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SENATE HEARS TWO SPEAKERS ON ANTI-JEWISH DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The opposition of some of the young Soviet intellectuals to both the revival of anti-Semitism in Russia and to Moscow's denial of its existence was described today as a "new and hopeful development" by Senator Hubert Humphrey (Dem. Minn.) in a speech on the Senate floor.

Senator Humphrey noted that reports on the revival of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union have been widely circulated in the free world "but they have been suppressed in Russia itself. While few Soviet citizens could have been ignorant of these ugly trends, scarcely any voices of protest were raised in public."

It was in this connection that Sen. Humphrey noted as a hopeful development that young Soviet poets and artists such as Yeetushenko, Romm and others raised their voices in public. The Senator noted, however, that the Soviet authorities have not permitted publication of their protests and "transcripts of this public defiance have been reproduced secretly and bootlegged all over Russia."

Senator Kenneth B. Keating (R., N. Y.) speaking on the Senate floor, said: "The people of this nation are shocked at the continuing deliberate campaign of anti-religious persecution and anti-Semitic activities which have been so conspicuous in the Soviet Union over the past year.

"I have spoken upon this matter a number of times in the past, and I shall continue to do everything in my power to press for determined and effective action on the part of the United States Government to make known our sense of outrage and dismay over these barbaric tactics."

ISRAEL BACKS SOVIET PROPOSAL ON SETTLEMENT OF BORDER DISPUTES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Israel fully supports the proposal by Soviet Premier Khrushchev that it is essential to prevent changes by force of territorial frontiers, Premier Levi Eshkol said in his reply to the proposal, details of which were disclosed today.

The Premier also told the Soviet leader that Israel also welcomed the Soviet proposal that an international covenant or treaty be concluded on the abandonment of the use of force for the solution of territorial and frontier disputes and on settlement of international disputes by peaceful means. The Premier added that Israel was prepared in principle to associate itself with an agreement based on such principles.

The Khrushchev letter was actually one sent to all Governments. He proposed that all governments bind themselves not to use force in solving frontier disputes and settlements should be reached only by peaceful means. In his reply, Premier Eshkol noted Israel's repeated appeals to its neighbors for peaceful settlement of Arab-Israeli issues and its suggestions that all states in the Middle East should refrain from force or threats to use force and put an end to policies of belligerence and settle disputes by negotiations.

The Israeli Premier informed the Soviet Premier of Israel's readiness not only to cooperate on such principles but also Israel's willingness to take part in further exchanges of views to clarify and give effect to the Soviet Premier's proposals.

STATE DEPARTMENT TO PROTEST ARAB BLACKLISTING OF U.S. FIRMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- United States opposition to the Arab boycott directed against Israel was reiterated by Assistant Secretary of State Frederick T. Dutton in a letter to Rep. Leonard Farbstein of New York. The Congressman had inquired about reports that the Lebanese authorities have blacklisted four American firms because of their business ties with Israel. In his reply, Assistant Secretary of State Dutton stated:

"The U.S. Government's opposition and our non-condonation of it has been made known to the Lebanese Government as well as to other Arab Governments on a number of occasions in the past. Our position on this issue is unmistakably clear. Should the blacklist reports be substantiated and the firms to which you refer approach the Department for assistance, the Department will, of course, be prepared to protest the boycotting on the grounds of principle to the Lebanese Government."

ARAB MINISTERS TO VISIT MAJOR WORLD CAPITALS ON JORDAN WATER ISSUE

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- All of the 13 Arab countries represented at the recent summit conference in Cairo plan to send their foreign ministers to all major world capitals to seek support for their fight against Israel's huge irrigation project, it was reported here today from Beirut.

The itineraries of the visits have been planned to assure that nearly all parts of the world will be covered by at least one foreign minister of a major Arab state. According to the program, every foreign minister of the Arab League countries will visit Washington, Britain, Russia and France tie for second place; with visits scheduled by 11 Arab foreign ministers, either singly or in small groups. Communist China will have three visits, and Nationalist China two. The Egyptian foreign minister will visit 23 countries.

Jordan, for reasons not indicated, will exclude Britain. Apart from Russia, Jordan's foreign minister will visit the United States, Nationalist China and some South American countries. Six of the Arab officials will visit West Germany.

Experts on the Arab scene here expressed some doubt as to what the foreign ministers would be able to do that their Ambassadors cannot do. However, they added, it appeared that the Arabs felt they must take "every path in seeking to square accounts" with Israel.

(From Tel Aviv it was reported today that a leading American expert, Prof. Burton V. Dean of Cleveland's Case Institute, has arrived in Israel to advise on pipeline installations for a new irrigation system.)

Washington Evaluates Soviet Stand on Israel's Irrigation Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Pronouncements of "full support" of Arab opposition to Israel's irrigation plan, voiced by the Moscow radio and press, was seen by political observers in Washington today as a Soviet attempt to reap propaganda benefits from an emotionally explosive issue, after the threat of immediate explosion had lessened.

