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RABID ANTI-SEMITIC NOVEL PUBLISHED IN USSR; AMONG ITS CLAIMS IS THAT NAZIS, ZIONISTS PLANNED HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--A novel, described by one Jewish leader here today as more anti-Semitic than anything written so far by the rabid anti-Semitic Russian writer Trofim Kichko, is being serialized in the mass circulation Soviet literary magazine "Oktabr," the Jewish Labor Committee reported.

The Russian-language magazine, which is available in the United States, carried a 200-page abridgement of the novel, "The Promised Land," by Yuri Kolesnikov in its Sept. and Oct. editions. An introductory note by the magazine's editors said the novel was to be published shortly by the Pravda publishing house, publishers of the Soviet Communist Party's daily newspaper, Pravda. The note said the magazine was publishing the abridgement in advance because it was vital that the subject matter receive the widest possible circulation.

The book, which is fiction purported to be based on fact, alleges that the liquidation of six million Jews during World War II was part of an arrangement between the Zionists and the Nazis. The author alleges that the pact called for the Nazis to send young, healthy Jews to Palestine while the Zionists refused to allow others to come.

The author claims the Zionists rejected a proposal by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to admit one million Jews to the U.S., that Mussolini and Eichmann were Zionist agents, and that the Reich's Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels acted as an intermediary between Hitler and the Zionists.

Fear New Anti-Semitic Campaign

The novel, which describes the experiences of a fictional Jewish character, Chaim Volbitser, who emigrates from Bessarabia to Palestine in 1940, denounces Judaism and describes rabbis as mass murderers, Gestapo agents and pimps.

In a statement issued today, Judge Jacob T. Zuckerman, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, said that "the publication by a propaganda agency of the Soviet Communist Party of a virulent anti-Semitic book" was "cause to fear that a new, intensified anti-Semitic campaign will follow" in the USSR. Zuckerman observed that the book could not have been published without the express approval of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

Zuckerman said "The Promised Land" was more slanderous of Jews and Judaism than "Judaism Without Embellishment" by Kichko, the Ukrainian philosophy professor. The latter book, published in Kiev in 1963, was subsequently withdrawn from circulation by the Soviet authorities following protests from Jews and non-Jews all over the world. Zuckerman urged "all decent people" to protest to the Soviet authorities against the latest anti-Semitic outpouring.

LABOR TURMOIL CONTINUES, MORE EXPECTED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Israel's labor turmoil continued unabated today. While 30,000 engineers and technicians ended a 24-hour "warning strike" that caused a partial communications black-

out yesterday, a strike by 6,000 government hospital employees entered its second day without signs of a settlement. Because of the strike, which involves administrative, maintenance and catering workers but not medical staff, many hospitals were sending patients home today and refusing to admit new patients except emergency cases.

The engineers, meanwhile, warned that they would call a general strike next week if their wage demands are not met. The Journalists Association whose wages are keyed to the wage scale for engineers and technicians, announced that it would declare a labor dispute Sunday if the publishers continue to delay negotiations. The publishers say they cannot negotiate until the engineers' wage dispute is settled.

Port workers said today that they would begin a rule-book slowdown tomorrow and refuse to work overtime unless negotiations for a new wage agreement are speeded up. The threatened action would have a serious effect on Israel's citrus exports which are at their peak at this time of year. But even if the dockworkers' sanctions are averted, Israel's seaports face a general strike by licensed-ships' officers. The newly formed Maritime Officers' Association which staged a 24-hour "warning strike" Monday, said it would call a general strike Jan. 17 if Histadrut failed to recognize their union by then.

The rash of strikes and threatened strikes as the New Year began is believed by observers here to reflect the widespread attitude by employees of government and quasi-government agencies that an election year is the opportune time to press for wage increases.

ISRAEL SENDS FOOD TO NICARAGUA

MIAMI, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Fifty-thousand pounds of food which the Israeli government purchased here for the relief of earthquake victims in Managua, Nicaragua, left Miami International Airport today aboard a plane of Lanic, the Nicaraguan national airline. The cartons carried the inscription, "Food for the children of Nicaragua from Israel, Shalom."

