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## SOVIET GOVERNMENT ATTACKED AT U.N. FOR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was sharply and publicly attacked here today by Israel and by an American Jewish leader for discriminations against and oppression of the Jewish minority in the USSR.

The separate attacks were delivered before the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities by Dr. Joel Barromi, Israel's Deputy Permanent Representative, and by Label A. Katz, national president of B'nai B'rith, Israel, not a member of the 14-man subcommittee, is officially accredited by the group as an observer. Mr. Katz spoke on behalf of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, composed of B'nai B'rith and the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The CBJO holds consultative status as a non-governmental organization entitled to a voice, but no vote, on human rights.

Neither Dr. Barromi nor Mr. Katz mentioned the USSR by name, adhering to the subcommittee's rule against criticisms of any specific government. But, while all members of the group knew that the attacks were aimed at the Soviet Union, that fact was underscored further through protests voiced by the two Communist representatives on the body--Boris S. Ivanov, of the USSR, and Wojciech Ketrzynski, of Poland. In both instances, the Communist protests were supported by the subcommittee's chairman, Hernan Santa Cruz, of Chile.

Both Dr. Barromi and Mr. Katz spoke in the context of the subcommittee's current debate on a proposed UN Convention calling for the elimination of all racial persecutions. A separate agenda item, thus far stalled by Communist bloc pressure, would deal with religious intolerance.

### Israel Seeks Legal Protection of Jewish Cultural Rights

Dr. Barromi expressed the hope that the draft dealing with the outlawing of racism would include an article worded as follows: "The spiritual patrimony and the cultural values belonging to a group of persons of a given ethnic origin, are entitled to legal protection as such. No discrimination shall be admitted between them and other spiritual patrimonies and cultural values solely because they belong to persons of a given race, color or ethnic origin."

Dr. Barromi told the UN body that Israel was submitting this proposal "because this rather elusive feature--cultural discrimination against an ethnic group--is not a hypothetical danger but a sad reality. We have before our eyes the case of a Jewish community which has been deprived of its fundamental cultural rights. The case of this community has already been forcefully referred to in this debate. As it has been said, schools have been closed, cultural institutions have been shut down, the teaching of the national languages has been prohibited, the study of the historical and philosophical and moral thinking of their ancestors has been discontinued. The once rich cultural life of that Jewish community that was so proud of its newspapers and its theaters, of its literature and of its educational network, has been stilled.

"It may be remarked," the Israeli representative continued, "that many of those cultural manifestations had a religious connotation and belong also to the not less important topic of religious intolerance. But, as we know, race, national origin, ethnic origin and religion are often closely inter-related. This connection is certainly true in the case of the Jewish people, a human group which evolved from a common racial and ethnic origin, under the powerful influence of a distinctive religion, which became the prime factor in the creation of a strong national identity.

"For this very reason it is not always easy to determine the dynamics and the motivations of discrimination directed against a Jewish community. Sometimes the outward manifestation is apparently religious. But a closer scrutiny reveals the influence of ethnic attitude, while in other cases ethnic discrimination may have an inner religious motivation. The harsh criticism of Jewish religion for instance, may be often accompanied by scornful or sarcastic remarks on the Jews, and especially by the publicity given to the names of Jews accused of economic offenses.

"It is, therefore, distressing that the Government of the country in question, which enjoys a full control of the press, and has at its disposal all the legal recourses required against discrimination, has until now ignored this situation and has not taken

steps which could have been expected in order to give effective remedy. It was this state of affairs that prompted the great philosopher Bertrand Russell to state last April: 'I am troubled that there should be in your country journals expressing hostility to Jewish people as such.'

#### Soviet Delegate Stresses Khrushchev's Denial of Anti-Semitism

In his reply to Dr. Barromi, Mr. Ivanov did not name the Soviet Union specifically, noting that the letter by Prof. Russell had been addressed to the USSR's Prime Minister, Nikita Khrushchev. Mr. Ivanov read into the record an earlier letter from Mr. Khrushchev to Prof. Russell, denying there was any anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

Just as Mr. Ivanov had protested against Dr. Barromi's address, Mr. Ketrzynski took the floor after Mr. Katz's speech, saying that the privileges of the subcommission had been "abused" through criticisms that were "frequently without factual background."

