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## ISRAEL ATTACKS THE SOVIET UNION IN U.N. ON MISTREATMENT OF JEWS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Israel delivered today a full-scale attack here against the USSR's mistreatment of Soviet Jewry. Speaking only of "a certain country," Dr. Eliezer Yapou, Israel delegate, summarized all of the Soviet anti-Jewish actions of recent years so thoroughly that the blast was aimed unmistakably against the Soviet Government--without once mentioning the target country by name.

The fact that the Soviet Union was the country meant by Israel was underscored through an immediate reply to the Israel address from a USSR representative who told the United Nations in effect that the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union is none of Israel's business.

The sharp criticism against the Soviet Union was voiced by Dr. Yapou in one of the General Assembly's major bodies, the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee. Protesting against a proposal to postpone the previously scheduled 1964 session of the Commission on Human Rights to 1965, and against the delays in debating a United Nations declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, the Israeli representative told the committee:

"This matter is closely connected with a very painful problem, one to which I have already had opportunity to call the attention of the Committee, relating to the position and condition of the Jewish community in one of the great countries of the world. From the constitutional angle, that country guarantees the freedom of worship.

"Within the limits of existing policies, the major religions with one exception are permitted to maintain central organs ensuring religious functions and services and promoting religious belief and practice. The exception is the Jewish faith for which no such rights are accorded. In the absence of such legally authorized instrumentalities, members of the Jewish faith are excluded from the possibility of maintaining normal mutual contact, of serving the religious needs of believers, and of working for spiritual continuity. While the other major religions are authorized to convene conferences of their clergy and representatives of the faithful, to issue religious publications and print Holy Scriptures, no such facilities exist for those of the Jewish community.

"The last Bible in Hebrew to be printed in that country dates back to 1917. In a period of more than 40 years, there has been but a single edition, virtually nominal in character, of the Hebrew Book of Prayer for a Jewish population numbering several millions. Government publishing houses have made no facilities available to the Jewish faith similar to those extended to other religions. Unlike other faiths, Jews are not authorized to produce the articles of religious significance to them.

"Even the baking of the traditional unleavened bread for the Passover--matzoh--is virtually prohibited. Jewish religious education is practically non-existent. Finally, no group of Jewish religious scholars from that country has ever been permitted to visit institutions of fellow co-religionists or to advance their studies at centers of higher Jewish religious learning abroad. Reference has already been made to the extraordinary harshness in this day and age of inflicting the death penalty for economic crimes. But it is, above all, Jews who are singled out for this savage punishment."

### Urges Soviet Government to Reconsider Its Policy on Jews

Dr. Yapou's mention of the death sentence in the USSR for persons convicted of economic crimes referred to a previous address, delivered to the committee by Mrs. Margaret Konantz, Canada's representative in the group. Mrs. Konantz, a member of the Canadian Government, told the committee: "With considerable dismay, we hear of the death penalty being applied in certain countries for economic crimes. Such practices to us are more reminiscent of the feudal period of history than of the world in which we live and of the world that we are planning for tomorrow."

Dr. Yapou assured the committee that Israel was speaking on the treatment of Soviet Jewry "in sorrow" and not in malice. "In speaking about this situation," he declared, "my delegation does not seek to criticize the social system of general policies of the country concerned; but we felt bound to express our deep anxiety for a certain specific

problem of human rights. In this spirit my delegation would express the earnest hope that the authorities concerned would give fresh thought to the matter."

Dr. Yapou also called the committee's attention to a study completed by a subcommission here on the right of everyone to leave his own country and return thereto. That report was also aimed, in part, against the Soviet Union for refusing to permit the emigration of Jews. Before coming to the criticism against the Soviet Union, Dr. Yapou summarized briefly the social progress achieved in Israel through "modern public services in the fields of education, health, housing and social welfare." In the educational field, he said, Israel was now facing "a great challenge."

Replying to Dr. Yapou, Soviet delegate Y.A. Ostrovsky told the committee that the problem spelled out by the Israeli "does not exist." Statements alluding to the "so-called Jewish problem," he declared, are "becoming tiresome" and exist only "in the mind of the delegate of Israel, who is becoming the defender of Jews in other countries when he should concern himself with Jews in his own country--and not only Jews there."

#### ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER APPEALS TO U.S. JEWS FOR INCREASED AID

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Finance and Commerce Minister Pinhas Sapir called on American Jews today to increase greatly their giving through the United Jewish Appeal to help meet the costs of the heavy current immigration to Israel.

Addressing the 120-member UJA Study Mission, he said: "Let me tell you frankly that the UJA share in our obligations is becoming smaller and smaller in percentage yet increased UJA funds are vital to us." He emphasized that the Government had to take over some Jewish Agency responsibilities because of the heavy financial strain on the Agency.

He disclosed that Israel taxpayers would have to pay about \$100,000,000 this year as their part in helping the absorption of immigrants. He added that "until we can say that no more immigrants are coming, until we achieve completed absorption, so long will we be turning to you for your help." The Finance Minister included in his address a review of Israel's expanding economy, stressing the "tremendous progress" in the last several years.