At the airport to see off the shipment was Benjamin Bonney, Consul General of Israel for the Southeast region of the U.S., who flew in from Atlanta, and Luis De Bayle, Consul General of Nicaragua. The food shipment was consigned to the National Emergency Commission in Managua. The food purchases were arranged and coordinated by Ms. Mori Fremon, acting on behalf of the Israel government. The food was delivered to the airport by the International Center of the Nicaraguan Relief Committee here.

EBAN ATTRIBUTES RECENT SETBACKS IN AFRICA TO OUTSIDE PRESSURE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Israel's recent diplomatic setbacks in Africa were attributed by Foreign Minister Abba Eban today to "pressure from external sources" rather than the unpopularity of Israeli Middle East policies among African states. He spoke in reply to questions in the Knesset on Brazzaville-Congo's severance of diplomatic relations with Israel Sunday which followed similar breaks in recent months by Chad

and Uganda. Eban noted that the governments in question were "especially vulnerable" to the outside pressures.

Eban said that while the recent events in Africa had prompted a reappraisal of Jerusalem's policies on that continent, there is no intention of radically altering Israel's African policy. "In most African countries Israel continues to maintain her position and to strengthen her ties," Eban said.

He noted that Israel will soon open new legations in Lesoto and Swaziland. Ehud Ayril, a veteran diplomat and former Ambassador to Italy, went to Zaire (formerly Belgian Congo) this week on a mission to cement ties with that country and possibly enlarge Israel's trade there.

Role Of Radical Ideology

Israeli diplomatic circles expressed the hope that the "dry rot" has ended and that the breaks with Brazzaville, Chad and Uganda will not have a domino effect. They acknowledged certain diplomatic weak spots, notably Mali which has a large Moslem population, but said they were encouraged by the fact that the Mali government has recently asked for Israeli technical aid.

Despite an official statement by the ruling party in Niger this week that Israel's diplomatic representation was "inopportune," officials here expressed the hope that there will be no break with that country. They said that Israel's recent decision to reduce its representation in Niger to a non-resident charge d'affaires would have a profile-lowering effect and would minimize Arab pressures. Libya is known to be applying pressure on Niger to break with Israel and is accompanying it with financial blandishments.

Machinations by Libya are known to have been behind the ouster of Israelis from Uganda by President Idi Amin last Sept., and both Libya and Saudi Arabia exerted pressure on Chad which broke with Israel last month. But the break by Brazzaville-Congo was attributed here more to the radical ideology of that country's rulers than to Libyan pressure. Some Israeli circles expressed fear that the radicalization sweeping Black Africa might bode ill for Israel's hitherto friendly ties with states that have so far separated their own political views from their links with other countries.

No United Front Against Israel

Senior officials here noted that despite recent disappointments in the United Nations, the Black African states so far had not presented a united front against Israel as they have against South Africa. They noted that eight African states abstained when an anti-Israel resolution came up in the General Assembly Dec. 8 and one was absent. Twenty-four voted for the resolution.

Officials here said Israel was determined to maintain its position in Africa despite the setbacks. One reason, they said, was Israel's favorable trade balance with that continent. Israel exports \$40 million worth of goods to Africa and imports only \$20 million worth. Another reason, the officials said, was Israel's need to combat Arab efforts to isolate it diplomatically. Israel believes that diplomatic ties are of value in themselves even if very little practical results flow from them, the officials said.

They said Israel was inclined to take the advice of one of its best friends in Africa, President Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast, who recently told an Israeli envoy: "Times are bad for you, bad for Africa and bad for the whole free world. But things change. Above all, don't fold up your flag and pull out of Africa."

JEWISH LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERFAITH ANTI-WAR PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Rabbis and Jewish leaders from Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey and other parts of the country will converge on the nation's capital tonight to participate in an inter-faith protest against the war in Vietnam. Speaking on behalf of the Jewish groups at a meeting tonight will be Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of interfaith activities for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The protest, which is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and Clergy and a Laity Concerned, is aimed at getting religious groups into the offices of Congressmen. It will also feature a candlelight procession tonight to the White House. Tomorrow the various groups will march to the capitol and attempt to lobby individual Congressmen. At a press conference later in the afternoon Rabbi Brickner is expected to discuss the issue of American prisoners of war.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Board of Rabbis has asked President Nixon "to call a halt to the escalated bombings in North Vietnam and to return to the stance of negotiation with patience and with firmness." In a resolution adopted unanimously by the board, the rabbis declared that "we stand appalled and shamed by the renewed brutal bombing of North Vietnam. To move so suddenly from a posture of negotiation to an unconscionable attack that makes little distinction between civilian and military targets can evoke only our sorrow and pain."

