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JEWISH COMMUNISTS IN U. S. PROTEST KHRUSHCHEV'S ANTI-JEWISH VIEWS

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Jewish Communists in the United States voiced a protest against the anti-Jewish views expressed by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in his interview in the French newspaper *Le Figaro*.

A lengthy editorial in the "Morning Freiheit," the pro-Moscow Jewish organ, takes issue with Mr. Khrushchev's views and terms them "mistaken and harmful." The editorial stresses that anti-Jewish allegations by the Soviet Premier "cannot and must not be passed unchallenged."

It declared that "one can hardly understand" how the head of the Soviet Union could have made such "astonishing" statements as -- Jews are individualists and have a "distaste" for collectivism. The Morning Freiheit says "Soviet leadership now lacks a basic approach to the Jewish question." It stresses that "the injustices committed against the Jewish people during the last years of the Stalin regime have been only partly corrected," and that the liquidated Jewish cultural institutions have still not been reopened by the Soviet authorities.

Refute Khrushchev's Allegations; Charge Moscow with Persecuting Jews

Refuting Mr. Khrushchev's charges that the Jews in the Soviet Union did not develop Birobidjan because they are "essentially intellectuals" and are opposed to group discipline, the Morning Freiheit cites the fact that Jews developed large Jewish agricultural regions in the Ukraine and in the Crimea under the Soviet regime and had participated as workers in Soviet heavy industry. They were also the pioneers in Birobidjan until the time when Soviet authorities started "to persecute their leaders and builders there" and liquidated the region's Jewish cultural life.

To further refute Mr. Khrushchev's anti-Jewish allegations, the pro-Soviet Jewish organ cites the fact that Jews are now proving their "collectivity" by building Israel, and that they have proven it by building up the labor unions in the United States and in the heroic uprisings against the Nazi armies in the Warsaw ghetto and in other ghettos, not to speak of the heroism which many of them displayed in developing Birobidjan and in building the Soviet system in the USSR.

"It is clear," the editorial says, "that the Khrushchev statement places before Soviet leadership the Jewish nationality question in the U. S. S. R. even more urgently than ever before." It draws attention to the fact that the Jews in the Soviet Union are recognized in their passports and other official documents and statistics as a nationality. "The regrettable interview given by Khrushchev proves how urgent this question is. The progressive Jewish elements, who appreciate the role of the Soviet Union in the fight for peace, wait for the moment when this question will be solved, and the moment cannot come too soon -- it is already over-late," the editorial concludes.

U. S. Group Broadcasts Khrushchev's Anti-Jewish Interview to Russia

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- The anti-Jewish interview given by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to the Paris newspaper *Le Figaro* last week was broadcast by Radio Moscow on its domestic service, but without his remarks on the Soviet Jews having failed to make a success of Birobidjan because of their "distaste" for collectivism, it was reported here today by the American Committee for Liberation.

The Committee, which maintains an anti-Communist radio station in Munich, has broadcast the full text of Mr. Khrushchev's disparaging remarks about Jews in Russian and other Soviet languages. This, the Committee announced, was done "to make up for Moscow Radio's dereliction."

The Committee also said that Frol Kozlov, who was recently named First Deputy Premier of the Soviet Union, is a "pronounced anti-Semite" and played a major role in the so-called doctor's plot when a group of Soviet physicians, mainly Jews, were falsely accused of having plotted against the lives of Stalin and other Soviet rulers. "At the time, Kozlov denounced the Jewish doctors as spies and traitors, part and parcel of the Zionist war-mongering machine," the Committee reported.

JEWISH COMMUNISTS IN FRANCE SPLIT ON STUDY OF POSITION OF SOVIET JEWRY

PARIS, April 13. (JTA) -- A severe crisis has broken out among Jews in the French Communist Party and in Communist-led organizations following the return to this country of a delegation of three prominent Jewish Communists to the Soviet Union where they studied the position of Jews. The three were M. Wilner, editor of the Jewish Communist newspaper here "Neue Presse," Dr. J. Slages and A. Youdinn.

The present crisis has its roots in a report received here five months ago of anti-Semitic practices in the USSR, which resulted in a change in the editorial board of Neue Presse. Late last year, apparently at the insistence of French Communist leader Jacques Duclos, the three Jewish Communists were invited to Moscow to see for themselves the situation and thereby, it was hoped, quiet the uneasy Jews in the French Communist Party.

During their Moscow visit, the three met with Shmuel Halkin of the USSR Jewish Writers Committee and officials of the Soviet Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs. They asked for the publication of Yiddish books and newspapers in the Soviet Union and expansion of Jewish cultural activities, but were turned down.

These facts were included in the report of the delegation which was presented at a meeting of the French Communist Party central committee during which, it was reported, Dr. Shlages and M. Wilner, a Stalinist, came to blows. These differences are expected to explode shortly and cause a split among Jews in the Communist Party and affiliated groups.

