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## KHRUSHCHEV, IN KREMLIN SPEECH, DENIES THERE IS ANTI-SEMITISM IN U. S. S. R.

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- Soviet Prime Minister Nikita S. Khrushchev, obviously reacting to the chorus of Western criticisms against his regime's policies of anti-Semitism, denied publicly at a meeting in the Kremlin yesterday that there is any anti-Semitism in Russia, and cautioned Russian intellectuals against "echoing" such Western-invented calumnies, "according to Moscow dispatches received here today. The dispatches were based on reports printed widely in the Soviet press.

"Everybody in Russia," said Mr. Khrushchev, "is regarded -- not on the basis of race, religion or nationality, but on the basis of class. Since the October Revolution (of 1917, when the Communist regime came into power), the Jews here have enjoyed all rights equally with the rest of the population. The West invented the anti-Semitic issue as part of its cold war incitement against the USSR. Those intellectuals who pursue this line of the existence of a Jewish question in Russia are only echoing the calumnies invented in the West."

The Prime Minister singled out poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, and the latter's poem, "Babi Yar," for specific attack. He called Yevtushenko "politically immature." He said the poem, which referred to the mass murder of many thousands of Jews buried in a mass grave in the Kiev suburb of Babi Yar, had failed to mention that Russians, Ukrainians and other non-Jews had also been victims of Nazi slaughter during World War Two.

## Russell Sees Anti-Semitism in USSR, but Absolves Khrushchev Personally

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher whose exchange of letters with Soviet Premier Khrushchev on the subject of anti-Semitism in Russia made world headlines last week, told an Israeli newspaper correspondent in London that he did not believe the Premier was an anti-Semite.

In an interview with the Maariv London correspondent, Russell said: "I think there is a certain amount of anti-Semitism in Russia just as this is true about other countries. I don't think anti-Semitism is widespread in Russia, but one cannot tell this for certain."

He added it was clear there were anti-Semites in the Soviet Union "but I think Khrushchev is not one." Speaking with emphasis, he said also "personally I don't think the Russian leaders are imbued with anti-Semitism. This may be found at the bottom of the social ladder."

He said "I don't think so" in reply to a question as to whether he thought there was any chance that the death sentences imposed on Russian Jews on conviction on charges of alleged economic crimes might be commuted to life imprisonment.

## ISRAELIS REPORTED DISCUSSING SYRIAN COUP AT HIGHEST DEFENSE LEVEL

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- Members of Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's "inner cabinet" held a three-hour conference this weekend with heads of Israel's armed forces, discussing the implications of the Syrian coup d'etat, coming on the heels of a turnover in the Iraqi government at Baghdad a month ago, according to a Tel Aviv dispatch to the Sunday Observer here today.

Israel, the dispatch stated, believes Jordan may be next on the list of Arab governmental turn-overs, and fears that an expansion of the Damascus-Baghdad bloc in the East may combine with an Egyptian drive from the West to revive the anti-Israel "siege mentality." The newspaper's Beirut correspondent cabled today that Israel may now be "confronted by a more closely knit Arab world." The Sunday Observer's Cairo correspondent reported that Al Gumhuria, a newspaper close to the Nasser regime, has declared: "The Syrian revolution has completed a circle to blockade reactionary bases in Jordan and Saudi Arabia and the imperialist base in Israel."

Egypt's dictator president, Gamal Abdel Nasser, has already recognized the new Syrian Government which is headed by Salah Bitar as Premier. The latter is reported having said he is more worried about Israel and Western policies in the Arab world than about Communism. Bitar is considered pro-Nasser.

## Israel's Security on Jordanian Borders Seen as Main Concern

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- Well-informed Israeli circles here felt today it is clear that this country's main immediate concern, as a result of the Syrian putsch following

so closely after the Iraqi events of a month ago, centers on the effects these moves may have on Jordan and on Israel's security vis-a-vis Jordan.

It was evident from developments in Jordan, as viewed from Israel, that the Amman Government fears revolution--although a revolt there may not be of a pro-Nasserite nature. Jordan was quick, like Egypt, to recognize the new Syrian Government. But there seemed to be possibilities that that recognition does not imply a pro-Nasser policy.