PROBE INFLUX OF ARABS INTO ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Security authorities at London's airports are investigating a recent increase in the number of men, allegedly crew members, being brought into London by Arab airlines. The entire crew of one Arab airliner was refused admission by immigration officers yesterday because they did not have the required visas. The alleged crew members travelled in civilian clothing. According to some reports, immigration officers have refused to board aircraft from Arab countries because armed guards were aboard.

ISRAEL DOWNED TWO MIGs

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Syria apparently lost two MIG-21s during a clash with Israeli jets yesterday although an Israeli military spokesman insisted today that only one was shot down. The confirmed "kill" was seen crashing into a hill on the Lebanese side of the Syrian-Lebanese border. Its pilot, identified as Capt. Nabil Barhash, ejected safely over Lebanese territory and was reported to have told newsmen that he was pursued by six Israeli planes.

Lebanese sources reported that a second plane, presumably a Syrian MIG, crashed into the sea. Its pilot, Ibrahim Souleiman, ejected but was fatally injured. Israeli sources said the second plane may have crash-landed because of mechanical difficulties or because it ran out of fuel. The pilot's body was returned to Syria for burial.

Israel disputed Syria's allegation that yesterday's dogfight took place in Syrian airspace. Israeli spokesmen said the fight ensued after Syrian MIGs violated Israeli airspace in an attempt to interfere with an Israeli aerial patrol along the cease-fire lines, Lebanon, supporting the Syrian account, claimed that the battle began over Syria midway between Baalbec on the Mediterranean coast and Nabk, site of a Syrian Army camp bombed by Israeli aircraft last Saturday.

HUMANE SLAUGHTERING ACT DEFENDED

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--The constitutionality of the 1958 Humane Slaughtering Act was defended today against a group that claims the Act's protection of Jewish ritual slaughtering methods is unconstitutional. The group of eight tax-payers, the Society for Animal Rights and the Committee for a Wall of Separation Between Church and State, filed suit in Federal District Court here yesterday contending that the Act violated the Constitution because it provides "separate treatment and special protection to the dietary preferences of a particular religious group."

Leo Pfeffer, special counsel for the American Jewish Congress, said today that "There is no doubt of the constitutionality of the provision. The section of the law that defines humane slaughtering to include the Jewish method of slaughter is entirely correct."

Pfeffer, regarded as a leading authority on church-state separation, drafted the section of the 1958 Act relating to kosher slaughtering methods. He did so on behalf of the Joint Advisory Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Synagogue Council of America. The latter is the umbrella organization of the lay and rabbinic bodies of the three branches of American Judaism.

Jewish Method Termed Cruel

The complaining group claimed that the traditional Jewish practice of slaughtering animals and poultry while they are still conscious was "too cruel" and said Jews should not be exempted from the federal law which says that animals should be "rendered insensible to pain by a single blow."

Pfeffer, on the other hand, contended that "The Humane Slaughtering Act recognizes what has long been known and universally acknowledged--that the Jewish method of slaughter is as humane as, if not more humane, than any other method of slaughtering used anywhere in the world." He said that the absence of such a provision from the 1958 law "would cast grave doubts as to its constitutionality."

An AJ Congress spokesman recalled that exactly one year ago a similar challenge to the constitutionality of the kosher slaughtering provisions was filed in Federal Court here by Henry Mark Holzer. The Joint Advisory Committee announced that it would intervene and Holzer withdrew his suit. The spokesman said the AJ Congress would strongly urge the Joint Advisory Committee to intervene in the current case, probably by filing a friend-of-the-court brief.

