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## ISRAELI EXPERT FOUND GUILTY OF PASSING SECRET DATA TO SOVIET AGENT

**HAIFA, Jan. 7; (JTA)** -- Aharon Cohen, a Middle East and Arab affairs expert, and a member of the Mapam party, was found guilty by the District Court here today of three out of four charges, accusing him of passing secret information to an agent for an unnamed country in the Soviet bloc. He will come before the court for sentencing tomorrow morning, and faces possible imprisonment for 15 years.

Cohen, who is 53, was a member of the Shaar Haamakim Kibbutz. He was arrested on October 17, 1958. He had been under surveillance of Israel security officers several weeks after suspicions were aroused, when a highway patrol noted the automobile belonging to a diplomat from a Communist country approaching a side road near Shaar Haamakim. A man later identified as a foreign agent was observed by the highway patrol using a path through a field for a rendezvous with Cohen.

There were four counts in the indictment on which Cohen was tried. The three counts on which he was found guilty alleged that he collected and passed secret information to a foreign agent between August 1957 and October 1958. The court found him not guilty of the first of the four counts which alleged that he had also passed secret information to the Communist bloc agent prior to December 1956.

District Court Judge S. Kessen, who presided at the trial, read in open court only the one paragraph in the judgment, declaring Cohen guilty on three counts. The remainder of the judgment was read in secret. Cohen's attorney immediately notified the court that he would appeal the guilty verdict.

## ISRAEL CABINET FORMS BODY TO RELAX MILITARY RULE FOR ARAB AREAS

**JERUSALEM, Jan. 7; (JTA)** -- Israel's Cabinet today decided to form a committee of Ministers to formulate new regulations for the military government in border areas populated by Arabs. The debate on the issue was launched at today's Cabinet meeting by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, speaking as Minister of Defense, and there was general agreement that some of the regulations could be relaxed where the country's security was not in danger.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ben-Gurion, consists of Foreign Minister Golda Meir; Finance Minister Levi Eshkol; Minister of Agriculture Moshe Dayan; Moshe Shapiro, Minister of the Interior; and former General Yigal Allon, Minister of Labor.

Mr. Allon represents Ahdut Avodah, which is committed to the complete abolition of the military government in the border areas. His party has reserved its right to support a move for cancellation of the military government if and when the subject comes before the Knesset (Parliament) for debate.

Today's Cabinet meeting approved in principle legislation to guard against fraud in regard to kashrut. Minister of Justice Dov Joseph and Zorach Warhaftig, Minister of Religious Affairs, were authorized to draw up a new bill making it an offense to label, sell or serve non-kosher products purported to be kosher.

## ISRAEL HOPEFUL ON GETTING \$30,000,000 LOAN FROM WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 7; (JTA)** -- The Governor of the Bank of Israel, David Horowitz, said today he was "hopeful" of the success of his mission here--acquisition of a \$30,000,000 loan from the World Bank for construction of a national road network in Israel.

Mr. Horowitz, who will be here until the middle of this week, meeting with World Bank and International Monetary Fund officials--including the directors of both agencies, Eugene Black and Per Jacobson--said that if the loan application is approved it could come through as early as some time during 1962. The amount of the loan being sought represents one-half the projected total cost of the construction program.

Go-ahead signal for the start of work on the road building program awaits only approval of the loan, the high Israeli official stated. He said that the subject of the new loan was first broached last year in Vienna at a meeting of the World Bank. His visit here now is to present the formal loan proposal, complete with a detailed outline of the project which, he explained, "is the usual procedure in matters of this type."

# STATE DEPARTMENT 'DEEPLY CONCERNED' OVER ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7; (JTA) -- Republican Senator Kenneth Keating of New York said today he has been advised by the State Department that the United States Government "is deeply concerned" about reports of Soviet anti-Semitism, but finds "it difficult to contribute to the direct solution of the problem of minorities in a territory where the Soviet Government exercises full control."

