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## U. N. ASSEMBLY RE-OPENS TODAY; SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM TO BE DEBATED

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly, which resumes its seventh regular session here tomorrow, will hear much criticism from delegates of many countries of the Soviet anti-Jewish campaign, it was indicated here today in U. N. circles. Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett may come to New York to participate in the session, it was predicted.

Lester B. Pearson, president of the Assembly, said that the question of Soviet anti-Semitism has not yet been placed on the agenda. He pointed out that other items on the agenda present ample opportunity for discussion of the anti-Jewish drive in the countries behind the Iron Curtain. However, he did not exclude the possibility that there may be a request to place the anti-Jewish policy of the Communist countries on the agenda as a special item.

There are nine items on the agenda--all left over from the first part of the session which recessed last December 22. Some of them definitely provide a basis for launching a debate on the Soviet action against Jews and on the rupture of relations with Israel, without the need of adding a special item on this subject. One of them is the item submitted by Poland calling for "measures to avert the threat of a new world war and to strengthen peace and friendship among nations."

### Communist Charges May Boomerang; Vishinsky to Defend Russia

The condemnation of Moscow and the Communist countries where the anti-Jewish campaign has assumed unprecedented proportions since the U. N. Assembly recessed, is expected to come during a debate on the Czechoslovak-sponsored item charging the United States with "interference in the internal affairs of other states," and with the "organization by the United States of subversive and espionage activities" against the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and other Communist countries.

The debate on these charges may boomerang against Moscow and Prague inasmuch as the anti-Jewish drive is especially strong in these two Communist capitals where Jews are charged with being "American spies" and where the campaign against Israel is being utilized to slander the democratic countries of the West.

The fact that the Soviet delegation to the Assembly is headed by Andrei Vishinsky, Moscow's Foreign Minister, is seen in United Nations circles as an indication that the Soviet Government expects strong attacks on its anti-Jewish policy during the U. N. session. It is pointed out that other large countries will be represented at this Assembly session by minor delegates since the items on the agenda are only "left-overs."

Strong addresses against Communist anti-Semitism are expected not only from the Israel delegation, but also from the American, British, French delegations and from the delegates of a number of Latin American countries.

## TWELVE HIGH RANKING JEWISH OFFICIALS COMMIT SUICIDE IN HUNGARY

VIENNA, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Zoltan Vas, chief of Hungary's Planning Office, and 11 other high ranking Jews in the Hungarian Government have committed suicide, it was reported here today by the Austrian newspaper "Die Presse." The report stated that the suicides resulted from a "wave of purges" directed against Jews in the Hungarian Government.

The newspaper estimated that at least 30 top-ranking Jews had committed suicide or had otherwise fallen victim of the purge. It added that the purge was directed by a visiting Russian group which came to Budapest three weeks ago.

The 30 Jews were allegedly "suspected Zionists." "Die Presse" pointed out that Mr. Vas' office was responsible for economic planning in Hungary and he was held partly responsible for the current economic crisis in the country.

## ISRAEL MINISTER TO MOSCOW ANALYZES SOVIET DIPLOMATIC BREAK

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Soviet rupture of diplomatic relations with Israel came as something of a surprise, Dr. Shmuel Eliashiv, former Israel Minister to Moscow, declared here last night on his arrival from the Soviet Union. Dr. Eliashiv and other members of the legation staff were met by Israeli envoys here who are making arrangements for their return to the Jewish State.

The Minister said that while it was true that attacks on Israel occurred during the period when the Soviet attitude toward Israel was most favorable, even during the Slansky trial it was not considered that the Russians were preparing such drastic steps. He said the swift Soviet exploitation of the "deplorable" bombing of its legation in Tel Aviv had "thrown new light" on the Soviet policy.

Mr. Eliashiv said that the motives behind the Soviet break were "obscure" and refused to agree that the reported Soviet plans to win over the Arab states were the only, or even the main reason, for the action. He said he could not help feeling that the anti-Zionist campaign was intended to divert attention from domestic difficulties, of which, he asserted, there were many indications.

