce this new threat to humanity," the declaration concluded.

Blaustein, McCloy Warn Against Kremlin's Anti-Jewish Drive

Jacob Blaustein, who was re-elected president of the American Jewish Committee, told the 500 Jewish leaders who attended the annual meeting that the United States is the real target of the Kremlin's anti-Semitic policy. "By openly adopting the vicious device of anti-Semitism," he stated, "the Red leaders are trying to lure extreme neo-Nazi and neo-Fascist groups into an anti-American bloc. The insecure Moscow leaders hope that this tactic will frustrate the American policy of welding a democratic coalition strong enough to thwart Red aggression."

John J. McCloy, former U.S. High Commissioner to Germany, told the meeting that "the present anti-Semitic drive the Kremlin is staging is an attempt to gain friends, not only among the Arabs but also among those Germans that are unregenerate." He pointed out that "the world suffered in 1939 when the Nazis made their deal," he recalled. "The world would suffer terribly if it ever occurred again."

Irving M. Engel, chairman of the AJC executive committee, said that anti-Semites and racist rabble rousers in the United States are giving aid and comfort to the Kremlin in the latest Moscow hate campaign. "Only by recognizing Communist and Fascist strategy," Mr. Engel said, "by condemning anti-religious, anti-Semitic and other bigoted appeals, and by maintaining the unshakable unity of the democratic nations can we meet this new totalitarian challenge to world peace and freedom," he declared.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the AJC, warned that although Communism was the greatest evil facing mankind today, "nevertheless we must be on our guard against the exploiters and the irresponsible in our midst who would take advantage of this menacing situation to spread suspicion, indulge in false accusations and pit each man against his neighbor." He urged creation of "high prestige" boards composed of outstanding Americans of unquestionable integrity and objectivity who would devise and carry out standards of procedure for getting at the truth about people accused of subversive activity.

The United States of America must clarify its foreign policy objectives so as to remove all doubts of America's motives in the minds of Europeans, Zachariah Shuster, director of the European office of the American Jewish Committee, told the closing session. "Some of our actions are causing confusion and dismay among our staunchest friends in Europe," Mr. Shuster maintained. "Passage of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, for example, played directly into the hands of Communists, fellow travellers and neutralists, who used this measure to 'prove' that we are not really concerned with democratic ideals and practices."

JDC STARTS AID PROGRAM FOR JEWS ESCAPING FROM SOVIET ZONE

BERLIN, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has announced here the inauguration of an emergency aid program providing cash relief, food, clothing and shelter for all Jewish refugees arriving in West Berlin from the Soviet zone of Germany.

Samuel Haber, Joint Distribution Committee director for Germany, told newspapers that the overseas welfare agency had granted a special fund to West Berlin's Jewish community to open hostels, establish feeding facilities and a registration center for Jews in flight from the East. He estimated that 400 Jews had reached West Berlin since the recent "purge" trial in Prague.

Most refugees now arriving in West Berlin are aged and ill survivors of Nazi concentration camps," Mr. Haber reported. Some had been living on small pensions granted to them as victims of Fascism. Some of them stated that they were removed from pension rolls in recent weeks for refusing to join Communist-sponsored activities. The JDC director estimated that 2,500 Jews remain in Soviet-occupied Germany, of whom 1,800 are in East Berlin, and 700 in the Russian zone of Germany.

New Hostel to Be Opened in Berlin Today; Air Lift Planned

The JDC uses the West Berlin Jewish community building as headquarters. Here the community has opened a registration office where all new arrivals are enrolled. Every registrant receives an immediate cash grant and is given emergency shelter. Large numbers have been placed in furnished rooms throughout the city, with JDC paying their rent. A special ward in the Jewish community hospital accommodating 30 persons has been set aside as a special shelter and is now fully occupied.

A new hostel will be opened tomorrow in Wannsee, a suburb of Berlin, for 60 refugees. During the summer months this hostel serves as a vacation camp for Jewish children under a special JDC grant to the community. JDC's feeding program consists of providing three meals daily for every refugee registered on the community rolls. Special distributions of clothing will be made as necessary and all the medical needs of the refugees will be met, Mr. Haber said.

The JDC director emphasized that there is no future in overcrowded Berlin for Jewish refugees. He disclosed plans for their transfer to Western zones via the Federal Republic's air-lift, which flies refugees out of Berlin regularly.

A number of West German Jewish communities assured their readiness to receive and absorb the Berlin refugees. The JDC will make special grants to communities to help them provide housing and employment opportunities to absorb refugees. JDC will also provide emigration aid for those refugees able to secure visas, Mr. Haber said.

