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## BEN GURION CALLS BOMBING OF SOVIET LEGATION "OUTRAGE"; 30 ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Some 30 people were arrested by the Israeli police today in the aftermath of last night's bombing of the Soviet Legation here. Five persons, including four Russians and a child in the neighborhood, were injured by the blast.

Addressing the Parliament, Premier David Ben Gurion declared that it was "with very deep regret" that he reported the bombing of the Soviet Legation. The Premier, who interrupted his vacation to hurry back to Jerusalem and meet with the Cabinet on the incident, called it an "abominable outrage."

He announced that the Israel Foreign Ministry early this morning sent a note offering to pay compensation to the Soviet Government for damages to the legation and for injuries suffered by its employees. The note also expressed the government's sympathy and called the attack a blow at the State of Israel and not merely at the legation.

Mr. Ben Gurion pointed out that the Israel security authorities had offered to place additional police guards in the legation courtyard, but that the Soviet Minister had refused, preferring to assign Legation personnel to the task. He said the Foreign Ministry this morning asked the Minister's permission to study the scene of the explosion, in the legation courtyard, in the hope of finding footprints or parts of the bomb.

The Premier, in the name of the government, extended to the injured "sincere good wishes" for their speedy recovery. "I know that the Knesset and people of Israel will join us in these sentiments," he added.

### Authorities Close Headquarters of Anti-Communist League

Among the suspects rounded up by the police were Haviv Shiber and Michael Wolfsh, president and a member, respectively, of the Anti-Communist League of Israel. The police closed the headquarters of the league today and held anyone who attempted to enter the premises. They also questioned a number of people living in the same neighborhood as Mr. Shiber.

It was reported that an official of the league had told the police that the organization was openly anti-Communist and had never advocated nor practiced terrorism. The league came under investigation earlier yesterday when the legations of several of the Communist nations received letters--purporting to come from the league--threatening violence.

Last night, several hours after the blast at 10 P.M., the Foreign Ministry issued the following statement: "The government views with horror and detestation the dastardly outrage committed this evening on the Soviet legation in Tel Aviv. This

act of criminal folly stands condemned in the eyes of all decent citizens who will recognize it as directed not merely against a foreign diplomatic mission, but at the heart of the state itself.

"Every effort will be made to find the perpetrators of this foul deed and when found, they will be brought to swift justice. The government expresses its sense of affliction and deep regret to the Soviet Minister and members of the legation staff, particularly to the injured who are now being attended in the hospital. "

#### Injured Wife of Soviet Minister Released from Hospital

Among the injured at the legation was Mme. Claudia Yerashov, wife of the Soviet Minister, Pavel Yerashov. She was released from the Hadassah Hospital last night after being treated for minor wounds on a hand and a leg. The legation's cook, who was in critical condition last night, was reported today to be somewhat improved. Mme. Yerashov's chauffeur and another male employee of the legation also suffered minor injuries and were released after receiving treatment.

The blast, which apparently occurred outside the legation, was heard throughout the city. Police cars and ambulances from Hadassah Hospital arrived on the scene in a matter of minutes. The police immediately cordoned off the area, in which two policemen are normally on guard duty. The raiders apparently cut a hole in the heavy wire fence surrounding the legation and placed their bomb outside the kitchen. It and an adjoining room, in which most of the injured were sitting at tea, were badly damaged. Homes in the area were also scarred by the blast.

The Israeli press today was unanimous in its condemnation of the bombing. All newspapers agreed that the entire community was horrified by the bombing and would fight terrorism with every means at its disposal. They also agreed with the government that the blast was a blow to the state, as well as to the Soviet legation. One newspaper speculated that the bomb might have been placed by Arab infiltrators hoping to embitter Soviet-Israeli relations.

Delegations from a number of Israeli organizations today visited the Soviet legation to express their sympathy with the Russians. Among these were groups from the Israel-Soviet Friendship League and the Committee for Peace. A group of Russian monks travelled from their monastery in Jaffa to the legation to express their sympathy.

It was learned today that Shiber, the chairman of the Anti-Communist League, had several times attempted to form a political party. The list of candidates he submitted in the last national election received only 300 votes. It was called the "Veterans Slate."

