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ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA OF "MOSLEM" NEGROES IN U.S DISCUSSED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, today called attention of the Senate to the anti-Jewish propaganda now being conducted in the United States by a group of Negroes who call themselves "Moslems."

"A very disturbing development has been the emergence of a new hate group in the United States, which call themselves 'Moslems,' whose leader preaches a cult of racism for Negroes and extreme anti-Semitism," Sen. Keating told the Senate. "It obviously serves Communist interests to promote dissension among the Negroes in this country, and to incite hatred against Americans of Jewish faith."

Commenting on the Negro, anti-Jewish group operating in Harlem, Sen. Keating said: "The name adopted by this fanatical organization is an insult to the members of the Moslem religious faith, which has absolutely no relationship to this group."

"These developments," the Senator declared, "require the attention of Congress. We must always be on the alert to efforts by subversives in our midst masking under one false front or another to strike at the core of our democratic principles and freedoms. Communism thrives on hate and dissension, and while it has always pretended to be a friend of minorities, those who have studied the history of its operations know that this is false."

Senator Keating said current anti-Jewish developments in the United States may be a "reflection" of a rising "new trend in Moscow" against Soviet Jewry. He said "reports have been received from many informed sources attesting to discrimination against Jews and suppression of religious services and cultural activities of Jews in the Soviet Union." He sought to link anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union with anti-Semitism in the United States.

U.S. PLANS NEW PACT WITH EGYPT TO FACILITATE TRADE AND INVESTMENTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The United States today moved forward to implement plans to aid the United Arab Republic economically despite UAR intransigence on the Suez Canal transit issue.

The U.S. Treasury Department announced plans for discussing a new tax treaty with the UAR in the near future. It would pave the way for closer economic relations of the United States and the UAR. The treaty would deal with elimination of tax obstacles to trade and investment in the two countries. It would facilitate President Nasser's development program.

The talks were described as "preliminary." If a basis for agreement is found, drafts will be submitted by the two governments for consideration. Treasury Department sources described the new development as a sign that the two nations are moving closer together.

PREMIER BEN GURION WANTS GOLDA MEIR TO REMAIN FOREIGN MINISTER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion would like Foreign Minister Golda Meir to continue in her present post for at least another year, after next November's general elections, it was revealed here today.

Leaders of the Mapai Party in Tel Aviv have proposed to Mrs. Meir that she head the list of local candidates in the municipal elections. Mrs. Meir has, officially, taken the request under consideration, promising to announce her decision soon.

Meanwhile, however, it has developed that Premier Ben Gurion plans on Mrs. Meir's continuing in the Foreign Ministry post--on the supposition, of course, that Mapai wins enough votes in the November elections to form the next Government. If Mrs. Meir is to continue as Foreign Minister, she will not be able to head the Mapai's municipal ticket here.

ISRAELI SETTLER CAPTURES FOUR ARAB INFILTRATORS IN GAZA AREA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- A settler from Beit Hagaddi near the Gaza Strip on Saturday captured single handed four Arab infiltrators from the Gaza area, it was reported today. The settler, Ramamiv Cohen, is father of nine children.

EGYPT'S STANE DELAYS SAILING OF FRIGATES BOUGHT BY CEYLON FROM ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Israeli circles today were puzzled by an action taken by the government of Ceylon, which seems to be awaiting the "permission" of the United Arab Republic and Saudi Arabia to transit from the Red Sea through the Straits of Tiran to pick up two frigates which Ceylon has bought from Israel.

The ships, Israel's Miznak and Mivtach, are riding in the harbor of Eilat, awaiting Ceylonese sailors who are on the way to Eilat to pick up the vessels. The first group of Ceylonese sailors were expected here nearly two weeks ago. Today, it became known that the Ceylonese sailors, aboard the Colombo government's minesweeper, the Parakram, are at dock in the Protectorate of Aden, awaiting word from Egypt and Saudi Arabia as to whether they may pass on toward Eilat.