JDC Spent \$140,000,000 in East Europe in 38 Years

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- During the 38 years of its existence, the Joint Distribution Committee has spent \$140,000,000 to assist needy Jews in Soviet Russia and the satellite countries where it has now been compelled to cease its activities as a result of Moscow's campaign against the organization, it was reported today by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman.

Figures made public by Mr. Leavitt revealed that the JDC had spent \$27,500,000 in Soviet Russia from the Russian Revolution to 1938. At the outset of World War I in 1914 it aided 600,000 to 700,000 Jewish refugees in Russia. Soviet Russia was the first to stop the agency's operations in 1938, followed by discontinuance of its activities in Poland in December, 1949; Rumania, 1949; Bulgaria, May, 1949, and Czechoslovakia several days ago.

UJA CONFERENCE DISCUSSES HARASSMENT OF JEWS BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (JTA) -- A resolution declaring that Soviet anti-Semitism spells "imminent danger for the 2,500,000 Jews behind the Iron Curtain" and urging American Jews to give maximum support to the United Jewish Appeal to aid victims of the Soviet anti-Jewish drive and to place Israel in a position "to receive and settle all who come to it from lands of danger and persecution," was adopted here today at the conclusion of a two-day National Labor Conference of the UJA. The conference was attended by 800 delegates of labor Zionist groups in this country.

Addressing the concluding session, Bartley Crum, noted American lawyer, told the audience that "Soviet harassment of Eastern Europe's Jews and its propaganda drive against the State of Israel are directed against the entire free world and are not matters of exclusive Jewish concern." He emphasized that "the Kremlin's base resort to anti-Semitism under the guise of an anti-Israel and anti-Zionist policy is an erratic decision on the part of the Soviet leaders but represents a new phase of their cold war against the United States and its allies."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in a cabled message from Paris, told the Conference that although "the exits of the Soviet world are sealed for the desperate multitudes of our people, the UJA must be ready against the day when the Kremlin might be forced to respond to the unremitting demand that it let its Jews go." The Jewish Agency chairman declared that American Jews must give the United Jewish Appeal the funds it needs "for the deliverance of our persecuted brethren crying out of the bondage of 20th century Egypts."

David Hacohen, a leading labor member of Israel's Parliament, declared that the Communist regimes of Eastern Europe "can give evidence that they do not intend to follow the road that Hitler took by allowing their 2,500,000 Jews to emigrate to Israel at the earliest time." He told the Conference that Israel has no illusions nor will it "adopt any ostrich policies" in the face of the Communist drive against Jews. He expressed his pride in coming from a country "whose gates are open and will stay open to receive all who can be brought out of lands of persecution."

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the U. J. A., contrasted the "grim hopelessness of Jews who had no place to go as Hitlerism ground them down and the hope that stirs in the hearts of Eastern Europe's Jews as they look to the State of Israel for sanctuary and freedom. The great and significant difference between 1933 and 1953," Dr. Schwartz declared, "is that today there is a haven and a homeland for all Jews in danger."

Other speakers at the conference included Rabbi James G. Heller, chairman of the UJA Labor Council; Baruch Zuckerman, leader of the American Zionist labor movement; Dr. Sara Feder, president of the Pioneer Women of America; Meyer L. Brown, president of the Labor Zionist Order; Louis Segal, general secretary of the Order; Devorah Metlitsky, delegate to the Pioneer Women from Israel's National Council of Working Women, and others.

Justice Benjamin Shalleck, chairman of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, addressing a conference of leaders of the 7,000 organizations affiliated with the Council today, said: "Our help is still needed for the relief of the distressed hundreds of thousands of our people in the danger spots of the world--particularly in countries where a virulent, reawakened anti-Semitism endangers their lives--as well as to provide homes and a future for the tens of thousands of orphans of our hallowed martyrs."

ARAB DIPLOMATS WARN WASHINGTON AGAINST A PRO-ISRAEL POLICY

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Arab envoys in the United States and pro-Arab Americans joined this week-end in threatening that American interests in the Middle East would suffer as a result of United States friendship for Israel. They spoke at the first annual conference of the American Friends of the Middle East.

Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese Minister to the U.S. and chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, suggested that Israel cede territory in Western Galilee for the repatriation of the Palestine Arab refugees and that the Western Powers reiterate the tripartite declaration of May, 1950, in which they guaranteed the borders of the Middle East states against aggression. He said that Israel was a "source of deep rancor" to the Arabs who believe that the West "has, so to speak, handed them over to the Jews."

Farid Zeinedine, Syrian Ambassador to the U.S., declared that Zionism had "undermined the moral ascendancy which the United States enjoyed in the Middle East and sapped the United Nations of much of its moral worth in the eyes of the Middle East peoples."

