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EISENHOWER, DULLES, CONGRESS LEADERS DISCUSS SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Implications of the Soviet Union's anti-Semitic campaign were discussed yesterday at a closed White House meeting, it was learned today. Participants included President Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and Congressional leaders.

Consideration was given to the issuance of a Presidential protest at Eisenhower's press conference today. However, this was not acted upon because of fear that such a statement might do more harm than good. Similar concern, it was learned, was felt over the adoption of proposed Congressional protest resolutions. The conferees indicated deep concern over the situation of Jews behind the Iron Curtain, but decided that they did not know what course of action to take.

One idea that occurred at the meeting was that the Soviet Union might exploit any official American protest to bolster the communist contention that Israel and America are allied in an anti-Soviet conspiracy. There was also an opinion advanced by Secretary Dulles, according to a reliable informant, that any American expression on behalf of Israel would not stop the Kremlin, but might alienate the Arab world.

Adlai Stevenson was said to have discussed today the Israel-Soviet situation, among other world problems, with President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles. He also met for one hour and fifteen minutes today with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, to discuss problems relating to Israel and the Arab states.

KNESSET VOTES CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON SOVIET ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Parliament of Israel gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to its government today on its handling of the Russian situation which was climaxed last week when the Soviet Union severed diplomatic relations with the Jewish State.

Following a report to the Knesset by Premier David Ben Gurion on the events which led up to the Soviet action, and a general debate on the issue today, the Knesset voted confidence in the Government 79-16. Resolutions of non-confidence in the Government introduced by the Mapam Party, the Communist Party and the Left Movement headed by Dr. Moshe Sneh were defeated by even larger margins as the right-wing Herut Party, which abstained from supporting the Government's confidence motion, voted with the Government against the leftist groups on their non-confidence motions.

The debate was opened last night when Premier Ben Gurion reviewed the recent Israel-Soviet relations and rejected Soviet charges against the Jewish State.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett wound up the debate tonight in a five-hour speech.

The debate generally covered known ground but two facts not previously disclosed were revealed. They were that Israel had once invited Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, to visit Israel, an invitation he had declined, and that Mr. Sharett had sought permission to visit Russia but had been refused.

ARAB DIPLOMATS VISIT STATE DEPARTMENT TO BLOCK ISRAEL AID

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Diplomatic representatives of seven Arab countries today joined in asking the State Department not to aid Israel because of the Soviet-Israel rift. They said that "Communists are exploiting the rift" and that aid to Israel at this juncture "will amount to throwing oil on smouldering fire."

The group, which called on Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Under Secretary of State, included the diplomatic representatives of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. The spokesman was Egyptian Ambassador Kamil Bey Abdul Rahim. He said that aid to Israel would mean giving "more arguments and more weapons" to the Communist cause.

The Egyptian said the Arab diplomats decided to make the group visit the State Department as a result of publicity arising from Russia's break with Israel. "We expressed the concern of our governments and people about new tendencies in the Near East to exploit this last rift between Israel and the Soviet Union and Israel's bid for moral and material support," he revealed. He said that the delegation expressed "apprehension" over the "dangers involved in indulgence in such support."

The Arabs were alarmed over the situation by which Israel may get increased support, he stated, warning that this would aid "vigorous Communist propaganda in the Middle East."

Meanwhile, it was reported here today from Moscow that the "Literary Gazette" there came out with an article accusing Israel of practicing religious discrimination against Moslems and establishing "ghettos" for Arab and subjecting them to "intolerable" conditions. The Communist organ said the "ghettos" were modelled after similar places established by Hitler for the Jews. The Moscow paper also charged that the Zionist movement is run by "American millionaires Lehman, Morgenthau and the Warburgs."

HOLLAND AGREES TO LOOK AFTER ISRAEL'S INTERESTS IN MOSCOW

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- An Israel Foreign Office spokesman said today that Holland has agreed to look after Israel's interests in Moscow.