Washington circles pointed out that this technique is not new as far as Soviet propaganda is concerned. In several instances in the past, the Russians have waited with their main expressions of support for the Arabs until the immediate crisis passed its peak. It was noted that, in earlier Soviet comments, while the Cairo conference was still in progress, Moscow voiced the hope that the water dispute would not result in bloodshed. This was seen as an indication that the Russians want to avoid a confrontation in the Middle East, which would also bring about a showdown on the extent of their support of the Arabs in such a confrontation.

Political observers in Washington also pointed out that the later Soviet statements, such as the expression of support for the Arab opposition to Israel's irrigation plans, still avoided expressing support for any specific Arab counter-measures, such as the threatened diversion of the headwaters of the Jordan, which could revive the danger of armed confrontation.

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI SUMMONS JEWISH GROUPS TO MEET ON RUSSIA

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie today called a meeting of major Anglo-Jewish organizations for February 10, to discuss the situation of Soviet Jewry. The announcement followed disclosure by Maurice Edelman, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, that he had suggested the summoning of such a conference to the Chief Rabbi.

Among organizations expected to participate are the Anglo-Jewish Association, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the British Section of the World Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Agudat Israel and one or two others.

BRITISH POST OFFICE ALERT ON ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE IN THE MAIIS

LONDON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The British Post Office will take "every precaution" to avoid dissemination of racist and other hate materials through the mails, Postmaster General Reginald Bevins promised today.

Mr. Bevins gave his assurance to Sir Barnett Janner, a Labor member of Parliament who is also president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Sir Barnett had expressed concern in an approach to the Postmaster General, that a proposed, new Post Office scheme for delivery of unaddressed circulars would open the possibility for dissemination of hate materials.

FRENCH MUNICIPALITY TO BUILD MONUMENT FOR JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

PARIS, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Municipal Council of Drancy, a town just outside Paris, where the Nazis had set up the concentration camp from which 100,000 Jews were sent to their death in the Auschwitz murder factory, announced plans today to erect a monument to the victims. The Council allocated the sum of 1,000,000 francs (\$200,000), and opened a contest for a design for the proposed monument.

NEW YORK U.J.A. RAISED \$27,000,000 DURING 1963; SEEKS MORE IN 1964

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The sum of \$27,000,000 was raised by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York during its 1963 fiscal year ending Jan. 31, Monroe Goldwater, president, announced today, following a meeting of the organization's board of directors.

He also announced the appointment, as chairman of the 1964 campaign, of Sol W. Cantor, Sol Kittay, Albert Parker, Lawrence Schacht, and M. Peter Schweitzer. He said the UJA of Greater New York had decided to ask the New York community for much more generous support in 1964, but did not name a specific goal.

Arye Pincus, Jewish Agency treasurer, told the New York UJA directors that the plight of newcomers to Israel, whose needs the Jewish Agency had been forced to neglect for lack of funds for several years, was in sharp contrast to the situation of the immigrants for whom places were found in Israel's expanding economy.

He stressed that 200,000 of the newcomers "live in impossibly overcrowded housing, and many have incomes below the subsistence level." He added that, of the more than 1,000,000 immigrants brought to Israel since its founding, "these are the ones for whom the Jewish Agency has not been able to provide enough aid to make them capable of participating in the modern industrial society burgeoning around them."

HABIMAH TO USE ITS MOSCOW SETS IN ITS PERFORMANCES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Some of the sets and scenery originally used by Habimah, when it produced S. Ansky's "The Dybbuk" at a theater in Moscow in 1926, will be used here next week when the modern-day Habimah, now the National Theater of Israel, performs the same drama in New York, it was announced here today.

Bat-Ami, the administrative head of the Habimah, made that announcement today at a press conference held by the troupe at the offices of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, sponsors of Habimah's American tour. Some of the original Moscow sets, which Habimah took along from the Soviet capital when it moved en masse to Palestine in 1926, have been preserved and were shipped by boat to New York in preparation for the American run, Bat-Ami said.

The official American opening of Habimah's American tour will be performed at the Little Theater here next Monday night. On the preceding evening, there will be a gala preview performance, to be followed by a supper-dance at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Virtually everybody in the American theater Who's Who is on a long list of American playwrights, actors and other theater personalities who will greet Habimah Sunday night.

Will Play Also in Eight Other American Cities and in Canada

After seven weeks in New York, Habimah will appear in Newark, Philadelphia, Hartford, Boston, Toronto, Montreal, Rochester, Baltimore, Washington and Chicago--closing with a return performance of "The Dybbuk" in New York on May 10.

Habimah will then return to its home, at Tel Aviv, where, according to the troupe's artistic director, Julius Gellner, it "will definitely produce Rolf Hochhuth's "The Deputy." He made that announcement in reply to a question. There had been conflicting reports as to whether Habimah will perform "The Deputy," a controversial drama which accuses the late Pope Pius XII of having maintained silence in the face of the Hitlerian mass murder of Jews during World War II.

