



Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXV No. 247 - 40th year Wednesday, December 31, 1958

SOVIET BROADCAST INCITES AGAINST JEWS IN THE UKRAINE; BLASTS ISRAEL

MUNICH, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- An inciting anti-Jewish broadcast in the Ukrainian language, addressed to all Ukrainians in the Soviet Union, was monitored here today. The broadcast came from a station in Kirovograd (formerly Yelizavetgrad) which disseminates material over the air for editorial guidance of the Soviet press in the Ukraine.

Unlike the broadcasts over the Moscow radio, which limit themselves to attacks on Israel, the Ukrainian broadcast contained attacks on Jews in general, in addition to usual Communist charges against Israel. It went out of its way to emphasize that, although the Communist revolution abolished the anti-Jewish laws of the Czarist regime, Jewish "nationalists" not only abroad, but also in Soviet Russia and in the Ukraine, "adopted an inimical attitude toward the Soviet regime."

This is believed to be the first direct attack on Jews in the Soviet Union carried over a Soviet radio station since the Khrushchev regime. To justify it, the broadcast referred to Lenin, alleging that he declared that "reactionary essence characterizes the growing national unity of the Jews." Starting with the usual Soviet attacks against Zionism, the broadcast stated:

"After the victory of the Great October Socialist Revolution, leaders of Jewish bourgeois nationalists adopted an inimical attitude toward the Soviet regime. They concluded agreements with Denikin, a White Russian general, and Petiura, chairman of the Directorate of the Ukrainian National Government, despite the horrible Jewish pogroms committed by their gangs in the Ukraine and Byelorussia. In one of Kharkov's 'Black Hundred' papers in July, 1919, the Zionists published an appeal entitled 'To All Russian Citizens of Judaic Extraction' in which they urged all Jews to join Denikin's army."

Says Jewish "Nationalists" Are Supported by U.S. "Imperialists"

"Throughout the Soviet regime, Jewish bourgeois nationalists have conducted inimical activities against the USSR," the broadcast continued. "Jewish bourgeois nationalists enjoy great support from the American imperialists, for instance, from Rockefeller who recently gave them several million rubles.

"The Jewish bourgeoisie has widely advertised the State of Israel as a shrine and refuge for the Jewish people, but everybody knows that this shrine has been a tool in the hands of the imperialists. It has been used to deceive the working masses of Jews in various countries and make them subservient instruments in the imperialists' hands. The Zionists are also indoctrinating individual Jews with a nationalist spirit, trying to enlist them in anti-Soviet activities, and forcing them to become traitors to their fatherland."

The broadcast then went on to quote from a number of letters allegedly mailed by Jews from Israel to relatives in the Soviet Ukraine, complaining about life in Israel and about forcing children of immigrants from Poland and the Soviet Union to undergo "the savage rite of circumcision." One of the letters quoted comes from an immigrant, Fanya Neyman, described in the broadcast as a "former inhabitant of Kirovograd." The letter was sent by Mrs. Neyman to the Kirovograd municipality, the broadcast claimed.

"The Israeli Government has been guilty of many armed attacks against neighboring Arab countries," the broadcast continued. "The Israeli army, incited by capitalists of the United States, Britain, and France, attacked Egypt at the end of October, 1956. As a result of this aggression, many towns and villages were destroyed, thousands of innocent people were killed and wounded, and great material losses were caused Egypt. In 1957, the Israeli Government announced its accession to the Dulles-Eisenhower doctrine, and thus handed over the country to the American militarists.

"Jewish bourgeois nationalists support aggressive Zionist plans and openly take sides with the imperialist states. The present increase in anti-people's forces covers various sectors of life. These forces disseminate the racist theory of hatred of people and the superiority of one people over others," the Ukrainians are told in the broadcast.

A recent copy of Pravda, received here today from Moscow, couples Israel's alleged "aggressivity and rearmament" with the recent visit to the Middle East of United States Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree.

BEN GURION ANNOUNCES EASING OF MILITARY RESTRICTIONS ON ARABS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Easing of military restrictions on Arabs in border areas, and initiation of important development projects in areas largely inhabited by Arabs, were announced here today by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. He made the announcement after a three-hour meeting with the Arab members of the Israeli Parliament.

Some of the military restrictions have already been modified, but others will be eased considerably, Mr. Ben Gurion stated. The development projects, to cost more than 1,000,000 Israeli pounds, will include four irrigation schemes to aid agriculture in the Arab-populated areas.

The Prime Minister told the members of Parliament also that the Government has ordered a change in handling income from abandoned Arab properties which formerly belonged to Moslem religious institutions. The custodian of these properties has been instructed, the Prime Minister said, to turn the revenue over to local Moslem religious communities to aid them in meeting cultural and religious needs.

Mr. Ben Gurion announced that more than 3,000 claims for compensation for abandoned Arab lands have been settled, the claimants receiving about 4,500,000 Israeli pounds in cash and about 20,000 dunams of land. In addition, he said, economic rehabilitation is under way for 20,000 former Arab refugees who have returned to Israel.