MAPAM TO REMAIN IN LABOR ALIGNMENT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Mapam has decided to remain within the Labor Alignment. A vote taken at the party's sixth national convention last week-end indicated that more than two-thirds of the delegates favored a joint list with Labor in next fall's national elections instead of an independent Mapam list as advocated by some factions within the party. Opposition to the alignment declined slightly from 34.5 percent in an earlier vote to 31.5 percent in the latest one.

The opposition was represented by Naphtali Ben-Moshe, secretary of the party's Central Committee. But the views of Yaacob Hazan, Reuben Araz and other veteran Mapam leaders prevailed. Araz argued that Mapam's adherence to the Alignment "blocks the rise of the right-wing." A pro-Alignment policy was also urged on Mapam by Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, secretary general of Histadrut, who was a guest speaker at the convention.

MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE UNDER HEAVY GUARD

LONDON, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that the Moscow synagogue on Archipovo Street was placed under heavy guard last Saturday, the day amnesties were granted in connection with the Soviet Union's 50th anniversary. The sources said worshippers were not permitted to congregate outside the synagogue and were ordered over loudspeakers to disperse. Traffic, normally sparse on the Moscow side street, was diverted from other streets through Archipovo Street to give police an excuse to disperse the worshippers, the sources said.

They also reported that Jews who were sentenced to 15-day jail terms for "hooliganism" after staging a sit-in at the Supreme Soviet Dec. 18 to demand amnesties for Jewish political prisoners have all been released. According to the sources, those who served their sentences in Moscow were held incommunicado and those held in Riga were taken to a jail outside town.

In other developments, it was reported that Prof. Aleksander Lerner and Prof. Benjamin Levich were barred from entering the U.S. Embassy in Moscow last week to register condolences on the death of former President Harry S. Truman, sources reported. Moscow police stopped them outside the Embassy gates and refused to admit them without certificates authorizing them to enter.

Dr. H. Merskey, chairman of the Medical and Scientific Committee for Soviet Jewry, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he learned from a telephone conversation with Prof. Levich that the latter's mail was being interfered with. He said Prof. Levich told him that letters addressed to him never arrived and letters he sent to various addresses abroad mysteriously disappeared.

Prof. Levich expressed thanks to the Fellows of the Royal Society who sponsored an appeal on his behalf signed by 3000 scientists of all faiths around the world. The appeal was addressed to the Soviet scientific community urging it to intervene to help Prof. Levich secure an exit visa to go to Israel. The Jewish physicist has been denied a visa and was fired from his job after applying for one.

SABOTAGE IN TERRITORIES DECLINES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Acts of sabotage in the administered territories have declined over the past two years, it was reported today. During 1970 some 700 terrorist acts were reported in the territories compared to only 45 in 1972. During 1972 several hundred terrorists were released from jail before completing their sentences. The annual per capita income on the West Bank increased last year to IL 4200 compared to IL 1400 in 1967. The respective figures for the Gaza Strip were IL 3600 and IL 1200.

A population exchange between Israel and Egypt was conducted Wednesday by the International Red Cross within the framework of its family reunion program. Forty-nine residents of the Gaza Strip were transferred to Egypt and 72 persons from Egypt crossed the Suez Canal for the Gaza Strip.

President Zalman Shazar and Dr. Eliahu Eilat, Israel's first Ambassador to the United States, will arrive in Washington Thursday afternoon to attend memorial services Friday for the late President Harry S. Truman. They will be joined at the service by Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin. Also attending the service at the Washington Cathedral will be high-ranking envoys from more than 30 nations and U.S. officials.

COMMUNITIES INCREASE EFFORTS TO CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Jewish communities throughout the nation are intensifying their efforts to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Israel's independence in a manner consistent with their strong identification with the Jewish State, it was announced by Jacob Stein, chairman of the American Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Stein said more than 100 celebrations are to be held in local communities through Sept. 1973, including many that are scheduled for May 7, the actual anniversary date.

Among the major events that have been recently completed were a highly successful Jerusalem Fair in Los Angeles which accommodated several hundred thousand visitors for a variety of Israel product and cultural-artifact exhibits and authentic Israel entertainment. A similar fair will be held in San Francisco from Feb. 24 to March 1. Other fairs are under consideration in other major communities. Stein said that 25th Anniversary Committees have been forming in almost all of the larger American Jewish communities and that most were planning independent programs of events between now and September.

