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SOVIET AUTHORITIES ORDER JEWS TO REFUSE MATZOH PARCELS FROM ABROAD

LONDON, March 22. (JTA) -- Local authorities throughout the Soviet Union have ordered Jews to refuse to accept parcels containing matzoh sent by relatives abroad, it became known here today from reports received from the USSR.

These steps are being taken in spite of the fact that an announcement by a Soviet official in the Washington Embassy stated a month ago that matzoh shipments addressed to individual recipients in the USSR would be permitted. The Soviet official went so far as to list five firms in the United States specifically licensed by the Soviet authorities to accept such shipments.

An article in an issue of Pravda Vostoka, of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, received here today confirms the fact that pressures are being applied against local Jews in regard to matzoh acceptance. The article, in the issue of March 17, stated: "Receipt of parcels of matzoh constitutes ideological sabotage against the Russian people." Pravda Vostoka, which is the organ of the local Communist Party in Uzbekistan, reports that "protest meetings" against the import of matzoh were being organized "all over the country." It was emphasized here that no "protest meetings" can be held anywhere in the Soviet Union without official Government permission and perhaps encouragement.

U.S. Communists Condemn Soviet Anti-Semitic Pamphlet

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA) -- Gus Hall, leader of the Communist Party of the United States, and an editorial in the Morning Freiheit, pro-Communist Yiddish daily newspaper, today condemned as "anti-Semitism" the notorious pamphlet "Judaism Without Embellishment" published recently by the Ukrainian Academy of Science at Kiev. The Freiheit editorial called upon Soviet authorities to "punish" those who resort to anti-Semitism in the course of the Soviet Union's campaign against all religions.

Mr. Hall issued the following statement: "I have not read the pamphlet. I have only seen reproductions of parts of the pamphlet, and I don't know whether the copies circulated in this country are forgeries. There is no doubt in my mind, however, about the anti-Semitic character of what I have seen. Such stereotyped, libelous caricatures of the Jewish people must be clearly condemned without ambiguity--no matter where they come from. Certainly they can have no place in Communist or progressive literature."

Referring to the anti-Semitic caricatures in the Ukrainian pamphlet, Mr. Hall said: "Whatever the intention might be of the artist who drew those cartoons, such stereotypes have a specific, outspoken, anti-Semitic meaning, and their use has precisely the same effect that they would have if used by those who are permeated with the grossest anti-Semitism." The Communist leader declared that, regardless of what may be learned about the origin of the pamphlet, the existence of the booklet must not be used as a "smoke screen" for anti-Soviet attacks.

Moscow Mum on the Anti-Semitic Caricatures; Ignores Inquiry

The Freiheit revealed, in its editorial, that it had queried its correspondent in Moscow, who is on the staff of Novosti, an official Soviet Government news agency, asking whether such a pamphlet had indeed been issued in Kiev, and about details in connection with the booklet. The inquiry, stated the newspaper, was cabled three weeks ago and, to date, no reply has been received.

Noting that the existence of the pamphlet had been acknowledged in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights a week ago by the Ukrainian representative to that body, Prof. Peter E. Nedbailo, the Freiheit declared: "It must be stated openly that the caricatures in that book remind one of the well-known caricatures of Jews in anti-Semitic publications. These are caricatures of an anti-Semitic 'style.' This must be stated openly and clearly."

Asserting that publication of a pamphlet like "Judaism Without Embellishment" cannot be excused on the grounds that it was part of an over-all Soviet campaign against all religions, the editorial asked: "How is it possible that such a booklet against religion, in this case against the Jewish religion, should contain such caricatures?"

Those who perpetrated this act, stated the Freiheit, "made a very serious error. Believers have the same rights as non-believers. The caricatures are very harmful and must

be sharply condemned. They play into the hands of anti-Semites generally, also in America, and--in the hands of the anti-Semitic remnants of the Czarist days and of those who were left over from the Nazi occupation (of the Soviet Union). "

Jewish Communists in U. S. Furious; Demand Probe and Punishment

Insisting that the Soviet authorities should start an official investigation into the publication by the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences of such a malicious and inciting anti-Semitic book, the Freiheit, reflecting the sentiments of Jewish Communists in the United States, said in its editorial:

"There must be, in our opinion, an investigation to find out whether some persons among those remnants did not have a hand in the making of those caricatures and in the publication of 'Judaism Without Embellishment.' Here, an anti-Semitic and anti-Soviet act was performed. It is possible that, under the cloak of a campaign against the Jewish religion, anti-Soviet elements are hiding.

"It is no excuse--as reported in certain circles here--that the general anti-religious campaign is being carried out badly, with bad caricatures. Then the entire drive is not being carried on properly. But one must not forget what the Jews have suffered during the Second World War; they (the Jews) lost a third of their people in the ghettos and in the gas chambers--in addition to their losses on the battlefields--suffering as Jews as a result of anti-Semitic propaganda."

The editorial also criticized the Soviet Government's campaign for denying USSR Jews to have matzoth for Passover. Regarding the pamphlet, the statement continued by asking: "What means will be taken against the caricaturist, author and publishers of the book, 'Judaism Without Embellishment?'"

