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### ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA HIGH IN AREAS ACQUIRED BY MOSCOW AFTER THE WAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Soviet newspapers from territories acquired by the Soviet Union after the war--especially Galicia and the Baltic states--are indulging in unprecedented anti-Jewish propaganda under the pretext of fighting religion, it was established here today following a study of a number of Soviet publications from these areas.

The Latvian newspaper "Sovietskaya Daugava," published in Riga, carries an article attacking the local rabbi, Baruch Eliashberg, for selling hand-written Jewish calendars. The article avoids indicating that the Soviet authorities do not permit the printing of Jewish religious calendars, but accuses the rabbi of "amassing" money by "selling the hand-written calendars to 'many visitors to the synagogue.'"

Calling this income "illegal," the article carefully avoids saying what happened to the rabbi, but implies that the practice of disseminating hand-copied Jewish calendars has been stopped by the Latvian Soviet authorities.

The rabbi, according to the Soviet newspaper, was checked after he had purchased "several dozens of ordinary copy books at 15 kopecks apiece, split them into two, and produced so-called religious calendars which he sold at 5-10 rubles each." Admitting, thus, that it was only a question of "several dozens" calendars, the paper nevertheless charges the rabbi with pocketing the "amassed" income.

A more inciting article against Jewish religious leaders appears in the Ukrainian Soviet newspaper "Prikarpatska Pravda," published in Stanislaw, which was a Polish city until World War II. "Rabbis, tsadiks and their like" the Communist paper writes, "on the other side of our frontiers, try to now send special agents into our country for anti-Soviet activities. Their letters and radio broadcasts direct the clergy living in the Soviet Union to sabotage the Communist Party and the Soviet regime."

The paper, in its inciting anti-Jewish article, claims that the rabbis in the Soviet Union "oppose the Communist system of education of children." As example, it cites a Jewish preacher in Mogilev who "not so long ago" allegedly told mothers in the synagogue to "better lead your children to the slaughter house, rather than to let them rot in Communist Pioneer units."

Declaring that "the Jewish religion teaches Jews who live among other nations never to wish these nations peace and happiness," the Ukrainian newspaper says that the Jewish religion "is now, and always has been, the enemy of science, culture and progress," and that "it emphasizes the things which divert the minds of people from active participation in the building of Communism."

### Pious Jews Charged with Holding "Illegal" Meetings; Israel Attacked

Asserting that "the leaders of Judaism in Stanislaw are ardent liars," the Soviet newspaper alleges that pious Jews in the city held "illegal meetings and floated provocative rumors to the effect that God Jehovah was soon going to gather together the scattered Jews from all the corners of the earth and unite them."

"Israel," the article continues, "is, according to the Judaists, a sacred temple of the God Jehovah. On the other hand, it is known to all people of the world that Israel is now a puppet of the American-British imperialists. Ben Gurion, the leader of the Israel Government, a veteran Zionist, is already long known as an ultra-reactionary. He is the leader of one of the Zionist organizations which developed in the United States, and which have the unlimited support of the multi-millionaire Rockefeller Brothers and other grabbing monopolists."

"That is why the reactionaries in Israel are so impudent and organize provocative attacks on the countries of the Arab East, and try to send their agents to Socialist countries," the paper goes on to say. At the same time, the newspaper points out that "the working masses of Israel have no connections with these criminal actions." It mentions the Secretary of the Israel Communist Party, S. Mikunis, as the leader of the "working masses" in Israel who "oppose the American-oriented policy of leading Israeli circles."

# WORLD BANK PARLEY IN WASHINGTON WILL NOT DISCUSS ISRAEL CURRENCY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, who left for the United States to attend the September meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Washington, categorically denied on his departure that there would be any discussion of changes in the value of Israel's currency during the forthcoming meetings.

He made the denial following rumors published in the London press that devaluation of the Israeli pound would be discussed at the Washington sessions. There will be no such discussions officially or unofficially, he said.

The Finance Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today authorized the transfer of \$4,300,000 to the International Monetary Fund in Washington, as a step toward increasing Israel's capital in the World Bank.

Israel's share in the bank until now has been \$7,500,000, and today's transfer decision is in the direction of increasing Israel's share to a total of \$25,000,000. A member state's borrowing rights and votes in the World Bank are determined by the size of its own participation in the bank's capital structure.

Israel's foreign currency income during the first quarter of the current fiscal year--April to June--totalled \$165,000,000, an increase of \$35,000,000 over the same period last year, a spokesman of the Treasury announced today. The July 1 dollar reserves showed an increase of \$30,000,000 over the same date last year, the spokesman said.

## ISRAEL'S ECONOMY REPORTED STABLE; CONSOLIDATION SEEN IN ALL FIELDS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Favorable developments in Israel's economy during 1958 are being reinforced in 1959, according to a report issued here today by the American office of the Bank Leumi Le-Israel.

The report says that prices and wages remained virtually stable in Israel, the money supply grew, exports rose, the balance of trade deficit contracted, and foreign exchange reserves reached a new peak in May this year.

