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U. S. AND ISRAEL CHARGE MOSCOW AT U. N. WITH PRACTICING ANTI-SEMITISM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 12. (JTA) -- The United States and Israel today indicted the Soviet Union here of anti-Semitic practices verging on "cultural genocide" and the creation of a "pogrom" atmosphere against the Jews in the USSR. The American attack was leveled by Mrs. Henrietta Tree, chairman of the U. S. delegation to the UN Commission on Human Rights and was believed the sharpest condemnation of Soviet anti-Semitism ever voiced here by a major power.

Both Mrs. Tree and Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the UN, spoke in the Human Rights Commission which, for nearly a month, has been debating a draft Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Intolerance. As part of that draft, Mrs. Tree introduced one clause which would declare specifically that the governments adhering to the international instrument "condemn anti-Semitism, whether manifested as a form of racial discrimination or otherwise, and shall take action as appropriate for its speedy eradication in the territories subject to their jurisdiction."

While both Mrs. Tree and Mr. Comay were careful to avoid mention of the USSR by name when they made their charges of anti-Semitic practices, Platon D. Morozov, chief Soviet delegate in the Commission, indicated that he considered his own country as the principal target of the American and Israeli charges. He did so by trying hard to amend Mrs. Tree's proposal in such a way as to point to anti-Semitism as the result only of Nazism and Fascism.

U. S. Representative Outlines Soviet Discrimination Against Jews

Mrs. Tree, telling the Commission she would not mind if the Soviet amendment were presented as a separate paragraph, insisted nevertheless that the Commission must not "minimize" anti-Semitism as a separate phenomenon calling for "immediate and basic concern."

"We must recognize," she said, "that some states where laws forbid discrimination in the most forceful terms nevertheless carry on policies which are designed to have the effect of obliterating an ethnic group. The biological differences of race cannot be exterminated by cultural deprivations; but ethnic differences and some times nationality differences are absolutely dependent on language, schools, publications and other cultural institutions in order to survive.

"We must deal with anti-Semitism even when it takes the forms of deprivation of the religious and cultural heritage which makes a group unique. We should make it clear that a state which makes provision for German-language schools for that ethnic group should not deny Yiddish or Hebrew schools to its Jews; that a state which can permit national and regional organizations of some ethnic groups should, under the principle of non-discrimination, permit the same for Jews; that a state which permits recognized leaders of every other group to travel abroad to conferences and Holy Places should not be able to deny that right to Jewish leaders; that a state that finds facilities to publish textual materials in the language and traditions to some groups should not be able to deny this right to Jewish groups; that a state which is able to tolerate the differences in 100 nationalities should have no right whatever to extinguish those differences in the 101st. We are not living in a world in which racial genocide would be permitted. But there can be such a thing as cultural or even ethnic genocide."

Mr. Morozov, following Mrs. Tree's address, presented his own amendment, which includes condemnation of anti-Semitism along with Nazism, neo-Nazism, genocide and other "atrocious" forms of racism. He denounced anti-Semitism resoundingly, but attributed it entirely to Nazism and Fascism. As for cultural genocide, he said, that is already forbidden in the United Nations Convention Against Genocide, adopted in 1948 and ratified by the USSR.

Israel Envoy Sees Anti-Jewish Policy Acquiring 'Alarming Dimension'

Then the floor was given to Ambassador Comay. He has attended the Commission's deliberations as an observer, since Israel is not part of the 21-member Human Rights Commission. After praising Mrs. Tree's initiative and acknowledging Mr. Morozov's denunciation of anti-Semitism per se, Mr. Comay lashed out at the Soviet anti-Semitism without

specifically identifying the geographic location of "a certain large Jewish community. That community, he charged, "is the victim of various forms of discrimination. There appears to be a deliberate policy of stifling the practice of Judaism and severing the community from its historical and cultural roots--despite the fact that Jews are registered as belonging to a separate nationality and their identity cards inscribed accordingly."

