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SILVER, EBAN HIT MOSCOW'S ANTI-SEMITISM; CLARIFICATION DEMANDED

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Bitter criticism of the Soviet anti-Jewish policy was voiced here tonight by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at a dinner tendered Dr. Silver by the Zionist Organization of America on the occasion of his 60th birthday. More than 1,000 persons, including foreign diplomats, attended the dinner. President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles sent messages of greeting.

Dr. Silver pointed out that "it is not too late for some authoritative statement or act on the part of the highest Soviet leadership to clarify the situation, set the record straight, relieve the minds of men of fear and suspicion and avert an appalling catastrophe." He suggested that "representative Jewish bodies should not overlook the diplomatic approach along with the public protests."

Predicting that "there may be even more serious overtones" to the anti-Zionist and anti-Israel campaign launched by the Communist states, and that the campaign may carry over into an all-out drive against the 2,500,000 Jews in Soviet Union and the satellite countries, Dr. Silver said:

"I should prefer not to be forced to conclude that the Soviet Union has definitely gone anti-Semitic, or that it has adopted anti-Semitism as an instrument of Communist policy. Some of my friends whose judgment I value greatly are convinced that this is actually the case. If so, then another appalling tragedy of fearful and staggering proportions is in store for our people."

Silver Terms Espionage Charges "Unthinkable, Monstrous"

Dr. Silver termed the Soviet espionage charges against Jews and the Zionist movement "unthinkable" and "monstrous." "It is inconceivable," he said, "that the Soviet Union would have instructed its representatives at the United Nations less than five years ago to champion the cause of a sovereign Jewish State and to vote for its admission to the United Nations if the Zionist movement were of the character which it is now represented to be - up to 1947, a paid agent of the British intelligence, and since then, of the United States intelligence."

Dr. Silver also touched on increased activities against Israel. Declaring that the Arabs "are waiting for the economic collapse of Israel and are preparing for a second round," he called for increased American Jewish aid to the Jewish State.

"Israel needs urgent economic undergirding and strengthening," he said. "We will have to do more by way of economic assistance and not less, to help it ride out the storm. It needs the red blood of fresh capital and private investments. Fortunately, the new coalition government, which has been long overdue, in which the

non-socialist General Zionists are now an important partner, is creating a favorable climate for such investments. We must stimulate in every way the participation of American Jews in the industrial development of the country."

Ambassador Eban, attacking the Soviet anti-Jewish policy, said that Jewish leadership in Israel and in the United States faces the challenge of grave and perilous events. "Totalitarian dictatorship in the vast Communist empire assaults the dignity of the Jewish people by the most grotesque and malicious libels which anti-Semitic mania has ever devised," the Israel diplomat stated. "The half-forgotten voices of Goebbels and Streicher have secured a sounding board in the odious indictment formulated at Prague and Moscow. Meanwhile, other totalitarian dictatorships which command the Arab world launched aggressive diatribes against Israel." Mr. Eban invited American Jewry to adopt the following program for action:

1. Mobilize world opinion against the reviving plague of anti-Semitism. "The United Nations," he said, "will reverberate with the tones of an indignant liberal conscience. It is easy but wrong to underestimate the practical efficacy of such moral power. The fact is that all movements which have rebelled against the world conscience have had a short triumph ending in certain defeat."
2. "Prepare Israel to give shelter and freedom to masses of Jewish refugees while reinforcing the pressure for the freedom of Jews to secure a home in our midst. The most effective pressure is to make the home ready," he stated. "It is easy to be skeptical of success. The fact is that the attraction between insecure Jews and their newly available homeland has usually triumphed against all restraints and hindrances and gates have been unexpectedly opened."
3. Strengthen the position of Jews in those parts of the world which are not controlled by anti-Semitic totalitarians or by the unstable military juntas of Cairo and Damascus. "I mean principally that we must fortify our links with our sister democracies," he explained. "In particular, I am confident that the hour has struck for a new and dynamic reinforcement of the American-Israel friendship."
4. "We must look to our defenses. Egypt and Jordan have practically ceased to take any notice of the armistice agreements," he said. "There has clearly been a concerted Arab decision on the governmental level to increase the tensions and disorders on our frontiers."
5. "We must demonstrate the ancient virtues of our eternal people by an aroused and united movement for Israel's consolidation. The Israel bond campaign and the United Jewish Appeal have become powerful trumpets through which every Jew can magnify the echo of his Jewish ardor and zeal," he emphasized.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, reviewed Dr. Silver's efforts in behalf of the Zionist cause. He emphasized that Dr. Silver and David Ben Gurion had "reinforced each other's efforts" in the fight for the establishment of Israel. "Their combined firmness, boldness and resolution prevailed," he said. "The Jewish State was proclaimed, was promptly recognized by the President of the United States and the governments of other nations." ZOA president Rabbi Irving Miller presided at the dinner.