The ships belong to Ceylon now; they have been bought and paid for. It was learned today, however, that Ceylon notified the two Arab governments and the United Nations Emergency Force that it was about to sail through to Eilat to pick up the vessels. The UNEF stands guard over the Straits of Tiran, at Sharm-el-Sheik. UNEF is understood merely to have acknowledged Ceylon's notice. Saudi Arabia, it is understood, has not answered at all; while the UAR replied evasively.

Nathaniel Lorch, Israel's representative at Colombo, capital of Ceylon, has approached the Ceylonese Foreign Ministry with an explanation that no "permission" to sail through the Straits of Tiran or the Gulf of Akaba are needed from either Saudi Arabia or Egypt. While the waters in question are bordered by shores under the jurisdiction of these two states, Israel had reminded Ceylon that, in fact, the Straits and the Gulf are international waters, open to the shipping of all nations. Israel is using these waters as an international highway, and hopes that Ceylon will act the same way.

Israel has also pointed out to Ceylon that, while it has a perfect right to inform any government about armament purchases, it is under no obligation to ask any government's acquiescence to ship those armaments. The frigates in the Eilat harbor are stocked with supplies that Ceylon has bought from Israel, including Israeli-made Uzi submachineguns.

Israel's step in selling the frigates to Ceylon was a purely practical matter. Israel does not need those ships any longer. The Miznak and Mivtach made sensational trips in 1956, immediately after the Sinai campaign was launched, sailing from Haifa around the Cape of Good Hope to Eilat. However, recently, Israel shipped overland to Eilat a number of fast, highly-maneuverable torpedo boats which are considered far superior as guardians of Israel's port of Eilat.

There is confidence here that, once Ceylon understands the situation clearly, it will order the minesweeper Parakram to continue its journey to Eilat, so that the Ceylonese crews could take over the two frigates after some preliminary training by Israeli experts.

AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME IN ISRAEL RISES WITH EACH YEAR; \$1,760 IN 1958

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The annual income of immigrant families in Israel rises in direct ratio to the length of time the immigrant family is in this country, and there is no marked difference in this respect due to an immigrant's country of origin, according to a report issued today by the State Bank of Israel.

The report noted that, in 1957, an average Israeli family's income was 2,800 pounds (\$1,540), an increase of an average of 600 Israeli pounds (\$330) by comparison with 1955. There was a further average increase of 400 pounds (\$220) by 1958, bringing the average family's income in 1958 to about 3,200 pounds (\$1,760).

According to the report, the average urban family in Israel saves about six percent of its income. Ninety percent of Israeli private savings have been invested in pension funds, insurance and mortgages. In addition to income from earnings, four percent of Israel's population has benefited directly from West German reparations, receiving personal restitution payments from the Germans.

Israel's population increased by 55,718 in 1958 to a total of 2,031,672, according to the August issue of the Anglo-Israel Trade Journal, out today. The Journal noted that 67.6 percent of the population live in 30 cities of over 10,000 population, 16.1 percent in 73 towns with populations between 2,000 and 10,000, and 17.3 percent in 798 settlements and villages of less than 2,000 population.

ITALIAN CRUISER PAYS SIX-DAY VISIT TO ISRAEL; SALUTED BY ISRAEL NAVY

HAIFA, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- An Italian training cruiser, the S.S. Monte Coculli, docked in Haifa harbor today for a six-day visit. It is the first Italian warship ever to visit Israel. After exchange of 21-gun salutes between the Israeli Navy here and the Italian ship, the officers and crew of the Monte Coculli went ashore, where they were the guests of the Israeli Navy.

SENATOR OPPOSES KHRUSHCHEV'S VISIT TO U.S.; CITES TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Connecticut Democrat, told the Senate today he opposed the forthcoming visit to America of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev because "he is the sponsor of the dreadful persecution of the Jews within the Communist empire."