U. N. MEDIATOR OF MT. SCOPUS ISSUE COMPLETES MISSION; RETURNS TO N. Y.

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Francisco Urrutia, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative has completed his mission for Mr. Hammarskjold and is returning to New York tomorrow, it was learned here today.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Dr. Urrutia had made satisfactory progress, but he would not disclose any details. It is understood that the Colombian diplomat removed some of the obstacles in the way of implementation of a pact he negotiated some months ago between Israel and Jordan on the Mt. Scopus situation.

ESHKOL ADDRESSES U. S. JEWISH LEADERS; STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF AID

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Asserting that Israel's achievements during her first decade of statehood must be consolidated through expanded economic effort, Levi Eshkol, Israel's Minister of Finance, today emphasized the importance of American aid through Israel bonds to maintain the pace of his country's economic development.

Mr. Eshkol, who arrived in the U.S. last Thursday, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization at the Hotel Pierre here. More than 250 Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada attended the meeting, which was devoted to planning an intensified effort during the coming months for the Israel bond drive, which must raise \$75,000,000 during 1958.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president, reported that \$335,258,250 in Israel bonds have been sold in the seven years since May 1, 1951. "It would be a cruel blow to many hundreds of thousands of Jews in various parts of the world, if we were to assume that the job of providing a home in Israel for Jews in distress has been completed," Dr. Schwartz said. "It is because Israel will have to continue to admit additional large numbers of immigrants in the coming years that she will require large-scale resources from Israel bonds. Israel bond dollars must provide the economic opportunities -- the homes, settlements, factories and jobs to enable the newcomers to earn their own way and become self-sustaining and productive citizens of the republic of Israel."

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported that almost 1,000,000 Americans have invested in Israel bonds during the past seven years. "It is of interest to note," he said, "that Protestants and Catholics as well as Jews have purchased Israel bonds. This response has been influenced as much by the heroic struggle of the Jewish people to rebuild the ancient Jewish homeland as by their material success in establishing a growing economy on sound foundations."

Mr. Eshkol stressed the importance of the projected economic development to the stabilization of relations between Israel and her Arab neighbors. "The more viable our economy, the stronger our statehood," he said, "Israel's political future is deeply bound up with her economic development. In the measure that we convince our Arab neighbors that their boycotts and threats do not basically obstruct our development, the ingathering of our exiles, and the strengthening of our defenses -- in the same measure the long road to peace will be accordingly shortened."

PARIS POLICE CHIEF ACTS ON JEWISH COMPLAINT; SUSPENDS TWO POLICEMEN

PARIS, April 13. (JTA) -- Two Paris policemen have been given indefinite suspensions for becoming involved in an anti-Jewish incident in a cafe in a Jewish-populated district of Paris, it was learned today. The suspensions came on the heels of a protest to the prefect of police by Dr. Vidal Modiano, president of CRIF, central representative body of French Jewry.

Meanwhile, the French daily and weekly press has devoted considerable space to a new wave of anti-Semitism in this country. France Observateur, a leftwing paper, reporting a number of anti-Semitic incidents which occurred recently, calls it an "alarming situation" and notes anti-Semitism came to the fore again in the wake of the North African campaign.

The rightwing Paris Presse, on the other hand, directs attention at anti-Semitism in Russia and the Communist lands and insists that attention must first be paid to Eastern Europe because anti-Semitism is "most acute" there.

GERMAN TEACHER, SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR ANTI-SEMITISM, FILES AN APPEAL

OFFENBURG, Germany, April 13. (JTA) -- Suspended schoolteacher Ludwig Zind has filed an appeal against the decision of the Offenburg district court late last week sentencing him to one year's imprisonment following his conviction on a charge of public defamation of Jews and voicing threats of violence against a Jew. The Federal constitutional court at Karlsruhe must decide whether to accept the appeal. Meanwhile, the Baden-Wuerttemberg education authorities halted Zind's salary and will expel him if the verdict is allowed to stand.

The verdict of guilty came after six hours of deliberation and a trial which lasted half a week. At the final session, one student had to be ejected for an anti-Semitic remark and it was obvious that the sympathy of the townspeople was with the defendant. One witness for Zind was rebuked by the court for stating during his testimony that Offenburgers thought Zind was being persecuted.

Demanding the one-year sentence in his summation of the evidence, state prosecutor Dr. H. Maegele said a conviction was not only a personal condemnation of Zind but a warning to all anti-Semites in Germany and to protect the youth of Germany from teachings by Nazi-minded teachers.

Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Jewish community of Berlin, had joined the prosecution under a recent German court ruling that the Jewish community was entitled to enter into cases of anti-Semitism because of the unique position of the Jews as the first and most severely injured of Nazism's victims. Taking the stand, Herr Galinski said he had become a plaintiff against Zind not for reasons of hatred or revenge but because the few remaining Jews in Germany wanted to be "left in peace." While he granted every man the right to a mistake, he said it was necessary to admit such errors and that mass crimes should never be condoned.

Haled into court on charges of having told a half-Jew, Kurt Leiser, that "not enough Jews had been gassed" by the Nazis and for having threatened to deal with Leiser in similar fashion, Zind first admitted his remarks in court and later quibbled. He also admitted and later denied having said that during the Nazi regime he had clubbed hundreds of Jews to death.