"Although these trends are desirable ones, the substantial trade deficit and the relatively high price level make it imperative for the rate of improvement to be accelerated if the country is to achieve economic independence in the foreseeable future," the report stresses. "In fact, for this aim to be attained, there must be brought about a major change in the employment structure of the population and in the relationship between consumption, investment and exports. It is thus the responsibility of the Government to frame its economic policy in such a manner as to achieve the channeling of a much larger than the present share of production to exports and investment, instead of consumption."

Theodore K. Landau, assistant representative of the Bank Leumi in this country, reviewing economic and banking developments in Israel, said that 1958-59 can be characterized as a period of consolidation of the Israel economy rather than one of striking changes. He emphasized the following points:

1. Israel has reached a development level at which an amount in excess of all funds received from abroad by way of private, organizational and inter-governmental assistance, as well as long-term loans to the government, goes into investment channels.
2. Immigration was on a smaller scale than initially expected and the population increase was at a rate--normal for Israel but still quite high--of about five percent per annum.
3. Total production increased at the same rate as in previous years; however, output per worker increased by five percent.
4. Exports--both goods and services--which were \$229 millions in 1957, increased to \$239 millions in 1958 with 1959 exports somewhat in excess of 1958.
5. Total imports of goods and services, in 1958 exceed those of 1957 by only \$16 million, while the 1958 import of consumer goods was only \$3 million more than 1957.

"There is a growing interest on the part of foreign investors in Israel stocks and investment trusts, the yield of good-quality Israel equities being in the neighborhood of eight percent, reflecting the generally high interest rates in the country," Mr. Landau reported.

## ARAB LEAGUE BLACKLISTS JAPANESE FIRMS; CLAIMS IT DEALS WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The central office of the Arab League boycott council, which supervises economic boycott activities against Israel, has announced at its headquarters at Beirut that Japanese automobiles and spare parts have been added to the blacklist, according to a dispatch received here today from Beirut.

The council's order forbids, specifically, the import into any Arab country of cars and parts manufactured by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Reorganized, of Tokyo. The reason given is that Mitsubishi has allegedly "violated the Arab boycott of Israel," presumably by trading with Israel.

## FRANCO-GERMAN TALKS ON INDEMNIFICATION OF NAZI VICTIMS HIT SNAG

BONN, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Franco-German negotiations for indemnification of victims of Nazism have hit a snag and have been postponed until October, it was announced here by the Foreign Office today.

The French, according to the information made available here, insist that indemnification be paid to former resistance fighters against the Nazis as well as to persons who had suffered persecutions for religious, racial and ideological reasons. Such broadening of the indemnification formula, in the opinion of the Foreign Office here, would raise West Germany's liability by several hundred million deutschmarks and would violate a German-Allied agreement which provides that reparations claims be postponed until after a final peace settlement.

West Germany has recently concluded indemnification treaties with Norway, Denmark and Luxembourg, but those agreements do not include resistance fighters. Victims of Nazism due to the Norwegian occupation will receive 60 million marks; those in Denmark, 16 million marks; others in Luxembourg, 18 million marks. Negotiations are now in progress with The Netherlands, providing for payments to total an estimate of 110,000,000 deutschmarks.

In another development today, touching on indemnification, assurance was given here by the Federal Court of Financial Review that the court will "do everything in its power to accelerate indemnification" of victims of Nazism Germany. A complaint against the court's "strict attitude" which, allegedly "has been used as an excuse for delaying compensation payments" had been lodged with the court by the Central Association of German Organizations of Nazi Victims. The court's reassurance was issued in response to that complaint.

## SOVIET PUBLISHES BOOK OF JEWISH WRITERS ON DEVELOPMENT OF AMUR REGION

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A collection of stories, sketches and poems by Jewish writers, depicting the development in recent years of the Far Eastern Amur region in Russian Siberia, where the Jewish Autonomous Region of Birobidjan is located, has been published by the regional Soviet publishing house in Khabarovsk, it was announced at the Soviet Embassy here today.

The book, issued "in a large edition," contains literary material "describing the great transformation of the once-deserted Amur territory into a highly developed and prosperous area, and the part played by the Jewish Autonomous Region in this transformation," the Embassy stated.

The press department of the Soviet Embassy described the book as "well illustrated." The language in which the book is published was not mentioned, but it is certain here that the book is in Russian, and not in Yiddish.

## JEWS IN HUNGARY HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE; OPPOSE GERMAN REARMAMENT

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Budapest radio reported today that a national conference of Jewish communities in Hungary, "representing 100,000 Hungarian Jews," concluded in Budapest with the adoption of a number of resolutions concerning Jewish life in Hungary.

Completely ignoring all other resolutions, the state's official radio said that the conference, attended by "leaders of the national representation of Hungarian Jews," adopted a resolution "protesting against Israel's sale of arms to West Germany." The resolution, as disseminated by the Communist radio station, also said:

"Both as Hungarian patriots and Hungarians of the Jewish religion, we appeal to the peace-loving masses of all countries and ask them not to tolerate the rearmament of the murderers of the best Hungarian patriots and of the 600,000 deported Hungarian Jews, and to ward off the danger menacing the peace of all mankind."

