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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES IMPLICATIONS OF MOSCOW'S BREAK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the implications of the Soviet Union's rupture of diplomatic relations, and decided to make a statement in Parliament on the situation, it was officially announced. Inter-party consultations on the statement have been in progress for several days and Premier David Ben Gurion is expected to make it tomorrow.

Meanwhile, four of the dozens of suspects arrested in connection with the bombing of the Soviet legation last Monday night will be charged with committing the crime. A number of persons have been released for lack of evidence and a number are out on bail. Unless further evidence is produced against most of the 20 still in jail, they too will be released. A Communist Party member was detained for interrogation yesterday when he was found near the Soviet legation with encoded documents.

The legation officials have not yet requested exit visas for Russians returning to the USSR and it is expected to take several more days before they are ready. In addition, persons holding Russian diplomatic passports will be asked to leave the country. They are known to include the head of the Tass news service here, M. Kovalov, the director of a Russian archaeological mission, M. Zaitzev, and Archimandrite Polakir of the Russian Orthodox Church. It was learned that Moscow has not yet agreed to the Israeli request that the Dutch legation in Moscow be permitted to represent Israeli interests in the USSR.

The severing of relations between Russia and the Jewish State is not expected to have a great effect on Israel's economy because the trade between the two states has never been great. Trade between Israel and a number of the other Communist states of East Europe had been greater at one time but recently dropped away almost to zero.

The Mapam and Communist parties this week-end held meetings in various parts of the country on the diplomatic break between Israel and the USSR. Although the Mapam speakers opposed the Communist Party declarations and tactics, they agreed that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett's speech in Parliament last month on the Soviet propaganda drive against Israel was responsible for the Soviet action.

600 UJA LEADERS ASSAIL SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM; RAISE \$14,150,000

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Soviet anti-Semitism was sharply condemned here today by 600 top Jewish leaders from 125 cities in the United States at the National Inaugural Conference of the United Jewish Appeal. A resolution calling on "free men everywhere" to support Israel for its "courageous attitude in the face of totalitarian pressure" was adopted by the delegates and will be forwarded to President Eisenhower.

Gifts totalling \$14,150,000 were presented at the conference at which the nationwide 1953 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was launched. This sum exceeds by

close to \$3,000,000 the sums contributed at last year's UJA campaign launching. More than one-third of the total contributed at today's session came from donors in New York.

Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, termed today's action "a forerunner of what American Jews will do this year in rallying behind the millions of innocent men, women and children in Eastern Europe and in Israel who have become targets of heartless and tyrannical forces."

The resolution adopted at the parley reaffirms the determination of the United Jewish Appeal to cooperate with Israel in providing a haven of refuge to those Jews who succeed in escaping from the countries of Eastern Europe. "This National Inaugural Conference of the United Jewish Appeal," the resolution states, "records with pride the dignified stand of the democratic state of Israel in the face of Soviet attacks and vituperation."

Mr. Warburg, who presided at the final session in the Saxony Hotel here, characterized the Soviet drive against Jews as "an emergency which in many terrible ways resembles the Hitler one." However, he stressed, "there is a great difference between the Hitler period and the present," pointing out that "the existence of the State of Israel as a refuge for all Jews in danger must be utilized to the fullest extent."

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, declared in another major address that "the Jews of the free world will not abandon Eastern Europe's 2,500,000 Jews." He added that "the Hitler period taught us that lives can be saved even in the face of catastrophe, provided we furnish the means for doing so."

Samuel Daroff, chairman of the UJA's National Campaign Cabinet, last night told the assembled Jewish leaders that an extraordinary outpouring of philanthropic dollars must take place in the next 90 days to help the United Jewish Appeal meet the "extraordinary challenge posed by the Kremlin's harassment of Eastern Europe's Jews and its pronounced hostility to the State of Israel. "American Jews," he declared, "will not and cannot fulfill their obligations to the United Jewish Appeal at this crucial time merely by giving the same sums they gave in 1952."