Younger Generation in Germany Not Anti-Semitic, Berlin Senator Says

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Given the opportunity, anti-Semitism might again find favor among certain groups in Germany, Senator Joachim Lipschitz of West Berlin, told a gathering at the New School for Social Research here, where a luncheon was tendered in his honor. "But such an opportunity does not presently exist," he added.

Anti-Semitic groups in Germany, Senator Lipschitz declared, have not found in the Germany of today conditions favorable for organized expression, either cultural or political. The Nazi experience has created in Germany a united front, he asserted, reaching far beyond the Jewish population, of all democratic groups for the protection of rights of minorities. The younger generation in Germany, he said, is not generally susceptible to extremes of racial doctrine.

New "Zind Case" Develops in Germany; Teacher in Hanover Suspended

HANOVER, Germany, April 13. (JTA) -- A new "Zind case" seems to have developed this weekend when it became known that the state attorney here had moved to prosecute another schoolteacher for public anti-Semitic statements. The teacher, Edgar Fernau of Mandelsloh, is charged with having remarked in a barbershop that it was "too bad that in the Third Reich all the Jews were not gassed." He has already been suspended by the authorities from his elementary school post.

5, 255, 000 JEWS REPORTED LIVING IN U.S.; OVER 5 PERCENT ARE INTERMARRIED

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Estimating that there are now 5, 255, 000 Jews in the United States -- a slight increase over last year -- the American Jewish Year Book published jointly today by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society, reported that about 5.3 percent of the total Jewish population had intermarried.

"The rate of intermarriage," the report said, "tended to increase among native born children of native born parents reaching a proportion of about 7.4 percent of the population." Surveys in three middle-sized cities show that between 77 and 83 percent of the Jewish population there were native born, the report stated, adding that "every passing decade sees a smaller and smaller proportion of foreign born among the Jewish population."

At the same time, the American Jewish Year Book reported that more than eighty percent of the total Jewish population in the United States -- about 4, 000, 000 American Jews -- are "regarded as basically within the synagogue." About sixty percent, or three million Jews, are formally affiliated with the synagogue and are divided about equally in their adherence to the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform branches of Judaism.

Enrollment in both Jewish day and Sunday schools has doubled during the past decade, growing from 231, 000 to a current total of approximately 490, 000 students, the year book said. The sharp increase took place during the period when the Jewish population in this country grew only by about 15 to 20 percent. Morris Fine is editor and Jacob Sloan, co-editor of the year book.

Jewish Education Increasing; Anti-Semites Active in the South

The year book report singled out as one of the contributory factors in growth of enrollment the "increase in the average length of time children attended Jewish schools. Based on surveys in five major cities, the report disclosed that the average length of stay had increased about 50 percent from about one-and-a-half years to an average mean of three years and one month. One-quarter of the children stayed in Jewish schools five years and three months, or longer.

In a report on "hate mongers' activities," the year book disclosed that anti-Semitic literature has been gravitating "to certain areas of the South, especially those where the resentment of white supremacists is likely to erupt in violence." The vast bulks of anti-Semitism and anti-Negro literature in the South in the past year was published by agitators from non-Southern regions. Extensive dissemination of this literature "was mainly due to the efforts of elements within the White Citizens Council movement and the Ku Klux Klan and their sympathizers who have purchased the propaganda in bulk."

In a report on world Jewish population, the year book said, there was a total Jewish population of 12, 350, 000, a slight increase over last year. Of this number, about half -- some six million Jews -- live in North and South America, about 3, 466, 000 live in Europe, while Asia has about 1, 855, 000. Some 585, 000 Jews reside in Africa. About 61, 000 are in Australia and New Zealand.

NELSON ROCKEFELLER TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF NEW U. J. A. CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Nelson A. Rockefeller has accepted the chairmanship of "person-to-person month" in the 1958 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, and will direct the activities of 10, 000 volunteer workers in the climactic phase of the drive which begins during the latter part of May, according to an announcement today by Monroe Goldwater, UJA president.

For Mr. Rockefeller, the new post marks the renewal of active association with the leadership of UJA. In 1946, he served as chairman of the UJA's non-sectarian campaign committee and has supported the organization's efforts since that time. "Mr. Rockefeller's acceptance of this key post is a development which will hearten every UJA volunteer," Mr. Goldwater said. "As one of the world's foremost philanthropists, Mr. Rockefeller is proving once more that the finest humanitarianism transcends the boundaries of faith."

BEN SOCHACHEVSKI, JEWISH AUTHOR, DIES IN LONDON; WAS EDITOR OF PAPER

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- Ben Sochachevski, editor of the weekly newspaper Jewish Voice and author of a number of books, died last night at the seaside resort town of West Cliff. He was 69. Born in Lodz, Poland, he emigrated to Britain before the first World War. A memorial meeting of the executive of the Association of Jewish Journalists and Authors will be held tomorrow.