The departure of the Soviet Legation staff of 35 from Tel Aviv is expected almost immediately and will coincide with the departure of the Israel diplomatic staff from Moscow. The Russians are expected to leave Israel aboard a Rumanian ship sailing for the Soviet port of Odessa.

Meanwhile, it was learned here today that a member of the staff of the Israel Legation in Budapest had been arrested in Hungary. She was identified as Judith Steiner, 21 year-old Hungarian national, who worked as secretary at the legation.

BRITAIN'S POLICY ON SENDING JETS TO ARABS APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A move to condemn the British Government's policy of supplying jet planes to Arab states was defeated today in the House of Commons by a vote of 267 to 238.

A series of Laborite speakers, led by Hugh Dalton, blasted the British policy and pointed out that the sale of weapons to the Arabs is likely to increase rather than to diminish Arab-Israel tension. Dalton also expressed regret over the fact that the Arab rulers refuse to enter into direct peace negotiations with Israel.

Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd said that Britain cannot refuse to sell jets to some of the Arab countries because this would mean repudiation of her treaty obligations to Iraq and Jordan. He argued that aircraft sent to the Arab countries were not needed in Britain, nor by any country affiliated with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He added that it was important for Britain to engage in the export of jets "if the country was to earn its living" since such export is of great economic advantage to England.

Opposition to Britain's sale of jet planes to the Arab countries was expressed during the debate also by the Jewish deputies, J. Silverman and Barnett Janner, as well as by Michael Foot and Anthony Greenwood, all Laborites. Air Commodore Harvey, Conservative deputy, complained that some of the equipment being sent to the Arab countries were of later design than the equipment used by some of Britain's own squadrons.

KREMLIN DETERMINED TO ISOLATE JEWS FROM CONTACT WITH WEST

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Developments behind the Iron Curtain make it evident "that the Kremlin has grave doubts about Jewish loyalty to Soviet Communism and is determined to cut off remaining Jewish ties with the West," according to a review of the situation by the National Committee for a Free Europe, which sponsors Radio Free Europe.

Removal of Jews from leading Communist posts and suppression of various Jewish organizations are two of the methods of the Communists have used to curtail Jewish influence, the survey reports. "In carrying out this program, the Communists have not ignored the advantages of using Jews as scapegoats for internal failures or as tools in foreign policy; they have not only played on anti-Semitic feelings, but have used them to intensify the hate campaign against the West," it declares.

In a special report on conditions in the Rumanian People's Republic, the committee declares that the recent campaign against "cosmopolitanism," "bourgeois internationalism" and "Zionism" has "become a wholly anti-Semitic campaign." The Rumanian Zionist leaders, Marco Beneviste and Jacques Kummer are now under indictment awaiting trial for alleged collaboration with Western intelligence services, it reports.

"Jews in Rumania are caught between two fires," according to information reaching the committee. "On the one hand, they are persecuted by the State, which accuses them of nationalist and Zionist sentiments, and on the other they bear the resentment of anti-Semitic groups who blame all their ills on the Jews.

"Refugee reports indicate that the removal of Ana Pauker and other Jewish leaders from the Rumanian Politburo (possibly another manifestation of anti-Semitism) was welcomed with 'indescribable relief' by the Rumanian Jewish community," the committee says in its survey.

JEWS IN CARPATHO-RUSSIA CHARGED WITH CONDUCTING ESPIONAGE FOR U.S.

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Indications that mass arrests of Jews are now taking place in the province of Carpatho-Russia, which was taken from Czechoslovakia and which was made an integral part of the USSR, were given today in broadcasts from Moscow which also reported a drive against Jewish doctors in the Ukraine.

The Moscow broadcast claimed that Jews in Carpatho-Russia worked for the American Intelligence Service and that Zionist organizations there were set up "as a blind for the designs of American imperialists" about 30 years ago, when the territory was still a part of Czechoslovakia. They were established as "outposts against the Soviet Union," the broadcast asserted, adding that the American espionage activities were directed from the city of Uzhgorod by Benjamin Parker.