COMMUNIST ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA BACKFIRES; NEW LINE INDICATED

BERLIN, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The anti-Jewish campaign conducted by the Communist authorities in the Soviet part of Germany has apparently influenced the German youth to such an extent that the authorities saw fit today to broadcast a special message to the 3,000,000 members of the German Communist Youth Organization urging them to make a distinction between Jews and Zionists.

The broadcast told the youth of East Germany not to "hate the Jews" but pointed out that "the real enemy" was the Zionist movement. It stressed that the Soviet and East German constitutions banned anti-Semitism. At the same time, the broadcast quoted Moscow newspapers describing the leaders of the Israel Government as a "pack of mad dogs."

(The New York Times today reported that the Soviet Government has adopted a policy of banning Jewish technicians from strategic plants in border areas. This policy is being followed even in cases where it means that such plants must operate less efficiently than otherwise, the report said.)

LEADING AMERICANS ASK EISENHOWER FOR ACTION ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Forty-nine distinguished Americans, alarmed by the sudden rise of anti-Semitism in Russia and Eastern Europe, and fearing its spread to the Middle East and Germany, made public today a four-point program of action submitted to President Eisenhower with the request that it be initiated by the United States and the United Nations in order to prevent disaster.

The request for action was contained in a letter addressed to President Eisenhower. Copies of the communication were sent to U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie and Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., principal United States delegate to the U.N. Expressing fear lest some 3,000,000 Jews be exposed to physical violence, the signatories requested the President:

"1. To issue a solemn public condemnation and warning that this attack against the Jewish people is an incitement to massacre.

"2. As a deterrent, to declare that the help of the United States in terms of funds, Point Four aid, and other forms of assistance will be withheld from any country which engages in such attacks.

"3. To make clear to the Arab world the importance of reaching a formal settlement of the Palestine war as an end in itself and as a prerequisite to productive relations with the United States.

"4. To place on the agenda of the United Nations a proposal for the establishment of a 'watchdog' committee to prevent anti-Semitic violence anywhere as contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and the principle of peaceful association between countries."

The communication underscored that the requests made are "in the interest not merely of possible new victims of a blood purge; they accord with the highest purposes of international morality and international peace." Among the signatories are presidents of colleges, leaders of the church world, heads of theological seminaries, writers, educators and business leaders.

The group emphasizes in its communication that the present policy of the Soviet Government "could easily lead to a new epidemic of pogroms in countries where anti-Jewish feeling is overt or latent. Such countries include not only those in the Soviet bloc, but Germany, East and West, the Arab states and North Africa as well." Fear is expressed that the Kremlin campaign has as one of its purposes to perpetuate a state of belligerency in the Middle East, which even if it did not produce anti-Semitic violence, could produce "a new demand for an armed assault against Israel."

The International League for the Rights of Man, a non-governmental organization with U.N. consultative status, has appealed to Lester Pearson, president of the General Assembly, to have that body initiate a "serious inquiry through appropriate agencies" to try to halt the persecution of Jews in central and eastern Europe. It also asked the Assembly "to discover means for the persecuted to find refuge in other countries, notably Israel, and to render aid to all authorities and agencies in their humanitarian task."

The appeal also pointed out that the Assembly through its attempts to outlaw genocide, to end persecution of racial and religious groups and to end discrimination, as well as to create an international body of law based on the decisions of the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal has both the right and the duty to act in this situation. The League's plea said that the difference in the situation between the Hitler regime's anti-Jewish activities and the present campaign is the UN's attempts, through its Charter and elsewhere, to prevent such persecutions.

EBAN ASKS AMERICA'S SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL; SAYS SECURITY IMPERILLED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- An appeal to the people of the United States and other democratic countries to back Israel now that its security is imperilled following Moscow's diplomatic break with the Jewish State was made in a statement issued here this week-end to the American press by Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban. The statement reads:

"The recent general development of Communist policy in relation to Israel and the Near East in recent months is of universal interest, and of special concern to the peoples of all democratic countries. There have been two aspects in this Communist policy - an anti-Semitic aspect and an anti-Israel aspect.