#### BRITISH FASCIST LEADER SAYS EGYPT MAY BACK HIS ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- John Tyndall, deputy leader of Colin Jordan's National Socialist movement, said today that his party was still negotiating with the United Arab Republic for funds to support an anti-Jewish propaganda campaign in Britain. Tyndall made the statement on his release from a six-month prison term on charges of conducting anti-Semitic fascist demonstrations in violation of the Public Order Act.

Referring to a letter from himself to an Egyptian Colonel Shazly, which was mentioned during his trial last October, and had asked the UAR officer for financial aid for the movement, Tyndall said that the negotiations had "not necessarily fallen through."

#### BRAZIL'S NEW CRIMINAL CODE ENVISAGES HEAVY JAIL TERMS FOR GENOCIDE ACTS

RIC DE JANEIRO, March 10. (JTA) -- Heavy prison sentences ranging from 15 to 30 years in jail for "practicing genocide" were proposed in a new criminal code introduced this weekend in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies. Under the proposed code, persons causing injuries or damage "with a view to commit an act of genocide" would be liable to the second highest penalty, involving a prison sentence of four years to 15 years.

The code also provides sentences of up to a year in jail for persons degrading any other person's religious feelings, or for interference with the achievement of any religious act. The code had been drafted and presented to Parliament by Brazil's new Minister of Justice.

#### EL AL CREWS REJECT ULTIMATUM, CONTINUE STRIKE OVER NEW CONTRACT

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- Air crews of the El Al Israel National Airlines rejected demands by the company's management that they return to work today, and failed to report for duty in a walkout that began last Tuesday over negotiations for a new contract. The striking crews stated that they would consider returning to work only if the management withdrew a threat to dismiss the employees. The El Al dismissal threat has been supported by the Histadrut, the Israel labor federation.

El Al, meanwhile, has arranged improvised flights. El Al's own planes may be chartered to other companies, if the strike is prolonged.

#### ISRAEL'S RELIGIOUS PARTY DEMANDS PLACE FOR ORTHODOX ON HIGH COURT

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- The National Religious party was reported today to be lobbying strongly for appointment of an observant Jew to the Israeli Supreme Court, after the legal committee of the Parliament recommended an increase in court membership from nine justices to 10.

Exerting pressure both within and outside the coalition Government, the party claimed that, since the death five years ago of Prof. Simcha Asaf, the Orthodox section of the population has had no representation on the high court.

The campaign gained momentum from the recent Supreme Court decision requiring the Interior Ministry to register the civil marriage in Cyprus between an Israeli Jew and a Belgian Christian woman.

#### ISRAEL FIRM GETS LARGEST CARGO VESSEL IN COUNTRY'S MERCHANT FLEET

HAMBURG, March 10. (JTA) -- The largest vessel in the Israel merchant fleet, the 30,000 ton Tel Aviv, was handed over today to the El-Yam Cargo Vessel Company. The \$6,000,000 ship left immediately for the United States to take aboard a cargo of grain for Europe. A sister ship of the El Yam Company, the Arad, will be completed by the end of this year.

#### WARRANT AGAINST MASS MURDERER OF KRAKOW JEWS LIFTED IN GERMANY

FLensburg, March 10. (JTA) -- The warrant for the arrest of former SS Major Martin Fellenz, which was issued last month after remission of a portion of his prison sentence for his role in the wartime murder of Jews in Krakow region, was suspended yesterday by the District Court here. Fellenz was found guilty of war crimes earlier this year, but was freed on remission of the remaining portion of a four-year sentence at hard labor. The new warrant had been issued when new evidence became available.

#### 570 LATIN AMERICAN JEWS SAIL FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

RIC DE JANEIRO, March 10. (JTA) -- The Israeli liner "Theodor Herzl" sailed from this port to Haifa today, carrying 570 Latin American passengers as immigrants to Israel. Most of the emigrants, from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, said they intended to settle in Israel permanently.

## HIAS URGES CONGRESS TO PASS BILL LIBERALIZING U. S. IMMIGRATION POLICY

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon Congress to pass a pending bill which would abolish the national origins quota system for admitting immigrants to this country, and substitute instead another allocations system which "reflects American democratic concepts concerning the dignity and worth of the individual, was adopted here today at the 79th annual meeting of United Hias Service. The resolution was passed unanimously by more than 1,000 representatives of fraternal, community, religious and labor organizations who attended the meeting.

