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WARSAW AND VIENNA REPORT MASS DEPORTATIONS OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

VIENNA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Several thousand Jews have been deported by the Soviet authorities from the Ukraine and the Baltic states to Siberia during the last few weeks, diplomatic sources reported here today. The deportations started about a month ago, they said.

Similar reports were received here today from Warsaw where Jews received pleas from relatives in the Ukraine to make an effort to bring them to Poland. Many of the deported Jews claim Polish citizenship since they were born in the part of Poland which was taken over by the Soviet Union after World War II.

KHRUSHCHEV EXPRESSES DISTRUST OF SOVIET JEWS; REVEALS BAN IN CRIMEA

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The distrust which Nikita Khrushchev, the head of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, displays towards the Jews of the USSR, was emphasized openly during a two-hour conference between him and a delegation of the Canadian-Labor Progressive Party which took place in his office in Moscow. B. Salzberg, a member of the delegation, reports today in the pro-Communist Yiddish newspaper "Morning Freiheit."

Mr. Salzberg emphasized that the conference was devoted primarily to the question of the treatment of Jews in the USSR and that Khrushchev attempted to prove that present Soviet policy with regard to Jews is in accordance with Communist Party theory concerning national minorities. "However," Mr. Salzberg reports, "to my regret I must say that his arguments impressed me just to the contrary and our differences of opinion came out in open nakedness."

Khrushchev admitted in the course of the conversation that he was in agreement with Stalin that Crimea, where there were many Jewish settlements prior to the occupation of that territory by the Nazis, should no longer be a center for Jewish colonization. This, he said, was motivated by the fear that in case of war the region would become a war center against the Soviet Union.

He also admitted that Solomon Lozowski, world-known Moscow leader of the Red Trade Union International, has been liquidated "innocently" because he was involved in the alleged demand by Soviet Jewish writers that Jews be permitted to return to their Crimean settlements from which they were evacuated as the Nazis approached the territory.

Denying that he is an anti-Semite and that the Communist Party in Russia is pursuing an anti-Jewish policy, Khrushchev said that his daughter-in-law is Jewish and that many Jews in the Soviet Union today occupy high positions. At the same time, he stated that he is against permitting Jews in Russia to have their own schools, and enumerated the following "negative aspects" of Soviet Jewry:

1. Of the thousands of Soviet tourists abroad, only three did not return to the Soviet Union, and all three were Jews.
2. During the incorporation of a part of Rumania into the USSR, many Jews chose to go to "reactionary" Rumania rather than to remain on the spot and become Soviet citizens.
3. Wherever a Jew settles, he immediately establishes a synagogue.

Mr. Salzberg concludes his report with a expression of concern over Khrushchev's opinions on Jews. "They express prejudice against the Jews as a nation," he emphasized, "and remind (us) slightly of Stalin's approach to certain national minorities during the war whom he deported because of the sins of individuals."

Jewish Communists in Poland Express Solidarity with Israel

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Declaring that "Jews the world over have the right to be concerned over the fate of the Jews in Egypt," the Boukharine, Jewish Communist organ in Poland, came out with a demand that the United Nations should send investigators to establish exactly what happened to the Jews there.

The same paper, reaching here today, reports that the Jewish Communist cultural organization Kulturgesellschaft adopted a resolution expressing solidarity with the people of Israel. The resolution said that nobody has the right to question the existence of Israel and that Israel has the right to receive from the United Nations effective guarantees of its continued existence as an independent nation.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE CONCLUDES SESSION WITH CALL TO WORLD JEWRY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Small Zionist Actions Committee concluded its two-day session here last night with the adoption of a call to world Jewry to unite in support of Israel. The Jewish Agency executive was authorized to make this call public and will issue it within a few days. Meanwhile, the Agency issued today the following statement:

"The Small Actions Committee concluded its emergency session last night expressing support of the decisions of the Jewish Agency executive on the sending to Zionist organizations in Diaspora countries for world intensification of internal unity and the mobilization of public opinion in the present hour of emergency for the State, on increasing immigration to over 70,000 to save the Jews of Egypt from torture and the Jews of Hungary and North Africa and efforts for their effective absorption, also on demands for immigration, particularly of chalutzim, including those from Western countries, and visits to Israel by delegations and individuals.

"The Council issued a declaration of encouragement to the State and a call to the Zionist movement to engage actively in rousing sympathy and defending Israel's security and policy for regional peace. Prior to that the Council heard from Dr. Nahum Goldmann an exhaustive report of American Jewry's exemplary conduct in the political field. During the general debate it was proved beyond doubt that the Zionist movement was a live spirit behind Jewry's strong stand for the defense of Israel and its struggle:

"It was emphasized that the political struggle will be protracted and difficult and demands an unceasing, long-range effort. The session heard with great satisfaction information about the record increase in income campaigns, particularly the Eren Hayesod, which will facilitate the implementation of special immigration and absorption projects."

The session was concluded with a speech by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist movement, who took issue with some of the Israeli members of the Actions Committee who charged the Zionist movement with lack of initiative and activity in the present crisis.

