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MORE JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN SOVIET UNION FOR 'ECONOMIC CRIMES'

LONDON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Two Soviet Jews were sentenced to death, two others were given heavy prison sentences, and a number of other Russian Jews were sentenced to shorter jail terms, all charged with so-called "economic crimes," according to information received here from the USSR today.

The Lvovskaya Pravda, a local organ of the Communist Party in Lvov, in the Ukraine, received here, reported that the death sentences for alleged "embezzlement and bribery" were meted out to C.M. Kitaygorodsky and S.G. Skelnik. L.P. Weizmann was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in the same mass trial, at Lvov, while R.M. Furman, the fourth Jew named, was given an 11-year prison term. The Communist newspaper described all of the defendants as "wolves."

The Guardian of Manchester reported at the same time about a long and rare article dealing with the situation of Russian Jewry that has appeared in the Moscow News, an English-language propaganda periodical published in the Soviet capital. Evidently reacting to foreign criticisms against the Soviet Union's policy of repressions against Jews, the article was presumably a "reply" to an inquiry from a person called "Joseph Hoffman of the United States."

The article stressed that some of the USSR's leading scientists are Jews, including among these the recent recipient of the Nobel Prize in physics, Dr. Lev Davidovich Landau. It also noted that Veniamin E. Dymshits, just chosen head of the USSR's new and powerful Economical Council, is a Jew. A Deputy Premier of the USSR, Mr. Dymshits holds the highest post given to any Russian Jew since Lazar M. Kaganovich was removed from the Kremlin leadership over disagreements with Premier Khrushchev.

427,000 Jews in U. S. S. R. Reported Having Specialized Education

The author of the Moscow News article was identified as Avrom Gontar, a member of the editorial board of Sovietisch Heimland, a bi-monthly published in Moscow in Yiddish. The article stated that 427,000 of the USSR's 2,268,000 Jews have "higher or secondary specialized education" and "are employed in various fields." The article claimed that nearly 10 per cent of Soviet writers and journalists are Jews, while "more than 10 per cent of the lawyers are Jews."

According to the Moscow News article, more than 7,500 Jews are deputies in local governmental bodies, while some are deputies in the national legislatures of the Ukraine, Byelorussia, Lithuania and other Soviet Republics, reaching even into the USSR's Supreme Soviet.

The article declared that more than 470,000 Soviet Jews consider Yiddish their native tongue, stating that Sovietisch Heimland is published "especially for those who speak Yiddish." The periodical is issued in 25,000 copies, the report stated.

The Guardian, commenting on the Moscow News article, cited the convictions and severe punishment, including death sentences, for economic crimes during the year in Russia, which included a high proportion of Jews. The Guardian also noted consistent reports of closure of synagogues, prohibition of matzoh baking for last Passover and the recent incident in which a large ring of alleged swindlers, apparently almost all of them Jews, had gone on trial in Moldavia.

TALKS ON ISRAEL'S LINK TO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET START TODAY

BRUSSELS, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The long-expected negotiations between Israel and the six-member European Economic Community on linking Israel to the European Common Market will start here tomorrow. The outcome of these talks may affect every phase of Israel's industrial and agricultural development for years to come.

Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol arrived here today with a delegation consisting of 25 economic, fiscal, industrial and diplomatic experts to begin talks. The EEC, whose full members are France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, has its headquarters here. The official negotiations are scheduled to get under way at EEC's offices at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The negotiations are expected to be lengthy, detailed and intricate.

GOLDMANN CALLS U. S. JEWRY TO JOIN IN INTERNATIONAL JEWISH ACTION

GREENFIELD PARK, N. Y., Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, criticized tonight those American Jews "who neither see the necessity for worldwide united action nor the vital importance of internationally organized and systematical efforts to overcome the dangers threatening us."

Dr. Goldmann spoke at the Mid-Winter Conclave of the National Council of Young Israel. He told the delegates American Jewry was doing "a great job in giving philanthropic aid and in helping Israel but is not living up to its task in understanding the character of the Jewish problem of today which cannot be solved by philanthropical approaches."

He called American Jewry "the most over-organized and therefore disorganized Jewish community in the world, lacking even a common platform where the great problems of American Jewish life could be discussed together."

"There is nothing more important than to make American Jewry aware of its responsibility as the largest and most powerful Jewish community in the world in taking care of its problems in an overall organized and representative framework on the one hand and joining international action together with other Jewish communities on the basis of equality in defending the position and future of the Jewish people all over the world," he declared.

He cited as dangers threatening the position of many Jewish communities throughout the world the renewed symptoms of a brutal anti-Semitism and the socially unstable position of many countries which are in a pre-revolutionary situation and which may destroy the economic position of flourishing Jewish communities. He also cited the problem of Soviet Russian Jewry.

He warned that "all these factors threatening our future will remain alive and powerful for many years and decades. Therefore, the major task in Jewish life is to make the Jewish people aware of this real situation and do away with their illusions and inclinations to regard their future as secure and take their problems very easy."