The Department indicated it thinks that pressure by private Jewish organizations might be helpful. As one course of action, it suggested that "a useful purpose" may be served by "appropriate publicity in this country on the initiative of religious groups themselves, without any reference to the United States Government, concerning violations of the rights of their co-religionists in the Soviet Union." The Department's view, expressed by Assistant Secretary Frederick Dutton, were put forth in a letter to Senator Keating.

For its own part, the U. S. Government "has endeavored through every available means to bring the inhuman actions of the Communist regime to the attention of all peoples" in the belief that "the force of world opinion can be an important factor," Mr. Dutton's letter said. The State Department official stressed that the U. S. delegation to the United Nations is "kept fully informed in this respect and they will seek, as they have in the past, an appropriate occasion to direct attention to the violation of human rights in Communist-controlled areas in the hope of bringing relief to people who are unjustly treated."

## Backs U. N. Study on Discrimination Over Soviet Objections

In terms of specific actions, Mr. Dutton pointed out that the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities conducted a study--with U. S. backing and over Soviet objections--which will be considered by the UN Human Rights Commission in March. Mr. Dutton expressed the belief "that the discussion of this issue by the Subcommittee may have had at least some effect on reducing anti-Semitic propaganda in the Soviet Union."

The State Department letter was in reply to queries by Sen. Keating concerning reports of evidences of anti-Semitism in several black market trials and synagogue closings in Russia. The Department said that it would have to hold up an official position on these specific issues, pending confirmations of the reports. "It is not clear from available information whether police action against various individual Jews has its basis in anti-Semitism or whether this arises from the intensified campaign of the Soviet authorities to stamp out black marketeering and various forms of speculation," Mr. Dutton's letter said.

On the synagogue closings, he said that although the Department "has not been able to confirm" the reports, it is known that "the Soviet Government continues to endorse anti-religious propaganda directed against religion generally."

In another letter from an administration official made public today by Sen. Keating, U. S. Information Agency Director Edward R. Murrow informed him that the Voice of America broadcasts to Europe, the Middle East and Africa have carried reports during the last several months of "persecutions of Jews and suppression of Jewish institutions in the Soviet Union." Mr. Murrow said USIA has also prepared a background report on the situation for distribution among the foreign press.

"You may be assured that we will continue to do our part to keep the world informed of these and similar Communist violations of human rights," Mr. Murrow wrote.

## NEW SOVIET ACTION AGAINST JEWISH RELIGION REPORTED BY B'NAI B'RITH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7; (JTA) -- Three new incidents of official Soviet pressures to discourage the practice of Judaism and hamper Jewish religious life and leadership in Russia were disclosed today by B'nai B'rith, president, Label A. Katz. He said his organization has now learned that during the June-July period last year, Russian authorities had:

1. Quadrupled a special tax assessed against clergymen and made it retroactive for two years;
  2. Dismissed Rabbi Judah Lichterov as director of the Moscow Yeshiva--the only Jewish seminary in the USSR--replacing him with a new director.
  3. Placed the prerogatives of the Vaad Yeshiva, governing council of the seminary, under Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levine, Chief Rabbi of Moscow, after disbanding the council.
- B'nai B'rith had reported the disbanding of the council last November, but this is the first indication it took place during the June-July period, coincident with the arrest of six Jewish lay religious leaders in Leningrad and Moscow, and the removal from their posts of the lay chairmen of synagogues in Kiev, Riga, Minsk, Vilna, and Tashkent--the capital cities of five Soviet republics.

Mr. Katz reported that while the increased tax applies to clergymen of all religious faiths, it imposes a "special hardship" on religious Soviet Jews since Jews are

not permitted to maintain a centralized structure of national federation. Such permission is granted other religious groups in the USSR.

Effect of the order, Mr. Katz said, will be that the Jewish religious community "must now seek additional sacrifices from its individual members, many of whom are old persons in retirement." Another alternative is for the rabbi, cantor and other functionaries to pay the assessments out of their meager incomes. "In either event, the assessment poses a further discouragement to the practice of Judaism in the Soviet Union," Mr. Katz declared.