## Bulgaria Seeks Permission to Act as Moscow's Custodian in Israel

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Bulgarian legation in Israel today formally applied to the Israel Foreign Ministry for permission to represent the interests of the Soviet Union in Israel. The legation already has all the necessary documents from the Soviet legation, whose staff left Israel Friday night.

The police today released on bail the last five suspects detained in connection with the bombing of the Soviet legation here two weeks ago. A total of 31 persons were arrested in connection with the bombing, but it is not yet known whether there is sufficient evidence to bring any of them to trial.

## Student Groups in Israel Withdraw from Communist-Controlled Body

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Student organizations here decided today to suspend their membership in the Communist-controlled International Students Union and agreed to strengthen their ties with the coordinating secretariat of Western student groups.

BRITISH DEPUTIES ASK GOVERNMENT FOR ACTION ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A motion signed by 52 Labor MP's and calling on the British Government to take action in the United Nations and through other channels to fight the anti-Jewish drive in the Communist countries, was today presented to Parliament. This is the second such motion, an earlier one having been presented by two Conservatives and one Laborite.

The latest motion asks appropriate action to combat "this terrible revival of race discrimination." The Conservative motion deplored the Communist campaign as a "flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter" and asks British Government action in the U. N.

CHILE TO SUPPORT CHARGE OF SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM AT UNITED NATIONS

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Chile will support Israel unconditional-ly at the United Nations when it raises the question of anti-Semitism behind the Iron Curtain, Chilean Foreign Minister Arturo Olavarria today told Israel Minister Yacov Tsur. Minister Olivarria, stressing that he was speaking in the name of Chilean President Ibanez, said the President condemned the anti-Jewish drive in Eastern Europe.

Dr. Natalia Berman, leader of the Communist Party of Chile and for many years a member of Parliament, has resigned from the Party in protest against Moscow's anti-Jewish drive. One of the most popular leaders of organized labor in Chile, Dr. Berman said he could not remain indifferent to Moscow's slander of the Jews and that the Communist anti-Jewish policy became clear to him during the recent Prague "purge" trial. He is president of the Jewish out-patient clinic in Santiago and chairman of a committee which is raising funds for the building of a Jewish hospital in Chile.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS PROTEST COMMUNIST DRIVE IN EUROPE

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- An appeal to the nations of the world to support Israel's plea for the migration of Jews from Eastern European countries, was voiced here last night at a mass meeting of Johannesburg Jews sponsored jointly by the South African Board of Deputies and the Zionist Federation of South Africa.

The meeting also adopted a resolution expressing "profound alarm" at the continuance of the Soviet anti-Israel campaign and Soviet attempts "to suppress Russian Jewry's sense of unity with the Jewish people and Zion." During the meeting several members of the audience heckled the speakers while other anti-Zionists distributed leaflets outside the meeting hall denying that the Soviet policy was anti-Semitic.

CANADA URGED TO ACT WITH U.N. IN PROTESTING COMMUNIST ANTI-SEMITISM

TORONTO, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The local City Council has urged the Federal Government to take action in the United Nations in protest of the "Communist atrocities against the Jewish people." A unanimous resolution asked for cooperation with the U. N. to "secure a haven for those victims who can be saved from the grip of Communism. "Such heinous crimes against humanity shall strengthen our resolution to combat in any necessary manner the doctrine of Communism and secure the liberation of all oppressed people and bring freedom to the world," the resolution said.

In Ottawa the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, attacking the new wave of Jewish persecution behind the Iron Curtain, called on affiliates for renewed action to rid themselves of Communists. Protest meetings against Soviet anti-Semitism were held in Winnipeg and Toronto. A protest rally in Montreal will take place on March 8th under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the United Zionist Council and the Jewish Labor Committee.

