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## PRAVDA DEFENDS DEATH PENALTIES ON JEWS SENTENCED FOR 'ECONOMIC CRIMES'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) - The official Soviet Communist party organ, Pravda, defended death penalties imposed on Jews for economic crimes, and accused Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy of "malicious falsifications."

The article in Pravda was broadcast from Moscow. It referred to a recent New York article by the Attorney General. Mr. Kennedy charged that Soviet civil rights guarantees protecting minorities had gone "the way of a new year's resolution."

The Pravda article, by N. Vladimirov, said that Mr. Kennedy "sheds tears over the lot of those in the Soviet Union who do not want to live by honest labor, but scheme for the expropriation of Socialist property, embezzlement, taking of bribes, and currency speculation."

Pravda said the real reasons behind the Kennedy remarks were that "imperialism" is "frightened" by Communism's advances and the rise of racial minorities against Communism. The Soviet paper indicated that Mr. Kennedy, by criticizing Soviet treatment of Jews, was trying to confuse the true issue of world human rights.

## ANTI-SEMITISM HELD USEFUL IN RUSSIA AS SCAPEGOAT FOR ECONOMIC ILLS

PARIS, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Two categories of "Soviet leaders" still oppose liberalization of USSR conditions insofar as the Jewish population in the Soviet Union is concerned, it was learned today from an influential newspaper here and organ of the left wing of the Gaullist party, Le Monde.

Pointing out that, of 99 recent court cases against persons found guilty of so-called economic crimes, 65 were Jews, Combat said the opponents of liberalization of the Jewish situation consist of leaders who are: 1. Representatives of the "dogmatic bureaucracy" Those "who, without a special, reasoned logic, let themselves be carried away by fundamental anti-Semitism."

Members of the old-fashioned bureaucracy, stated Combat, "consider their treatment of the Jewish minority as a tactical move, designed to slow down the country's general movement toward liberalization while, at the same time, providing a useful scapegoat for its current economic ills."

Gaullist paper appealed to Russian leaders to stop blinding themselves on the Jewish issue. It said: "No one has humanly the right to ignore this problem (Soviet anti-Semitism). It should not be used as a platform for anti-Soviet propaganda. But Russia must realize that its attitude toward its Jewish community indisposes its best friends, loses its sympathies, and contrasts with the image of Russia in a period of de-Stalinization. The best way to prevent Russian anti-Semitism becoming a cold war weapon is not to remain silent, but to contribute toward its solution."

## AFRO-ASIAN NATIONS URGED TO NOTE SOVIET DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) - Rep. Torbert H. Macdonald, Massachusetts Democrat, urged today in a speech on the House floor that emerging Afro-Asian nations should not let anti-Semitism as an illustration of how "the Communists resort to racism in the pursuit of their goals." Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union provided "a somber lesson for the peoples of the free world," he said.

Macdonald said that pretenses in the area of minority rights are "indeed hollow when viewed against the background of anti-Semitism in Russia today," Rep. Macdonald stressed. "The Soviets have gone beyond the limits of an anti-religious campaign in treatment of Jews within the Soviet Union. Their tactics have entered into the realm of racism."

## AFRO-ASIAN GROUP SUBMITS MEMORANDUM TO U.N. BODY ON RELIGIOUS BIAS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Proposals for a draft of a United Nations resolution that would obligate all member states to wipe out all religious discriminations were presented here today by the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, an international group with consultative status, representing B'nai B'rith and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The proposals were made in a memorandum to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, a subsidiary body of the UN Commission on Human Rights.

Human Rights. The Subcommittee will send the proposals on to the full Commission, scheduled to hold its next session in Geneva, in March.

The Subcommittee has on its agenda consideration of two separate conventions, one dealing with racial discrimination and the other with religious discrimination. However, since the anti-bias unit is scheduled to conclude its three weeks of sessions by Friday, it was certain that no debate on religious discrimination would be held this year. The 12-member group, which spent almost two of its three weeks debating and finally adopting a set of principles dealing with the right of everyone to leave or return to his own country, is now discussing racial discrimination.