Rejecting these charges, Dr. Goldmann said there was no need for demonstrations on the part of American Jewry. He warned that the real struggle is political and will continue for a long time. Such an extended struggle is best conducted by quiet work and not by mass demonstrations, he declared. He stressed the need for improving relations between the Israel Government and the Zionist movement.

HERUT DEMONSTRATION IN JERUSALEM PROTESTS EVACUATION OF SINAI

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Some 3,000 persons attended a mass rally and demonstration here tonight called by the Herut to protest against the Israel Government's decision to evacuate the Sinai Peninsula. Herut leader Menahem Beigin addressed 2,000 persons in a cinema and loudspeakers carried his words to another 1,000 who could not get inside the theatre.

The meeting resolved to appeal to all member states of the United Nations, except the Soviet and Arab blocs asking support of Israel's cause. Then the meeting was converted into a torch light parade through the city's streets. A plan to send a delegation to Premier David Ben Gurion was cancelled when the Premier sent word that he would not receive the delegation.

High government sources tonight asserted that the reason for the Herut demonstration was the absence of assurances that the Sinai Peninsula would not again become a base for Egyptian aggression against Israel. Nonetheless, it was stressed that the government will abide by its decision to withdraw from Sinai.

ISRAEL PROVIDES U.N. COMMANDER WITH MAPS OF ALL SINAI MINEFIELDS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Israel has informed Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld that it is laying no more mines in the Sinai Desert, that all minefields there have been fenced and sign-posted and that Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, has been provided by the Israel Government with maps of all Israeli minefields in the area.

These assurances were given the Secretary General today by Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation here. He gave these assurances to Mr. Hammarskjöld in reply to an official question by the Secretary General as to whether "there would be any further destruction of roads, railways and installations in Sinai, and whether there would be any further laying of mines."

EGYPT DOES NOT INTEND TO PERMIT ISRAELI SHIPS TO PASS SUEZ CANAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi indicated today that Egypt has no intention of allowing Israel ships to pass through a re-opened Suez Canal. Addressing the National Press Club, Mr. Fawzi said the Israel shipping issue was not a legitimate part of the Suez Canal controversy but "part and parcel of the whole Palestinian question." He defended the use of fedayeen murder gangs against Israel and called on Israel to "restore the rights" of Palestine Arabs.

"BIG THREE" AGREED NOT TO HELP EGYPT IF ISRAEL STARTED INVASION

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The United States, Britain and France reached agreement on October 29 that in a situation which might develop if Israel invaded Egypt, "it would not be the duty or choice of the three powers concerned to send troops in for the protection of Egypt," the British Government has now disclosed.

The disclosure that the three powers had agreed that the Tripartite Declaration guarantees would not be applicable in this case was made in the House of Lords last night during a debate on Middle East policy. The Marquess of Reading, Minister of State and Government spokesman in the upper house, revealed the tripartite agreement on the eve of the Israel action against Egypt.

There were cheers from the Government ranks for the Opposition spokesman, Lord Henderson, when he declared that permanent demilitarization of the Sinai Peninsula and the ending of the Egyptian hold on the Gaza Strip were two things essential to a Middle East settlement. Lord Attlee, former Labor Prime Minister, intervened in the debate to make the point that Israel should have been warned beforehand against taking any military action. "I don't think they would have disregarded it," he told the house. "They are a very intelligent people."

EISENHOWER CONCERNED OVER FATE OF EGYPTIAN JEWS, WHITE HOUSE SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower shares the general "concern" over reports of persecution of Jews in Egypt. 17 major American Jewish organizations were assured in a letter from Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, released today. Mr. Adams told the Jewish organizations that the State Department was investigating the situation.

The Jewish organizations drew attention to the situation in Egypt in a telegram (text reported by the JTA) addressed to President Eisenhower in Augusta, Georgia, on November 27, the day on which 250 delegates of these organizations, from all parts of the country, adjourned a two-day emergency session in New York.

Thanking the leaders of the 17 Jewish organizations for drawing the President's attention to the reports of mistreatment of Jews in Egypt, Mr. Adams says in his letter: "The President shares your concern over these reports." The Department of State is presently seeking to obtain an accurate picture of the situation in the light of the many conflicting assertions on this matter. The unusual circumstances arising out of the hostilities in Egypt have made complete reporting on events there difficult.

"You will be interested to know that the Embassy in Cairo has been instructed to inform the Government of Egypt of the deep concern of the United States Government over the reports which have been received. You may be certain that developments in this situation will be closely followed with a view to determining in what manner the United States Government may take action," the letter concludes.

SENATORS URGE U.S. TO INTERVENE WITH NASSER ON DEPORTATION OF JEWS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Two members of the United States delegation here--both of whom are also members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee--declared today that the United States should intervene with Egypt in regard to the Cairo Government's deportation of Egyptian Jews. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota and Sen. William F. Knowland of California made these declarations at a luncheon of the United Nations Correspondents Association.