The B'nai B'rith president said that another heretofore undisclosed fact is that in 1958 the Jews of Moscow contributed the equivalent in rubles of \$135,000 for the construction of a new Yeshiva building. But the plan to construct the new building was never consummated, although at the time the funds were collected it was understood Soviet authorities had approved the plan, Mr. Katz reported. The disposal of the funds is unknown.

"The willingness of the religious Jews of Moscow to raise what for them must have been an extraordinary sum of money is further evidence of the strong Jewish consciousness that exists in the Soviet Union," Mr. Katz said.

#### EICHMANN'S PRISON GARB CHANGED FROM RED TO GRAY TO IMPROVE HIS MOOD

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7: (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann, the former Gestapo colonel awaiting disposition of his Supreme Court appeal from the death sentence meted out to him last month by the District Court of Jerusalem, is now wearing a gray prisoner's uniform, instead of the red costume usually worn by convicts awaiting death, it was learned here today.

Prison Commissioner Arye Nir ordered the change when he decided that Eichmann might suffer a nervous breakdown, "as a result of his low spirits," it was stated, Friday, Eichmann was visited in his secret prison by the chief of his defense counsel, Dr. Robert Servatius, of Cologne, who discussed with the convicted man some details connected with the preparation of the appeal to the high tribunal.

Eichmann's costume was changed from red to gray before the prison authorities received a request to this effect from Israelis who had been members of a former underground movement that fought the British in this country during the days of the British mandate over Palestine. Members of the underground who had been sentenced to death by the British had been forced to wear the red costume. The protests were based on the ground that garbing Eichmann in red constituted "a violation of the memory of those fighters for Israel freedom who had been executed by the British."

#### JUDGE WHO PRESIDED AT NUREMBERG TRIALS HAILS EICHMANN SENTENCE AT YIVO

NEW YORK, Jan. 7: (JTA) -- More than 2,000 people, assembled at the opening session of the 36th annual conference of the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research, last night heard Justice Michael A. Musmanno, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, hailing the Eichmann sentence as "the most significant advance made since the Nuremberg trials to restore dignity to every human being, and to insure the sanctity of God-given life."

Justice Musmanno, who presided at the Nuremberg trials, and was one of the witnesses at the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, said: "No one with the slightest regard for truth can honestly say that the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Israel was not conducted with the utmost fairness, dignity and compliance with the most meticulous standards of trial procedure recognized by civilized nations throughout the world."

"Adolf Eichmann was given every opportunity to establish that he was innocent of the crimes charged against him. He not only failed to refute these charges, which were proved by Himalayan mountains of evidence, but, by his own testimony, he revealed a criminality, a murderous intent, and mania for blood which has no parallel in history."

"Eichmann has now been sentenced to death. And now an extraordinary thing is happening. There are people today who are rallying to his defense. And some of these defenders come from the most unexpected quarters. One of these made the utterly absurd and ridiculously irrelevant observation on December 16 that the hanging of Eichmann would not bring back a single one of the six million murdered Jews."

"It does not require the learning of a doctor of philosophy to say that nothing will ever bring back the piteously slain, but if this argument were to prevail, there would be no punishment in the criminal code at all. Even punishing a murderer who killed only one person cannot restore the breath of life to his victim. What the opponents of the Eichmann sentence fail to realize is that the execution of Eichmann is not reprisal in the sense of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. His execution would be in the nature of a surgical operation: it would be the removal of a cancer which has eaten into the vitals of the human race for centuries. No one more completely represents the scourge of anti-Semitism than Adolf Eichmann."

#### CENTRAL BODY OF BRITISH JEWRY CONSIDERS TAKING CENSUS OF JEWS

LONDON, Jan. 7: (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews will consider a proposal to call a meeting of all Jewish organizations for the purpose of instituting the taking of a census of English Jewry, it was announced here today.