In addition to performing "The Dybbuk," the troupe will do two other, more modern, Israeli plays. These are "Ezra Had Six Wings," by Hanan Bartov; and "Children of the Shadows," by B. Z. Tomer. The management of the Little Theater announced at the press conference that the advance ticket sale for Habimah has been "truly spectacular."

The performances, to be done in Hebrew, will be translated over special devices into English, without interfering with the action on stage. Prior to the press conference, members of Habimah were officially received at City Hall here by Mayor Robert F. Wagner.

NEW YORK RABBIS REQUEST LIBERALIZATION OF EXISTING DIVORCE LAW

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution urging liberalization of the divorce law in New York State, which now permits divorces only on the ground of adultery, was adopted here today at the annual meeting of the New York Board of Rabbis. The Board represents Orthodox, Reform and Conservative rabbis in this city and vicinity. Rabbi Max Schenk was elected president of the organization.

Other resolutions adopted by the Board affirmed continuous opposition to all religious observances in the public schools; called for expansion of New York City's "Fair Sabbath Law" to include the entire state; urged intensification of Jewish education to counter assimilationist trends; requested the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Genocide; commended United States support for Israel's water plan; and requested the U.S.A. to help bring about peace between Israel and the Arab states.

AMBASSADOR HARMAN STARTS THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT IN HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, arrived here today for a three-day official visit to Houston, his first since becoming Ambassador. He was met at the Houston International Airport by Louis Welch, Mayor of Houston, representatives of the Consular corps and the Jewish Community and by Israel Consul and Mrs. A. Caspi.

He spoke at Rice University, in a public talk co-sponsored by the Students Organizations of Rice University and Houston University. He also spoke at a dinner at the Westwood Country Club, sponsored by the Jewish Community Council.

He will speak tomorrow at a meeting of the Rotary Club and at a dinner tomorrow night sponsored by the Houston Council on World Affairs. He also will meet with Israeli students studying in Houston. On Friday he will tour the installations of the National Aeronautics and Space Agency and be guest at a luncheon of editors of Houston newspapers.

ARIZONA JEWISH NEWSPAPER WINS FIRST PRIZE FOR 'GENERAL EXCELLENCE'

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Arizona Post, Jewish newspaper published here by Mr. and Mrs. Abe Chanin, has been awarded first prize for "general excellence" in the special publications division of the Arizona Newspapers Association. The award was the sixth ANA prize won by The Arizona Post in the last eight years.

The newspaper was cited for its general news coverage, "lively make-up," special advertising supplements, local stories, headlines and illustrations.

JOHNSON PRESENTS PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL FOR LATE SEN. LEHMAN TO WIDOW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- More than a score of Senators and Representatives attended the posthumous presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom yesterday by President Johnson to Mrs. Hebert H. Lehman, widow of the late former New York Governor and Senator.

Sen. Lehman, who had distinguished himself equally in general and Jewish service, was to have received the award with 30 other distinguished Americans last December 6. However, he died suddenly on December 5 while preparing for the trip to Washington.

"It is altogether fitting that in special ceremony, we present Herbert Lehman's Medal of Freedom to the one person who shared his life and his hope, his triumphs and disappointments, who was always with him in sunshine and shadow," the President said in making the presentation at a ceremony in the White House.

TWO FOREIGN-BORN JEWS HONORED IN RIO FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Two foreign-born Brazilian Jews were named by the newspaper O Globo here, today, among 10 prominent personalities awarded the status of Carioca Honerario, or Honorary Citizen of Rio de Janeiro. They are Dr. Regina Feigl, wife of the famous chemist, Fritz Feigl; and Adolfo Bloch, well-known publisher who issues the highly popular weekly, Manchete.

Dr. Regina Feigl was cited for constructing some of the outstanding buildings in this country, including a 35-story skyscraper, the tallest building in Latin America. She was born in Poland. Mr. Bloch was honored for his general publishing achievements, which includes a number of large circulation weeklies. He was born in Russia.

SHAPIRO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Gregorio Shapiro, prominent industrialist and one of the leading Zionists in this country, was elected here last night as president of the Jewish Central Committee, the representative body of organized Jewry in Mexico. I. Z. Berebichez was re-elected general secretary.

Mr. Shapiro served one term as president of the Jewish Central Committee some years ago. He has been president of the Jewish National Fund of Mexico, president of the Israel Bond Organization here, and active in many other Jewish and pro-Zionist causes.

J.N.F. LAUNCHES FUND-RAISING DRIVE FOR 2,500,000 MARKS IN GERMANY

DUSSELDORF, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A nationwide fund-raising campaign with a goal of 2,500,000 Deutschemarks (\$625,000) for the planting of 180,000 trees in Israel, to memorialize the 180,000 German Jews annihilated in concentration camps during the Hitler holocaust, was launched here today. The drive will be conducted under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund. The trees will be planted near the road from Jerusalem to the Jordanian border.