The Mission members also heard a report by Ranaan Weitz, Jewish Agency agricultural settlement head, who outlined the dramatic plan for settlement of the central Galilee, a plan calling for the establishment of 35 new settlements over the next decade. The Mission members heard Mr. Weitz in Meron, a town in the northern Galilee region.

During the day, the Mission members switched their base from Beersheba and the Negev northwards. Divided into three groups, they visited a number of settlements in Galilee development areas, as well as townships settled by new immigrants.

#### U.S. GIVES \$100,000 IN MACHINERY AND TOOLS TO ORT IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Agency for International Development announced today that a \$100,000 shipment of heavy machine and metal-working tools, all United States Government excess property, was en route to Israel for use by 20,000 students in 30 vocational schools operated by ORT. The U.S.S. Export Agent carrying the shipment left Hoboken, N.J., yesterday.

The shipment was the first under a new AID plan to help private American organizations in their work in underdeveloped countries. Under an agreement signed last May between ORT and AID, which administers the United States foreign aid program, ORT received acquisition rights for \$750,000 worth of equipment declared excesses to United States Government needs and available for use in foreign countries under provisions of the United States Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

The AID said ORT schools in Iran, Tunisia and Morocco will get future shipments. The equipment for ORT schools in Israel will arrive November 6. It includes lathes, milling machines, drill presses, precision grinders, gear cutters and accessory machine tools. ORT was the first voluntary agency registered with AID to sign this type of agreement.

(The ORT vocational schools in Iran have been granted a subsidy by the Plan Organization in that country of 2,200,000 rials (\$30,000), it was announced in Geneva today by the World ORT Union. The subsidy was given in recognition of the importance of the contribution of the ORT schools to the training of skilled workers necessary to Iran's development. Terms of the subsidy agreement call for the money to be used for new equipment in the boys' schools.)

#### LORD NATHAN DIES IN LONDON; HELD VARIOUS HIGH GOVERNMENT POSTS

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Lord Nathan, a Laborite peer who for many years was legal adviser to the Jewish Agency and subsequently legal adviser to the Israel Embassy in London, died today at the age of 74. He was a Zionist from the days of the Balfour Declaration. He was given a peerage in 1940 and in 1945 he was named Under Secretary for War and Vice-President of the Army Council. From 1946 to 1948 he was Minister of Civil Aviation. He had also served as adviser to the Bank Leumi, and was active in a number of local charitable and social organizations.

#### HADASSAH FOUR-DAY NATIONAL CONVENTION OPENS SUNDAY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Hadassah's programs for Israel and the United States for the coming years will be formulated at the 49th annual national convention of the organization which will open next Sunday at the Sheraton Park Hotel here.

The convention, which will last four days, will be attended by more than 2,000 delegates representing 318,000 members in 1,320 chapters. Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, convention chairman and former president, said the agenda will cover Zionism in America, Jewish education, the welfare of Jews in other countries, civil rights, foreign aid and United States foreign policy.

Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, Hadassah president, will analyze major problems on the American and international scenes when she addresses the opening convention session Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Halprin will deliver the keynote address. Senators Hubert Humphrey, D. Minn., and Jacob K. Javits, R., N.Y., will speak on American foreign policy and the Middle East at the plenary session Sunday night. Dr. Albert Sabin, discoverer of the oral polio vaccine, will receive the Henrietta Szold award, which includes a gift of \$1,000.

W. Averell Harriman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, and Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the United States, will speak at the convention banquet Tuesday. Mr. Harriman will appraise "The Test Ban Treaty and its Significance to Soviet Objectives and the Sino-Soviet Rift." Ambassador Harman will discuss Israel against the background of the current situation in the Middle East. Other speakers will include Sargent Shriver, director of the Peace Corps; Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Deputy Health Minister; Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel; Mrs. Zena Harman, chairman of the Program Committee for UNICEF, and Eleazer Lipsky, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The largest Zionist organization in the world today, Hadassah spends more than \$9,000,000 annually on its undertakings. In Israel, Hadassah conducts a comprehensive health, education, and social welfare program. In the United States, Hadassah conducts an intensive American Affairs program, through which Hadassah members are kept informed on vital community, state, national and international developments. In addition, Hadassah interprets Israel and its people to the American public and helps foster creative Jewish living through education.

#### COUNCIL FOR JEWISH WOMEN TO CONDUCT SCHOOLS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- "Schools" will be held for 26,000 women in 35 cities this year to teach how to get equality of opportunity for youngsters. This was announced in a report presented today to the board of directors of the National Council of Jewish Women by Mrs. Joseph Willer, NCJW national president.

The NCJW Schools for Community Action, an education-for-action program to close the information gap between what is happening in Washington and what the local citizen knows, will cover the plight of the minority-group child, problems of public school financing and control, needs of youngsters from culturally deprived homes who start school at a disadvantage and the impact of automation on everyday life.

#### TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE IN ISRAEL OPENS TOMORROW IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Sixth Annual Conference on Science and Technology in Israel and the Middle East will be held October 26 and 27 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in New York under auspices of the American Technion Society.