The problem of the educated Arabs is also being met, Mr. Ben Gurion stated. More and more of them, he said, are being absorbed in public service and in the country's economy. Steps have been taken, he added, to insure employment of Arab graduates of high schools and universities in the offices of the various Government ministries, and not merely in those offices that deal with Arab affairs alone.

Mr. Ben Gurion made one request of the Arab members of Parliament. He asked them to try to get more Moslem girls enrolled in public schools. Under Israel's compulsory education law, all Moslem children, girls as well as boys, are supposed to go to school. Moslem boys observe the law. Girls, however, are often kept out of school in accordance with ancient Moslem tradition. About 60 percent of the Moslem girls in Israel go to school--whereas in Arab countries, female school attendance ranges from none at all to about 30 percent.

Today, Histadrut Secretary-General Pinhas Lavon, addressing a cornerstone-laying ceremony at the dedication of a new building for the Israel Federation of Labor in the all-Arab city of Nazareth, announced that, in the very near future, Arabs will be admitted to full membership in Histadrut. The Federation had been originally the "Jewish" trade union movement, but is now becoming all-Israeli.

HAMMARSKJOLD DUE IN ISRAEL TODAY; WILL CONFER WITH BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow morning for several days of conferences, most of them privately with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

As a matter of course, there will be some customary social events. Mr. Hammarskjold will meet formally with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister. Then he will be a luncheon guest of Mr. Ben Gurion. In the evening, he will go to UN headquarters in no-man's land, where he will attend the annual New Year's party of the United Nations staff.

The substantive talks between the two statesmen will take place at Mr. Ben Gurion's home at Sdeh Boker, the Negev kibbutz of which the Prime Minister, in his personal capacity, is a member. Both statesmen, it is understood, agreed during the UN Chief's previous visit here, in September, that their next conference should be held tete-a-tete at Sdeh Boker, where they could talk informally without interruptions of any kind.

Israel Scored for Allegedly Trespassing Egyptian Air Space

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 30. (JTA) -- In the absence of the Israeli representatives, who are still boycotting the UN body, the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission last night adopted a resolution severely condemning Israel for allegedly trespassing Egyptian air space.

The MAC resolution, drawn up by the Egyptians, charged that Israel has committed 16 violations of Egyptian air space in the last two months, alleging that Israel is "showing a disturbing increase in this dangerous activity."

The resolution refers specifically to the occurrences of December 20 when, according to Israel, a covey of eight Egyptian-operated, Russian-made MIG-17 jet aircraft penetrated Israeli air space over the Sinai desert. According to an Israeli announcement at that time, Israeli airmen shot down one of the MIGs. The resolution concedes that, on December 20, "Israeli and United Arab Republic aircraft were involved in air combat," but claims that this fight took place over "Egyptian territory."

Israel has been boycotting the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission since prior to the Sinai campaign in the Fall of 1956, contending that it is useless to attend meetings of the Commission until Egypt drops its illegal claim of a "right of belligerence."

SOVIET ORGAN ATTACKS HISTADRUT FOR ADVOCATING FREEZE ON WAGES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Soviet press, which seldom pays attention to domestic news from Israel unless such news fits Moscow's pro-Arab policy, reacted quickly this week to a purely domestic development here. In an article today in "Trud," the daily newspaper of the Russian trade unions, the publication laments what it calls the "reactionary policy of Histadrut which impoverishes the toiling masses while Israeli capitalists fill their pockets with millions."

The comment is geared to the fact that Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, adopted a decision last week to demand no increases in basic wages in 1959. Expressing its "deep concern for the welfare of Israeli workers," the Soviet trade union organ condemns this decision. "Trud" also expresses concern over "heavy taxes levied on Israel's workers."

Observers here believe that the "Trud" comments are part of the increased Soviet Government campaign against Israel, in an effort to offset rising demands among Soviet Jews for permission to emigrate to Israel.

GERMANY RECONSIDERS PLAN TO AID NASSER IN ASWAN DAM CONSTRUCTION

BONN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- West Germany is having some second thoughts on its possible participation in the construction of the Aswan High Dam on the Nile, in Egypt. A government delegation that was to have left for Cairo next Saturday has postponed its trip, according to the Foreign Ministry spokesman here, and the entire plan for West Germany help to United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser is being reconsidered.

According to the spokesman, the government wants to know more details about the agreement between the UAR and the Soviet Union, whereby the Kremlin government would provide for the dam project a total of \$100,000,000 worth of equipment and technical services. The signing of the Moscow-Cairo agreement, which had been announced earlier but not actually finalized, seems to have taken Bonn by surprise, and is considered here as another set-back for the West.

Germany wants to know, it is understood, whether its people, acting as subcontractors on the dam project, would have to work with Soviet-made materials and under supervision of Soviet personnel.

Germany was to have headed a consortium of Western companies, including Italian and Belgian representatives. The contracts to have been assumed by the West--reportedly with the consent of the United States State Department--would have involved \$100,000,000. West German companies would have assumed responsibility for \$50,000,000 of the total subcontracts, with the Federal Government here acting as guarantor of the West German portion of the total investment.