U. S. JEWISH GRIEVANCES ON TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWS PRESENTED TO MOSCOW

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The text of a memorandum sent by the American Jewish Committee to Moscow to Anastas Mikoyan, a First Deputy Premier, outlining American Jewish grievances against the mistreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, was made public here today by Dr. John Slawson, AJC vice president. The memorandum was requested by Mr. Mikoyan, when he met earlier this year with leaders of the organization in New York, during his visit to the United States.

The memorandum is divided into three sections: 1. The suppression of Jewish cultural rights; 2. The inadequate facilities available to Soviet Jews in the field of religion; 3. Discrimination against Jews in Soviet public and economic life. The AJC stresses in its memorandum that its information has been secured "from sources which, by their very nature, cannot be suspected of any intent to distort the facts in a manner hostile or detrimental to the interests of the Soviet Union."

Most of the facts enumerated in the memorandum are based on items published in Communist newspapers or on reports made public by Communist delegations from various countries who discussed the Jewish issue in Moscow with Premier Nikita Khrushchev and other leading members of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, including M. Suslov, chairman of the Central Committee of the Party.

The memorandum quotes at great length the reports of the British and Canadian Communist parties, establishing that nothing in the Yiddish language has been published in the Soviet Union later than in 1948; that the Soviet Encyclopedia, which in its 1932 edition devoted about 160 columns to the Jews, reduced this space in the 1952 edition to four columns; that the biographies of many prominent Jews had been removed; and that even Karl Marx was no longer referred to as a Jew.

Contrast between Treatment of Jews and Other Nationalities Cited

The memorandum also quotes reports of Communist delegations establishing that, during the "Black Years" of 1948-1952, many Soviet Jews were dismissed from their posts; Jewish poets and writers were arrested and charged with treason and executed; Yiddish literature disappeared from the streets and the market places; all Jewish cultural institutions were closed down; and that "deliberate efforts" had been made to repress all expressions of Jewish culture.

"There is a remarkable contrast between the general picture of major cultural activity among nationalities in the Soviet Union and the unique treatment of one single nationality--the Jews," the American Jewish Committee points out in its memorandum to Mr. Mikoyan.

"This exception," the memorandum says, "is even more striking when consideration is given to the tremendous Jewish cultural organization which existed throughout a considerable period of the Soviet Union's history, and which, at its peak during the 1930's, included some 1,400 Yiddish schools; some 20 theatres and theatrical groups; nearly 20 daily, weekly and monthly journals in Yiddish; publishing houses with an annual output of almost two million copies of books and pamphlets; local Jewish Soviets in certain villages and townships, and special sections of local courts in which Yiddish was the official language."

"The report of the British Communist Party"--the AJC memorandum continues--"makes it clear that all cultural activities came to an abrupt and violent end in 1948, not because of any disappearance of interest on the part of the Jewish population, but through official administrative action on the part of the authorities. There is no doubt that this action constitutes an unprecedented and willful act of destruction of major cultural values and large-scale institutions of one particular nationality, among more than one hundred national groups which continue to enjoy their cultural privileges."

Says Jewish Religion in Russia Is Kept in "Atomized Condition"

Touching upon the discrimination against Soviet Jews in the field of religion, the American Jewish Committee memorandum says: "While it is true that religious worship is permitted in the Soviet Union, for Jews as for the other indigenous faiths, it must be stressed that religious facilities at the disposal of Soviet Jews are statistically inferior to those available to other faiths.

"Of the four major denominations in the Soviet Union--Russian Orthodox, Moslem, Baptist and Jewish--only the Jewish faith is kept organizationally in an atomized condition," the memorandum stresses.

"The Russian Orthodox churches are permitted to maintain a centralized, nationwide organizational structure of religious congregations, with the Patriarch as its head. Similar systems exist on a national basis for the other religious faiths--except for the Jews. Not only is there no federation of Jewish communities, or even a Chief Rabbi, but contact and communication between the local congregations appear to be disrupted and even the distribution of gifts of ceremonial objects appears to be hindered by the authorities.

"The Jewish communities are also at a severe disadvantage in terms of available religious facilities. Today there are some 60 rabbis available for 3,000,000 Jews--one for every 50,000 persons. Many of these rabbis are not properly ordained."

