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STALIN REMINDED HE ONCE DENOUNCED ANTI-SEMITISM AS "CANNIBALISM"

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Marshal Joseph Stalin once denounced the anti-Semitism which his regime is now practicing as "the most dangerous remnant of cannibalism," the Manchester Guardian recalls in an article. The paper quotes an interview given by Stalin to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in January, 1931, in which the Communist dictator said:

"Anti-Semitism, being an extreme form of racial chauvinism, is the most dangerous remnant of cannibalism. Anti-Semitism is useful to the exploiters as a lightning conductor to protect capitalism from being struck down by the working people. Anti-Semitism is a danger to the working people; it is a wrong path which diverts them from the right road and leads them into the jungle. Therefore, as logical internationalists, Communists cannot fail to be irreconcilable and sworn enemies of anti-Semitism."

(The New York Times, in a cable from its Moscow correspondent, reports that an article on Jews in a new volume of the Soviet Encyclopedia declares that the Jews do not constitute a nation; that the Zionists are "agents of American and British imperialists"; and that Israel is a reactionary state being turned into a United States war base. The article says that the word "Jew" was simply the name for different nationalities generally originating from the ancient Jews. It does not give any figures on the Jewish population of the Soviet Union today, but says that in 1939 there were 1,620,000 Jews in the USSR.)

ISRAEL FEDERATION OF LABOR RECOMMENDS EXPULSION OF COMMUNISTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The steering committee of the Histadrut, Israel's general federation of labor, today recommended the expulsion of Communists from the Histadrut as enemies of the Jewish State. The steering committee's action, supported by both the Mapai and General Zionist representatives on the committee, must be approved by the full Histadrut council for the decision to become effective.

- The steering committee resolution declared that the Israel Communist Party had proved itself, through its publications and declarations, "an open enemy of the Jewish nation, the Jewish State and the labor movement." It added that there was no way of dealing with the Communists except by revivifying a Histadrut decision of 1924 which expelled the Communist Party for "undermining activities toward the Jewish redemption."

The resolution asked the council to take the following steps: dissolve all Communist groups in Histadrut organizations; bring all Communists and their supporters to trial before a Histadrut court on charges of subversive activities; and, halt all work of the Communists in Histadrut institutions pending the trial. Mordecai Namir, general secretary of the Histadrut, was asked in the resolution to set an early date for a meeting of the Histadrut council to act on the resolution.

WORLD JEWISH GROUPS TO MAP PLANS AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Leaders of world Jewish organizations will meet in Switzerland early next month to discuss action against the anti-Jewish campaign now being conducted in countries behind the Iron Curtain, it was announced here today by a Jewish Agency spokesman.

The Zionist Actions Committee will meet in Switzerland immediately after the other Jewish groups conclude their parley, the spokesman said. The session will be devoted to a discussion of anti-Zionist developments in the East European Communist countries. The Jewish Agency executive has agreed unanimously that anyone defending the anti-Zionist allegations emanating from Moscow cannot take part in Zionist organizational life, the spokesman emphasized.

MORE HIGH OFFICIALS AND PHYSICIANS, ALL JEWS, ARRESTED IN HUNGARY

VIENNA, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Guayala Decsi has been deposed as Hungarian Minister of Justice, it was reported here today on the radio. The announcer said that Decsi was arrested along with two other high officials of the Communist government who were also Jews.

Another report received here from Budapest said that a Prof. Bendex, head doctor at Budapest's Jewish Hospital, has been arrested along with several other Jewish physicians. The doctors were accused of using Joint Distribution Committee funds for espionage in Hungary. The Jewish Hospital in Budapest was supported by JDC funds.

U.S. JEWISH COMMUNAL OFFICIALS VISIT BERLIN; TALK TO REFUGEES

BERLIN, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A group of five leading officials of American Jewish communal organizations who spent two days here this week-end studying the situation of Jewish refugees from the Soviet zone of Germany, have been impressed with the need to give these refugees assistance and will recommend aid for them, it was stated here by Samuel Haber, Joint Distribution Committee director in Berlin.