Gordon B. Sherman, Chicago industrialist, and conference chairman, said that more than 500 scientists, engineers, technicians, industrialists and others interested in the development of Israel through science and technology will attend. Speakers at the two-day conference will deal with problems of food production, industrial development and scientific research.

#### ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF JUSTICE MEETS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL KENNEDY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Israel Minister of Justice Dr. Dov Joseph, on his way back to Israel from the Argentine inauguration, met here with the Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, Supreme Court Justices, and other leaders.

Accompanied by Israel Embassy Minister Mordechai Gazit, Dr. Joseph called on Attorney General Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy revealed that he had a personal interest in Israel and visited the country three times. The first visit was during the Independence War when he went to Jerusalem in a British tank. He made two subsequent visits after Independence, one, in 1951, with his brother, the President.

Dr. Joseph also met with Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, and former Justice Felix Frankfurter. A number of high officials attended a luncheon tendered by Ambassador Avraham Harman for Dr. Joseph. Addressing the luncheon, Dr. Joseph discussed the Israeli legal system, describing how British common law was based on Jewish Talmudic law.

#### STUDENTS PROPOSE SEAT FOR JEW IN QUEBEC'S EDUCATION COUNCIL

MONTREAL, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Students at McGill University here have voted that at least one member of the proposed new Superior Council of Education in this province should be Jewish, according to the McGill Daily, the student newspaper. The newspaper stated that student delegates "professing the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths" have endorsed such a proposal unanimously.

A resolution adopted by the McGill students declared: "Of the total enrollment at Protestant schools, 25 per cent in the primary grades and 34 per cent in the secondary schools come from families of the Jewish faith. Our overriding obligation is to protect confessional differences; every sizable religious group deserves this consideration." The resolution pointed out that, at the time the present basic law, the British North America Act, came into force, in 1867, "few Jews lived in Canada."

On a related matter, the eastern region of the Canadian Jewish Congress stated today, in a written submission to the Royal Commission on Taxation in this province, that Jews in the Metropolitan area outside Montreal and Outremont "are denied the benefits of the Education Act, as amended in 1961, which provides for the payment of tuition for children attending recognized independent high schools."

#### RARE HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS IN VATICAN LIBRARY MICROFILMED FOR U.S.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 24. (JTA) - Hitherto unknown Jewish contributions to medieval learning are being found among the rare hand-written Hebrew manuscripts which are now available on microfilm at St. Louis University. The 800 microfilmed volumes constitute the complete collection of Hebrew manuscripts now in the Vatican Library in Rome.

Initial study of the microfilmed manuscripts has disclosed previously unknown medical writings on the art of healing as it was practiced five centuries ago. Among the newly disclosed Jewish contributions are a thirteenth-century astromedical astrological explanation, a Pentateuch for synagogue use and rich stores of Biblical commentaries.

The priceless manuscripts were inaccessible to scholars outside of the Papal archives until two years ago when they were microfilmed as a gift from Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston to St. Louis University and Brandeis University.

The Papal library began gathering Hebrew manuscripts as early as the 14th century and systematic collections began in the 15th century, according to the St. Louis Light, an English-Jewish publication. A large group of Hebrew codices was acquired from the Palatinate Library of Heidelberg in 1622 and in 1657, the Vatican acquired the collections of the Dukes of Urbino.

Professor Alexander Altmann of Brandeis University told the Jewish weekly that the manuscripts included many which were "relatively unknown or completely unknown, having never been published or even catalogued."

Charles Ermatinger, Vatican film librarian at St. Louis University, said that the manuscripts provided "ample evidence of the important role played by Jews in the spread of philosophical and scientific learning in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance."

#### ISRAELI VIOLINIST GIVES SUCCESSFUL CONCERTS IN SOVIET CITIES

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) - The first performance in Vilna by an Israeli artist was a tremendous success and the audience refused to allow him to leave before he gave five encores, it was reported here today from Moscow.

Violinist Ivry Gitlis gave a series of concerts under the cultural exchange program of the Soviet Union and Israel. His other concerts were given in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa.

#### CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PANAMA

PANAMA CITY, Oct. 24. (JTA) - The Republic of Panama and Israel signed a cultural exchange agreement here today. Under the pact, both governments pledged themselves to intensify and facilitate exchanges of scientific information and personnel, teachers, artistic productions, films and records.

The pact, in Hebrew and Spanish, was signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Galileo Solis, Foreign Relations Minister of Panama, signed for his government, while the Israeli signature was affixed by Israel's Ambassador here, Joshua N. Shai.

#### MEXICO SENDS IRRIGATION EXPERTS AND FARMERS TO ISRAEL FOR TRAINING

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Thirty-three Mexicans, including six irrigation experts and 27 young farmers, left for Israel today to begin special training courses.

The experts were chosen by the Ministry of Agriculture for training in Israel that would aid them in improving the Ministry's agricultural projects in this country. The 27 farmers, going to Israel under the Israeli Government's auspices, with the joint sponsorship of the Organization of American States, will spend three months studying agronomy in Israel.