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SATELLITES MAY EMULATE MOSCOW IN SEVERING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- High officials of Israel's Foreign Office met today to discuss the situation arising from Moscow's breaking off diplomatic relations with the Jewish State. It is assumed here that other Communist countries may follow Moscow's lead and sever relations with Israel in order to make it impossible for Jews in these countries to maintain contact with Jewry abroad.

Soviet Minister Pavel Yershov today telephoned the Foreign Office here asking whether the Soviet note announcing the Kremlin's decision to end relations with Israel had been received, and stating that he was prepared to deliver the note in the event it had not been received as yet. In the meantime, he requested diplomatic protection until he and his staff is ready to leave the country.

It was indicated today that the Israel Government has already requested one country--presumably Switzerland--to represent her interests in Moscow. It was also indicated that Israel will grant exit visas to members of the Soviet legation staff in Tel Aviv when the members of the Israeli legation staff in Moscow receive their visas to leave the Soviet Union. Meanwhile, the Soviet legation was put under the protection of a heavy guard of frontier policemen, armed with Sten guns. Similarly armed guards were posted about Russian churches and other Soviet property.

Government Will Make Reply to Moscow in Parliament

Political circles expressed the opinion that the U. S. S. R. 's fastening on the bombing of its legation here to break off diplomatic relations with Israel was a pretext, particularly in view of Israel's offer of indemnity for damage and injuries. This move will mean "black days" for the Jews in the Soviet Union, these circles declared, because the hoisting of the Israel flag in Moscow represented "their only hope" and that flag will no longer fly in Moscow.

These circles expressed doubt that the Israel Foreign Ministry would have any statement to make on the diplomatic break. The only statement made by the government is expected to be voiced in Parliament.

The loading of citrus fruits for Russia was stopped this morning at the port of Haifa until further notice. About 30,000 cases of oranges were loaded yesterday on an Israeli ship before the news of the diplomatic break was received.

WASHINGTON EXPERTS EVALUATE MOSCOW'S MOVE AGAINST ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Neither President Eisenhower nor the State Department had any comment today on Moscow's diplomatic break with Israel, but diplomatic experts here predicted that all the Soviet satellite countries would follow the Kremlin's lead and would sever relations with the Jewish State.

It is assumed that Bulgaria will be the only Communist country to maintain diplomatic relations with Israel even after the other Iron Curtain countries withdraw their representatives from Tel Aviv. The assumption is based on the belief that Moscow will want one of its satellites to remain in Israel as custodian for the huge property interests of the Soviet Government in the Jewish State, property which belonged to the Russian Orthodox Church when the country was under British Mandate.

Highly placed foreign experts here all agreed today that the actual reason for Moscow's break with Israel was not the bombing of the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv, but the opportunity that presented itself to bring the Soviet campaign against the Jews and Israel to a dramatic climax. These experts are all of the opinion that the anti-Jewish campaign in the Soviet Union and in the satellite countries will now be intensified.

Moscow Radio Tells Details of Soviet Break with Israel

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The Moscow radio today broadcast the full details of the circumstances under which Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky announced the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Israel early this morning to Shmuel Eliashev, Israel Minister to the Soviet Union.

The broadcast relates that at 1 A.M. Mr. Vishinsky summoned Mr. Eliashev to his office where the Soviet Foreign Minister handed him the note informing him of the decision of the Soviet Government to withdraw its diplomatic representatives from Tel Aviv and requesting that the Israel legation staff in Moscow leave Soviet territory "without delay."

The note rejected the Israel Government's apologies for the bombing, asserting that such apologies were intended "to cover up the traces of crimes committed against the Soviet Union and to escape the responsibility of the Israeli Government for this evil deed." The note charged that public statements of the "ruling parties in Israel" were hostile to the U. S. S. R. and "bear provocational character."

It further asserted that the bombing of the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv was carried out by "criminals with the obvious connivance of police." The note declared that it was "universally known" and an "indisputable fact" that the Israel Government had participated in "a systematic fanning of hatred and enmity toward the Soviet Union and as incitement to hostile actions against the Soviet Union."

Moscow singled out the statement of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in the Knesset last month as "openly" inciting anti-Soviet actions. The bombing of the legation "proves the lack of elementary conditions in Israel for normal diplomatic activities of representatives of the Soviet Union," the note claimed.

Communists Seek to Divert World Attention from Anti-Semitism

VIENNA, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The Rumanian press, in an effort to divert attention from the anti-Jewish policy of the Communist countries, is now devoting considerable space to articles on anti-Semitism in the United States. The campaign has been sparked by Scantela, official newspaper of the Rumanian Communist Party.

ISRAEL DIPLOMATS CONFER WITH HEAD OF AMERICAN DELEGATION AT U. N.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban, Israel's chief delegate to the United Nations, conferred here yesterday with Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., head of the American delegation at the U. N., it was revealed here by the Israel consulate.