Proposing that the Human Rights Commission adopt a declaration calling for "the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance," the CBJO suggested these points for inclusion in the declaration:

1. A preamble which would include "reference to the fact that religious intolerance can lead to and has led to discrimination and violence."
2. A statement indicating that propagation of "incitatory hatred of a religious group" is to be forbidden.
3. A call upon all governments to discontinue all administrative practices which involve discrimination or unequal treatment on religious grounds, urging the governments to pin down these prohibitions through appropriate domestic legislation.
4. Member states should be obligated to withhold financial aid, license privileges or any other form of assistance to any private organizations which deny equality of treatment to one or another religious group.
5. Member states should obligate themselves "to take action to bring about the cessation of the propagation in public of that form of religious intolerance that is calculated to lead to discrimination or violence against a religious group."

Another memorandum presented to the Subcommittee, urging the group to continue studying possible steps for the protection of minorities and the elimination of other forms of discrimination, was introduced today by six organizations, including the CBJO and the World Jewish Congress. The WJC also holds consultative status before the Subcommittee.

#### TWO ISRAELI SCHOOL BOYS SHOT BY JORDANIANS; PROTEST LODGED WITH U.N. BODY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) — Two Israeli teenage boys were shot, one seriously, when Jordanian soldiers suddenly opened fire at high noon today from the old Jerusalem City Wall, near the Jaffa Gate.

Three school boys had crossed the official demarcation line between Israel and Jordan, going into the No-Man's-Land separating the two sides to pick pottery among the ruins in the area, when the firing began. One of the boys, unhurt, ran back to the Israeli side and reported his two comrades had been hurt.

The injured boys were removed to a hospital here under escort of United Nations military observers. Israel immediately lodged a sharp protest with the UN's Israel-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission, requesting an emergency meeting to hear the formal complaint.

#### OPPOSITION TO GIVING PARLIAMENTARY SEAT TO HIMMLER'S AIDE MOUNTING

MUNICH, Jan. 29. (JTA) - Opposition continued piling up here and elsewhere in West Germany today to the granting of a seat in Bonn's lower House of Parliament, the Bundestag, to Dr. Max Frauendorfer, an aide to Heinrich Himmler during the Nazi regime and a colonel in the Hitler SS.

The Bavarian Christian Democratic Party, allied with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union, had designated the former Nazi for a seat recently vacated in the Bundestag. The issue about whether to seat Frauendorfer is expected to be decided by the Bundestag, at Bonn, early next month.

The Munich Merkur, an influential daily newspaper here, declared editorially today: "There is a limit to ambition when we wish to prove, both to ourselves and to the world, that our State is no longer the State of yesterday."

Frankfurt's Neue Presse today recalled that it is exactly 30 years "since all this misery began" with the accession of Adolf Hitler to power, and said: "Frauendorfer is of less interest than are his supporters whose attitude is so decisive for the mentality of certain party officials as well as for what, in general, is still possible in the Germany of today."

#### Students Demonstrate Against Sending Himmler's Aide to Parliament

FRANKFURT, Jan. 29. (JTA) — Students of the Frankfurt University today staged a street demonstration, protesting against sending Frauendorfer to the Bundestag.

# 'ILLUSIONS' CITED BY DR. GOLDMAN AS GREATEST DANGER TO JEWISH PEOPLE

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Zionism still has a mission as long as the Jewish question exists, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, declared here today.

Addressing the 16th annual convention of the Dutch Zionist Association, Dr. Goldmann told the delegates that the greatest danger to the Jewish people was "its own illusions," not anti-Semitism. He said the Zionist movement was a bridge between Israel and the Galuth. Dr. J. S. Van Hall was elected the new president of the Association.