A highlight of the meeting was the reading of special messages lauding HIAS work from President Kennedy, Gov. Rockefeller and New York Mayor Robert F. Wagner. Rep. Emanuel Celler and Sen. Jacob Javits. United States Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, who is one of 35 Senators co-sponsoring the bill in the Upper House, was one of the principal speakers at the session and urged that the immigration and nationality law of the United States be liberalized.

The HIAS resolution called the old, national origins quota system for immigrants a system which implies that "some nations are superior to others. It described the present pending legislation as a system "designed to infuse the basic U. S. immigration and nationality law with the cherished humanitarian and democratic principles of the nation" which would "set an example of leadership in the free world."

The pending legislation would authorize, among other things, the annual issuance of 250,000 visas, instead of the present 156,000. It would allow the admission of 50,000 refugees or escapees regardless of quota restrictions; allocate 120,000 visas among countries on the basis of a proportion of immigration to the United States during the last 15 years, and 80,000 to be divided among countries in proportion to the size of their population. It would set a ceiling of 3,000 per country and would also include provisions for use of unused numbers each year.

### Gurfein, Rice Report on Activities; Envisage Problems to be Faced in 1960's

Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, reported that, in 1962, "51,900 Jewish men, women and children were assisted by the agency with vital migration and related services. Of this number, 9,300 migrants and refugees were assisted to resettle primarily in the United States, Canada, Australia and Brazil." He pointed out that the number of assisted migrants rose 30 percent above the previous year as a result of the "Jewish migration explosion" in 1962 which "drove more than 200,000 Jews from their homelands in a frightened, and sometimes frantic, search for survival in the free world." He declared:

"We are confronted with the sad fact that Jewish communities in Cuba, Algeria and Egypt have all but disappeared. The pre-Castro Cuban Jewish population of 10,000 now numbers only 2,500, the 130,000 Algerian Jewish population of a year ago has dissolved to a mere 7,500, and the pre-Suez crisis Egyptian Jewish population of 50,000 has dwindled to fewer than 10,000." Viewing the intensified pace of United Hias Service operations as "a barometer of distressing events which are the tragic heritage of World War II and the intervening years," he said, "it is all too painfully clear that rescue through migration has been, and will continue to be, the challenge of the '60's."

James P. Rice, HIAS executive director, told the session that, of the more than 3,000,000 Jewish persons aided by the agency and its predecessors during the past 79 years, "close to 500,000 victims of the Nazis and other oppressive groups have been rescued and resettled since Hitler came to power." Recalling that the vast majority of the Jews killed by the Nazis came from Eastern Europe, he said "it is only natural that organizations like ours give the highest priority to family reunion and resettlement in lands of the free world."

Mr. Rice reported that two-thirds of the 3,500 Jewish refugees from Cuba whom the agency assisted have been resettled in 79 communities in 27 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. "This remarkable record was accomplished," he said, "through arrangements the agency worked out with local Jewish community organizations."

### NEW BILLS WOULD TIGHTEN AID ACT TO BAN ARAB BIAS AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- A series of bills to amend the foreign aid legislation of 1964 by inserting anti-bias measures, arising from Arab discrimination against Americans of Jewish faith, were introduced over the weekend by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat. Rep. Farbstein said: "This action was prompted by a news item to the effect that the Bureau of the Budget had marked for elimination in the proposed fiscal 1964 foreign aid appropriation bill the present anti-bias clause and, further, the President's statement in his news conference that he would withhold his opinion of such legislation until he had examined the language thereof."

One Farbstein amendment would give the President right to deny aid "to any country in which, as a result of law or official policy, an American citizen is discriminated against because of his race, color or religion. The President shall report annually as to the steps taken in connection with carrying out the provisions of this act." Another amendment provided that "no assistance shall be furnished under this or any other Act to any country in which, as a result of law or official policy, any American citizen is discriminated against because of his race, color or religion."

