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## ARAB COMMUNISTS IN ISRAEL ISSUE CALL FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT REBELLION

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Arab nationalistic aspirations promoted by the Israel Communist Party seem to have gotten out of hand and backfired on the party leadership, it was indicated here today after the publication in the Communist newspaper Kol Haam of a statement by an Arab leader which amounted to an open call on the Israeli Arabs to resist the government in the manner of the Algerian rebels.

Authoritative sources foresee an open split among the Jewish and Arab leadership. In recent weeks the Arab leadership of the party, concentrated chiefly among the educated Arabs of Nazareth, has grown in strength. Today's statement in Kol Haam was signed by Emile Habbibi, Communist deputy in Parliament and secretary of the Nazareth section of the movement.

The group headed by Mr. Habbibi has distributed pamphlets in Arab villages calling for "Algerian-like rebellion" to be initiated by a campaign of passive resistance to the Israeli authorities chiefly through the discontinuance of tax payments. The group has also called for Arab boycott of Knesset elections.

This new line developed after a visit by Communist Party leaders Shmuel Mikunis and Tewfik Toubi to Moscow where they were apparently told to increase Communist Party activity in Israel and include in their demands the return of Palestine to the Arabs. These instructions have caused friction within the party with Dr. Moshe Sneh, Meir Wiener, Mr. Mikunis and the moderate Mr. Toubi being opposed by activist Habbibi.

Reportedly the Jewish leaders have agreed to demands for shrinking Israel's borders but not its elimination while Mr. Habbibi has called on them to adhere to Moscow's plans for an Arab state in Palestine. If the majority of the Communist Party opposes Mr. Habbibi, he is still in a position to form a dissident group ultra-nationalistic in character.

In a recent speech in the Arab village of Araaba, Mr. Habbibi told the villagers that "no force will prevent (the realization of) Palestine Arab rights of self-determination." He also asserted that "in view of the union reached between Egypt and Syria it is very natural that the Arab masses should increase their struggle for national and civil rights against the oppressors of the Arab populations, the looters of their lands and those who oppose their rights of self-determination."

## Jewish Communists in Israel Differ; Split in Communist Party Expected

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Differences between the Arabs and the Jews in the leadership of the Israel Communist Party, made public with the publication today of a statement by Arab Communist leader Emil Habbibi virtually calling for a rebellion against the Israel Government, gave rise to reports here that the party would soon split into separate Arab and Jewish factions.

Mr. Habbibi's statement and a similar speech in an Arab village followed persistent rumors that the Arab Communist leaders are at loggerheads with Jewish leaders because the former want to organize a "small Algeria" in Israel. The launching of an Algerian-type action would force the Israel Government to suppress the Arabs, the Arab Communist leadership is said to believe, and open the way to Egyptian and Syrian assistance to their "oppressed brethren" and Moscow support.

It is not known here whether this line has been adopted under Moscow's tutelage or is a product of local Arab political thinking.

## Israel Government Grants First Loan to Joint Jewish-Arab Firm

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today granted its first loan to a joint Jewish-Arab industrial venture. A Jewish food processing company, in partnership with Faris Hamdan, member of Parliament and an Arab landowner, will establish a canning plant in the Arab village of Baka el Garbieh. Most of the food canned in the plant will be grown by Arab farmers at Baka el Garbieh.

#### BEN GURION OPPOSES TRANSFER OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARY FROM MT. SCOPUS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben-Gurion raised objections today to the transfer of the Hebrew University Library from Mt. Scopus to the new campus here.

Speaking to an audience of distinguished scholars and political leaders gathered to honor Prof. Martin Buber on the occasion of his 80th birthday, the Premier said that he would not want to see more than the "most essential, non-replaceable" of the half-million volumes removed from the Israeli enclave.

An agreement permitting removal of the books from the library and equipment from Hadassah Hospital on the height was negotiated by Dr. Francisco Urrutia, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's personal representative, who recently brought the Israelis and Jordanians together over Mt. Scopus.

Earlier, Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak hailed Prof. Buber, world renowned teacher and philosopher, as a spokesman "not only of his people but of all mankind." After the event an exhibition of Prof. Buber's works was opened at the Hebrew University.

#### ISRAEL PHYSICIANS, ENGINEERS SEEK INTERVENTION IN SALARY DISPUTES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The central committee of the Israel Medical Association has appealed to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to intervene in the salaried physicians' struggle for better conditions. In a communique issued here, the central committee stated that its request followed Kupat Holim's refusal to discuss the salaries of physicians in its clinics.

Suggestions to "correct grading anomalies among publicly employed engineers" without raising their basic salaries were presented to the Histadrut central committee. The proposals were submitted by Simha Blass, head of the Histadrut's professional employees department. He advocated a tax reduction for publicly employed engineers as well as an increase of the tax free minimum.

Ahdut Avodah and Mapam were pressing for a general wage rise, while Mapai representatives in Histadrut favor Mr. Blass' plan. A decision is expected within the next fortnight.