## ISRAEL'S EXPORTS TOTALED \$280,000,000 IN 1962; U. S. LARGEST CUSTOMER

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Israel has exported a total of \$280,000,000 worth of goods during 1962, a 13 percent increase over the previous year's total, Pinhas Sapiro, Minister of Commerce and Industry, announced here today. Exports for 1963 are estimated to reach \$341,000,000, a 22 percent increase over 1962, he said.

Mr. Sapiro noted that \$50,000,000 more in goods might have been exported last year were it not for high local demand and consumption. The chief cause of the high local demand, he said, was the large-scale conversion of foreign currency receipts from compensation and restitution funds into Israeli pounds.

The United States was Israel's largest customer last year with Israeli exports to that country totaling \$42,500,000. England was next with \$37,000,000 in imports and Germany third with \$27,000,000. Other leading purchasers of Israeli goods were Belgium, The Netherlands, Yugoslavia and Turkey in that order.

## ISRAEL SUPREME COURT REJECTS PETITION FOR RETRIAL OF KASTNER CASE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Supreme Court President Yitzhak Olshan today dismissed a petition for a retrial of the Kastner-Gruenwald case in which Malkiel Gruenwald, a Hungarian immigrant, was found guilty of libeling Israel Kastner, a wartime Hungarian Jewish leader, by calling him a Nazi collaborator.

Gruenwald had at first been given a token fine by the Jerusalem District Court which described Kastner as a man "who had sold his soul to the devil." The Israel Supreme Court, however, in ruling on an appeal of the case in 1958, cleared Kastner's motives in his dealings with the Nazis and gave Gruenwald a one-year suspended jail sentence. Kastner was assassinated near his home in Tel Aviv early in 1957.

In rejecting the petition for a new trial by Gruenwald's attorney, Shmuel Tamir, Justice Olshan accepted the recommendation of the Attorney General that the claim of new evidence uncovered during the trial of Adolf Eichmann in 1961 was not valid.

Mr. Tamir had asked for the new trial on the basis of a transcript of an interview given by Eichmann to a Dutch journalist some years before he was captured in Argentina, which, Mr. Tamir said, proved that Kastner helped to send masses of Hungarian Jews to their doom in consideration for permission to send a few hundred Jews, including Kastner's own relatives, to Palestine.

Justice Olshan held that it would be a miscarriage of justice to reopen the trial on the basis of a questionable interview without the possibility of examining Kastner and Eichmann. He noted that at the Gruenwald trial, Kastner claimed the transcript was not an accurate record of the interview.

## MINISTER APPOINTS SIX-MAN COMMISSION TO RUN BEERSHEBA CITY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro today appointed a six-man commission to run Beersheba until a new municipal government is elected. The move follows a decision by the Interior Minister to dissolve the present town council at the request of Mayor Zev Zarissi.

A crisis arose last year when Liberal Councillor Avraham Fleischer defected from the Mapam-led coalition to join the Mapai opposition while Mapai Councillor David Hacham refused to give his support to the opposition's move to oust Mayor Zarissi. The town council, which is comprised of civil servants, has been unable to function since the crisis began.

## JUDGE OF GERMAN COURT CHARGED WITH HELPING DEPORT JEWS FROM FRANCE

WURZBURG, Germany, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Accusations of "grave war crimes" were announced today by the chief public prosecutor of Bamberg against Dr. Georg Eisert, a judge of the high court here. The prosecutor said he is investigating the charges.

According to the Bamberg official, Judge Eisert had been a public prosecutor of the Peoples Court under the Nazi regime and "close to" Ernst Lautz, chief public prosecutor for the Nazis. Judge Eisert allegedly participated in the Nazi Party's "thief in the night" program in occupied France, where Jews were hunted out for deportation to death camps.