## UNITED STATES REJECTS MOVE TO FREE TOP NAZIS HELD IN SPANDAU PRISON

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- The Department of State notified the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. this weekend that the Department noted the Veterans concern in consideration of a West German Red Cross move for release of the last three major Nazi war criminals, and that the United States had rejected the German clemency action. The three Nazis, held in Spandau Prison, West Berlin, are Rudolf Hess, Hitler's second in command; Baldur von Schirach, organizer of the Hitler youth movement; and Albert Speer, Nazi minister of armaments and munitions.

William R. Tyler, Assistant Secretary of State, notified JWV commander Morton London that, after considering the Jewish veterans' position, "no (clemency) action has been taken, and we anticipate none at this time." "I must say," said Mr. Tyler, "I fully understand the feeling of revulsion which most Americans feel for all those who were personally involved in the terrible crimes against humanity for which the Nazi regime was guilty. Your concern is natural, and this concern has been taken into account in considering the matter of the three individuals who are still serving their sentences."

The State Department official confirmed that the West German Red Cross had sought to obtain the liberation of the Nazis and that the Department had decided against such action. The German Red Cross had sought State Department initiative in obtaining Four Power consent for the release of the Nazis who are held in Spandau under the joint control of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

## U. J. A. INAUGURATES MIDWEST DRIVE FOR NATIONAL GOAL OF \$96,000,000

CHICAGO, March 10. (JTA) - Six hundred Midwest Jewish leaders, representing communities in 13 states, today formally opened the 25th annual United Jewish Appeal drive in their areas by unanimously adopting the UJA's 1963 national campaign goal of \$96,000,000, of which \$36,000,000 represents a special fund for new immigrants. The action was taken at the closing session here of the three-day UJA Midwest Leadership Institute, with Albert B. Adelman, of Milwaukee, as chairman.

Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, UJA general chairman, who spoke at the last dinner session, strongly urged delegates to adopt measures in their local communities that will provide the additional funds required in 1963. Max M. Fisher, of Detroit, UJA national chairman, was chairman of the banquet.

At Friday evening's session, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, warned the conference delegates that "the end of heavy Jewish refugee movement is not in sight." Dr. Avram Biran, of Jerusalem, head of the Department of Archeology and Antiquities of Israel's Ministry of Education, told the gathering that, while two-thirds of the free world's Jews live outside Israel, they were meeting only one-third of the program of receiving and absorbing Israel's newcomers. "The Jews of the United States and other free countries must increase their aid," he said, "because, while we will not deny entry to a single Jew who comes to us, the burden of absorption is greater than we can carry."

Other speakers who outlined needs and problems facing the UJA and its constituent agencies at various sessions included Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc.; Henry Levy, director for Latin America for the Joint Distribution Committee; and Mrs. Israel D. Fink, chairman of the UJA national Women's Division.

## B'NAI B'RITH NUDGES WEST GERMANY ON FULL REPAYMENT OF ITS CLAIMS

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- The International Council of B'nai B'rith "urgently appealed" to the West German Government today for full repayment of an indemnification claim for B'nai B'rith properties in Germany that were confiscated by the Nazis in 1938. Half of a settlement, involving a total of 10,000,000 Deutschmarks (\$2,500,000) was paid by West Germany to B'nai B'rith in May 1959.

A resolution adopted at the conclusion of a two-day meeting here of the Council noted that the final date for payment specified in the agreement was March 31, 1962. Indemnification funds are being allocated by B'nai B'rith to assist in the restoration of the Jewish community programs and institutions for surviving members of the B'nai B'rith movement in prewar Germany who are now scattered throughout the world.

The Council re-elected Label A. Katz, B'nai B'rith national president, as chairman.

## S. Z. ZUCKERMAN, YIDDISH JOURNALIST, EARLY ASSOCIATE OF JTA, DIES AT 72

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- S. Z. Zuckerman, prominent Jewish journalist, an early associate of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and more recently managing editor of the Day-Jewish Journal, died here yesterday, aged 72. Funeral services, attended by most of the leading Jewish journalists here, were held today.

Mr. Zuckerman was born in Lithuania, educated in a yeshiva, taken by his family to South Africa at an early age, and came to this country in 1905. He had been associated with the Yiddish press for 40 years.