The Moscow radio also reported from Kiev that a number of Jewish doctors in Nikolaev, in the Ukraine, are being charged with defrauding the state of more than 600,000 rubles. The names of the doctors are given as Cohen, Rappaport, Zaslavsky, Roitelman, Gendelman, Levin, Sheftel, Olshanetsky, Erlichman, Yasny, Wasserman, Ravitch, Heller, and Sheftel.

(Reports from Moscow today stated that "The Communist," official organ of the central committee of the Communist Party, came out with a severe attack against V. S. Grossman, noted Soviet writer, for his new novel on Stalingrad, which has been praised earlier in the Soviet press as a literary masterpiece equalling Tolstoy's "War and Peace.")

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER URGES SENDING U. S. MISSION FOR JEWS TO STALIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The suggestion that a special American mission should be sent to Stalin, composed of persons of international reputation, to present to him the protest of the free world against the Soviet anti-Jewish policy, is made today by the New York Herald Tribune, leading American newspaper, in an editorial commenting on the threat which the Kremlin's adoption of anti-Semitism carries for millions of Jews behind the Iron Curtain.

"Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mr. Paul G. Hoffman--a Democrat and a Republican--might comprise such a mission, leaving no doubt as to its broadly national character or the importance with which it would be regarded throughout the world," the paper writes. "The purposes of this step should be clearly defined in advance. They should be restricted to the problem of anti-Semitism and to saving, if possible, its victims. The Nuernberg trials established genocide as an international crime; to avert it is an international duty. The United Nations will doubtless grapple with the question in due course. Meanwhile the United States could focus world attention upon it, solemnly and dramatically, and provide leadership in a great cause."

The article points out that the free world must not assume that the fate of the Jews in Stalin's empire is sealed. "Their case differs in important aspects from that of other victims of Communist oppression," it stresses. "For one, the Politburo appears to have signaled its intentions in advance. Too often peoples within the Soviet Union have sunk from sight--dispersed, doomed to slavery in concentration camps, jailed and shot--before the world knew of their danger. In the case of Russia's Jews, the propaganda preparation for the crime is so recent as to suggest that many, if not most, could yet be saved. Moreover, they have been offered asylum in Israel. There is a way out--if the Communists will open it. The non-Communist nations must demand that the way be opened."

The New York Times, in an editorial today, similarly demands speedy action on Soviet anti-Semitism. "The civilized world waited too long before speaking out against the crimes of Hitler's Germany. A little haste now, an increased sense of urgency, may save lives," the paper emphasizes.

SEN. MCCARTHY SAYS HE WOULD OPPOSE REDUCTION OF U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin said today that he would oppose any attempt to reduce American aid to Israel although he forecast sizeable reductions in the United States foreign aid program.

In an interview with Israel correspondents, the Wisconsin Senator said there was no doubt now that Israel had become the center of opposition to Communism in the Middle East. Congress, he said, by giving Israel maximum support and refusing to reduce aid to the Jewish State, would show other states involved in the fight against Communism that they could count on support from the United States.

ANTI-ZIONIST AMERICAN DIPLOMATS SLATED FOR MIDDLE EAST POSTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Those concerned with the maintenance of Israel-Arab stability are observing the expected assignment by President Eisenhower of two career diplomats, who are widely regarded as anti-Zionists, to sensitive Middle Eastern posts. The two are Loy Henderson, present Ambassador to Iran who may be sent to Egypt and George Wadsworth, Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and former Ambassador to Turkey, who appears slated to be envoy to Pakistan.

Mr. Henderson, as Director of the Office of Near Eastern Affairs between 1945 and 1948 was considered the leader of the State Department faction which thought American policy on Palestine should coincide with British and Arab views at the expense of Zionist aspirations. He was regarded as the individual chiefly responsible for America's reversal on the United Nation's plan for the partition of Palestine.

The diaries of the late James Forrestal, former Secretary of Defense, reveal the pro-Arab role played by Mr. Henderson. Should his appointment to Egypt be confirmed, there is concern lest his presence there lend itself to the building up of anti-Israel.