Thus showing clearly that he was referring to the Soviet Union, Mr. Comay went on to list some of the anti-Semitic practices to which USSR Jews are subjected. He enumerated such facts that Hebrew may not be taught to Jews in the Soviet Union; the Scriptures and prayerbooks are not printed, no rabbis are trained, production of articles required for worship and ritual purposes has been stopped, synagogues have been closed down, education facilities in Yiddish are denied and "there are no Jewish institutions organized on a national level and no contact with Jewish communities elsewhere."

Mr. Comay concluded his address with what was considered as a bombshell. He told the Commission that he had with him a booklet entitled "Judaism Without Embellishment," published last year "under the auspices of a certain state academy of science." The state to which he referred is the Ukraine, a component of the USSR and a member of the Human Rights Commission.

He called the pamphlet "from beginning to end a vicious smear against the history, beliefs and moral standards of the Jews" comparing some of its illustrations with the "more revolting," works in "Der Stuermer" which was published by Julius Streicher, Hitler's official anti-Semitic propagandist. He then took the unusual step of having circulated to all the 21 members of the Commission reproductions of some of the anti-Semitic caricatures included in the Ukrainian booklet.

ISRAEL EMBASSY IN MOSCOW DENIES SOVIET CHARGES AGAINST ITS OFFICIAL

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy in Moscow today emphatically denied charges by the Soviet press that the Embassy was being used to distribute Zionist and "anti-Soviet" propaganda to Russian Jews, it was reported here from the Soviet capital.

The latest Russian press attack on the Embassy was made by Trud, Moscow newspaper, which asserted that pamphlets and other material had been "furtively" distributed in a Moscow synagogue. The article singled out Abraham Agmon, first secretary of the Embassy, charging he handed out "nationalistic, Zionist literature" and that he collected "rumors about Soviet reality." Trud also charged that wives and even children had been used to pass out the alleged propaganda material.

Trud asserted that the Israel diplomat had offered to give booklets on Israel in return for "true information" about the position of Jews in Russia. As an example of the allegedly subversive literature, the Trud article described a 140-page, three-year Jewish calendar-almanac published in Israel in Russian, "intended for distribution among Jews in the Soviet Union."

Novosti, a Soviet feature syndicate, announced yesterday that the Moscow Jewish congregation had started to bake matzoth in the home of a member, and would produce 13,000 pounds. The bakery, in Cherkizovo, a Moscow suburb, was said to have a daily capacity of up to 880 pounds. At the rate of two pounds per person, the expected supply would be enough for about 6,000 people. While no data are available on the number of Moscow Jews who require matzoh for Passover observance, the city's Jewish population is about 200,000.

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL TO GET STRONGER DRAFT ON ATTITUDE TOWARD JEWS

ROME, March 12. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Ecumenical Council today stated that the Vatican document on the attitude of the Catholic Church toward Jews and anti-Semitism--which was not taken up at last year's session of the Council--has been re-written and strengthened for presentation to the third session of the Council which will begin in September.

The re-drafting was done by the Ecumenical Council's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity headed by Augustin Cardinal Bea, who is known as a great friend of the Jews, the spokesman said. He called the revised text "a distinct improvement" on the draft which was before the Council's second plenary session last fall. That draft included statements that Jews could not be held responsible for the crucifixion of Christ and that Catholics were under obligation to condemn anti-Semitism.

The spokesman said that it now appeared that it was "very wise" not to "rush the schema" last fall because public reaction "caused Bishops everywhere to think thoroughly about the issues involved and the result is a stronger and not a weaker or compromise text." No details on the changes were disclosed.

DR. GOLDMANN ENTERS ISRAEL AS IMMIGRANT; WILL APPLY FOR ISRAELI PASSPORT

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann was presented today at Lydda Airport with Immigrants Certificate No. 222100 by Jewish Agency leaders waiting for him. at the airport. Dr. Goldmann said he intended to apply immediately for an Israeli passport.

