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### ROOSEVELT URGES HOUSE TO CONDEMN RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS BY SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, April 8 (JTA) -- A resolution condemning the persecution of persons by the Soviet Union, because of their religion, was introduced in the House of Representatives today by Democratic Congressman James Roosevelt, of California. The resolution is identical with the one introduced in the Senate by Connecticut Democrat Abraham A. Ribicoff. Senator Ribicoff's measure has already obtained 63 co-sponsors.

In introducing the resolution in the House, Congressman Roosevelt urged speedy action on this bill, in the hope that voices raised in the United States will help put an end to the "insidious cultural and religious genocide perpetrated against the Jewish people in the Soviet Union."

Meanwhile, the insertion of the resolutions adopted by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry into the Congressional Record was among the echoes of the conference in both Houses of Congress today. Attention of both the Senate and the House of Representatives was drawn to the situation of Soviet Jewry, and to the conference in Washington which was held to deal with this problem. Several of the speeches at the conference were briefly summarized by members of Congress for the benefit of their colleagues, and inserted in full in the Congressional Record.

On the House floor today, Republican Congressman Seymour Halpern, of New York, urged the United States to continue its efforts in securing a world ban on anti-Semitism. He introduced a resolution lauding the U. S. action on this matter in the United Nations Human Rights Commission, and called upon the U. S. "to press the matter to a final conclusion in the months ahead." He added: "Our Government must not allow the issue to be delayed by the avalanche of other problems facing the United Nations at its autumn General Assembly meeting. Nor must we permit the inherent difficulties in procuring this effective, world condemnation to wither our spirits or weaken our perseverance."

### ADJUBEI ANNOUNCES SOVIET SUPPRESSION OF ANTI-SEMITIC 'JUDAISM' BOOK

PARIS, April 8. (JTA) -- Alexis Adjubei, son-in-law of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, and editor of the official Government newspaper, Izvestia, announced here today that "Judaism Without Embellishment," the book widely criticized in the West as anti-Semitic, has been confiscated and destroyed.

He said "all copies of the book have been destroyed, and the publication is no longer available anywhere in the Soviet Union." He made the announcement at a luncheon in his honor tendered by the French Association of Diplomatic Correspondents. The book was published in Kiev last year by the Ukrainian Academy of Science.

Mr. Adjubei added that: "As far as I know, the only copies of the book still available are reproductions being printed in the United States for purposes of anti-Soviet propaganda." His 90-minute discussion with leading French and foreign correspondents was centered almost entirely on the issue of Russia's Jewish policy. A number of leading French newspapermen, including the editors of Le Monde and France Soir, severely criticized the Soviet Union on that issue.

In answer to a question on another issue, the Soviet editor said that the USSR policy of peaceful co-existence applied also to the Middle East, and that Russia favored a peaceful solution of the "Palestine issue." He did not indicate the nature of that solution. The Soviet Union has consistently favored the Arab position on such issues as that of the future of the Palestinian Arab refugees, and has supplied armaments to the Arab states.

### BRITISH EXPERT SEES PRESSURES AIDING POSITION OF SOVIET JEWS

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- Richard Crossman, Labor member of Parliament, and authority on Soviet affairs, declared here tonight that "there is a new hope that external pressure, if fairly and diplomatically applied, can achieve for Russian Jewry a status it has not enjoyed since the Russian Revolution."

Speaking on the BBC Hebrew Service, he said that two recent developments have made Soviet authorities "even more anxious" to silence foreign criticism of their treatment of Russian Jewry. He described these as the sharpening ideological conflict inside the

Communist world, and the desire of Soviet Premier Khrushchev for a relaxation of tensions with the West. He stated that these factors, plus the need to buy American wheat and British fertilizer factories, opened the way for external pressures to greatly improve the status of Soviet Jews.

The existence of Israel, he added, makes the hope of assimilating Russian Jewry "purely utopian." With Israel in existence, political Zionism has become the ideology of survival for Russian Jews and "the emotional nexus which binds Russian Jews to Zion is stronger than ever." He asserted that, therefore, an essential part of the improvement of the status of Soviet Jewry which the West must seek is a simultaneous improvement "in the Soviet attitude toward Israel."