In his address to the UN Subcommission, Mr. Katz recalled that, last week, Mr. Ivanov had delivered "a passionate plea" for outlawing racism. "Yet there are states, as everyone knows," said Mr. Katz, "which emblazon upon their banners equality of rights, give repeated expression to this writ, and yet fail to implement its practice."

"I know of a tragic situation," the B'nai B'rith leader continued, "where, for example, a Yiddish-speaking community of almost a half million people, out of a total Jewish community of about 2,500,000, has virtually no means of cultural expression, whether it be schools, newspapers, theater or books." He was referring to the fact that Soviet census figures show that 500,000 Jews in the USSR claim Yiddish as their "mother tongue."

"The state in this instance," Mr. Katz said, "claims that it espouses equality of rights for all racial and ethnic groups--but apparently applies this espousal to every ethnic or racial group except the Jewish one."

#### ESHKOL PLEDGES TO USE JORDAN WATERS WITHIN JOHNSTON ALLOCATIONS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JIA) -- Warning that Israel would not be deterred from carrying out its irrigation project by Arab threats, Premier Levi Eshkol declared in Parliament that under international law, the refusal of one party to reach agreement with another on such regional programs as the Jordan River waters development plans does not give the refusing party the right to prevent a neighbor from proceeding.

Rejecting Arab propaganda charges that the Israel irrigation project was "illegal and unilateral," he reviewed the regional water plan developed ten years ago by the late Eric Johnston as an emissary of then President Eisenhower. In that plan, he emphasized, an agreed allocation of Jordan River waters had been determined against which the parties concerned made no objections at the technical level. He said Israel undertook to remain within the framework of those allocations "and we will honor this undertaking."

The Premier said that Israel would tap water from Lake Tiberias, into which the Jordan flows, "within the limits of the quantities laid down in the unified plan" worked out by Mr. Johnston. He noted that the Arab rulers, at their conference in Cairo this week, had rejected the plan, which their technicians had accepted, "on the deliberate principle of opposing any cooperation, even indirect, with Israel." He said it was important that the world "should be made aware of the deplorable decisions" adopted at the Cairo conference.

#### U. N. Secretary General No Longer Worried Over Jordan Waters Issue

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 21. (JIA) -- Secretary General U Thant expressed the opinion here today that, following the summit conference of 13 Arab heads of state and other leading officials in Cairo last week, to deal with Israel's plans for drawing Jordan River waters, "the situation in the area is not as explosive as I had anticipated."

Mr. Thant was asked during a press conference whether he still thought that the Middle East situation now was "threatening." He had voiced such a prediction during an address in Columbia University three weeks ago. Today Mr. Thant said:

"When I expressed my concern about prospective developments in the Middle East, I had in mind the Arab-Israel situation as well as Cyprus which is, of course, also in that region. We are dealing with the Cyprus situation in another context. But after conclusion of the Cairo summit conference, I am not so sure that my deep concern regarding Arab-Israel issues was warranted. From the news reports I am not so sure of that."

#### Sen. Javits Tells Senate Arabs Must Be Warned by United States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (JIA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, warned in a Senate speech today that Congress should not take an "ostrich-like" attitude toward Arab threats against Israel developing from the dispute over Israel's Jordan River irrigation project. "I do not want our Government caught by surprise again as it was in Panama," he declared.

## SLOW IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION CREATES PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL, PINCUS REPORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- "Three years of peak immigration into Israel has brought intense human suffering in its wake," Louis A. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, declared today at a press conference held at the national headquarters here of the United Jewish Appeal.

The heavy immigration which Israel has received over the past three years, during which tens of thousands of Jews have entered the country, represents a "brilliant achievement" on the part of Israel's people and the United Jewish Appeal and other supporters abroad who have provided much of the funds which made this influx possible, Mr. Pincus said.