Both Senators urged President Eisenhower to initiate peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries before the United Nations Emergency Force is withdrawn from the Middle East.

"I believe, and have so indicated," said Sen. Humphrey, "that the Government of the United States should inform Egypt that it looks with deep concern, with humanitarian concern, on the deportation of the Jews of Egypt. Such action should not be condoned, no matter what the color, creed or faith of the sufferers, no matter whether they are Jewish, Arab or Hungarian. This matter should be brought to the attention of the United Nations just as the matter of the Arab refugees has been brought up in the United Nations."

"I concur with Sen. Humphrey's statement," declared Sen. Knowland. "This attention should be applicable to all refugees. I would not minimize this problem. I hope that the world will not lose sight of this new problem." Neither of the Senators, however, said anything about whether the United States delegation would formally bring the matter of the persecutions of Jews by Egypt before the General Assembly. Both made it clear that, while they are members of the U.S. delegation, they were speaking as individuals.

(The National Council of Jewish Women, at the conclusion of its three-day executive meeting, adopted today a resolution asking the U.S. to expand the current Hungarian refugee program to include Jews deported from Egypt. The Council also asked the U.S. to exert leadership within the UN for a solution of the Arab-Israel problem.)

JEWISH GROUPS OPEN PARLEY ON RACIAL RELATIONS AMONG CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Eighty social scientists, educators, scholars, center workers, experts on the needs of children and young people, and community relations experts are participating in a three-day conference which opened here tonight to discuss the best means of advancing community relations purposes through work with children and youth. The conference is sponsored by the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

Bernard H. Trager, NCRAC chairman, told the conference at its opening session in the Stephen Wise Congress House that its findings and recommendations would provide guidance for all agencies concerned about improving intergroup relations through influencing the attitudes of children and young people during their formative years.

Irving Kane, NCRAC leader, in commenting on the purpose of the conference, noted that Jewish community relations agencies had for many years supported, stimulated and given professional guidance to intergroup and intercultural education programs. One of the principal aims of the conference, Mr. Kane said, would be to review and evaluate the contribution made by the community relations agencies, and to seek agreement on recommendations to guide them in the future.

JEWISH CHILDREN FORM MAJORITY IN SIXTEEN MONTREAL PROTESTANT SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Jewish children form the majority of the total enrolment in 16 Protestant schools of Greater Montreal. This is the conclusion of an investigation on the enrolment of Jewish children in Greater Montreal by the Canadian Jewish Congress, carried out for the two years ending 30th April, 1955 and 30th April, 1956.

According to the Canadian Jewish Congress, the total enrolment in Protestant schools of Greater Montreal increased from 52,331 in 1955 to 54,953 in 1956. Jewish enrolment during these two years increased from 13,978 in 1955 to 14,481 in 1956. Of the Jewish enrolment, 27.11 percent applied to high schools in 1955. In the following year, the Jewish participation in Protestant high schools was slightly reduced to 26.8 percent.

JEWS IN CANADA WARNED ON CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING IN SCHOOLS

TORONTO, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The experience of the Jewish community of Canada has been that a fair and objective discussion of the problem of Christmas programming in the schools is never successful and only induces friction, according to a joint statement of the Canadian Jewish Congress and of the B'nai B'rith circulated to local rabbis and community leaders.

The statement expresses concern over the possibility of public disunity among rabbis and others with access to the press over the question of joint Chanukah-Christmas festivities and over Jewish participation in school holiday festivities. "Untoward incidents lead to unfavorable publicity, it said.

The Congress and the B'nai B'rith oppose joint festivities and are prepared to defend the right of any Jewish parent who does not wish to have his child participate in Christmas activities in the public schools.

U. S. GOVERNMENT ASKED TO LIFT BAN ON TRAVEL TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- "It is in the interests of the United States to lift the ban on travel to Israel and in general re-establish normalcy in trade and economic relations with Israel; otherwise, other nations and their transport and business corporations will move in," Harry Torczyner, General Counsel of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, declared today, addressing a members luncheon of the Chamber at the Hotel Commodore.

The ban on travel, Mr. Torczyner said, "should be lifted at once as it is not warranted by the facts, and the normal trade relations between Israel and the United States should be re-established without further delay." He said that the elimination of the Fedayeen nests in the Sinai Peninsula and in the Gaza Strip has improved security conditions in Israel to such an extent that they are the best since 1948. "The unblocking of the Gulf of Akaba," he stated, "creates a unique opportunity for the development of maritime and commercial relations between Israel and East Africa and the Far East across the Red Sea."

Z. O. A. STARTS MOVE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF U. S. IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- An "operation goodwill" designed to promote better understanding and cultural ties between Israel and the United States has been launched here by ZOA House, which is sponsored and financed by the Zionist Organization of America.

The "cavalcade," which will tour army bases and border settlements throughout the country in the next few weeks, was initiated with a performance at an army camp. The cavalcade will seek to acquaint Israelis with representative American art, literature, folk songs and dances.