CANADIAN JEWRY TO CELEBRATE ELECTION OF FIRST JEW TO LEGISLATURE

MONTREAL, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The election of a Jew, in 1807, as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada, will be marked with special ceremonies, next September 7, as part of Canadian Jewry's celebration of the bicentenary of Jewish life in the Dominion. Announcement of the plans for the September observance were made here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress, which is in charge of the bicentenary celebration.

The Jew, first of his faith to achieve an official position in Canada was Ezekiel Hart, of Three Rivers, Quebec. His community re-elected him to the Legislature for a second term, in 1808. A plaque will be unveiled at Three Rivers commemorating the event. Participating in the ceremony will be Maurice Duplessis, Premier of the Province of Quebec.

In connection with the bicentenary, the Canadian Jewish Congress also announced today the publication of the fifth issue of "Canadian Jewish Archives." This issue contains official documents dealing with Jewish life in the Dominion, covering the period 1763 to 1809.

ISRAEL REVIVES ANCIENT TRADITION; MEN REFRESH TALMUDIC STUDIES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The revival of a tradition dating back to Talmudic times when farmers, artisans and men in all walks of life went for a month-long stay in a yeshiva for Talmudic studies, has been inaugurated by Rabbi Joseph Kahaneman of the Ponevitzh Yeshiva in Bnei B'rak who introduced a two-week course of study in the Yeshiva during the current Hebrew month of Av.

Several hundred people from various parts of Israel including Safad and Beersheba as well as soldiers who received special leave to attend the course--called by its ancient name "Yarhe Kallah"--have arrived in Bnei B'rak.

On the first day of the course, many began queuing up waiting to receive their study assignments. The opening lecture was given by Rabbi Kahaneman himself after which some 700 persons divided into small groups for more intensive study. Among the participants are many former yeshiva students seeking to refresh their knowledge.

U. S. REFORM JEWISH YOUTHS HOLD FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, Aug. 17. (JTA)-- Sixty American and British delegates, representing youth sections of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, concluded a five-day convention here today, the first get-together of Reform Jewish youth ever convened in Israel.

The convention was held in this country, according to leaders of the Reform movement, in order to acquaint Israeli youth with the implications of a "non-fundamentalist approach" to Jewish religious belief and practice. A number of Israeli youths attended the sessions, expressing themselves as interested in "ways of satisfying the need to worship within the limits of Jewish tradition, but in modern ways."

COMPETITORS IN EUROPEAN MACCABI GAMES COMPLAIN ABOUT FOOD, LODGINGS

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Strong complaints were voiced here today by various competitors in the European Maccabi games that the food and accommodations offered them were inadequate. All the teams are housed in a general youth hostel outside Copenhagen and live in large dormitories consisting of 30 to 40 beds each.

For technical reasons they cannot be served kosher meat in the hostels and this has upset many of them who need a full diet in order to sustain their strength. The main sufferers are the Israel athletes who have spent some three weeks on their journey here and many of them have lost considerable weight and appear to be tired and dejected.

However, the press was reassured today by Mr. Levitan, vice president of the Bar Kochba Club of Copenhagen that, during the past 24 hours the food diet has been increased. He has had no complaints on this from team leaders but the general impression is that the performances in general will be much lower than the expected standard because of this discontent.

MILAN MUNICIPALITY RENOVATES ANCIENT JEWISH CEMETERY IN ITALY

MILAN, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The ancient Jewish cemetery of Milan, containing some graves that are believed to have been used for burial of Jews as far back as the Fourth Century of the Christian Era, will be renovated at the expense of the City of Milan. The Civil Administration of Milan today announced an appropriation of \$1,000,000 lire (\$15,000) for this purpose.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA CALLS FOR LABOR-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America today issued a statement calling for labor-management cooperation. "The leadership of both labor and management have a fundamental responsibility to assure that this achievement of American society be maintained and strengthened," the statement stressed.