"The masses," the editorial continued, "especially the Jewish masses, were rightfully excited over the caricatures, and the matzoth situation has also given no satisfaction. And it would be a serious mistake to write all of this off as cold-war propaganda. The errors of the anti-religious campaign, and furthermore the serious errors of the re-establishment of the Stalinist errors against the liquidated, Jewish cultural institutions, or rather the failure to revive those institutions, are subjects that disturb many honest people, many of them friends of the Soviet Union."

French Press Discusses Rabid Anti-Semitism in Soviet Book

PARIS, March 22. (JTA) -- Criticism of the Soviet Union for publication by a Ukrainian Academy of Science of a virulently anti-Semitic pamphlet spread today to French groups usually friendly to the Soviet Union. L'Express, a left-wing weekly which usually supports the official Soviet line, published a severely critical two-page review of "Judaism Without Embellishment."

The newspaper has a circulation of 250,000 mostly among France's leading intellectuals. It reprinted three of the cartoons from the Kiev booklet, describing them as "worthy of Der Sturmer" --the newspaper published by Julius Streicher, the most rabid of the Nazi anti-Semites. L'Express also discussed the latest anti-Jewish developments in Russia, describing in detail the "economic trials" in which many Jews have been condemned to death and executed as "innocent scapegoats."

Le Monde, the influential daily newspaper, also reviewed the Soviet pamphlet, asking: "Can Jews read without fear the book printed by the Ukrainian Academy, in which synagogues are described as dens of black-marketeers and in which the cartoons recall those published by the Nazis during the war?"

Other French dailies and weeklies also discussed the pamphlet, stressing particularly the stand taken by the "Neue Presse," organ of the Jewish section of the French Communist party, which broke away from Communist discipline to express "shock" about the Kiev book.

REVENUE OFFICIALS END STRIKE IN ISRAEL; HOSPITAL WORKERS START STRIKE

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- Five thousand striking income tax, customs and other revenue officials returned to work today, but 6,000 other Government workers, employed at hospitals in non-medical capacities, went out on strike. The hospital employees are demanding higher wages.

The 5,000 who returned to work, ending a walk-out that began five days ago, called off their strike on the assurance that no punitive action will be taken against those who had left their jobs.

The end of the strike by the 5,000 came after some of those involved, employed at Lydda Airport and in the customs division of the Port of Tel Aviv, had voted to call on their own central committee to end the work stoppage. Others of the strikers, at Jerusalem and Haifa, then announced they would accept a Government proposal to investigate their demands for special compensation for certain special or unpleasant duties.

STATE DEPT. REFUSES TO MAINTAIN ANY CONTACT WITH ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICE

WASHINGTON, March 22. (JTA) -- The State Department refuses to have any contact whatsoever with the Arab League boycott office, which is operating from Damascus, and refuses to enter into any correspondence with that office or with any of the boycott offices of individual Arab states, Assistant Secretary of State Frederick Dutton yesterday informed Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania.

The Arab boycott against American firms dealing with Israel "is certainly an important factor preventing full and satisfactory relations between this country and the Arab states-men," Mr. Dutton wrote to the Senator. He revealed that American officials abroad "are under standing instructions" to re-emphasize that the State Department "will not recognize or condone the boycott."

NAZI VICTIMS IN NEW YORK HOLD PROTEST MEETING ON BONN RESTITUTION

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- More than 1,500 men and women who were fortunate enough to survive the horrors of Nazi concentration camps met today at the Hotel Americana here to protest against the proposed amendments to the West German indemnification and restitution laws as being insufficient to meet the needs of the thousands of persons who, for one reason or another, have not received just restitution or indemnification from the Bonn Government.

The meeting, sponsored by nine groups, adopted a resolution which was sent to the West German Prime Minister Ludwig Erhard, Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder and Finance Minister Rolf Dahlgren. Paying tribute to the contribution of the West German Republic for what it has done in "the field of compensation," the resolution pointed out that many Nazi persecutees, who have received no restitution or indemnification, "have not only a moral but also an indisputable right to be compensated for their sufferings." The resolution requested:

1. Equal rights for persecutees "who left the Eastern bloc countries after the deadline of October 1, 1953" who have received no compensation from the German Government;
2. Equality of treatment for widows "whose husbands passed away before October 1, 1953" but who so far have received no compensation; and 3. Compensation for persons whose health suffered because of internment in labor camps or ghettos "or for reasons of persecution have lived hidden under inhuman circumstances" on a level equal to those who have received compensation as a result of "incarceration in a concentration camp."

The resolution also asked that "persecutees unable under the provision of the German restitution law to comply with the key provision of proving the transfer of seized property to the geographical area prescribed by the law should have the opportunity to register their claim; and therefore the registration dates under the law should be reopened. The nine organizations, sponsoring the mass meeting and signing the resolution, were: The Association of Yugoslav Jews in the U.S., United Rumanian Jews of America, Club of Polish Jews, Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America, American Association of Former European Jurists, American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, Association of Jews from Czechoslovakia in the U.S., World Federation of Hungarian Jews, and the Widows Group.