EX-NAZI MINISTER FINED \$2,560; ORDERED CONFISCATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY

BONN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Walther Funk, the man who as Minister of Economics under Hitler ordered the confiscation of billions of dollars worth of Jewish property, was fined \$2,560 today for "active support of the Nazi regime." The fine was levied by the West Berlin Denazification Court against Funk's property in Berlin, but "for legal reasons," the court ruled, it could not levy any fine against his vast estate and other holdings in Bavaria.

The Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal which tried the top German war criminals in 1946 ruled that Funk was one of the seven top-most of the criminals in that category, and sentenced him to life imprisonment. In 1957, he was released from the Allied prison for war criminals at Spandau because it was claimed that his health was failing. He is now 67. Funk was responsible for the issuance, in 1938, of the Nazi decree which expropriated the property of every Jew in Germany.

SALE OF HAIFA REFINERIES EFFECTED; ISRAEL GOVT. SECURES CONTROL

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A contract for the sale of the Haifa refineries from Shell Oil Co. to a new firm, "Posit," owned largely by the Israel Government, was signed here today. Five of the eight directors of the company are senior Israeli officials, and one board member is Israel Wolfson, British financier, who is expected to give his minority share to the Weizmann Institute. The Israel-Swiss Bank of Geneva financed the deal.

In Tel Aviv, at the same time, Israel bought the IPC pipeline installations which include pipelines from the Israel frontier to Haifa. Thus Israel will now be in complete control of all oil refineries in Haifa, dock installations and anchorages, pipelines, and oil transport facilities.

HALF OF ISRAEL'S CROP LOST BY DROUGHT; DAMAGE REACHES \$22,000,000

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The "rainy" season drought has already caused the loss of about half of the country's total winter crops, according to estimates made by experts today. The monetary damage is expected to run between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$22,000,000 to \$27,500,000,000).

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS FOR 1959-60

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The sixth annual program of International Scholarship and Fellowship Grants for the academic year 1959-60 will be offered by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Conference president, announced today. The grants will be awarded to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who qualify for Jewish teacher training scholarships, scholarships in Jewish studies, and research fellowships for independent projects in Jewish arts, letters and social sciences.

Last year, 163 successful candidates in Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, United States, Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Australia received scholarship and fellowship grants, reaching \$135,000, all told.

Applications for grants must be submitted on special forms which may be obtained from the offices of the Claims Conference in New York. European candidates may obtain the necessary forms from the Central British Fund, London, or from the American Joint Distribution Committee, Geneva. Scholarship and fellowship applications must be submitted to the Claims Conference not later than March 31, 1959.

The scholarship and fellowship grants are part of a greater program for Jewish cultural and educational reconstruction carried on by the Conference. The Conference obtains its funds for allocation under the terms of the Bonn-Israel Reparations Pact, concluded at The Hague in 1952.

CONVENTION OF JEWISH EDUCATORS DISCUSSES INTER-RACIAL UNDERSTANDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Educators of American Reform Judaism were urged today to intensify their religious educational programs and to assume leadership, through the religious school, in creating greater understanding and better relationships among peoples of different ethnic, religious, and racial groups.

Addressing the five-day annual convention of the National Federation of Temple Educators, Dr. Norman Drachler of Detroit, the organization's president, told the delegates that "one of the most serious problems facing the religious educator is putting into practice not only by word, but through deed, the teachings of the Jewish heritage which are concerned with social justice for all individuals."

"In America," he continued, "this means schools with equal educational opportunity for each child, decent homes for all our citizens, and fair employment practices for every one. These achievements will in themselves be empty, so long as people of different racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds are separated by artificial boundaries and geographic divisions."

The Educators are an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Dr. Drachler said recent studies predict that, in the next 15 years, more than 50 percent of the population in large metropolitan cities will be comprised of Negro citizens. This specifically includes northern communities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, Detroit, and others. "Since Jews are mostly located in large metropolitan areas they must, in cooperation with church, communal and particularly Negro groups, take positive steps to realize the hopes of building a democratically integrated community," he stated.

Pointing to the vast development of suburban areas in the past decade, he noted that "there are many values to suburban living. It is dangerous, however, lest it become a temporary safety valve as an escape from facing up to the issue of integration that challenge us in cities today."

32,946 JEWS RESIDE IN ISTANBUL, OFFICIAL CENSUS FIGURES ESTABLISH

ISTANBUL, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Istanbul has a Jewish population of 32,946, according to official census figures announced today. The figures also disclosed that Istanbul is no longer predominantly Moslem. Of a total city population of 1,600,000, only 156,900 are Mohammedans.

DR. SALO BARON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Salo W. Baron, Professor of Jewish History, Literature and Institutions at Columbia University, has been elected president of the American Academy for Jewish Research.

RABBI SHATZKES, "LOMZHER RAV," DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS TALMUDIC SCHOLAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Rabbi Moses Shatzkes, Professor of Talmud, and member of the Ordination Board of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanon Theological Seminary since 1941, died yesterday at the age of 77. He was known to traditional Jews throughout the world as the "Lomzher Rav," for his tenure as Rabbi of Lomza, Poland.