President Eisenhower, in his message, stated: "It is an honor and a privilege to pay tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. I not only extend to him my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations but also wish to express deep appreciation of the cultural, spiritual and humanitarian leadership which he has contributed to our country and the entire world." Other messages were received from Israel President Ben Zvi, Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Jewish Agency chairman Dr. Nahum Goldmann and a number of Senators and Congressmen.

STATE DEPT. SUMMONS ISRAEL AND JORDAN ENVOYS; EXPRESSES CONCERN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The State Department today summoned Israel and Jordan diplomatic representatives in Washington and expressed to them the concern of the American Government over Israel-Jordanian frontier incidents.

Israel Minister David Goltzin was called to the office of John Jernigan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Goltzin pointed out that the number of Israelis murdered, cattle stolen, and quantity of irrigation pipe destroyed had reached alarming proportions in 1952. He said there was evidence that this was not done by isolated infiltrators but rather on official orders.

The Israel diplomat told the State Department that, while he had no information about the alleged Israel actions the reports were not surprising in view of the record of Jordanian actions. Mr. Jernigan also made known that a similar statement was made to Dr. Yusuf Halkal, Minister of Jordan.

From London it was reported today that the British Government, responding to a plea from the Jordan Government, has asked Israel to take all possible steps "to restore tranquility and prevent incidents" in the border areas.

Sharett Confers with Big Powers Envoys on Jordan's Attacks

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The American and British Ambassadors and the French Charge d'Affaires today called on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, at his invitation, to hear the Israel Government's views on the border incidents involving Jordan which has caused new tension here.

The urgency of the situation in the eyes of the Israel Government was underscored by the fact that Mr. Sharett asked the envoys of the three powers to visit him today, instead of waiting until tomorrow when they would have paid their regular weekly calls at the Foreign Office.

In an effort to ease the heightened tension along the Israel-Jordan border, the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission met in four successive emergency sessions in Jerusalem late yesterday to deal with four Israeli, and one Jordan, complaints of border violations.

The MAC, chaired by U.N. truce observer Col. Bennet de Ridder, decided in favor of Israel on two complaints, upheld the single Jordan item and dismissed two Israeli items for "lack of evidence." The effects of the commission's actions, however, are dubious. Israeli circles feel that the Jordanians will not take them seriously, pointing out past instances in which the Arabs disregarded the armistice commission.

ISRAEL TO DISCHARGE SEVERAL THOUSAND CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Some 2,400 Israeli civil service employees will be discharged by the end of March, Pinchas Lavon, head of the Ministerial Efficiency Committee, revealed at a press conference today. He added that the committee expects that an additional 2,400 will be dismissed before the committee completes its overhaul of the governmental structure.

Minister Lavon stressed that these were not economy firings, but rather an attempt to tighten the government administrative machinery by doing away with unnecessary officials and ending duplication of work. He added, however, that such a tightening of the government apparatus must of necessity make for a more economical operation.