FRACAS ON ISRAELI SHIP IN BRAZIL RESULTS IN KILLING AN OFFICER

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 22. (JTA) -- Police authorities here continued to investigate today details surrounding an incident aboard an Israeli vessel, the SS Theodor Herzl, which resulted in the death of a Brazilian civil servant and the wounding of another man. The incident took place as the ship, carrying 570 persons, including 66 Jewish emigrants from this country going to Israel for permanent settlement, was about to leave this port.

While the police have not yet disclosed the details, it was learned authoritatively that 10 or 12 Brazilian civil servants boarded the vessel just as it was about to sail, stating that they had received reports that some of the sailors intended to smuggle gold from this country. The Brazilian officials insisted on searching the crew's quarters. They found no gold but did find a few small articles, like American cigarettes, a couple of transistor radios and some eyeglasses which members of the crew had bought here as gifts to relatives and friends.

When the officials tried to confiscate these trinkets without issuing a receipt, a fight broke out between the Brazilians and the sailors. At that point, it was learned, some of the Brazilians went ashore and came back with machineguns. In the ensuing fracas, one of the guns was fired. One member of the boarding party was killed. The wounded man had acted as an interpreter.

Police officials here have said they do not put credence in this version of the incident suspecting that the search of the ship resulted from a provocation. The ship departed safely for Haifa, but the investigation is still proceeding.

GOVERNORS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY APPROVE \$6,000,000-POUND BUDGET

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- The Board of Governors of the Hebrew University ended today a three-day meeting by approving a \$6,000,000-pound (\$13,333,000) budget for operations and a \$16,000,000-pound (\$5,333,000) budget for development. The board also decided to give priority development for a science faculty and to establish a school of home economics.

JUDGE PROSKAUER TO BE FIRST RECIPIENT OF COLUMBIA ALUMNI MEDAL

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- The Columbia Law School Alumni Association announced today that Judge Joseph M. Proskauer will be the first recipient of a newly created Medal for Excellence.

Judge Proskauer, a graduate of Columbia College in 1896 and the Law School in 1899, served as a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York from 1923 to 1930. He is one of the outstanding Jewish leaders in the country. The new award honors alumni and faculty members whose careers have demonstrated "the qualities of character, intellect, and social and professional responsibility that the School of Law nurtures."

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Judge Proskauer has practiced law in New York since his graduation from the Columbia Law School in 1899 with the exception of those years he served on the bench. He is 86. He has held the offices of president and honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, president of the YMHA of New York, and trustee and president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

RABBINICAL COLLEGE IN ROME DEDICATES NEW HOME; AIDED BY J. D.C. FUNDS

ROME, March 22. (JTA) -- The new home of the Italian Rabbinical College was dedicated here today in a ceremony in the presence of Italian Jewish leaders from all parts of Italy.

The building, which also houses several Jewish institutions, was erected with the financial and technical aid of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff stressed the spiritual importance of the college at the ceremony. He stressed the hope that it would produce not only needed rabbis but also laymen who would in their everyday lives support and further Judaism. Officials of the Israeli Embassy, and of the JDC and the World Jewish Congress attended the ceremony.

SENATE BILL URGES MARKING OF N.Y. JEWISH CEMETERY AS U.S. SHRINE

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner disclosed today New York City's support of a Senate bill which would include the Shearith Israel Cemetery, believed to be the oldest Jewish cemetery in the United States, in the Federal Registry of National Historic Landmarks.

The Mayor indicated the city's backing in a letter to Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, who introduced the bill. The Mayor noted that the cemetery was designated a New York Landmark as one of the first official acts of the City Landmarks Preservation Commission.

The Mayor also cited the fact that the cemetery "contains the graves of persons eminent in the city from the time of the seventeenth century" and that it was "the site of a gun emplacement used in defense of our city during the Revolution."

ZAGAYSKI COLLECTION OF RARE JEWISH RITUAL OBJECTS SOLD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Museum of New York was the heaviest purchaser here this weekend at a public auction of the Michael M. Zagayski collection of rare Jewish ritual objects. The auction, which was held at the Parke-Bernet Galleries here, brought a total of \$347,640. Mr. Zagayski is known as one of the outstanding collectors of rare Jewish religious art.

Ben Heller, chairman of the board of the Jewish Museum, said that the purchase, which totaled \$33,000, was financed by friends of the museum. Among the items acquired were a cast bronze "cholent" pot (used for the preparation of the traditional Sabbath meal) for \$4,500; a pair of wrought and repousse silver Torah finials for \$9,500; a pair of wrought and gilded silver Torah finials for \$5,000; a pair of parcel-gilded Ajoure silver crown-form Torah finials for \$8,000; and a wrought and repousse parcel-gilded silver Hanukkah menorah for \$6,500.

MONUMENT FOR JEWS KILLED BY THE NAZIS UNVEILED IN GERMAN TOWN

FRANKFURT, March 22. (JTA) -- Civil leaders linked the mass Allied bombings of Frankfurt 20 years ago yesterday with the unveiling of a monument to the Jews of nearby Hanau who died in Nazi concentration camps.