He stressed, however, that the process of absorbing the newcomers has fallen far behind the pace of immigration. "The backlog in housing is a staggering one," he stated. "More than 14,000 persons are still in ma'abarot--immigrant shanty towns; and more than 30,000 families, composed of five to eight persons, still live in one to one-and-a-half-room apartments."

Mr. Pincus said that housing shortages, coupled with the slow pace of immigrant absorption, are creating serious social problems for large sections of Israel's population. "The unsatisfactory housing situation carries far-reaching implications for mental and social health. Young immigrants have no place to do their homework. Young married couples continue to live with their parents and intensify the overcrowding. If these and other social problems are not remedied, they could mar the basis of real democracy in the country."

The Jewish Agency treasurer stressed that, in the final sense, the new immigration to Israel must be considered "a blessing." But he emphasized that it will require far more increased support on the part of American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal, to overcome the problems which have been attendant on immigration. He declared that, with the same high pace of immigration in prospect for 1964, "an adjustment in the sharing of the burden between Jews of Israel and those outside of Israel is imperative."

Officials of the United Jewish Appeal noted at the conference that UJA funds in 1964 were intended to help at least 342,000 persons in Israel, including both recent and earlier arrivals. Some 85,000 would be helped through the Joint Distribution Committee, and the remainder through the Jewish Agency, Inc.

## VICIOUS ARAB ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN GERMANY EVOKES PROTEST

DUSSELDORF, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Henryk G. Van Dam, secretary-general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, denounced today the distribution of an Arab-sponsored pamphlet on the Palestine refugees as a "scandal" and a violation of the West German constitution.

He said the pamphlet, which was distributed by a delegation of Arab states in Bonn and the Information Bureau of the United Arab Republic, was like the viciously anti-Semitic material disseminated during the Nazi era by Julius Streicher, one of the most rabid of the Nazis. The pamphlet was distributed to many prominent Germans.

"The Jews were persecuted by Byzantines, Russians and Spaniards but never without reason," the pamphlet states. "The last great persecution of the Jews occurred under the Hitler regime after the Zionist organizations, using their political marionettes, Winston Churchill and Zionist Franklin D. Roosevelt, succeeded in bringing war to Germany. One of the most popular Zionist lies is that 6,000,000 Jews were liquidated by Germans during that period."

Dr. VanDam, writing in the organization's official publication, the Allgemeine Zeitung der Juden in Deutschland, declared: "This kind of propaganda is being spread in the German language in the Federal Republic, just at the moment when the Auschwitz camp trial is taking place in Frankfurt. Chancellor Ludwig Erhard is negotiating with an American President whose teacher and ideal was Franklin Roosevelt who, along with Winston Churchill, is being labeled an initiator of World War II."

Dr. Van Damsaid that "a logical result of such a pamphlet can only be the instigation of hatred of Jews, sabotage of all efforts to develop a spirit of citizenship, deterioration of relations between the Federal Republic and the major powers, and the approval of old and preparation of new policies of persecution."

The German Jewish leader requested that the laws against anti-Semitic propaganda should be applied "to the propaganda modeled on that of Gauleiter Streicher, disseminated in the Federal Republic by foreigners with the aid of foreign states. The states involved are ones which receive enormous amounts of development aid paid for by West German taxpayers, including Jewish taxpayers," he stressed.

Although this propaganda activity is disguised as anti-Israel information, it is in fact directed at Jews living in Germany," he declared. He said that those responsible, if they live in West Germany, will have to answer to the authorities and face prosecution under the West German criminal code. This was a reference to a paragraph of the code which prohibits inciting hate against any segment of the German population or slandering any religious, ethnic, national or racial group.

\$1,000,000 IN ISRAEL INVESTORS SHARES SOLD AT LOS ANGELES DINNER

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Nearly \$1,000,000 in additional shares of stock in Israel Investors Corporation was sold yesterday at a dinner here, attended by more than 500 persons, including outstanding leaders of the Los Angeles Jewish community.