EISENHOWER WARNS AMERICANS ON BIGOTRY; CONDEMNS SOVIET CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A warning to the people of the United States to be vigilant against racial and religious discrimination has been voiced by President Eisenhower. "Bigotry and intolerance, racial or religious hate and discrimination are spiritual acts of treason," the President emphasized.

The President strongly condemned the anti-Jewish drive in the Iron Curtain countries. "The vicious, calculated persecution of Jews in the Communist-enslaved countries," he said, "is our latest reminder that the ways of the tyrants are always the same, however their banners and their slogans may change."

President Eisenhower expressed these views in a message addressed to Roger W. Straus, general chairman of Brotherhood Week, which is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Accepting "with pride" the honorary chairmanship of World Brotherhood Week, the President said in his message:

"The fight for freedom today is, in a real sense, a fight for the idea of brotherhood. This idea touches every value we cherish. It presupposes the dignity of every human being as a child of God. It expresses the honor and the respect which every man, therefore, owes his neighbor. It appeals to the spirit of comradeship and the practice of cooperation which are the essential, telling marks of a democracy. The survival of free civilization depends upon the survival of this idea and upon the practical allegiance it commands of all free peoples.

Says Racial and Religious Discrimination is "Spiritual Act of Treason"

"In the affairs of our own nation--in the tens of thousands of communities across our land--this allegiance demands tireless vigilance. Bigotry and intolerance, racial or religious hate and discrimination are spiritual acts of treason. They invite the scorn and the mockery of the despot.

"In the affairs of the world, we are dedicated to defending the same ideas. The vicious calculated persecution of Jews in Communist-enslaved countries is our latest reminder that the ways of tyrants are always the same, however their banners and their slogans may change.

"The ways of free men, too, must ever be the same; strengthening one another in military might to resist the aggression of despots; aiding one another in economic policies that promote the productivity and welfare of all peoples; sharing in common confidence the political responsibilities and decisions that go to making up the defense of freedom everywhere. Above all, they must aid and strengthen the oppressed and the persecuted.

"This is the idea of brotherhood at work. This is the idea of fraternity--the triumphant product of a liberty enjoyed by all and an equality respected by all. In this spirit, I accept with pride the honorary chairmanship of World Brotherhood Week. I extend to the National Conference of Christians and Jews my fervent wish that the next 25 years of your great work may match, in honorable accomplishment, the brilliant quarter of a century you have now completed."

EISENHOWER WILL NOT ABANDON ISRAEL, JEWISH PARLEY ASSURED

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The assurance that the United States "will not sell Israel down the river" was given here yesterday by Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland, addressing a conference of Israel Bond drive leaders. He emphasized that he conferred with President Eisenhower on the Soviet campaign against Israel and hinted that the President will take "appropriate action" of his own "at the proper time."

GERMAN-ISRAEL PACT RATIFIED BY BUNDESRAT; FINAL APPROVAL SEEN

BONN, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The ratification of the German-Israel reparations pact by the Lower House of the West German Parliament is expected within ten days, following its approval this week-end by the Bundesrat, the Upper House.

The Bundesrat voted approval of the pact, under which Israel will get \$715,000,000 in reparations for claims against Germany, after Foreign Minister Walter Holstein assured Parliament that the West German Government will seek to change the section of the agreement which provides that German commodities sent as reparations should not be transported in German ships.

IMPORTANCE OF GERMAN REPARATIONS FOR ISRAEL OUTLINED BY GOLDMANN

LONDON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The goods to be paid Israel by West Germany as reparations will enable the Jewish State to lay the foundations of a self-sufficient economy, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency chairman, declared here at a dinner in Grosvenor House this week-end launching the 1953 drive of the Joint Palestine Appeal of Britain. Contributions at the dinner totalled 500,000 pounds, one-fourth of the 1953 goal of 2,000,000 pounds (\$5,600,000).

Dr. Goldmann listed the German reparations payments as one of three major factors which he felt would contribute to consolidating Israel's economy in the next two years. The other two factors are, he said, the Israelis' learning technical skills and the pause in the mass migration. He suggested that the fact that German reparations were being paid in goods rather than in cash would keep Israeli authorities from the temptation of using the reparations to cover deficits and bridge temporary gaps in the economy rather than to use the payments for fundamental development.