## GERMAN MUNICIPALITY TO RENOVATE 350-YEAR-OLD JEWISH CEMETERY

BONN, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The 350-year-old Jewish cemetery in Fuerth, one of the oldest in Germany, will be renovated by the local municipality, it was announced here today.

Local historians are hoping to discover the grave of Joseph Oppenheimer, called "Jud Suess," the court financier of Wurttemberg who was executed in 1738 by anti-Jewish protagonists and believed to be buried in the cemetery.

At the same time it was learned here that the Municipal Council of Borken, in the Rhineland, had allocated funds for the upkeep of two Jewish cemeteries in that city.

## GERMANY CANCELS GOVERNMENT PENSION FOR FORMER CHIEF NAZI PROSECUTOR

KIEL, Germany, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. H. Lautz, chief prosecutor in Hitler's People's Court, who has received government pensions totalling more than 100,000 deutschmarks since the end of the war, was taken off the pension rolls today.

A year ago, Dr. Lautz' pension was reduced to 768 marks monthly, after public protests had been voiced against the monies paid to the man who, under the Nazi regime, prosecuted political and other opponents of Nazism with utmost severity. Today, it was announced that even the smaller pension has been cancelled.

## AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE MOVES INTO OWN NEW EIGHT-STORY BUILDING

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today moved its national headquarters to its new eight-story structure, which will be known as Institute of Human Relations. Construction of the new building, located at 165 East 56th Street, was begun last year and completed this summer.

Herbert B. Ehrmann, president of the American Jewish Committee, said today that "in its new home, the Committee will both extend and intensify its pioneering efforts in the advancement of intergroup understanding." He emphasized that the Institute of Human Relations "is probably the first in America which will be devoted exclusively to research and action necessary for the effective treatment of intergroup tension and conflict."

The Committee's first office in December, 1906, was located in the Hebrew Charities Building on New York's Second Avenue. Its paid staff consisted of one secretary, who was later joined by a single clerical aide. "Currently, more than 26,000 men and women in 44 chapters representing 600 American communities make up the Committee membership. The AJC maintains offices in Paris, Buenos Aires, and correspondents in a number of European countries, as well as North Africa and Israel," Mr. Ehrmann stated.

"In addition to continuing and expanding the AJC activities, the facilities of the Institute will serve as a conference center for those now working in the field of intergroup relations and will offer training opportunities for those who wish to enter it," the AJC president said. "By extending these facilities to scholars and graduate students from this country and abroad, the Committee hopes to stimulate further research which will analyze the nature and effect of prejudice and discrimination on the individual and on society."

## U.S. SCIENTIST TO ADVISE ISRAEL ON USE OF LIVE POLIO VACCINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Albert Sabin, of Cincinnati, who developed live polio vaccine, arrived here last night to advise Israeli health authorities on its use. The first experiments with live vaccine in Israel have been conducted successfully in two collective settlements, the Ministry of Health revealed today.

However, officials of the Ministry indicated that Israel does not intend substituting the live vaccine for Salk shots as long as information on the live vaccine is not coordinated by the World Health Organization.

In the experiments conducted in two Israeli kibbutzim, half of the children were given live vaccine and half were given pure water. None suffered any after-effects, but germs from the inoculated children spread and actually immunized children and adults who were not inoculated.

## TEL AVIV EXHIBITION MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF THE CITY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- An exhibition marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the city of Tel Aviv opened today on a site north of the Yarkon River here.

The city exhibition, held annually in the years before the Second World War, has not been held since 1936. While the main exhibits concern the development and history of Tel Aviv, the displays include cultural and economic subjects, with many European cities participating with special pavilions.

## ISRAEL OBSERVES 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARAB MASSACRE OF JEWS IN HEBRON

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The 30th anniversary of the annihilation of the Jewish community in Hebron, one of the most ancient cities in the Holy Land, which was destroyed during an Arab pogrom in 1929, was solemnly observed at ritual ceremonies atop Mt. Zion yesterday.

Hundreds of residents of Hebron, including survivors of the 1929 massacre, attended special services at which biblical passages referring to ancient Hebron were recited by rabbis and other religious elders. The services were concluded with many participants ascending to the roof of the synagogue on Mt. Zion, and facing the inaccessible Cave of Machpelah where, according to the Bible, the Hebrew Patriarchs--Abraham, Isaac and Jacob--were buried.

## 2,500-YEAR-OLD POTTERY DISCOVERED IN NEGEV; DATES TO NABATEAN PERIOD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A complete kiln and pottery from a workshop dating to the Nabatean period (6th Century B.C.E.) have been discovered today at Avdat, south of Sde Boker, in Israel's Negev desert.

The discovery proves that the decorated Nabatean pottery previously thought to have been imported from Petra in Transjordan, was actually manufactured in the Negev. Various artifacts believed to be from Rome were also found near the kiln.