Colonel Shlomo Goren, Chief Chaplain of the Israeli Defense Forces, told the delegates that one of the most inspiring developments in Israel was a "tremendous and growing interest in religion" among its young people. "However, while this need to relate to Jewish religious practices is manifest among large segments of our young, there is no single group in Israel that is making a concerted and organized effort to reach these young people," he stated. He said that the problem in Israel could be met by establishing centers, patterned after the Young Israel in America, in such cities as Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa.

J. W. V. COMMANDER URGES U. S. TO ACCEPT ISRAEL CURRENCY FOR HAWK MISSILES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- National Commander Morton London of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. today asked the Department of State, in the light of developments in India and Cuba, to facilitate Israel's acquisition of Hawk anti-aircraft missiles by permitting Israel to pay in local currency--Israeli pounds--just as India has now been permitted to pay for arms in rupees.

Mr. London, who returned last month from Israel, cited the menace to Israel by the continuing flow of Soviet jet bombers and missiles to three Arab states surrounding Israel, the United Arab Republic, Syria, and Iraq. "The United States," he said, "cannot expect Israel to be less apprehensive about a Soviet jet and missile build-up on her borders than our own nation is about the aggressive Soviet weapons provided to Fidel Castro."

"It is incredible to expect tiny Israel to defend herself against the world Communist onslaught, as manifested by the Soviet offensive weapons now poised on her borders, without a more realistic approach to financing Israel's purchase of such a sophisticated defensive weapons system as the Hawk," the JWV leader wrote to the Secretary of State.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS DISCUSSED BY EBAN WITH HIGH OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- American-Israel relations were discussed by Abba Eban, Israel Minister of Education and Culture, with the leading members of the White House staff in the course of Mr. Eban's visit to Washington, it was learned today.

He met President Kennedy's political advisers George McBundy, Walt Rostow, and Arthur Schlesinger; scientific adviser Jerome B. Wiesner and cultural adviser August Hecksher. Mr. Eban was also the guest of honor at a dinner tendered by Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman. The dinner was attended by Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U. S. Supreme Court; Justice Arthur Goldberg; the Ambassadors of France and Sweden; the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Anthony Celebrezze; Myer Feldman, Deputy Counsel to President Kennedy; Ambassador Eric Johnston, Assistant Secretaries of State Harlan Cleveland, Philips Talbot, and others.

ORTHODOX CONVENTION TAKES NO STAND ON FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The 64th Biennial National Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America today declined to take a definitive position on the question of federal aid to religious schools with the adoption of a resolution citing the "variety of views" which made it "difficult" to reach a consensus at the convention.

The resolution called for formation of a special committee which will report to the Union's executive Committee. Officers and delegates who had differed on the issue compromised in the resolution and urged the convention to emphasize the areas of accord rather than those of dissent. The Union comprises 3,100 Orthodox congregations in the United States and Canada.

The convention also adopted a resolution which advocated adoption of a moment of "silence" for devotion at the beginning of sessions every day in public schools. In this period of silence children would think in terms of their individual faiths and pray in silent devotion.

In urging adoption of the resolution pertaining to federal aid, Moses I. Feuerstein, who was re-elected president of the organization, said it was the "essence of honesty" to admit that there was considerable divergence of opinion. His support of the resolution was followed by an appeal from the convention chairman, Joseph Karasick for further discussion of the issue at local and regional levels during a "cooling off" period.

Deplores Attacks on Supreme Court Over Prayer Ban in Schools

The text of the resolution on prayer in public schools, as adopted, reads:

"The controversy that followed the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision which declared that group recitation in the public schools of the so-called Regents' Prayer as contrary to the First Amendment manifests the deep commitment of American society to religious values. In the heat of this controversy, those expressing their agreement with this decision have sometimes been labeled enemies of religious faith and charged with the attempt to drive religion out of American life. We deplore the attacks on the integrity of the Supreme Court, the highest judicial body in our land.

"At the same time, our concern with the importance of the appreciation and understanding of the role of G-d in the world on the part of all children, particularly the hundreds of thousands of Jewish children and millions of non-Jewish children who have no such opportunity either in the religious school, the house of worship, or the home, leads us to state that we would deem it appropriate and consistent with the First Amendment to afford the pupils of public schools the opportunity to set out on their day's task with a moment of devotion.

"We therefore see no objection if the school day were to start with a period of silence. In this period of silence, let every pupil think in terms of his faith and his parental religious heritage of the Almighty and thusly invoke his protection for himself, his family, his country and all mankind."

Charges Soviet Union with Discriminating Against Jews

Another resolution called on the Soviet Union to implement their "often repeated" declarations on the rights and equality of Soviet citizens. It deplored the fact that Soviet Jews "have been singled out for harassment and strictures going far beyond those applied to other religions."

The resolution charged that "synagogues are not permitted to form a central body and are isolated from each other. No contact with Jewish religious leaders or organizations in other countries is allowed," the resolution declared. Last night Mr. Feuerstein appealed to the Soviet Union to permit Chief Rabbi Yehuda Levin of Moscow to visit Europe to meet with European Jewish religious leaders.