The naming of Mr. Henderson as Ambassador to Egypt is seen by some as an attempt by the new administration to notify the Arab world that the "pro-Israel" policy of the Truman era has been re-examined. Egypt in recent months has become the center of Western efforts to form a Middle Eastern Command against Communism. There has been talk of a possible visit to Washington by Egyptian Premier Gen. Naguib. Despite Israel's concern over the maintenance of peace in the Middle East, there have been negotiations between Egypt and the United States in connection with the shipment of heavy munitions.

Mr. Wadsworth is not known as well as Mr. Henderson, but Israelis recall his previous service in the Middle East. His assignment to Pakistan is thought important because of the possibility that this Moslem country will be associated with the Arab League states in the projected Middle East Command.

The administration in Washington makes decisions on foreign policy based on reports from ambassadors in the field. Therefore, it is thought that intelligent decisions, particularly on the sensitive Middle Eastern area, require objective ambassadorial reporting. The belief exists that the findings of Mr. Henderson and Mr. Wadsworth would favor the Arabs in any instance involving Israel.

ISRAELI LINE STARTS PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN U.S. AND HAIFA

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Israeli Judges Line, a new shipping enterprise operating under sole franchise from the Israeli Government, announced the opening of regular scheduled monthly service between the United States Gulf and South Atlantic ports, and Haifa. The maiden voyage of the company's flagship, S.S. Ben-Nun, is scheduled from New Orleans about February 25th, with stops at Houston, Galveston and Savannah. Regularly scheduled stops will be made at Haifa, Tel Aviv, Piraeus, Genoa and Barcelona.

The company also announced the purchase of the 9,100-ton S.S. Henri Jaspar, from the Belgian Line. The ship is to be delivered to the Israeli Judges Line at Haifa, in May, and will be immediately entered into the regular services of the line between the United States, South Atlantic and Gulf ports via the Mediterranean to Israel.

MARSHAL TITO HELPS TO ERECT MONUMENT IN NEW YORK FOR NAZI VICTIM

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Plans for the erection of a memorial here to the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis were reported at a meeting last night at the Hotel Pierre arranged by the memorial committee. The city has donated land for the memorial and the committee is seeking to raise \$500,000 for its construction.

President Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, in a message to the meeting, said he hoped the monument "may be a lasting symbol of unity of peoples of all races and creeds." The message, with the Marshal's signature, was presented by Vlado Popovic, Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States. The Marshal announced that he would donate the granite for the memorial which is to be erected on Riverside Drive between 83rd and 84th Streets.

Former Brig. Gen. Telford Taylor, chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, a speaker at the meeting, said: "The glory of the memorial is that it speaks not of hate or fears, but of compassion and hope. It points no accusing finger at the past; rather it bids us keep faith with the future. Its meaning transcends races and creeds. It is not a particular but a universal beacon that may guide us, according as we believe, to Canaan, to Mecca or Bethlehem."

Representative Emanuel Celler of Brooklyn said that the monument would serve to remind the world that anti-Semitism was like a prairie fire. He expressed the hope that the memorial would serve as a reminder that anti-Semitism carries within itself the seeds of world-wide destruction.

J.D.C. OFFICIAL DECORATED BY BEY OF TUNIS FOR AIDING JEWS

PARIS, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Louis D. Horwitz, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in Tunisia, was decorated by the Bey of Tunis with the Order of Victory in recognition for the relief work he conducted for the Jews in Tunisia since 1949. Mr. Horwitz was transferred earlier this month from his post in Tunis to Paris where he heads the migration services of the JDC at its European headquarters here.

ADOLPH KATES, CUBAN JEWISH LEADER, DECORATED BY GOVERNMENT

HAVANA, Cuba. Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Adolph H. Kates, Cuban Jewish leader, was knighted Commander of the Order of Commercial Merit by the Cuban Government. Mr. Kates is chairman of the Israel Bond Drive in Cuba and is active in Jewish communal life.