For example, the New York Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary is now considering a special Israel Month with a concerted schedule of events to be launched by official ceremonies at City Hall and to be climaxed by the opening of a Fair, the annual "Salute to Israel" parade and other events. Philadelphia's Committee will hold an exhibit of more than 90 outstanding paintings by Israeli artists, an Israel Dance Festival, a four-day trade fair and a special luncheon of Philadelphia business leaders who will be addressed by Israel's Minister of Information on "Israel's Quest for Peace."

Full Programs Of Events

Stein said that most other Anniversary Committees in large Jewish communities are planning full programs of events. Some of the major events are an Israel Expo in Cleveland on March 24, an Israel Week in Detroit from May 6-13 which will include an economic conference for businessmen seeking trade relations with Israel and a concert by the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra in that city on Feb. 3.

Stein further related that at least 13 communities will hold "Salute to Israel" parades this year. The parades, sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation, will in many instances initiate or climax the communities' plans for celebration of an Israel Month during May, or May and early June. Among these communities are New York, whose parade will take place June 10; Boston, May 20; Cleveland, May 20; Philadelphia, May 6; Milwaukee, May 6; and Miami on May 20.

LINDSAY URGES AID FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay reported to the officers of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry on his recent meetings with the Mayor of Moscow in Tokyo and with Soviet Jews in Israel. Conference Chairman Stanley Lowell urged Lindsay to accept the invitation extended to him by the Mayor of Moscow to visit that city. Lindsay said he would consider it and added, "If I am in a position to accept this invitation, I would make it clear that I will take up the issue of Soviet Jewry."

Among other steps Lindsay agreed to take was to include in the city's legislative program support of the Jackson amendment, enlist support of the Conference of Mayors, encourage individual mayors to undertake efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry in concert with their local communities, and to contact the heads of corporations in New York City dealing with the Soviet Union to encourage them to raise the issue and to do whatever possible to help Soviet Jews.

JEWISH GRAVEYARDS IN POLAND IN DANGER OF BEING DESTROYED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Senator Jacob K. Javits (R, N.Y.) recently told the Senate that Poland has confiscated the cemetery of Lvov and built a park on its site and warned that Babi Yar is in danger of being converted into an amusement park if no action is taken. Javits said the situation was brought to his attention by the Geder Avot section of the World Center of European Rabbis which plans to build memorial houses in Israel for the martyrs, for those who no longer have gravestones, and for the more than 2000 cemeteries which were demolished during World War II by the Nazis in Poland, the Soviet Union, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The Senator noted that the Geder Avot "has for some time been endeavoring to obtain reparations for the destruction of these cemeteries" but that "unfortunately, these efforts have not met with success." Javits said that many Jewish graveyards in Poland, including those in cities such as Stanislaw, Regzavov and Belz, are endangered. With the destruction of these graveyards, many of them more than 1000 years old, "the last historical traces of the Jews of Poland will be effaced," Javits said.

FAREWELL DINNER AND BALL FOR RABIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (JTA)--A farewell dinner and ball honoring Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin will be sponsored by the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds next Thursday evening at the Waldorf Astoria, it was announced by Samuel Neaman, committee chairman. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller will be guest speaker and Sen. Jacob K. Javits will be dinner chairman.

The event, which will also celebrate Israel's 25th anniversary, will accord special tribute to Rabin on the completion of five years as his country's ranking diplomat in Washington. City Comptroller Abraham D. Beame, treasurer of the Greater New York Committee for Israel Bonds, will inaugurate a major effort at the dinner to mobilize investment capital to advance the industrialization and agricultural development of Israel.

AID URGED FOR JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 3 (JTA)--Delegates from Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama and Jamaica gathered here last week for the first Latin American B'nai B'rith youth conference. The delegates and the Central Jewish Committee sent cables to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and to the Syrian Embassy in Washington protesting against persecutions of Syrian Jews and Jews in Arab lands. The telegrams called for an end to the harassment of Jews and for their right to emigrate.

Premier Golda Meir was second on the list of 10 women most admired in 1972 in the U.S., according to a Gallup Poll. Mrs. Pat Nixon was first.