Mr. Haber said that the American leaders will ask the United Jewish Appeal to help these refugees from East Germany to migrate to any country which will take them, including the United States. The members of the investigating commission were: Sidney Cohen of Boston; Edward Kahn of Atlanta; Dan Rosenberg of St. Paul; Bernard Gottlieb of Hartford; and Arthur Rosichan of Buffalo.

Breaking the silence which they have maintained during the past three weeks since they fled East Germany, eight former Jewish communal officials of Communist Germany revealed yesterday that they came to the Western zone when faced with a demand that they endorse the trial of Rudolf Slansky, denounce Israel, Zionism and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Julius Meyer, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of East Germany, revealed that he had been interrogated by Communist security officials for periods of three and five hours. He was questioned about personal matters, including contacts with people living in Israel, and about his spending of West German money in a West Berlin department store.

He revealed that he agreed to draft a resolution as requested and sent telegrams and telephoned members of the executive to come to Berlin from various cities in East Germany. By pre-arrangement the communal leaders brought their families with them and then passed through East Berlin to West Berlin without the formality of holding an executive committee session.

CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on Congress to condemn Soviet anti-Semitism has been introduced in the House by Rep. Hugh J. Addonizio, of New Jersey.

The resolution declares that the Communist actions violate provisions in the preamble to the United Nations Charter which reaffirm faith in "fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men."

The resolution likens the Soviet policy to Hitlerism, charges it violates the UN Charter and calls on the United States to raise the issue in the UN General Assembly. A similar resolution was introduced by Rep. Emanuel Celler recently.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, through its president, Dr. Lev Dobriansky, today issued a statement condemning Soviet anti-Semitism and asserting that "the present Red attempt to inflame anti-Semitism among the youth of the Ukraine will gain little ground." He expressed the belief that "no decent Ukrainian would accept it and be a party to it."

U.S. JEWISH GROUPS CALL HUGE MEETING AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Twenty-four Jewish organizations, with a combined membership of more than 3,000,000 American Jews, including Zionists and non-Zionists and representing all religious branches of American Judaism, today decided to jointly sponsor a mass meeting to denounce the anti-Jewish campaign in the Soviet Union and its satellite nations. The meeting will be held at Manhattan Center February 16.

The decision to call the meeting was taken by the representatives of these groups at an emergency meeting at the American Zionist Council. The meeting is one phase of a "counter-offensive" by these groups, Louis Lipsky, chairman of the AZC, announced. He pointed out that this is the first mass meeting sponsored by so many major Jewish groups in the U.S. since the early years of the Hitler regime. He reported that efforts to secure Madison Square Garden, which can hold many thousands of persons more than Manhattan Center, failed because there were no free Garden dates until mid-May.

Among the sponsors of the meeting are: American Jewish Congress; American Zionist Council; B'nai Zion; Farband-Labor Zionist Order; Free Sons of Israel; Hadasah; Hapoel Hamizrachi; Independent Order Brith Abraham; Jewish Labor Committee; Jewish War Veterans; LZOA-Poale Zion; Mizrachi Organization of America; National Community Relations Advisory Council; National Council of Young Israel; New York Board of Rabbis; Progressive Zionist League; Rabbinical Assembly of America; Rabbinical Council of America; Synagogue Council of America; United Zionist Labor Party; Workmen's Circle; Zionist Organization of America; Zionists-Revisionists, and Zionist Youth Council.

The American Christian Palestine Committee issued a statement declaring: "As Christians intent on preserving the democratic values of the Judaic-Christian tradition and extending them as widely and deeply as possible in our common life, we are impelled by our faith to condemn and oppose this resurgence of anti-Semitic activity. We consider it as parallel to the bestial pogroms of the Nazis; and, as two decades ago, so today we affirm our unalterable opposition to such cruelty which violates all that is worthwhile in democracy and Christianity."

U.S. WARNING ON ISRAEL-JORDAN BORDER INCIDENTS ANALYZED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman, commenting on the American warning to Israel and Jordan last week against permitting further deterioration of the situation along their common frontier, this week-end said that the sole responsibility for the tension rested with Jordan.