#### GERMAN SCIENTIST SAYS BONN KNEW ITS MEN WERE AIDING NASSER JET PROGRAM

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- A West German scientist who, for three years, directed a jet fighter production program in Egypt, has charged that the West German Government not only had full knowledge of the work of German technicians in Egypt on fighter plane construction, but also approved and encouraged it, the Daily Telegraph reported today from Bonn.

Dr. Heinrich Gronau, who directed the program at Helwan, near Cairo, said he worked under Prof. Willi Messerschmitt on HA-200 and HA-300 jet fighters. He said that the West German Government even urged technicians who wanted to return home, after realizing the anti-Israel nature of their work, to remain at those assignments.

Dr. Gronau, who has been directing a section of the West German Space Research Society since his return last year, also confirmed the military nature of Egyptian rockets which was recently revealed by H. Polenz, a West German aircraft engineer.

Dr. Gronau said he had suppressed his own original misgivings on being assured at the start by Prof. Messerschmitt that the West German Government "approved and supported" the project. He added that his doubts returned in the summer of 1962, when President Nasser of Egypt said in a speech he intended to destroy Israel. The West German scientist stated he then went to the West German Embassy in Cairo, saying he wanted to go home, but that the military attache at the Embassy urged him to stay at his work in Egypt.

The attache, Col. Kriebel, told him, Dr. Gronau said, that it was the wish of the West German Government and of the then Defense Minister, Franz Joseph Strauss, that the technicians remain in Egypt "to prevent Russians from coming in to take their places."

#### ISRAEL OPTIMISTIC ON EUROMART LINK AS NEW ROUND OF TALKS OPENS

BRUSSELS, April 8. (JTA) -- Israel considers the proposals offered by the European Community as the basis for a third round of talks for an Israel-Euromart trade agreement "a good basis for negotiations," Ambassador Amiel Najjar told the first session of the resumed talks here today. He also said that the proposals could become a good basis for an agreement.

The initial session today named three committees for continuation of the talks. One committee will deal with tariff questions; a second will handle agricultural issues; and the third will be a steering committee.

The proposals, offered three weeks ago by the Council of Ministers, key policy-making body of the EEC, would suspend the Common Market's external tariff of 20 per cent for about a dozen Israeli exports, and some alignment of national tariffs of the six Euromart nations to the common external tariff. It was indicated that the Israeli negotiators hoped to enlarge the offer as far as possible, without exceeding the mandate given by the Council of Ministers. The Israeli delegation presented some fresh proposals for study by EEC negotiators.

It was stressed that a particularly cordial atmosphere marked the first session, and the Israeli delegation expressed the hope that its proposals would be accepted.

#### ISRAELI YESHIVA STUDENTS CHOOSE JAIL, PLAN MASS SURRENDER TODAY

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The 104 Yeshiva students who were convicted last month of criminal trespass in a demonstration at a Catholic mission in Jerusalem last year, chose today to serve prison terms rather than pay fines.

They were sentenced to fines ranging from 25 pounds (\$8.33) to 100 pounds (\$33), or to terms of up to 15 days. The penalties become effective tomorrow. The students plan to assemble in the Orthodox Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem and march in a body to police headquarters to surrender.

#### LONDON FIGURES SHOW TRADE INCREASING BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ISRAEL

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- Britain's exports to Israel during 1963 totaled 23,761,359 pounds sterling (\$66,630,000) while this country's imports from Israel in the same period amounted to 17,634,853 pounds sterling (\$4,377,588), according to figures released here today. In 1962, Britain had exported to Israel goods worth 22,941,027 pounds sterling (\$64,234,876), against imports from Israel totaling 15,354,555 pounds sterling (\$42,982,754).

## ARGENTINE JEWS CHARGE TACUARA HAS ACCUMULATED VAST SUPPLY OF ARMS

BUENOS AIRES, April 8. (JTA)-- An emergency session of the DAIA, the central body of Argentine Jewry, was told today that the outlawed anti-Semitic ultra-nationalistic Tacuara group still has vastly greater supplies of arms than those already seized by the Government.