He advised caution in relation to handling the problem of the anti-Jewish campaign in Eastern Europe. He said the Communist drive endangered 2,500,000 Jews in the area, encouraged the Arab states in their anti-Israel attitude and adversely affected Israel's political maneuverability. He refused to give up hope of getting the Jews in the Communist countries out, but conceded that the task would be difficult and expensive.

Ambassador Eliahu Elath, another featured speaker at the dinner, told the guests that there was never a greater need for their gifts nor a greater urgency for Jewish unity and cooperation. He attacked the Soviet anti-Zionist drive and called for Jewish protests against the Communist campaign. Also present at the dinner were Mrs. Vera Weizmann and World Jewish Congress leaders Dr. Maurice Perlzweig and Dr. Arieh Tartakover, who spoke.

During the meeting there were a number of interruptions from Jewish Communists and blows were exchanged between them and other members of the audience. One man suffered from facial injuries inflicted by blows from an umbrella.

ORGANIZATION OF NAZI VICTIMS DISSOLVED IN COMMUNIST GERMANY

BERLIN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The East German authorities have dissolved the League of Nazi Victims as a "stronghold of Zionist and reactionary elements," the East German news service ADN announced here today. A 33-member committee of "anti-Fascist resistance fighters" will carry on the activities of the League, to which most of the 1,200 Jews in East Germany belonged.

PERON REITERATES IN CHILE HIS STATEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP FOR JEWS

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Argentine President Juan Peron, who is visiting Chile, has reiterated here his statements of friendship and sympathy for Jews and the State of Israel.

"The Jews know very well that Argentina is a strong friend of Israel," the Argentine President told Roberto Aron, president of the Chilean Zionist Federation, when the latter presented him with a gift. "We have expressed such feelings at various opportunities, and were the first South American nation to send a diplomatic representative to Israel." President Peron also stressed the Argentine Government's opposition to racism.

BALTIMORE JEWISH GROUP PRESENTS EISENHOWER WITH CITATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland and Chief Justice Simon E. Sobeloff of the Maryland Court of Appeals presented President Eisenhower with a framed citation in recognition of his demand for the revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act which he made in his first State of the Union message. The award was presented on behalf of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Jewish Congress and affiliated organizations.

Gov. McKeldin said they did not discuss actual plans for revision of the Act because there are "other things to talk about," including an invitation to the President to receive an honorary degree from a Maryland school. The President offered no comment on the Immigration Act when awarded the presentation, Gov. McKeldin said.

U. S. LABOR ZIONISTS HOLD THREE-DAY PARLEY; APPEAL AGAINST MOSCOW

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The national council of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, meeting in a three-day session here, today called upon the conscience of the civilized world "to take whatever measures possible to stop the anti-Semitic campaign of the Soviet Government and to open the borders which separate those Jews from Israel."

Addressing the council session, Rabbi James G. Heller, president of the LZO, called on the United States Government to take the lead at the United Nations General Assembly session which resumes tomorrow to morally condemn the actions of the Soviet Union. He pledged American Jewry's support of Israel's reception of Jews from Eastern Europe who can leave their countries to go to Israel.

BENJAMIN M. COHEN, PUBLISHER OF WINNIPEG JEWISH PAPER, DEAD

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Benjamin Maximillian Cohen, founder and publisher of the Jewish Post of this city for more than 28 years, died here yesterday after a lengthy illness. He was 62. He was buried today in the Sharrey Zedek Cemetery.

Born in Moscow, Mr. Cohen was brought to Canada by his family. He was active in both Jewish and non-Jewish community and civic life and numbered some of Canada's leading political figures among his friends. Mr. Cohen was a life-long Zionist and was active in publicizing campaigns for land redemption in Palestine, in promoting the drives of the Histadrut and many local and national Jewish groups.