\$8,500,000 DINNER STARTS THE NEW YORK U. J. A. CAMPAIGN; J. D. C. MAILED

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- An observance of the 50th anniversary of the Joint Distribution Committee, was a highlight of the 1964 Inaugural Dinner of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, held tonight at the Americana Hotel. More than 700 guests announced pledges to this year's New York UJA drive that put it above the \$8,500,000 mark at its official opening.

Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban made the principal address at the dinner, which was presided over by Charles C. Bassine, a vice-chairman of the board of the UJA of Greater New York. Other speakers included Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the JDC; Charles Mayer and Jack D. Weiler, chairmen of the New York UJA's Trustees; and Sol Cantor, a general chairman of its 1964 campaign.

In a tribute to the Joint Distribution Committee for half a century of humanitarian service, that has benefited an estimated 4,000,000 persons, Mr. Warburg was presented with a silver plate bearing this inscription: "Presented to the American Joint Distribution Committee on its 50th Anniversary. Through the perseverance, devotion and dedication of its leadership and staff it has redeemed the lives of many hundreds of thousands and written a proud chapter in the history of man's humanity to man."

J. D. C. Reports on Psychiatric Care for Nazi Camps Survivors

GENEVA, March 12. (JTA) -- More than 450 concentration camp survivors and other emotionally damaged European Jews are receiving psychiatric care in France and Belgium, Charles H. Jordan, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported here today.

He said they were benefiting from improved services launched to implement a JDC survey in 1962 of the problems of mental illness among Nazi survivors in Belgium, Holland and France. He cited as examples the expansion of previous Jewish psychiatric service in Paris and the development of a newly coordinated medico-psychological program in the Jewish communities of Brussels and Antwerp.

He said that both the survey and the implementation program had been financed by the JDC and the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The projects were undertaken because of evidence of a high incidence of mental illness among Jews in European countries stemming from the traumatic experiences of the Nazi occupation.

AMERICANS IN ISRAEL SEEK VOICE IN PLANNING IMMIGRATION FROM U. S.

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- Delegates to the annual convention of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel approved a resolution today calling on the Government and Jewish Agency to give the association an equal voice in the planning and the implementing of all programs for immigration from the United States and Canada.

At the same time the delegates called on the World Zionist Organization to extend to the association a special invitation to attend WZO meetings as an affiliate. The delegates said this request was justified by the fact that non-Zionists had been participants and that such an Aliyah-oriented group as their association should also be involved.

Another resolution called for widening knowledge of American and Canadian Jewries in view of the "increasing gulf of misunderstanding" between the Israeli and American Jewish communities. Mrs. Ruth Bokstein was elected national president. Publication of a book, "On the Soil," on American and Canadian farm settlements in Israel was announced during the convention.

ONTARIO ATTORNEY GENERAL SEEKS TO CHECK SPREADING OF HATE PROPAGANDA

TORONTO, March 12. (JTA) -- Ontario Attorney General Cass announced today in the provincial legislature that he was in contact with Federal officials about the increasing spread of hate leaflets in Toronto and in Ontario. He made that statement after a question as to what action he was taking was posed in the legislature by Fred Young, a member representing the New Democrat Party. Mr. Cass told the body, however, that the present criminal laws make it difficult for him to prosecute "peddlers of hate."

At the same time, the Toronto Telegram, one of this city's leading newspapers, printed a report showing that a "mass blitz" of anti-Semitic propaganda was being planned by a 19-year-old youth who had, allegedly, participated a year ago in stirring up a racist mob in Birmingham, Alabama. The youth, David A. Stanley, was quoted by the newspaper as saying that he would organize his "blitz" of anti-Semitic leaflets in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. All these cities, among others, have been plagued with the spread of anti-Semitic and other hate materials in recent months.

TORONTO JEWS ALLOWED TO ADOPT CHILDREN OF OTHER RELIGIONS

TORONTO, March 12. (JTA) -- Jews will be allowed to adopt babies of other faiths effective immediately, it has been announced by the Metropolitan Toronto Children's Aid Society. There has always been a long waiting list of Jews wishing to adopt. For eight years prior to 1959 the Jewish Family and Child Service of Toronto could only find an average of three children a year for adoption. At the end of 1963 there were 90 approved couples on the JFCS waiting list.