#### TWO ISRAEL OIL COMPANIES TO MERGE; SHAREHOLDERS TO RECEIVE NEW SHARES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The immediate merger of Lapidot Israel Petroleum Company, Ltd., and Israel Oil Prospectors Corporation Ltd., has been announced by Pinhas Lavon, secretary-general of the Histadrut, who was the arbiter in the dispute over the future of the two companies. He notified the executives of Solel Boneh, the Histadrut's contracting concern, and Mekorot, the Histadrut's Water Development Company, of his decision. Solel Boneh is a substantial shareholder in the Israel Oil Prospectors, Ltd., while Mekorot is involved in the Lapidot Company.

All concessions and equipment possessed by the two companies will be passed on to the new company, according to Mr. Lavon's decision. Shareholders of both firms will receive the new company's shares, the value of which will be determined by mutual agreement. In the event of a dispute, Mr. Lavon will again serve as arbiter.

A Miami group of investors, also shareholders in the Israel Oil Prospectors, Ltd., notified Mr. Lavon of its willingness to participate in the new oil company. Legal experts here consider that the winding up procedure and the founding of the new company can be effected in four to six months.

#### HEAD OF U.S. AID MISSION DIFFERS WITH ISRAEL MINISTRY OF FINANCE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- J. Hagerty, head of the United States aid mission in this country, will leave for Washington Saturday for consultations over increasingly tense relations between himself and the Israel Finance Ministry.

Israeli circles here assert privately that Mr. Hagerty is trying to exercise too much influence over Israel's use of American aid. American circles state that Mr. Hagerty is merely sticking to Washington directives and instructions.

#### MAPAI WITHDRAWS SUPPORT OF GENERAL ZIONIST PROPOSAL ON ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- In a last-minute reversal, the Mapai Party has decided not to support a General Zionist proposal to change the current election law and will propose one of its own, it was learned here today. In effect this means that there can be no majority for either plan and it appears that the present proportional representation system will continue in effect.

The General Zionists, under criticism from other parties in the Opposition, modified their draft by making its language more vague and by dropping requirements which would have eliminated the smaller parties from Knesset representation.

Since the Mapai Party, under Premier David Ben-Gurion's direction, favors the elimination of splinter parties, the party has decided not to back a bill which would not accomplish that objective.

## SWISS PARLIAMENT IN STORMY SESSION OVER NON-ADMISSION OF JEWS

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The "Ludwig Report," an analysis of Swiss policy toward refugees between 1933 and 1945 which damns the Swiss Government for following a policy that condemned thousands of Jews fleeing from Nazism to return to Germany and their eventual death, was the subject today of a stormy session of the Swiss Federal Council.

The report, ordered by the Federal Council, charged that through a complicated web of "no entry" laws and collusion between Nazi and Swiss police officials between 10,000 and 12,000 Jews were kept out of Switzerland during the Nazi regime.

Mathias Eggenberger, chairman of the Federal Council committee responsible for the report, told his fellow deputies that while Switzerland contributed materially to alleviating conditions of the refugees during and after the war, the actual refugee policy from 1933 to 1945 "casts a dismal light on the Swiss right of asylum. When the refugees were running for their lives we passed them by," he charged.

"Certainly tens of thousands of hunted people could have been saved without putting our country into difficulty if we had conducted a general liberal policy," Eggenberger said. "If we admit that individual refugees have no juridical right to claim asylum, we must stress that the best Swiss traditions and Christian charity would have made a generous attitude mandatory."

He took the army high command to task for its "restrictive" refugee policy, hit the majority of cantonal authorities because they "did not play a heroic role," and noted that even the Swiss population played a "safer" role. He asserted that there was no unequivocal answer to the question: did the Swiss authorities concur in the creation of German "passports for Jews" as the Ludwig Report suggested.

But Eggenberger refused to accept any excuse that Switzerland could not physically handle the Jews she refused to admit. He pointed out that at the end of the war Denmark accepted 250,000 refugees, Finland 500,000 and that by the end of the war Switzerland had 115,000 in the country. "It seems strange," he concluded, "that at a critical moment Switzerland denied her capabilities of accepting 10,000 to 12,000 racial refugees."

## U.S. ASKED TO SHIP JEWISH BOOKS TO RUSSIA UNDER EAST-WEST EXCHANGE PLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Department of State today made known that it is considering a Jewish Labor Committee proposal to ship Hebrew and Yiddish books and periodicals to the Soviet Union under the East-West cultural exchange program.

The Department indicated it would consider the matter after Frederick Merrill, chief of the Department's East-West cultural exchange program, met with a JLC delegation. The delegation presented a view that the United States had a "moral responsibility" to raise with the Soviet Union the issue of liquidation of Jewish cultural institutions, writers, artists, and other cultural leaders.

It was suggested to the Department that Soviet Jewry be afforded an opportunity to regain contact with Jewish cultural institutions outside Soviet borders. Such contact, it was said, should not be confined to exchange visits but to a more broad area -- the re-introduction into the Soviet Jewish cultural mainstream of books and periodicals in Yiddish and Hebrew.