Dr. Moshe Sneh, pro-Communist leader of the new party which broke away from the Mapam, today said he was the recipient of a threatening note--also signed in the name of the Anti-Communist League--warning him of sudden death unless he resigned his position as secretary of the Israel-Soviet Friendship League.

#### ISRAEL CREW LEAVES FOR GERMANY TO TAKE OVER U. S. PASSENGER SHIP

HAIFA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A crew of Israeli seamen left here last night for Bremerhaven to man the transatlantic passenger vessel S.S. Argentina whose sale to the Zim Israel Navigation Company by the American concern was announced yesterday.

The 11,000 ton vessel, which will be renamed the Jerusalem, will cruise regularly between Haifa and French and Italian Mediterranean ports with both tourists and immigrants. The liner, the largest passenger vessel to fly the Israel flag, will also make several special trips between New York and Haifa during the year. It has a capacity of 900 passengers.

### ISRAEL'S FEDERATION OF LABOR MAPS PLANS TO CHECK UNEMPLOYMENT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Histadrut, Israel's general federation of labor, today initiated a program designed to help cope with the mounting unemployment in Israel.

The Histadrut executive, after hearing Labor Minister Golda Myerson report on the government's plans to alleviate the situation by a program of public works, established a special committee to encourage public works projects on a local as well as national level, to promote more jobs. The committee was also charged with protecting the social welfare of the jobless.

Meanwhile, the Working Women's Council of Israel held a special session to plan measures to aid unemployed women workers. It was reported that of Israel's 19,000 unemployed, 2,500 are women.

The Histadrut executive today voted to donate 4,000 pounds for relief for flood victims in Britain, Holland and Belgium. The contributions will be made through the labor movement in each of the countries.

### GERMANY STARTS DRAFTING FEDERAL INDEMNIFICATION LAW FOR JEWS

BONN, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Representatives of all the states in West Germany have been invited to cooperate with a special Federal government committee in the drafting of a Federal indemnification law to pay Jewish victims of the Nazis for damages suffered under the Nazis, as provided under the terms of the reparations agreement between Germany and world Jewish organizations, it was learned here today. The drafting committee consists of officials representing the Bonn Ministries of Interior, Justice and Finance.

Speedy ratification of the Luxemburg treaty under which West Germany will pay reparations to Israel and the Jewish people was demanded last night by Erich Ollenhauser, head of the German Social Democratic Party, in a speech at Solingen. The policy initiated by Germany with the signing of the Luxemburg agreement, the Social Democratic leader told a public meeting, must be implemented and must receive ratification as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the German National Bank have approved an export license for the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization to send to Israel and other countries where victims of the Nazis now live, some 20,000,000 marks (approximately \$4,700,000) worth of German goods. This is the second such export license granted the JRSO, which is the legal heir of Jewish heirless and communal property in the American zone of Germany.

### WJC ASKS BRITAIN TO ADMIT JEWS ESCAPING FROM COMMUNIST LANDS

LONDON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A plea to the British Government and the other Western Allies to open their doors to the immigration of Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe was made today by the World Jewish Congress executive committee.

In identical letters addressed to the Allied governments, A. L. Easterman, political director of the WJC, pointed out that it would be inadvisable to keep the refugees in West Germany in view of the revival of Nazism in Germany.

EISENHOWER ASKED TO PROCLAIM DAY OF PROTEST ON RED ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A request to President Eisenhower that he designate Feb. 24, 1953 as "Protest Against Soviet Anti-Semitism Day," was made here today by Congressman Isidore Dollinger of New York. Rep. Dollinger made his plea in a resolution, he submitted to Congress.

The resolution also called upon the American people, and particularly patriotic and religious groups, "to voice their concern for the Jewish victims and their protests against Soviet anti-Semitism to delegates and representatives of the United States and other countries to the United Nations, as well as to appropriate officials of the United States Government, urging that necessary action be taken by the United Nations, to the end that the Soviet plan of persecution and race murder may be halted.

"We have ample evidence," the Congressman said, "that the Stalin regime is directing a world-wide extermination of Jews; untold millions are falling victims to the infamous plan. The Kremlin's object is genocide of the Jewish people behind the Iron Curtain and a death sentence for Jews in countries the Kremlin hopes to control in the future.

