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SEN. DODD BLASTS STATE DEPT. FOR FAILURE TO ACT ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- The State Department came under fire in the Senate today on charges by Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, Connecticut, Democrat, that the Department had inadequately responded to Soviet anti-Semitism.

Reviewing increased evidence of anti-Jewish tendencies in the Soviet Union, Sen. Dodd said the facts clearly revealed "Prime Minister Khrushchev, himself, as the chief condoner, if not the chief instigator, of the persecution of the Soviet Jews."

The Senator referred to recent developments in Russia in commenting on an exchange he had with the State Department last summer on the Soviet Jewish question. In reply to the Senator's recommendation for increased United States diplomatic activity on behalf of Soviet Jewry, Assistant Secretary of State Frederick G. Dutton wrote that it was "not possible to determine whether Soviet Jews are deliberately being singled out as Jews for a disproportionate amount of condemnation and victimization."

Sen. Dodd said he "found it difficult to understand Mr. Dutton's uncertainty, because it seemed to me at the time that there was overwhelming evidence that the Soviet Jews were, in fact, the victims of special persecution."

The Senator recalled that, as far back as 1954, a Congressional Select Committee to investigate Communist aggression concluded "that the official and deliberate policy of Communism was aimed directly at forced assimilation of the Jews as the preferred technique for exterminating the Jews as a people." He said "continuing Soviet racism reveals not only to the world, but also to the Soviet people, that Communist deeds do not match Communist words."

Times Moscow Expert States Jewish Situation Has Not Changed Since Stalin

PARIS, March 5. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union is one of the few fields in which de-Stalinization does not seem to be in practice, the New York Times declared today in its International Edition, in a review of the 10 years since Stalin's death.

The review, written by the Times' Moscow correspondent, Seymour Topping, said that "no public mention" has been made in Russia "of many of the prominent purge victims, such as the 25 noted writers of the Jewish anti-Fascist Committee" who were killed during the purge of Jewish intellectuals in 1952.

The article noted that, in reviews of the Stalin purges in Russia, "a significant silence" was maintained on the question of guilt. Mr. Topping wrote that Stalin and his late police chief, Lavrenti Beria, are assigned blanket responsibility for the purges but "little if anything is said of the other individuals involved in the prosecution, execution or imprisonment of the victims."

KNESSET HEARS ATTACK ON USSR: GOLDA MEIR REPORTS ON FOREIGN CONTACTS

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- A Knesset deputy of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's Mapai Party made a scathing attack in Parliament today on anti-Jewish discrimination in the Soviet Union.

Deputy Yonah Kesse, in a statement assumed to have the official backing of Mapai, denounced Soviet anti-Jewish policies during debate on the budget presentation by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Ministry. Quoting from a Soviet publication which carried an apparent incitement of the local population against the Jews, Mr. Kesse declared that "the silent cry" of Soviet Jewry was now reaching the entire world. He said the outcry would not come to an end until Soviet Jewry was restored to full equality with the rights given to those who wanted to emigrate to Israel, to do so.

Mrs. Meir, speaking at the conclusion of the debate on her Ministry's proposed 40,500,000-pound (\$13,500,000) budget, made no reference to the Russian Jewish situation beyond a brief citation from the Soviet publication to which Kesse had referred.

Replying to various criticisms, Mrs. Meir denied that the Government policy was that "not one single Arab refugee" would be readmitted to Israel. She also rejected an assertion that Israeli foreign policy was oriented on a "Paris-Bonn Axis." She called such a charge unrealistic and said that, therefore, there could not be any suggestion of conflict with the United States in this phase of Israel's foreign policy.

Details Diplomatic Relations; Sees Improvements in Eastern Europe

She reported that the Foreign Ministry's Agency for International Cooperation had been further expanded, and that Israel now maintained relations of cooperation with 87 countries -- of which 37 were in Africa, 23 in Latin America, 16 in Asia, and 10 in the Mediterranean basin.

She reported that Israel maintained diplomatic relations with 84 countries, 52 of which were at Embassy levels, the others being legations. She said also that, in addition to 17 consuls, there were 16 honorary consuls in smaller countries where diplomatic relations were maintained by non-resident envoys. During 1963, she said, six new consulates will be set up.

She reported that, while there had been no basic changes in Israel's relations with East European countries, the raising of the level of representation between Israel and Poland had "given us a good deal of encouragement" as had the growing participation in artistic and athletic events in Israel by groups and individuals from Eastern Europe. She said Israeli artists had appeared in Poland, and that she hoped that "similar opportunities would be afforded our performers in other East European countries."

She expressed her appreciation of steps taken by the Swiss Government regarding heirless property of Nazi victims held in Swiss banks, and expressed the hope that legislation would soon be approved for a complete settlement of this "painful" issue.