In other resolutions, the delegates hailed the United States decision to sell Hawk missiles to Israel and called on the President to "intensify the efforts of our Government to bring about the complete cessation of all nuclear arm tests and subsequent general disarmament."

The delegates also scored practices of American humane societies which reflect anti-Semitic attitudes "while ostensibly lobbying for humane slaughter laws on the grounds of humane treatment of animals." Other resolutions called upon Jewish federations and welfare funds to support local Hebrew day schools and Talmud Torahs "in a manner permitting these institutions to maintain their full and untrammelled spiritual independence."

LUBAVITCHER REBBE URGES REVERSAL OF SUPREME COURT BAN ON PRAYER

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- A request that all legal means be employed to obtain a reversal by the United States Supreme Court of its ruling of last June, when the New York State Regents Prayer was banned as a requirement in the public schools, was made public here today by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN CONVENTION VOTES \$5,000,000 GOAL FOR 1963

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- A resolution voting a \$5,000,000 goal for the 1963 Israel Histadrut Campaign was adopted here today at the closing session of the 39th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel which was attended by 2,000 delegates from all parts of the country. The 1963 goal, according to Dr. Sol Stein, national director of the organization, compares with \$3,293,000 raised in 1962, an increase of \$105,000 over the preceding year.

Dr. Stein also announced that next year's plans envisage the establishment of a series of cultural and medical institutions in Israel, honoring the memories of American labor leaders and organizations that "have made major contributions to Histadrut's welfare program." These will include, he said, the Sidney Hillman Medical Center in Tel Aviv; the Max Zaritsky Youth Center, at Beth She'An, honoring the late president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers Union; and the Isidore Nagler Youth Center, near Haifa, commemorating the name of the late vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The concluding session re-elected Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein of Chicago, as national chairman, and installed William H. Sylk of Philadelphia, as national president of the American Histadrut Development Foundation; with Louis Segal and Ralph Wechsler as associate chairmen; Charles Gutwirth as treasurer; and Maurice Guinsberg as associate treasurer. The installations were conducted by Judge Victor H. Blau, of Philadelphia. The two-year-old Foundation, an arm of the national organization charged with securing long-range commitments, has already received such commitments to aid Histadrut's welfare agencies in Israel, exceeding \$2,500,000, the 2,000 delegates at the four-day convention were told.

Announcements were made also that Isaac H. Taylor, of Baltimore, has contributed personally the sum of \$250,000 for a youth center in Jerusalem to bear his name. Mr. Taylor and a group of Baltimore friends had previously given \$100,000 for this project. Dr. Stein reported that more than \$100,000 has been raised for the establishment of the Sholem Aleichem Museum and Library at Tel Aviv.

Speakers at the convention included Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister and that country's first Minister of Labor; U. S. Undersecretary of Labor John F. Henning, who brought to the gathering the personal greetings of President Kennedy; Israeli Consul-General Katriel Katz, who read personal greetings from Israel's President Izhak Ben-Zvi; Meir Argov, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of Israel's Parliament; Zev Haring, a member of the executive committee of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor; Dr. Eli Ginzberg, professor of economics at Columbia University, Louis Segal, member of the Jewish Agency executive, and others.

In her address, Mrs. Meir charged that the "brothers and sisters" of the Soviet bombers supplied to Cuba are now "on the doorstep of Israel, among the Arab nations."

REVSON FOUNDATION GRANTS \$1,000,000 TO BRANDEIS U. FOR FELLOWSHIPS

WALTHAM, Mass., Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Brandeis University announced today that a \$1,000,000 grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation of New York will be used to underwrite the entire science education of outstanding college graduates. Mr. Revson is chairman of the board and founder of Revlon, Inc., the cosmetics firm.

The fellowships, providing up to \$5,000 a year for a graduate student in the sciences, through his doctorate degree, are among the highest fellowship stipends provided in private educational institutions in the United States.

Grants will be made for three to four year periods instead of the usual one-year grant to assure recipients of complete financial support during the years of work needed for a Ph.D. Faculty selection committees have begun the search for students who will win fellowships in a variety of scientific fields.

JEWS REPORTED AMONG PRISONERS OF WAR HELD BY CASTRO IN CUBA

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Some of the prisoners of war being held by Fidel Castro in Cuba, as a result of the anti-Castro invasion of the island which failed a year ago last April, are Jews who are the sons of parents who had fled from Hitler, James B. Donovan, the New York attorney trying to free the more than 1,100 prisoners, declared here last night.

These Jewish boys, he said, "are perhaps the saddest among the prisoners," because their parents had felt "the heel of a dictator twice in one generation." In most cases, he said, the parents, who had fled from Hitler Germany, had gone to Cuba to await immigration into the United States, but had prospered there and stayed on.

JUSTICE FRANKFURTER TO BEQUEATH HIS LIBRARY TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Retired Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter this weekend asked Israeli Education Minister Abba Eban to arrange for the bequest of the Justice's library to the Hebrew University.

Justice Frankfurter made the request when Mr. Eban called on him during the Education Minister's visit to Washington. The Frankfurter law library is one of the largest private libraries on law and politics in the world.