"Hitler exterminated 6,000,000 Jews and it is obvious that Stalin is bent upon carrying Hitler's plan to exterminate all the Jewish people, to a conclusion. This is horrible to contemplate. It must be apparent to people the world over that when one race is considered by the Soviet regime to be fit only for extinction, then no other race can consider itself safe. We must raise our voices and expose the murderous Kremlin plan for what it is - a threat to all free people everywhere.

"The United States should be proud to lead in this effort. It is the bounden duty of the free to assist those who are the tragic victims of racial and religious persecution. Race murder is abhorrent to all decent human beings; we cannot act too quickly in demanding that the Soviet Union's pogrom against the Jews be stopped at once."

UJA LEADERS SEEK FUNDS TO TRANSFER JEWS FROM COMMUNIST LANDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Top United Jewish Appeal leaders today called on American Jewry to support the UJA's 1953 campaign to make possible the immigration of Jewish refugees from the Communist countries to Israel, in the event the Communist leaders heed Israel's appeal to let the Jews emigrate. The appeal, in the form of an advertisement which appeared this morning in the nation's leading newspapers, was signed by UJA general chairman Edward M. M. Warburg and seven national chairmen.

Addressing a luncheon yesterday opening the 1953 drive of the Women's Division of the UJA of Greater New York, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt declared that it had shocked many people to suddenly "find behind the Iron Curtain the same kind of anti-Semitism in action which the Soviets condemned so harshly in the Nazi state." She added that "we have again the spectacle of people fleeing from oppression."

The difference for the Jewish refugees today, she stressed, is that the State of Israel exists, and "these people know that there is a place to which they can go." She emphasized that "without the help of all of us" Israel cannot be made the kind of permanent home the refugees need.

Moscow's Policy Assailed by New Jersey Legislature

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Both houses of the New Jersey state legislature adopted identical resolutions condemning the Soviet Union for "bestial and inhuman" persecution of Jews in the Communist countries. The resolution also urged President Eisenhower, the State Department and Congress to condemn the persecution and "use every means at their command" to halt it.

WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO REVOKE LICENSES OF BIGOTS

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The City Council of Winnipeg, by a vote of 11 to five, has approved in principle an amendment to the city's by-laws providing that any license issued by the city may be revoked if the licensee practices discrimination because of race, creed or color.

The council instructed the city solicitor to prepare the draft amendment for council consideration. The amendment would exclude organizations "of fraternal, religious or educational nature doing business only with their members or associates."

WILLIAMS COLLEGE FRATERNITY SUSPENDED FOR ADMITTING JEW AS MEMBER

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Williams College chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity has been suspended by the national fraternity for accepting a Jewish student as a member in contravention of the national organization's constitution, it was announced here last night.

The fraternity's charter restricts membership to "men of white and full Aryan blood." Peter F. Connolly, president of the Williams College chapter of the fraternity, refused to give the name of the Jewish student, but said he was a resident of New York City. He added that on a secret ballot, all 57 members of the Williams College unit voted unanimously to retain the Jewish student in the organization.

INDIANAPOLIS POLICE STUDY DESECRATION OF JEWISH CEMETERY

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Local police were today investigating the overturning of seven tombstones in the cemetery of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Meanwhile, Police Capt. J. Ambuhl has assured Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt of the congregation, that police will maintain a watch over the cemetery to prevent further desecration.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Indianapolis has appointed a special committee to work with the police and the congregation to bring the vandals to justice. It was pointed out that this is not the first instance of such desecration at the cemetery.

HAVANA JEWS TO PLANT FOREST IN ISRAEL IN MEMORY OF CUBAN HERO

HAVANA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish community here has decided to plant a forest in Israel to be named after Jose Marti, who liberated Cuba from the Spaniards. The centenary of Marti's birth is now being celebrated in Cuba and throughout Latin America.

The forest will be planted by the Jewish National Fund in cooperation with Jewish organizations here. A delegation of representatives of Jewish institutions, headed by M. M. Kaplan, Israel Consul in Cuba, today visited the Ministry of Information and Informed Minister Ernesto de la Fe of the decision to plant the forest.

Israel-Cuban Chamber of Commerce to be Established

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- An Israel-Cuba chamber of commerce will shortly be established, V. M. Kresin, Cuba's commercial attache in Israel, announced here today. He also reported that negotiations are in progress between the two countries for a new trade pact under which Israel would purchase 15,000 tons of sugar and a quantity of tobacco from Cuba annually.