The JLC delegation stressed the importance of obtaining from the Soviet authorities an accounting of the fate of Jewish cultural personages whose disappearance has never been officially explained. A memorandum and documentation were presented to Mr. Merrill demonstrating that a vacuum exists in Soviet Jewish cultural areas as a result of a ten year purge. Despite free world protests, said the delegation, the "cultural genocide" continues.

Charging that concern is not only with past abuses, the delegation expressed concern with present practices "at this moment" in cultural discrimination against Jews. "Jewish institutions, press, publishing houses, schools, theaters are padlocked. Our government should be cognizant of the fact that there prevails within the Soviet Union today an atmosphere of suppression and repression against Soviet Jewry," the delegation said.

The memorandum presented asked that the Secretary of State carry out negotiations under the cultural exchanges with Russia toward reviving "a culture that has been left for dead in the wake of purges conducted by the Soviets against their own Jewish cultural personalities." Members of the delegation included Jacob T. Zukerman, president of the Workmen's Circle; Jacob Pat, executive secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee, Dr. Israel Knox, American Jewish educator, and Walter J. Kirschenbaum, JLC director of public relations.

## EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR COMPENSATION CLAIMS SOUGHT IN GERMANY

BONN, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The West German Social Democratic Party has prepared a bill extending the deadline for filing individual claims for compensation under the Federal Indemnification law. The extension would move the deadline ahead nine months from March 31, 1958 to December 31, 1958. It is expected that all parties in the Bundestag will support the measure.

# ROOSEVELT'S, HINDENBURG'S CONCERN FOR JEWS UNDER NAZIS REVEALED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Documents indicating President Franklin D. Roosevelt's and German President Paul von Hindenburg's concern over the Nazi treatment of Jews were contained in a new volume of captured German documents published simultaneously here and in London yesterday. Roosevelt's concern was indicated indirectly in a report by Nazi finance leader Hjalmar Schacht.

In a letter to von Hindenburg apparently responding to a query by the aging German President, Hitler wrote that von Hindenburg "in a generous and humane way," had taken up the cause "of those members of the Jewish people who at one time were forced to perform war service as a result of general conscription." He insisted that Jews must be removed from positions important to the state "so that certain events that cannot be told to the rest of the world for higher reasons of state really remain secret." Hitler promised however, that he would "try to take into account your noble sentiment to the greatest possible extent."

# GOLDA MEIR TO LEAVE THIS MONTH FOR LIBERIA, GHANA, FRENCH WEST AFRICA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, leaves on a West African tour February 23, it was learned here today. First the Foreign Minister will go to Liberia, thence to Ghana where she will represent Israel at the new republic's first anniversary celebrations, and afterwards she will visit French West Africa.

The Israeli and Swiss Governments have agreed to raise their diplomatic envoys to each other capitals to the rank of ambassador. Emile Bisang, a Swiss career diplomat, has been named to serve in Jerusalem.

# HERUT DELEGATION PLANS TO LAUNCH SEPARATE FUND-RAISING DRIVE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Herut, rightist party in Israel, is preparing to launch an independent campaign for funds in the United States and Canada, it was announced here today by A. Drori, secretary general of the Herut, following his arrival here with a number of other Herut leaders in an "advance delegation."

Mr. Drori made his announcement at a reception by the United Zionist-Revisionists of America for Joseph Klarman, one of the Herut leaders. It was also announced that the "large delegation of the Herut Party" which will come to this country will be headed by Menachem Begin, top leader of the party.

# ISRAELI TREE PLANTED IN U.S. ARMY BASE; CHURCH BELLS PLAY ISRAELI TUNE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The church bells at the main chapel of the huge U.S. army base at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, today played an Israeli tune as a cypress tree flown from Israel was planted near the synagogue for Jewish soldiers.

The bells played the tune, "Tu Beshvat Higiya." Maj. Gen. David H. Tulley, Commanding General, accepted the Israeli tree from Israel Embassy Minister Yaacov Herzog. The tree was blessed by Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish military chaplains.

Jewish personnel on the base had asked Israel to send the tree in connection with the new year of the trees. Fort Belvoir is the headquarters of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

# MRS. JACK GOODMAN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION OF U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Jack A. Goodman of Indianapolis, nationally prominent philanthropic figure and civic leader, has been chosen to serve again as chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced today by Morris W. Berinstein, UJA national chairman. Mrs. Goodman is a former president of the Indianapolis Jewish Federation.

Mr. Berinstein also announced the appointment of Mrs. S. Alexander Brailove, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, one of the UJA's outstanding women leaders, as chairman of the National Women's Division Rescue Fund. She will enlist women's support to the \$100,000,000 Rescue Fund being conducted in addition to the regular 1958 UJA campaign.

# NEW ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER IS STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 10. (JA) -- Dr. Alejandro Ceballos, the man appointed Foreign Minister of Argentina, is a staunch friend of Israel who sided with the Jews in their worldwide campaign for a Jewish State as early as the World War II years.

Dr. Ceballos yesterday received Israel Ambassador Dr. Arie L. Kubovi in an audience during which they exchanged views on current Middle East developments. The Foreign Minister was a prominent member of the Argentine Palestine Committee which was formed during the 1940's and sparked a political campaign in the country in behalf of Israel before and after its independence was declared.