Americans who addressed the conference included: Henry R. Luce, editor-in-chief of Time, Life and Fortune, who urged the United States to "do justice between the Israelis and Arabs," and to "show mercy to the refugees;" Edwin A. Locke, Jr., former U.S. regional ambassador in the Near East, who urged President Eisenhower to express "our love and admiration for the Arab people, our understanding of their problems." Other speakers included Dorothy Thompson, Lowell Thomas and Dr. Stephen Penrose, president of the American University of Beirut.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITIES GIVE \$1,000,000 TO UJA TO RESCUE JEWS

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 was made available here today to the United Jewish Appeal, to save Jews from countries where anti-Jewish propaganda is being conducted by Communist Governments, at a conference launching the UJA campaign in the Southwest. Leaders from Jewish communities in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana attended the parley.

The delegates adopted a resolution debunking Soviet "espionage" charges against the Joint Distribution Committee. "These fantastic charges are utterly and completely false," Morris Laub, assistant secretary of the JDC told the conference. "No one can discredit the 38 years of humanitarian and life-saving work of the Joint Distribution Committee. And there is also the fact that the JDC has long since ceased to carry out its program in many countries behind the Iron Curtain."

CHERNER GIVES \$100,000 FOR SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A contribution of \$100,000 toward the establishment in Israel of a School of Economics and Social Science has been made by Joseph Cherner, industrialist and philanthropist, of Miami Beach, Florida and Washington, D.C. it was announced by Henry Montor, secretary of the American Friends of Israel, an American philanthropic institution. The school, which will be the first of its kind in Israel, will be established in Jerusalem in memory of Eliaser Kaplan, the first Minister of Finance in the State of Israel, who died last July.

"The example which Mr. Cherner has set will undoubtedly be emulated by other close friends of Mr. Kaplan in the United States and elsewhere," the announcement said. "It is not intended that there shall be any widespread campaign. It is assumed, however, that individuals who are close to the Israel scene and who have a special concern for the economic aspects of the country's development will take the opportunity of making it possible for the School of Economics and Social Science to be built and to grow."

SPEAKER ATTACKS JEWS AT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Congresswoman Katherine St. George of New York and Alfred Kohlberg, president of the Jewish League Against Communism, this week-end cancelled engagements to speak before the Women's Patriotic Conference after another speaker had made an anti-Jewish speech to the parley. The conference was attended by delegates from some 30 women's organizations.

The offending speech was made by Maj. Robert H. Williams, identified by the Anti-Defamation League as one of the nation's leading anti-Semites. Speaking of the Communist anti-Jewish campaign in Eastern Europe, Williams charged that the affair was a "hoax" adding: "Communism has not yet turned against the Jews. A snake does not swallow itself." A number of Congressmen and Senators attended the conference, as did Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, newly appointed Treasurer of the U.S. Messages were sent to the parley by President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon and various Senators.

JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL STARTED IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The ninth annual observance of the Jewish Music Festival started yesterday in Jewish communities throughout the United States and will be observed in Jewish community centers, synagogues, schools, youth council and other organizations. This year's Festival theme is "A Musical Bridge Between Israel and America."

Activities planned by Jewish communities include chamber music, symphony and choral recitals, lectures, exhibits, forums, interfaith music concerts and concerts featuring music by Israel and American Jewish composers. A number of national symphony orchestras, colleges, museums, public libraries, radio and television networks have planned musical events in connection with the Festival which was organized by the National Jewish Music Council, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION INAUGURATES TORAH MONTH IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Torah Study Month in the United States was formally inaugurated here tonight at a mass meeting addressed by Rabbi Zev Gold, of Jerusalem, head of the Department of Torah Culture and Education.

Observances of the month will be held in seven major American cities during February under joint auspices of the Department for Torah Culture and Education of the World Zionist Organization and the Rabbinical Council of America in cooperation with the Mirachi organizations and local Jewish community councils and educational institutions. Public meetings and lectures will be held in New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

ISRAEL BOND DRIVE FOR CANADA OPENS WITH SALES IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The first Israel bonds to be sold in Canada went on sale in this city today. Israel bond drives will be held throughout the country after today.

JEWISH ALTAR DEDICATED TO MEMORY OF HEROIC U.S. RABBI

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish altar of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains was formally dedicated here this week-end. The chapel honors the memory of four chaplains of the three major faiths who gave up their lifebelts to save other American soldiers on board a torpedoed U.S. troop ship during World War II. Mrs. Theresa Goode and her daughter were present at the ceremony dedicating the Jewish altar to Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, the Jewish member of the heroic quartet.