He charged that Jordan authorities have refused for a long time to take action to check infiltration of Israel territory, even encouraging armed raiders to commit murder and theft and to plant landmines in Israel. "The moment the Jordanians open their eyes to infiltration the border region will return to calm."

Earlier an Israeli spokesman stressed that reports published abroad that Britain had "warned" Israel to avoid incidents along the Israel-Jordan border were inaccurate. The spokesman said that the British Ambassador, calling on Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at the latter's invitation, had expressed concern over the situation. The Ambassador also informed Mr. Sharett that the British envoy to Amman was making similar representation to the Jordan authorities.

Several Jewish youths captured a building in the demilitarized zone between the Old City and the new city of Jerusalem, the Ramallah (Jordan) radio announced last night. In a broadcast heard here, the Arab announcer said that the youths took over a building formerly used as an Arab college which was located near the one-time residence of the last British High Commissioner in Palestine.

U.S. RELEASED \$51,500,000 TO ISRAEL AS "GRANT-IN-AID" DURING YEAR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A total of nearly \$51,500,000 of American grant-in-aid to Israel has been released for the 1952-53 fiscal year, it was learned this week-end following an Israel Treasury disclosure that an additional \$4,200,000 had just been turned over to Israel.

The latest allocation includes: \$1,000,000 for fuel; \$500,000 for irrigation; \$400,000 for health, services and medicine; and \$900,000 for fodder. Israel simultaneously released 767,000 Israel pounds for loans to industry, agriculture and municipalities. The Israeli funds match U.S. assistance, as is required under U.S. grants.

DR. BUNCHE MEETS WITH BEN GURION; VISITS DR. WEIZMANN'S GRAVE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph Bunche, former United Nations mediator for Palestine, who was chiefly responsible for the armistice agreements between Israel and its Arab neighbors, today placed a wreath on the grave of President Weizmann at Rehovoth. Dr. Bunche spent two days in Israel en route home after a month's visit to India and Pakistan.

Dr. Bunche, who came to Israel at the invitation of the government, said that he saw no reason "why peace should not be restored to the Middle East" and added that the refugee problem was the greatest obstacle in the path of improved Middle East relations. Yesterday Dr. Bunche lunched with Premier David Ben Gurion and dined with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

GENERAL ZIONIST RALLY IN ISRAEL MARKS DR. SILVER'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A General Zionist rally held in honor of the 60th birthday of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver called on Dr. Silver to "take his place in the world Zionist movement and to return to political activity in the place which he deserves in the Zionist movement."

J.D.C. SIGNS PACT WITH ORT; GUARANTEES \$1,100,000 FOR 1953

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will provide a minimum of \$1,100,000 during the coming year for the work of the ORT, principal agency offering vocational training to Jews overseas, under an agreement signed this week-end, it was announced here today.

In the agreement, the JDC will give up to \$1,500,000 for the ORT's 1953 programs, with the increased amount dependent on the income of the United Jewish Appeal, from which the JDC receives the funds for its overseas activities. For the first time, the JDC has agreed to provide financial assistance for ORT schools in Israel, while continuing to aid ORT vocational training centers in Europe and Moslem areas.

Signing the agreement for the two agencies were Dr. Aron Syngalowski and Prof. William Haber representing the ORT, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the JDC. Dr. Syngalowski is chairman of the executive committee of the World ORT Union and Prof. Haber is president of the American ORT Federation. The pact provides that the ORT will not conduct any independent fund-raising campaigns in the United States, but will continue its membership activities.

Other provisions of the agreement stipulate that a major portion of the JDC's vocational training activities overseas will be carried on through the ORT. However, the JDC will continue to subsidize other economic reconstruction efforts, including loan funds, sheltered workshops and other activities not embraced by the ORT program.