Some 110 delegates from all parts of the country were told by Herzl Gesang, DAIA general secretary, that, since the ban on the organization, Tacuara had organized a cell system and "probably has 100 times more arms and force" than those originally found which he described as substantial.

The meeting issued a statement hailing the Government for its "energetic action" to combat the threat, but stressed that only the left wing section of the banned movement was being prosecuted. Dr. Leon Perez told the meeting that there was a danger that the movement, made up of followers of exiled former dictator Juan Peron, was turning anti-Semitic, adding that a tendency in that direction was "already visible."

## SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT REPUDIATES CHARGES OF OFFICIAL ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The Information Service of the South African Government issued a statement here today criticizing "recent reports in some United States newspapers" which "incorrectly tried to imply a certain growing anti-Semitic feeling in the South African Government and the National Party."

Terming such reports "vicious implications" which it was "necessary to refute," the Bulletin asserted that "it has been made quite clear at various occasions that the South African Government "will never allow any such feeling to influence it in its decisions and deliberations."

The Bulletin emphasized that South Africa, under the present National Party government: "was one of the first countries to recognize the State of Israel and that its then Prime Minister, Dr. D.F. Malan, was the first head of Government of any foreign country to visit Israel after that country achieved its independence." The publication cited a number of statements by South African leaders and newspapers denouncing anti-Semitism, as well as statements by Jewish leaders asserting that there was no anti-Semitism in South Africa.

## AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR SEES 'ADEQUATE' COMPENSATION FOR NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, April 8. (JTA) -- Josef Klaus, Austria's new Chancellor, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he felt that the existing Austrian-West German compensation agreement was adequate to cover the needs of Austrian victims of the Nazi regime. Many of those victims are Jews.

He said that no new regulations were envisaged for any improvement in the situation of those victims and that the issue was not included during the negotiations between the Peoples Party and the Socialist Party out of which the new coalition emerged which made him Chancellor. However, he added, if new problems arise requiring action, the People's Party would support such demands by the victims of Nazism.

## LATIN AMERICAN JEWS TO ATTEND WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON SEPHARDIM AT MADRID

BUENOS AIRES, April 8. (JTA) -- The South American executive of the World Jewish Congress voted today to send a delegation to a symposium on Sephardim of the world, which will be held in Madrid in June.

The executive acted after hearing a report by Mark Turkow on a visit to Spain. The symposium was arranged by the Spanish Research Council and the World Sephardi Association.

## ORT OPENS NEW SCHOOL FOR ALGERIAN JEWS; FRENCH GOVERNMENT AIDS

PARIS, April 8. (JTA) -- The American ORT Federation announced here today the opening of a second trade school for Algerian Jewish refugees in Toulouse, where the Jewish population has increased from 3,500 five years ago to 13,500. A school for the refugees was set up in Toulouse last year as part of an expanded job training program offered by CRT to the newcomers. Both schools have received considerable financial aid from the French Government.

The new ORT school is unusual in that, unlike most services for refugees which are aimed at family heads and other adults, the new vocational center is for teen-agers. While a building is under construction, the classes are temporarily being held in pre-fabricated structures. The first courses are training for apprentices and the first section of a projected three-year school in telecommunications. When the new building is constructed, it will also have a trade school for girls.

## BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT EXTENDS AID TO JEWISH CHOIR GOING TO ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 8. (JTA) -- The Brazilian Ministry of Education has allocated a subsidy of 10,000,000 cruzeiros (about \$7,000) to partially finance the travel expense to Israel of the 80-member Jewish choir of the People's Institute for Education and Culture, which will take part in the song festival to be held in Israel next July, it was announced here today by Dr. Shaul Levin, cultural attache of the Israeli Embassy.