"The accusations of Jewish conspiracy contained in the Prague and Moscow trials are an offense against the integrity of the human spirit. They belong to the worst and most destructive tradition of anti-Semitic literature. They appeal to the most sinister racial and religious prejudices which have ever distorted international relations.

"A world in which such reactionary movements could not be resisted and overcome by the conscience of free men would be a world lost eternally to the cause of freedom. It is tragic to think of two and a half millions of our Jewish brethren caught in the coils of such an odious assault. The civilized world owes them all the protection which its vigilance and sympathy can provide. Israel's doors are open for any who can reach their security and shelter.

"In addition to their anti-Semitic character the recent statements and policies of Communist governments have had an anti-Israel aspect. We have risked and incurred this powerful displeasure because alone of all the governments in the Near East, we have shown our devotion to democratic causes, because of our support in the United Nations and outside it of the policies and ideals of peace and freedom.

"I ask you to reflect with deep solemnity on the moral obligation which falls on the American people and all free peoples when a small state has its security imperilled by its voluntary support of the free cause. What is the duty of the leading democratic countries in such a case? Must they not in the name of mutual security and chivalry publicly increase their solidarity with a sister democracy which has fought their battle and which stands in the front line of the common cause?

"Israel has risked much and sacrificed much for freedom. Defenders of freedom everywhere owe us their help - in strengthening our body and spirit for the role which destiny has laid upon our small and gallant people. I am moved by the evidence of sympathy and support which have come to us from other members of the United Nations; from all sections of the American people and in such deep and fervent measure from American Jewry."

Adlai Stevenson Condemns Soviet Anti-Jewish Policy

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Communist anti-Semitism was condemned by Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate for the Presidency in the last election, speaking last night at the Eastern States Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner of the Democratic Party at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Referring to the "morbid misanthropes of the Kremlin" and their careers, philosophy and goal on the international scene, Gov. Stevenson said: "The recent outburst of Communist anti-Semitism is the climax of this career in cynicism and horror."

JEWISH AGENCY CALLS WORLD PARLEY ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- An international Jewish conference to consider the implications of the anti-Semitic propaganda campaign in the countries behind the Iron Curtain for the 2,500,000 Jews residing in these countries has been convened by the Jewish Agency, it was announced here last night. The convention will open on March 11 and is expected to last three days.

The exact place of the parley has not yet been determined, but it is certain that it will be held in a European country. Participating will be major world Jewish organizations and communities in 38 countries. The invitation to the convention was signed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive.

The decision to convene this conference was taken by the Jewish Agency executive after a fortnight of consultations, by cable and phone, between its Jerusalem and New York headquarters. Mr. Locker flew in from Jerusalem, especially to discuss with his New York colleagues a program of action to counteract the effects of the Soviet anti-Semitic campaign. "At a series of meetings at the Agency's headquarters, Dr. Goldmann reported on information obtained on a recent emergency visit to Berlin.

The text of the invitation reads in part: "The executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine urgently invites you to participate in a conference of major Jewish organizations and communities the world over to consider the plight of Eastern European Jewry and to set forth the reaction of authorized Jewish representatives to the campaign in Soviet Russia and Eastern Europe against Israel, the Zionist movement, the American Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish people generally. It is imperative that the Jewish people give unified expression to its alarm over the mounting perils for Eastern European Jewry and Israel and demand the right for Eastern European Jews to emigrate, stressing the readiness of Israel to receive them."

GERMAN CABINET PRESENTS PACT WITH ISRAEL TO PARLIAMENT

BONN, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Confidence that the German-Israel reparations pact will be ratified by the German Parliament was expressed in the press here today following the West German Cabinet's forwarding this week-end the agreement to the Bundesrat, upper House of Parliament, for ratification.