ORT Announces Plan to Aid Refugees from Iron Curtain Lands

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A plan to assist Jewish refugees from behind the Iron Curtain by making available the facilities maintained by the ORT was announced in a resolution adopted last night at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the American ORT Federation. Condemning the campaign against Jews behind the Iron Curtain as indicating "the ushering in of an era of anti-Semitism" by these governments, the meeting voted "to alert ORT organizations and institutions in Germany, Austria, and Italy to be ready to receive all who come for succor."

Dr. Aron Syngalowski, chairman of the executive committee of the World ORT Union, who traveled to the United States from Geneva to negotiate a pact with the JDC, expressed gratification with the new financial pact. He predicted that the new funds now granted by the JDC to the Israeli ORT vocational system will "substantially strengthen the vocational training program for the integration of recent immigrants and help Israel's economic development by meeting its current shortage of skilled workers."

Announcing the refugee assistance plan, Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, stated that a number of refugees were already being helped by the ORT in Vienna and Berlin. According to Dr. Haber, the ORT centers which he expected to be affected by the influx of victims of Communist anti-Semitism include four in Western Germany, two in Austria and eight in Italy and Trieste. He announced that ORT is cooperating with the President's Escapee Program in this welfare activity.

Dr. Syngalowski, who has toured the major Jewish communities of Germany, France and Italy in recent months, said that "the outbreak of Communist anti-Semitism has terrified European Jewry whose wounds are still unhealed." He reported that during 1952, the ORT afforded training to some 20,000 students in 19 countries, including Western Europe, Israel, Iran and North Africa. Nearly 4,000 students completed their course of study, receiving ORT diplomas, which in most countries are recognized by the government as certificates of trade proficiency.

MAJOR CHRISTIAN GROUPS CALL FOR REVISION OF MCCARRAN ACT

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Three major Christian groups this week-end called for early revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act to permit a greater number of refugees and DP's to enter the United States.

The National Lutheran Council, representing 4,000,000 members of eight Lutheran denominations, at its 35th annual convention in Atlantic City, urged Congress to rewrite the law and provide a "just and workable" plan to replace the national origins quota system. It also called for a three-year "statutory priority" for the admission of 100,000 refugees a year, and asked changes in the present law to guard the rights of naturalized citizens.

The national board of the Young Women's Christian Association, which met in this city, asked legislation to guarantee that U.S. immigration policy would be based on humanitarian considerations as well as on the special needs and responsibilities of the U. S. It advocated legislation to admit to this country its fair share of refugees and the remaining DP's.

In Washington the National Council of Catholic Women, calling for revision of the act, said: "We have a real obligation to help relieve the problems of refugees escapees and prospective immigrants, preferably through an immediate change in our basic immigration law, or if necessary, through immigration legislation." The NCCW added that the present law had resulted in a reduction of available quota numbers "to some of the very persons that need them most."

ISRAEL PLANTS MEMORIAL FOREST FOR CHILDREN KILLED BY NAZIS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The first group of young pine trees was planted today in a forest dedicated to the 1,000,000 Jewish children who fell victim to the Nazis. The forest is located in the Judean Hills near Kesalon.

Delegations of school children from all parts of Israel participated in the planting ceremonies today. Dr. I. Ben Yehuda, chairman of the Jewish National Fund Teachers Council, told the children that the forest was being made possible partly through the efforts of Jewish school children in this country and abroad.

Several days ago the first trees in a forest dedicated to 600,000 Czech Jews who died during the Nazi regime were planted in an area not far from the children's forest.

PEC FORMS NEW COMPANY TO SELL ISRAEL WINES IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation and the Israel wine and liquor producers association have signed an agreement establishing a new company in the U.S. to centralize and expand the sale of Israel wines and liquors in this country, the PEC announced here today. The new company, to be known as the Carmel Company, will be capitalized at \$50,000, half of which will be supplied by the PEC and the remainder by the Israel producers in the form of wines and liquors.

Meanwhile, Pinhas Saphir, chief of the Israel Development Authority, has arrived here to purchase oil drilling, mining and quarrying equipment and to obtain steel for Israel. Mr. Saphir, who will remain in the United States for about three weeks, will also explore the possibility of obtaining suitable transportation equipment for moving raw materials from the Negev to the Mediterranean coast.