Israel's economic progress and her program for further industrialization and development of barren areas were described at the dinner by Mordechai Gazit, Minister Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel. Mr. Gazit stressed the role of American investment through channels such as I. I. C. in the economic development of Israel, Louis H. Boyar, Los Angeles communal leader who is chairman of the board of Israel Investors Corporation, and national chairman for Trustees of the Israel Bond Organization, presided.

\$650,000 RAISED AT INAUGURATION OF WOMEN'S DRIVE FOR NEW YORK U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal Women's Division inaugurated its 26th annual campaign with gifts totaling \$650,000 at a luncheon meeting attended by 150 of the division's leaders today at the Regency Hotel.

Edward M. M. Warburg, who was host at the luncheon, reported on the rescue, relief and resettlement programs financed by UJA, and indicated that the 1964 drive would concentrate on helping 750,000 persons in 31 countries around the world.

Mr. Warburg called for support of UJA's migration program, which is continuing to bring substantial numbers of immigrants to Israel, the United States, and other free lands. He also emphasized the need for funds to aid in the economic and cultural absorption of tens of thousands of immigrants in France and Israel.

A feature of the luncheon was the posthumous presentation to Mrs. David M. Levy of the UJA's Chairmen's Award "for outstanding service and devotion to the cause of the United Jewish Appeal." The award was presented to Mrs. Levy's son, Richard Deutsch. During her lifetime, Mrs. Levy was president of the Citizens Committee for Children of New York City, and was a founder and one of the foremost leaders of the UJA.

DR. WEINSTEIN NAMED PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES

CHICAGO, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A 36-year-old educator was named today as the next president of the College of Jewish Studies here, a constituent of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education. He is Dr. David Weinstein, now registrar, professor of education and assistant to the dean at Hebrew Teachers College, Brookline, Mass.

According to Samuel N. Katzin, president of the Board of Education here, Dr. Weinstein, who will assume his new post February 1, will be the youngest president in the 49-year history of the college "and one of the youngest college presidents in the world." Dr. Weinstein, a native of Boston, holds advanced degrees from Harvard and the Hebrew Teachers College. He is the author of a number of books, Hebrew-English dictionaries and works on modern Jewish education.

ABRAHAM D. BEAME, N. Y. CITY COMPTROLLER, GETS INTERFAITH GOLD MEDAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Gold Medal of the National Interfaith Movement was presented to New York City Comptroller Abraham D. Beame today at a brief ceremony in his office at the Municipal Building. The presentation was made by Dr. Herman P. Mantell, president of the Interfaith Movement. Representatives of ethnic, minority, and civil rights groups attended the presentation ceremony.

Among previous recipients of the Gold Medal have been President Eisenhower, Cardinal Spellman, Dr. Dan Potter, president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York; Mohammed Zafralla Khan, former president of the United Nations General Assembly; Rabbi H. Harold Gordon, executive vice-president, New York Board of Rabbis; Mayor Wagner, and others. The late President John F. Kennedy was scheduled to receive the medal, but his tragic death ended plans for the presentation, according to Dr. Mantell.

HERSCHEL HIMMELFARB, JEWISH LABOR LEADER, DEAD; FLED FROM NAZIS TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Herschel Himmelfarb, a Jewish trade union leader in pre-war Poland and a leader of the Jewish Labor Committee in New York, died in Montefiore Hospital here yesterday at the age of 75.

General Secretary of the Tailors Union of Warsaw, the Polish-born leader joined the Jewish Labor Bund in his youth. Arrested several times for anti-Czarist activity, he fled to London in 1907 and went to Russia when the 1917 revolution took place. In 1918 he returned to Poland where he was elected to the Warsaw Kehilla. In 1938, when the Bund elected 16 of 20 Jewish members of the Warsaw City Council, he was one of them.

He fled to Vilna when Hitler invaded Poland, leaving behind his first wife and two children who were murdered by the Nazis. Arrested when the Red Army moved into Vilna, he was released later and came to the United States in 1950 with the aid of the Jewish Labor Committee.