## ROCKEFELLER, WAGNER SET 'WARSAW GHETTO DAY'; RITES TODAY AT TIMES SQUARE

NEW YORK, April 8; (JTA) -- New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor Robert F. Wagner have designated tomorrow, April 9, as "Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Commemoration Day." The day will mark the 21st anniversary of the revolt against the Nazis by the Jewish ghetto fighters in 1943.

In ceremonies tomorrow sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America, along with a number of other Jewish organizations, Times Square will be renamed "Warsaw Ghetto Square" for the day.

In his proclamation marking the occasion, Gov. Rockefeller lauded "the heroes of the Ghetto of Warsaw along with the 6,000,000 of their fellow Jews who were slain by the oppressor."

Mayor Wagner declared in his statement that the "heroic opposition of the thousands of Polish Jews in Warsaw against Nazi tyranny stands as a beacon of hope at a time when hope was all but forsaken. Twenty-one years ago, men, women and children gave up their lives rather than submit to slavery. Let us never forget this heroic moment in history."

## PARENTS OF JEWISH SCHOOL PUPILS CLAIM DISCRIMINATION ON FREE BUSES

SPRING VALLEY, N.Y., April 8. (JTA) -- A complaint of discrimination against religious schools by a local school board was before the Rockland County Supreme Court today, as the result of a suit by three parents of pupils at the Yeshiva of Spring Valley.

The issue arose when the parents applied for free bus transportation for their children after the August 1 deadline. Among those who testified were Transportation Superintendent George Grossman, of Ramapo Central School District 2; and Dr. Abraham Gitlow, president of the district Board of Education. The suit is being heard by Supreme Court Justice John P. Donohue.

The school board officials testified that it was the board's position to waive the deadline on such busing applications for public schools, but not for parochial schools. Dr. Gitlow said the reason for waiving the deadlines for public school pupils was the result of directives from the State Education Department.

Judge Donohue declared that the school board had placed itself in a difficult position "by not adhering to the strict letter of the law" concerning deadlines. He said his decision would be handed down shortly. It could set a legal precedent in New York state.

Louis Wolfish, the attorney for the three Jewish parents, said several parents of children in another private school had retained him pending the outcome of the Spring Valley case.

## CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR SUPPORTS MOVE TO RETAIN ANTI-BIAS HOUSING LAW

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 8. (JTA) -- Governor Edmund G. Brown placed his administration today behind the fight to prevent repeal of a law abolishing discrimination in the sale or rental of most housing in California. The Governor named a statewide committee of leading personalities to oppose passage of an initiative sponsored by the California Real Estate Association which would have the effect of repealing the Rumford Act passed in 1963 by the State Legislature. Among the 23 members of the committee are Rabbi Leonard I. Beerman of Los Angeles; and Benjamin H. Swig, of San Francisco, nationally known Jewish communal leader.

The Governor said the committee would start work immediately "to make it clear to the people of California that this initiative would destroy the most fundamental concept of our democratic system, equality before the law." He said that the initiative "would give anyone an absolute right to deny housing to another person because of his race or religion." He called the realtors' move one that would give "legal sanction to bigotry."

## U. S. TREASURY RULES ISRAEL IS NOT 'DUMPING' PORTLAND CEMENT

WASHINGTON, April 8. (JTA) -- The Treasury Department ruled today that the \$440,000 worth of Portland cement imported from Israel last year was not being "dumped" on the United States market. Penalty tariffs can be applied when the Treasury finds that a foreign product is being sold in the United States at a lower price than is charged in the home market, and if the United States Tariff Commission finds that the practice injures businesses in this country.

## RABBI MICHEL KOSSOWSKY, SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER, DIES AT AGE OF 56

JOHANNESBURG, April 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Michel Kossowsky, one of South Africa's leading rabbis, and a prominent Zionist and communal leader, died here today at the age of 56. He was spiritual leader of Hamedrash Hagodel Congregation in Johannesburg.

Born in Poland, Rabbi Kossowsky came to South Africa in 1941. He was president of the South African Mizrahi, a founder and head of the Johannesburg Yeshiva College, and vice-president of the South African Zionist Federation. He was also a member of the executive of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and of the Johannesburg Beth Din.