The hour-long conversation was devoted to a discussion of the general situation in the Middle East and about Middle East questions before the U. N., particularly those pertaining to Israel and the Arab states. Arthur Lourie and Gideon Raphael, members of the Israel delegation at the U. N., participated in the meeting, as did two of Ambassador Lodge's assistants. It is understood that Ambassador Eban was encouraged by the atmosphere which prevailed during the meeting, which took place at the Israel consulate.

Addressing the opening session of an Israel Institute at the Jewish Theological Institute of America last night, Mr. Eban said that "Israel today incurs the hostile menace of totalitarianism precisely because it brings the contrary doctrine of liberty into an area which seemed safe for despotism." He added that since Israel's security is threatened as a result of its devotion to the democratic cause, it should be entitled to expect "increased solidarity" from its democratic friends.

PROMINENT AMERICAN CATHOLICS PROTEST AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Forty prominent American Catholics, including Secretary of Labor Martin P. Durkin, two Senators and three college presidents, have signed a public statement denouncing the Soviet anti-Jewish campaign and urging worldwide protests by governments and the United Nations, it was revealed here today by Commonweal, a Catholic magazine.

The current issue of the publication carries the statement, the list of signatories and an editorial which declares: "It is particularly important that non-Jews speak for there must be solidarity of free men in something like this. When Jews are threatened, we are threatened."

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DOUGLAS ANALYZES SOVIET DRIVE AGAINST JEWS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The outbreaks of anti-Semitism in the Communist countries "underline the importance of keeping Israel strong and vigorous," Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas told a luncheon of the Jewish Welfare Fund of San Francisco.

The Justice, who saw in the Soviet Union's action an expression of confidence in its strength, said that the Communists were working toward domination of the Middle East and considered anti-Semitism "a useful ally in a political approach to many of the people who inhabit the region." Mr. Douglas, a noted authority on the Near East, stressed that "Israel is a far-flung outpost of Western civilization, Western culture, Western ideology" in the Middle East.

SOVIET ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA LINKED TO CZARIST "PROTOCOLS" FORGERY

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Soviet propagandists have turned the pages of Russian history back 50 years to find inspiration for their current anti-Semitic propaganda campaign in "one of the biggest and cruelest lies in the history of mankind," it was declared yesterday by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The ADL made public an analysis and study of the Prague purge trials and the Communist propaganda use of the infamous forgery known as the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" which the Russians invented half a century ago.

GERMANY CONSIDERS ARAB DEMANDS "EXAGGERATED"; SUSPENDS TALKS

BONN, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The talks between the West German delegation and Arab leaders in Cairo have been suspended because of "exaggerated Arab demands," a government spokesman revealed here last night. He disclosed that the delegation, headed by Dr. Ludger Westrick, Bonn's Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, had been instructed to remain in Cairo.

The Egyptian demands for longterm credits, as the price for calling off the threatened economic boycott of West Germany for promising to pay reparations to Israel, are reported to have gone as high as \$1,000,000,000. The Germans offered about \$100,000,000. The Bonn Government was represented as refusing to pay "blackmail" although willing to grant "reasonable" credits.

Another reason for the suspension of talks was the arrival here this week of a trade delegation from Eastern Germany. The Bonn delegates had been promised that the East Germans would not be received during their visit here.

ITALIAN JEWS PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE ISSUE

ROME, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has protested to the Ministry of Education against a decision of an official of a public high school in Salerno denying the right of Jewish students to stay home from school on Saturdays in observance of the Sabbath.

The Union appealed the case of 14-year-old Sarah Gottlieb. In its appeal, the Union pointed out that the Italian Constitution guarantees full religious rights to all minorities and that the Jewish religion imposes the observance of the Sabbath on all Jews.

U.S. NAVY'S REFUSAL TO PROMOTE JEWISH CAPTAIN CRITICIZED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Rep. Sidney R. Yates of Illinois said today that the Navy's refusal to promote Captain Hyman George Rickover, designer of the nation's first atomic submarine, is "one of the most shocking examples of waste and profligacy" committed by the armed forces.

Rep. Yates called upon the Senate Armed Services Committee to withhold confirmation of naval promotions until it could determine whether Capt. Rickover's forced retirement would jeopardize the completion of the first U.S. atomic submarine. Last July a naval selection board passed over Capt. Rickover's name for the second time on a list of captains eligible for promotion. Because of the board's decision, Capt. Rickover will be forced to retire after 30 years of service.

CANADIAN JEWS WANT ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA BARRED FROM MAILS

MONTREAL, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress have conferred with the Canadian Postmaster General in Ottawa on government action designed to prevent the spread of anti-Semitic and other race hatred propaganda through the Canadian mails. The Jewish leaders made a number of specific suggestions for government action. The most recent incident involving use of the mails for spreading anti-Semitic propaganda was the sending of such pamphlets from Canada to members of the British Parliament.