# PUBLIC HEARING STARTS TODAY ON ARAMCO'S DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- After more than five years of litigation before the New York State Commission Against Discrimination and through all of the State's courts, up to the highest tribunal, the New York State Court of Appeals, a public hearing will be opened here tomorrow on charges that the Arabian-American Oil Company discriminates against Jews; Aramco conducts all extraction and refining operations in Saudi Arabia, which bars Jews from entering that country.

The action was first brought before the SCAD by the American Jewish Congress in August of 1956. In successive steps, the commission ruled against the Congress petition, seeking a SCAD order to prevent Aramco "from serving as the agent for Saudi Arabia in screening Jews from its staff." The AJC won its case in the State Supreme Court, later in the Appellate Division, and was finally upheld by the Court of Appeals, which ruled that SCAD either "eliminate the unlawful practice complained of" or conduct a full public hearing on the charges. Last September, SCAD announced that "conciliation attempts having failed," the commission will hold a public hearing on the issue.

Ogden Reid, chairman of SCAD, and former United States Ambassador to Israel, ordered the hearing to open tomorrow. Three SCAD commissioners will conduct the hearing: J. Edward Conway, presiding, Mrs. Mary Louise Nice and Bernard Katzen;

# ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION TO HOLD THREE-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- More than 350 Jewish leaders, consisting of members of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization and campaign chairmen in major cities in the United States and Canada, will meet in a three-day planning conference beginning Friday, January 12 to draft a program of large-scale economic aid to Israel in 1962; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the organization, announced today.

Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister of the State of Israel, who has made a special trip to the United States to take part in the planning sessions, will present a report on Israel's economic progress during the past year and her development plans and needs for the current year. Dr. Schwartz pointed out that the conference would consider methods of broadening the scope of the Israel bond campaign which has provided more than \$530,000,000 for Israel's economic growth during the past eleven years.

"The year 1962 will see a concentration on development efforts in the Negev," Dr. Schwartz said. "This area, which is now largely a desert, must be developed into a center of mass settlement during the coming years, with special emphasis on industrialization, irrigation, large-scale housing, and the exploitation of mineral resources."

# ROOSEVELT SCHOOL IN ISRAEL GETS U.S. FLAG WHICH FLEW OVER WHITE HOUSE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The American flag which flew over the White House in Washington during the presidency of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt was presented at ceremonies at Beisan today to the local High School, which is named after FDR. The flag and a portrait of Mr. Roosevelt was given to the school by U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour, at a ceremony attended by all members of the school's faculty and student body.

Congressman William S. Moorhead, of Pennsylvania, visited the school a month ago, and was asked whether he could provide the school with a flag associated with the late President Roosevelt. Upon his return to Washington, Mr. Moorhead obtained the flag that flew over the White House during the Roosevelt years, and sent it to the United States Embassy here.

# ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SELLS PROPERTY FOR PERMANENT SITE OF REFORM TEMPLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Property containing land and buildings to house a Liberal synagogue in the State of Israel has been purchased in Jerusalem by the World Union for Progressive Judaism, it was announced here today. This represents the first permanent site for a Reform house of worship in Israel.

The property will serve one of three Progressive congregations in Israel. It will also serve as offices for the World Union. Others are located in Herzlia and Nazareth. Until now all three congregations had been using rented facilities. The announcement of the purchase was made by World Union president, Dr. Solomon B. Freehof, of Pittsburgh, who hailed this as another step in "the vitalization of a new spiritual life in Israel."

The new property was purchased from the Israeli Government at a cost of \$70,000. The land encompasses 19,000 square meters and includes three stone buildings built 27 years ago. The new synagogue site was made possible through the donation of a member of a Reform temple in the greater New York City area who wishes to remain anonymous.

# TANGANYIKAN JOURNALISTS GET SCHOLARSHIPS FROM ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Two scholarships have been awarded by Israel to enable Tanganyikan journalists to study newspaper techniques and production methods in Israel, Rafael Ruppin, the Israel Ambassador to Tanganyika disclosed today. The scholarships were arranged in response to a request to the ambassador from R. M. Kawana, Tanganyikan Minister Without Portfolio.