U. S. MIZRACHI AND AGUDATH ISRAEL DENY INTERFERENCE IN ISRAELI AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- The Religious Zionist Party of America, composed of Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, today joined other Jewish Orthodox groups in this country in denouncing the seven major American Jewish organizations which last week cabled to Israel Premier Levi Eshkol to resist pressure of "extremist religious groups" in the United States. At the same time the Agudath Israel of America issued a call to all Orthodox groups in this country "to mobilize their efforts" to counter the move of the seven organizations.

"We are amazed and shocked by the statement by the seven organizations accusing religious Jews in the United States of exercising pressure on the government of the State of Israel in order to deprive Jews and non-Jews of their basic religious freedom," a statement by the Religious Zionist Party said. "This allegation has no basis whatsoever in fact. Not one segment of religious Jewry in the United States intends to interfere with the freedom of the religious community in Israel."

The Religious Zionist Party statement said that Orthodox Jews "ask only that the Israeli Government avoid the exploitation of poverty and distress by the missionaries in their fanatic endeavors to convert poor Jewish children, depriving them of their natural links to their people, their religion, their country."

The statement warned that "the Religious Zionists of America will be compelled, most reluctantly to reconsider our future affiliation with American Jewish Congress." The American Jewish Congress is one of the seven major Jewish organizations which sent the cable to Premier Eshkol charging that extremist religious groups are seeking by coercion to deprive Jews and non-Jews in Israel of full religious freedom. The other six were: The American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the United Synagogue of America.

STRIKE IN SIX N. Y. JEWISH WELFARE AGENCIES ENDS; EMPLOYEES RETURN TO JOBS

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Striking social workers returned to their jobs today at six Jewish welfare agencies to end a 22-day walkout over terms of a new contract.

The 1,000 strikers voted overwhelmingly to return to work after representatives of the agencies gave assurances there would not be any reprisals against administrative or probationary workers who had refused to cross picket lines set up by Local 1707 of the Community and Social Agencies Employee Union.

New contract terms provided for an increase in the case worker wage scale over two years from \$5,700 and \$8,400 to \$6,110 and \$9,600. Clerical and maintenance workers will get weekly increases of \$4.00 for the first year and \$3.00 for the second. An improved Blue Cross plan will provide 120 days of hospitalization, instead of 21, with premiums paid by the agencies. The agencies will continue to pay all health insurance premiums for retired workers.

The agencies involved are the Altro Health and Rehabilitation Services, Jewish Board of Guardians, Jewish Child Care Association, Jewish Family Services, Jewish Community Services of Long Island and the Louise Wise Services.

FINAL 'HABIMAH' PRODUCTION OPENS IN NEW YORK; PRAISED BY CRITICS

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Hanoach Bartov's "Each Had Six Wings," the third and final production by Habimah during its current engagement in New York City opened last night to the praise of drama critics.

Critics said the performances were excellent. The Times critic declared that the play "presents us with an absorbing reflection of life in the new state," and that "the company is giving one of its best performances" of the current visit.

He praised Eva Lion as "winsome and moving," Bat-Ami as "warm and loving," Nissim Azikri as "splendidly hearty" and Shlomo Bar-Shavit as "comical." The Herald-Tribune wrote in similar vein.

The Daily News cited the "excellent performances wrought under the guidance of director Avraham Ninio. Habimah is a fine company." The New York Post said the play was "filled with vivid character roles and all of them are played with warmth and richness." The World Telegram said that "there is laughter and a few tears but for an artistic reaction that will match the intensity of its stimulus we will have to wait."

GROUP OF 500 SOUTH AMERICAN JEWS SAILS TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 12. (JTA) -- The Israeli liner Theodore Herzl sailed from this port with 500 Jewish immigrants from South America--66 of them from Brazil--planning to settle in Israel. The immigration department of the Brazilian Zionist Federation announced today that a total of 868 Brazilian Jews have settled in Israel during the past two and a half years. Only 14 of these have returned, the Federation noted.