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SOVIET GERMANY CONTINUE TO REACH WEST BERLIN

BERLIN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A trickle of Jewish refugees, averaging about 15 per day, continues to arrive in West Berlin from Communist Germany. The Joint Distribution Committee refugee shelter at Wannsee, near here, is presently caring for 15 persons. It has a capacity of 60.

Meanwhile, JDC director Sam Haber conferred with representatives of other voluntary relief agencies on the position of the refugees. A representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has consulted Jewish communal leaders here on the problems encountered by Jews from East Germany. The World Jewish Congress also is conducting a study on the refugees here.

H. A. Goodman, Agudas Israel leader, today revealed that he had discussed the refugee problem with the British commandant in Berlin and with German city welfare leaders and that he had found "sympathy and goodwill on all sides." Mr. Goodman told a press conference that "attempts by the Soviet authorities to reorganize defunct Jewish communities in their zone under the direct control of the occupation authorities will not deceive world Jewry."

The Central Council of Jews in Germany has decided to create a fund to aid Jewish refugees from the Soviet zone of East Germany, it was reported here today from Düsseldorf, seat of the Council.

GOLDMANN RETURNS TO U.S. FROM TALKS WITH ADENAUER; LOCKER ARRIVES

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, returned here last night from Europe following his talks with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer regarding the expected ratification by the West German Parliament of the German-Israel reparations pact. Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, also arrived here last night.

(From Cairo it was reported that Dr. Ludger Westrick, head of a German delegation to Cairo, told a press conference that he and his associates had not come to Egypt to discuss the German-Israel pact, but to discuss economic matters. Another report from the Egyptian capital said that the Egyptians were asking Germany to supply them with ships, oil pipeline and rainmaking equipment on longterm credits.)

NETHERLANDS THANKS ISRAEL FOR AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS

THE HAGUE, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Netherlands Government officials today told Israel Minister Dr. A. Amir that the Dutch people greatly appreciate the gifts of Israel citrus products, clothing and blankets which have already arrived here from Israel for Dutch flood victims. Dr. Amir assured the Dutch officials that Israel stands ready to help in any way it can.

(A shipment of clothing and blankets left Israel by plane yesterday for Holland to be used for Dutch flood victims. Included in the consignment were 10,000 pieces of warm clothing donated by the Jewish Agency and a larger number of blankets contributed by the Mogen Dovid Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross. El Al, Israel's national airline, flew the relief cargo free of charge.)

A preliminary survey by the JTA established that few Netherlands Jews had been reported casualties of the floods. Jews throughout the country were participating in the all-important job of rescue and relief for the victims.

TURKEY ARRESTS RACISTS; RAIDS 72 OFFICES OF EXTREME NATIONALISTS

ISTANBUL, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Many leaders of the Turkish Nationalist Association have been arrested in the latest Turkish Government campaign against racists and ultra-nationalists in Turkish public life.

In line with a decision last month to liquidate the nationalist group because it has conducted "reactionary, racist and extremist activity," the government has ordered raids to shut down the 72 branches of the group throughout the country. Among the arrested leaders are several editors and at least one member of Parliament, who is also a deputy of the government (Democrat) party.

CANADIAN PARTY DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANTI-SEMITIC PAMPHLET

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Premier W. A. C. Bennet of British Columbia has disclaimed all responsibility for an anti-Semitic pamphlet allegedly written by a member of his Social Credit Party. Colonel F. H. M. Codville was identified as the author of the pamphlet entitled "Plans of the Synagogue of Satan."

The pamphlet, condemned for spreading racial and religious hatred, caused an uproar in the British House of Commons when copies were mailed to members of the British Parliament. United Kingdom Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, termed it "obnoxious."