HISTADRUT LEADER ANNOUNCES MAJOR STEP TO BOOST ISRAEL ECONOMY IN 1963

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- Israel's efforts to stabilize its economy and improve its competitive position in trading with the European Common Market will receive a major boost later this year, with the establishment of a joint Government-Labor-Industry body designed to keep track of changes in the nation's productivity and which will furnish data to serve as a basis for future wage and price negotiations.

Ben-Zion Ilan, newly appointed American representative of the executive board of the Histadrut, the Israel Labor Federation, today disclosed these plans. The new agency will be called the Israel Institute for the Determination of Increases in the Gross National Product. Mr. Ilan, who succeeds Isaiah Avrech in the Histadrut post here, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Institute would include representatives of the Government, Histadrut, major cooperatives and private industry, as well as leading independent economists.

Mr. Ilan pointed to the need for all sectors of Israel's economy to stabilize the cost of living "to enable Israeli industry and agriculture to successfully compete with those of other countries, and to meet the challenge of significant changes in the economy of Western Europe and elsewhere." He noted that the new agency would contribute towards such stability.

He cited recent statements by Aharon Becker, secretary-general of the Histadrut, in support of the agreements worked out between the Government, Histadrut and the Israeli manufacturers, aimed at freezing prices, taxes, wages and fringe benefits for a period of one year. He noted that Mr. Becker had expressed the hope that the wage-price-tax freeze would serve to improve the nation's productivity to the point where it would be possible to further raise the standard of living of the worker, while maintaining Israel's competitive position in world trade.

(Extracts of a radio interview he recorded in Tel Aviv, which were made available to the JTA and published in the Daily News Bulletin on March 5, gave Mr. Becker's views out of context and did not make it clear that the Histadrut leader spoke of a period of one year for a wage, tax and price freeze.)

Mr. Ilan announced that Mr. Becker, who has not been in the United States for several years, had accepted an invitation by George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, to attend the American labor organization's convention in this country next November.

BRITAIN APPOINTS FOREIGN OFFICE EXPERT AS NEW ENVOY TO ISRAEL

LONDON, March 5. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office announced today the termination of the appointment of Miss Barbara Salt as Ambassador to Israel because of a leg amputation. John G. S. Beith was named to the post in Israel. He is 48, and has been head of the North and East African Department in the British Foreign Office since 1959.

ISRAEL IMMIGRATION AT PEAK IN FEBRUARY, INCREASED INFLUX SEEN IN MARCH

JERUSALEM, March 5. (JTA) -- After a lull in recent months, immigration rose steadily during January, reaching the highest rate in several years during February, S. Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department reported today.

He made his report at a meeting of the Agency executive at which he said that an increased influx also was expected during March. The executive is meeting throughout the week in preparation for a plenary session which begins March 13 and the World Zionist Actions Committee, ruling body of World Zionism between Congresses, which opens on March 18.

VORBERG, NAZI "EUTHANASIA" EXPERT, BROUGHT TO GERMANY FROM SPAIN

FRANKFURT, March 5. (JTA) -- Reinhold Vorberg, the first Nazi war criminal ever extradited by Spain, arrived here today to stand trial for the "euthanasia" mass murder of 100,000 "mentally retarded" and "mentally ill" persons, including Jews, during World War II.

The West German Government, in its request for Vorberg's extradition, charged him with a role in Hitler's plan to create a "master race." Vorberg was arrested in Barcelona last December at the request of the Bonn Government.

Material furnished by East German sources on Professor Werner Heyde, the 59-year-old physician charged with heading the Nazi "euthanasia" program, and Vorberg's wartime chief, will facilitate further investigations into the cases of several other persons suspected of having participated in the program, Chief Public Prosecutor Fritz Bauer declared here today. He said that the trial of Professor Heyde would probably begin this summer. It was Dr. Bauer who had dug up the Vorberg case and initiated the successful effort to have the man extradited from Spain.

Nazi Who Killed 500 Jews Wins Probation After Getting Five-Year Term

FRANKFURT, March 5. (JTA) -- Otto Hunsche, 51-year-old former SS captain, who was sentenced last July to a term of five years at hard labor on conviction of complicity in the wartime murder of 600 Hungarian Jews, was released today on probation. He was one of the late Adolf Eichmann's aides in Hungary.

The Frankfurt provincial court issued a ruling to that effect for Hunsche, who also had been a leading official in the Nazi Reich Security Office, despite objections raised by the prosecution. He must now report to the police twice weekly.

Both the defense, which asked for dismissal of the indictment, and the prosecution which had demanded a life sentence, appealed the five-year term. The appeals are still pending.

KENNEDY CALLS ON AMERICAN PEOPLE TO COMMEMORATE WARSAW GHETTO DAY

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today issued a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, April 21, 1963, with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and commended Jewish heroism.