UJA LAUNCHES ITS 1953 DRIVE AT TWO-DAY INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- More than 600 of America's foremost Jewish leaders, faced with the urgency of mapping a program of preparation to provide aid and sanctuary for Jews fleeing Soviet-inspired anti-Semitism, will meet at the Saxony Hotel here this Saturday night and Sunday to launch the United Jewish Appeal's 1953 nationwide campaign.

Scheduled to report to the conferees on the repercussions brought on by the rise of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and its satellites and its effect upon the UJA campaign is Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Last year, at a similar inaugural conference, meeting under less urgent conditions, more than 500 of the country's foremost Jewish leaders announced pledges totaling over \$11,300,000. This proved to be an all-time record for the opening of a nationwide UJA campaign. In the light of current emergencies, the expectancy at this year's inaugural is that both the attendance and the final sum of pledges will greatly surpass that of last year.

Nineteen members of the UJA National Campaign Cabinet meeting here today in advance of the inaugural conference, voted unanimously to substantially increase their personal gifts to this year's drive, and called on contributors throughout the country to emulate their example in view of the present emergency in Eastern Europe.

Samuel H. Daroff of Philadelphia, newly-elected chairman of the cabinet, disclosed that gifts by this same group last year totalled more than \$750,000. He said that in addition to voting to increase their personal gifts to the 1953 campaign, each cabinet member pledged that he would make himself fully available to the UJA.

Israel Denies UJA Gets Lowest Dollar Rate

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A report that the Israel Government gives the United Jewish Appeal and other American fund-raising institutions which bring foreign currency into Israel the lowest dollar-pound rate, was denied here today by a government spokesman. At the same time, the spokesman pointed out that the Israel Government also contributes many millions of pounds annually for the same projects sponsored by the institutions.

Jewish Agency member Moshe Kol today denied a report in the Israeli press ascribing to him a statement that Germany has agreed to guarantee payment to British oil companies for oil shipments to Israel. Mr. Kol stressed that what he had said was that it appeared likely that the German Parliament would soon ratify the Israel-German reparations pact and that after ratification the Israeli oil account with the British companies would be covered.

President Batista of Cuba Receives Henry Morgenthau

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau Jr., noted American Jewish leader, was received today by President Batista, and discussed various matters with him. No statement was issued on their talk. Mr. Morgenthau is spending his vacation at Varadero, a Cuban resort.

AUTOMOBILE ASSN. URGED NOT TO ENDORSE HOTELS PRACTICING BIGOTRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The American Automobile Association was called upon today to cease its endorsement of hotels guilty of racial and religious discrimination. The appeal was made by the Travel Agents Committee to Combat Discrimination in the Travel Industry, an organization of 125 leading travel agents in the metropolitan area.

"The AAA continues to follow the practice of recommending hotels that discriminate in its triptiks. Its directories still list, as approved, many such hotels," the Committee said. Such discrimination is contrary to American ideals and democratic practices, it declared. It asked the AAA to use its publications and facilities to serve only "those hotels and resorts free from the blight of discrimination."

BROTHERHOOD WEEK STARTS THIS WEEK-END; MARKED BY 7,000 COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- More than 7,000 communities throughout the United States will participate in observing Brotherhood Week which starts on Sunday under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced today by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference. President Dwight D. Eisenhower is honorary chairman of the Week.

The special religious services held all through the week by American churches and synagogues will be marked by renewed appeals for understanding among Protestants, Catholics and Jews. Proclamations by the governors of nearly every state and the mayors of large and small cities have spurred civic bodies, schools, colleges and theological seminaries, fraternal organizations, veteran and youth groups to plan special activities related to the brotherhood ideal.

Television stations will carry brotherhood messages, while the nation's 18,000 motion picture theatres have organized a Brotherhood Week campaign to enroll 250,000 new members for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. A special effort will be made to enroll children as junior members. An honor roll, to be displayed in the theatre lobbies all through the week bearing the signatures of the new members, will later be sent to President Eisenhower. The support of labor unions for Brotherhood Week has been pledged by George Meany, president, American Federation of Labor, and Walter P. Reuther, president, Congress of Industrial Organizations.

HEBREW COURSES STARTED FOR AMERICANS PLANNING TO WORK IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Intensive courses in Hebrew "as it is spoken in Israel" are being conducted here under the joint auspices of the World Zionist Organization and Histadrut Ivrit, it was announced today by the Department of Culture and Education of the WZO. The courses are restricted to persons who plan to work in Israel or settle there permanently.

The entire course is of nine months' duration. Conversational Hebrew is stressed and the teaching methods are similar to those employed at the Ulpanim, intensive special courses given for immigrants in Israel. Many of the initial registrants are members of PATWA--Professional and Technical Workers Allyah--who are preparing for careers in Israel, the announcement said.