Premier Bennet stated: "We have said before there is no room for anti-Semitism in the Social Credit Party, but we have thousands of members and cannot be responsible for the acts of individual members." The author of the pamphlet is a member, but not an official, he said. "What he does as a private citizen has no connection with the party, but we want to be disassociated from any responsibility," he added.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE CRITICIZED BY SOUTHERN JEWISH COMMUNITY

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Federation of Shreveport has adopted a resolution criticizing the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for filing a brief with the United States Supreme Court opposing segregation of Negroes. The federation charged that the ADL "had disregarded the wishes and best interests of Jews in the South" in taking such action. The resolution said:

"1. The Shreveport Jewish Federation shall go on record as opposing the stand taken by any of its beneficiary Jewish organizations on any controversial political matter which is not essentially Jewish. 2. The Shreveport Jewish Federation will not make further contributions to any organization which takes such a stand. 3. The offending organizations, the Southern lodges of B'nai B'rith and the Southern Federations be informed of this motion passed by the Shreveport Jewish Federation."

[In New York, the ADL said that its decision to file a brief amicus with the U.S. Supreme Court in the segregation cases was made by its national commission. "The commission voted overwhelmingly in favor of this action after a full hearing of the views of representatives from the South as well as other parts of the country," the ADL said in a statement to the JTA. "In such an issue, which is national in scope, national policy cannot be determined by the wishes of a single regional group, nor can it be based on mere "expediency" or "practicality," the statement pointed out.)

WORLD JEWISH POPULATION IS 11,558,830. YEAR BOOK ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The total Jewish population of the world is 11,558,830 of which approximately 2,500,000 are trapped behind the Iron Curtain, it is reported in the 1953 edition of the "American Jewish Year Book" published today by the American Jewish Committee and distributed by the Jewish Publication Society.

The Year Book states that 50.5 percent of the Jewish population, or a total of 5,833,030, reside in North and South America. The population report discloses that as a result of mass migration the Jewish population of Israel during 1952 totaled 1,615,000, or more than 12 percent of the total Jewish population of the world. By contrast, Germany, which once had a Jewish population of 600,000, now has a Jewish population of 23,000.

The largest Jewish population is in the United States where 5,000,000 Jews reside. There are 450,000 in England, 235,000 in France, 360,000 in Argentina and 120,000 in Brazil.

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY RECEIVES \$150,000 FROM SCHIFF FUND

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Publication Society of America has received the sum of \$150,000 from the Jacob R. Schiff Charitable Trust Committee, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Society, announced. With this money the Society plans to establish The Jacob R. Schiff Library of Jewish Contributions to American Democracy.

The trust fund was created by the will of Jacob R. Schiff, philanthropist and financier, who died in 1948. The residue of the estate amounting to about \$2,000,000 is to be allocated to such charitable or educational corporations as may be selected by a committee of three, consisting of the presidents of Columbia University and the College of the City of New York and the president of the Jewish Publication Society of America. In his will the testator declared it to be his wish that the beneficiaries of the trust fund be such corporations as in the opinion of the committee will "tend to further the ideals of American democracy."

One of the last acts of President Eisenhower, prior to relinquishing his post as president of Columbia University, was to join with the other members of the trust committee in allocating the sum of \$150,000 to the Jewish Publication Society of America. In a statement accompanying the announcement, Judge Levinthal expressed to the other members of the committee the appreciation of the officers and directors of the Society and explained briefly the use to which this fund will be applied.

Judge Levinthal said that among the works which the projected library would sponsor would be the writing and publication of books on the contributions to American democracy of various individual outstanding American Jews, of Jews in major cities or areas of the country and of Jews in key American historical epochs. He stressed that the decision to establish the library was reached because it was believed that "the writing and publication of this kind of history and biography is one of the best ways of spreading the ideals of American democracy and of stimulating the patriotic devotion of our young men and women."

ISAAC HAMBURGER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BALTIMORE JEWISH CHARITIES

BALTIMORE, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Isaac Hamburger was elected president at the 32nd annual meeting of the Associated Jewish Charities held at the Southern Hotel. He succeeds Elkan R. Myers who was the guest at a testimonial luncheon given in his honor. Mr. Hamburger is the eleventh president of the Associated Jewish Charities.