## RABBIS FORM BODY SPONSORING NATIONAL U. J. A. CONFERENCE IN MIAMI

MIAMI, Jan. 29. (JTA) - Twenty-two rabbis of congregations throughout the Greater Miami area today formed a Committee of Rabbinical Sponsorship for the 25th National Inaugural Conference of the United Jewish Appeal which will take place here on February 17 at the Fontainebleau Hotel to commemorate the UJA's 25th anniversary and launch its 1963 nationwide campaign for \$96,000,000.

This marked the first time since the UJA started the launching of its annual national campaigns from the Greater Miami area that the rabbis here have taken formal and organized action in its behalf. The first time the UJA launched a campaign from the Greater Miami Area was in 1947.

In another action, the rabbis adopted a plan for insuring congregational attendance at the inaugural banquet on the evening of February 17. The plan calls for at least 10 leading representatives from each congregation to take part in the exercises that will commemorate the UJA's quarter of a century of nationwide activity in behalf of homeless and distressed Jews the world over.

In addition, each rabbi will devote at least one of the next three Sabbath services to the United Jewish Appeal. Each will deliver a sermon on the Appeal's achievements since 1939 in making possible the rescue, resettlement and rehabilitation of millions of victims of war and oppression.

## CHICAGO KASHRUT COMMISSION SEEKS STRICTER SUPERVISION OF MARKETS

CHICAGO, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Stricter supervision of kosher meat markets in Chicago, where there are now less than 100 of these establishments, is being arranged here in negotiations between the newly formed United Kashrut Commission and the Chicago Kosher Butchers Association, it was reported here today.

Under the planned agreement, the Commission would hire more supervisors (maskichim) and would pay them from Commission funds. Until now, there have been only three supervisors, and these were paid directly by the butchers they supervise. The Commission includes older rabbis representing the Chicago Orthodox Rabbinate and younger rabbis representing the Chicago Rabbinical Council, a group of younger Orthodox spiritual leaders.

## SYNAGOGUE FACILITIES BANNED TO WEDDINGS SERVING NON-KOSHER FOOD

DETROIT, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution banning synagogue facilities to weddings or Bar Mitzvahs that are followed by social functions where non-kosher food is served was adopted here by the Metropolitan Young Israel Council, comprising four Young Israel branches here.

Based on the contention that the wedding or Bar Mitzvah ceremony solemnized in the synagogue is only the introduction to the religious observance of a vital phase of Jewish living, the sanctioning of its celebration by a non-kosher meal makes a travesty of the synagogue celebration, it was stated by the Young Israel Council. For this reason the Young Israel synagogues have gone on record that they "can no longer be party to this practice. They will reserve the right to cancel any future scheduled arrangements already accepted if they find that non-kosher dinners are to follow."

## NEW JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING TO BE ERECTED IN FLORENCE

FLORENCE, Italy, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Groundbreaking ceremonies were held here for a new Jewish school and community center building to be financed by the local Jewish community and the Conference for Jewish Material Claims Against Germany through the Joint Distribution Committee.

Taking part in the ceremonies were representatives of the Florence Municipality, the Israel Embassy, the JDC and Union of Italian Jewish Communities. Construction of the Jewish school is in line with recent efforts to reconstruct Jewish school buildings throughout Italy with the aid of the Claims Conference and locally raised funds and to attract more Jewish children and intensify studies in Jewish subjects, especially Hebrew.

There are a total of 2,200 Jewish children throughout Italy attending Jewish kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools in addition to those enrolled in Ort's vocational schools and those attending special Talmud Torah courses.

## TORONTO UNIVERSITY PRESENTED BY ISRAEL WITH BOOKS ON ISRAELI LAW

TORONTO, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A complete set of books embracing Israeli law, consisting of 12 volumes of legal material and descriptive juridical annotations and commentary, was presented here today to the law library of the University of Toronto by Eliezer N. Dembitz, Israeli Consul here.

Mr. Dembitz said he noted when he visited the university law library last spring that, while it was well-stocked with materials on most major systems of law and jurisprudence, it contained only two or three books that had a bearing on Israeli law. He then made arrangements to obtain the set he contributed today to the university.