The President said that "of the more than 400,000 Jews whom the Nazis had previously walled into the Warsaw Ghetto, only about 70,000 remained in April of 1943. With deadly efficiency, most of the other inhabitants had been transported by the Nazis to concentration camps, and had there been exterminated. The surviving Jews, suffering from malnutrition and disease, with pitifully few weapons and virtually no hope of assistance from any source, determined to sell their lives as dearly as possible. They engaged the Nazis in battle."

The President pointed out that "the result was known by the Jews to be foredoomed. Yet, though they lacked both military resources and a military tradition, they were able to conduct their struggle against the overwhelming forces of the Nazi occupiers for more than three weeks, thereby providing a chapter in the annals of human heroism, an inspiration to the peace-loving people of the world, and a warning to would-be oppressors which will long be remembered."

GROUP TO ERECT MEMORIAL IN ISRAEL TO MARTYRS OF RESISTANCE TO NAZIS

BRUSSELS, March 5. (JTA) -- A decision as to the form of a memorial that the International Committee of the Resistance has decided to erect in Israel will be reached following the arrival there of four delegates from the organization this week. The memorial will be dedicated to all resistance fighters who lost their lives during the Second World War.

One of the alternatives proposed a memorial pillar that would be installed in the complex of buildings constructed for Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Another is the planting of a memorial forest at the entrance of which a monument would be erected.

HOUSE BILL WOULD PLACE WASHINGTON INJUNCTION AGAINST BIGOTRY ON STAMPS

WASHINGTON, March 5. (JTA) -- A bill authorizing the Postmaster General to add George Washington's famous quotation "To Bigotry No Sanction" to the five-cent stamp bearing the picture of the first President, was introduced into the House of Representatives today by Congressman William L. St. Onge, Connecticut Democrat. The quotation was contained in a letter written by Washington to the Jewish community of Newport, R.I., after he had visited the Touro Synagogue there.

MASS. GROUPS LINE UP SOLIDLY BEHIND BILL TIGHTENING HOUSING BIAS BANS

BOSTON, March 5. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Governor's office and of the State Attorney General, as well as officials of community relations groups, non-Jewish and Jewish, have lined up solidly here behind a move requesting the State Senate to approve a bill substantially extending the present Massachusetts anti-bias law on housing. The measure had been introduced by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, which had called on Robert E. Segal to mobilize support for the measure. Mr. Segal is executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Boston.

The new Fair Housing Practices bill would cover all housing not now embraced, excepting only two-family houses where the owner occupied half of the building. The bill would cover single homes when they are offered either for rent or for sale. Scores of proponents of the measures, including also representatives of civil rights and fair housing organizations, urged the Legislature's Joint Mercantile Affairs Committee to report the bill favorably.

Colorado Seeks To Broaden Act Forbidding Bias in Employment

DENVER, March 5. (JTA) -- A bill to broaden the present Colorado statute against discrimination in employment was introduced in the State House of Representatives here today. The current state law on this issue applied only to employers of six persons or more. Under the proposed amendment to the State Anti-Discrimination Act, bias in the field of employment would be forbidden to any person or firm with two persons or more on the payroll. Thus, virtually every employer in the state would be forbidden to discriminate against any person on grounds of race, or religion.

ABSENTEE BALLOTING ON RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS APPROVED BY CONN. COMMUNITY

NEW HAVEN, Conn., (JTA) -- The Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council announced its stand today in support of an amendment to the State Constitution which would permit voting by absentee ballot when an election day falls on a religious holiday. The measure, currently pending in the State Legislature, has also been endorsed by the Connecticut Secretary of State.

A meeting of the Council was told by Edward Menice, representing the Social Action Committee of the Connecticut Council of Churches, that there were areas of common interest in which the CRC and Council of Churches might benefit through close liaison.

A. J. CONGRESS LISTS INTERNATIONAL ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS AROUND WORLD

NEW YORK, March 5. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress reported today that anti-Semitic groups had held 23 international meetings since 1950, but added a warning against giving the world anti-Semitic movement "a scope and importance it totally lacks."

The organization said that danger posed by such groups was "remote rather than immediate" and held that the situation did not justify "any present departure from our traditional concern with the freedoms of speech and expression." The survey indicated, the Congress said, that there were currently 13 international anti-Semitic groups plus local organizations in Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Britain, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

The report was prepared by the group's Commission on International Affairs and was released at a meeting of its Governing Council. The report said it was "questionable" whether there was more to the international anti-Semitic movement than "a collection of fanatics, crackpots, true believers and assorted extremists who are thoroughly discredited and completely without power, even in those countries in which they claim to be most effective."

The report asserted there was no "hard evidence" of a coordinated, well-established or effective international conspiracy for the promotion of anti-Semitism or neo-Fascism. It added that the existing local and international anti-Semitic groups have been "a continuing irritant in the public life of Europe and the United States throughout the entire postwar period" but that there was nothing "in the recent manifestations of anti-Semitism to support the notion that either their overall membership or their potential threat has become significantly enlarged."