The press points out that the Arab threat to boycott German goods unless West Germany grants Egypt credits of about \$1,000,000,000 to "balance" the reparations which it will pay Israel, cannot be considered anything but blackmail. The West German Government is determined to obtain ratification of the agreement with Israel by April 1st, in order to be able to ship to Israel by that time industrial goods on the first installment of about \$50,000,000 which Germany has to pay to Israel this year under the reparations pact.

The Finance Ministry announced this week-end that it has completed the drafting of a law unifying the compensation regulations in all states in Germany for Jews and other victims of the Nazi regime. The passing of such a law had been requested by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

THOUSANDS ATTEND GEN. MEKHLIS' FUNERAL IN MOSCOW; BURIED NEAR LENIN

LONDON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Thousands of Moscovites today braved freezing temperatures to attend a state funeral in Red Square for Col. Gen. Lev Zakhharovich Mekhlis, a former Minister of State Control and one of the two Jews who remained on the Communist Party Central Committee, who died last Friday at the age of 64, the Moscow Radio reported. Gen. Mekhlis' body was cremated and the ashes were buried along the wall of the Kremlin near the tomb of Lenin.

Z.O.A. ASKS RUSSIA TO ADMIT COMMISSION TO STUDY JEWISH SITUATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- A proposal that the Soviet Union permit an international commission to enter the country and study the situation of the Jews in Russia was voiced here today by Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, at a national conference of the ZOA Commission on Israel and the Middle East. Delegates from all parts of the United States attended the conference to discuss the Communist anti-Zionist and anti-Israel campaign, the Middle East political situation and American foreign policy on Israel and the Middle East.

Rabbi Miller asked the USSR to admit a commission from the smaller nations to reassure "the world that it has no intention of persecuting the Jewish people along Nazi lines." The ZOA president also called upon the American representatives at the United Nations "to consider whether Russia and its satellites are not laying themselves open to a charge of genocide" in their treatment of minorities.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, said at the parley: "We look to President Eisenhower to exert his personal influence and the influence of the United States and use every means at his command to strengthen the position of the democratic republic of Israel, continuously threatened by her Arab neighbors and the mounting hostility of international Communism. We look to President Eisenhower to do all that lies in his power to avert the growing menace to 2,500,000 Jews in Eastern Europe."

Abraham Harman and Yaacov Shimon, members of the Israel Embassy staff in the United States, reported on the political situation of Israel in the Middle East, as well as other Israeli problems.

ZIONIST LABORITES CONDEMN SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM; RAISE \$1,000,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Over a thousand delegates representing American trade unions, Labor Zionist organizations, and Jewish fraternal groups, today unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing "the resurgence of anti-Semitism as official State policy within the Soviet Union and its satellites," at a conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel at the Hotel Astor here. Approximately \$1,000,000 was raised for Histadrut at the gathering.

The Conference resolution emphasized that "the overt attempts of the Soviets" to win the sympathy of the Arabs, who still insist on being at war with Israel, must be counteracted effectively by vigorous support of Israel by the western world. "The conscience of the world must speak out, to attempt to stay the hand of the dictators of the Kremlin," the resolution stated. "The free world must mobilize further aid to the State of Israel in its unparalleled trials, for the State of Israel is the outpost of democracy in the troubled waters of the Middle East."

A second resolution adopted, drew attention to the serious unemployment situation in Israel following the introduction of deflationary measures. The conference lauded the efforts of the Israel labor federation, Histadrut, which "as the major non-governmental agency in the country, has swung into action, mobilizing its resources to combat the ill effects of unemployment; it has taxed its membership with a day's pay each month; it has enlarged its Employment Fund and activated its cooperative financial institutions for the purpose of creating useful work."

Principal speakers at the gathering were Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Aryeh L. Kubovy, Israel envoy to Poland and Czechoslovakia; Dr. James G. Heller, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America; Joseph Schlossberg, chairman of the National Committee for Labor Israel, and Nachman Tamir, Histadrut representative.