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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AGENCY TRANSMITS TO ITS WORLDWIDE NETWORK ANTI-ISRAEL DIATRIBE BY ANTI-SEMITES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (JTA)--The Defense Department's information agency has transmitted to its network of 492 radio and television stations serving American armed forces all over the world the text of a broadcast by the notorious anti-Semite and racist Gerald L.K. Smith in which he alleged that the "controlling powers" were besmirching Christian holy places in Israel.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from Hoyt Wertz, chief of the broadcast service of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS), that the 25-minute broadcast by Smith was obtained from the Mutual Broadcasting System which produced it in cooperation with the radio and television department of the New Jersey Council of Churches. It was broadcast by MBS on Jan. 21, and was transmitted by AFRTS on Jan. 23 to the armed forces stations for use in their areas.

An aide to Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) who had received complaints about the program said the Senator had called the Defense Department for a transcript, a copy of the department's rules and regulations governing AFRTS materials, and a full explanation of why Smith was allowed to use the Department's services for his purposes.

The broadcast was apparently in promotion of Smith's shrine at Eureka Springs, Ark., a tiny Ozark mountain town he is trying to promote as a tourist attraction. Smith touted Eureka Springs in the broadcast as a new Christian sanctuary that would replace the holy places allegedly besmirched in Israel. Wertz told the JTA that Bill Bertenshaw, described as an official of the New Jersey church group who served as master of ceremonies in the program, offered listeners brochures of the shrine. Wertz denied that funds were solicited on the program.

Programs Not Screened

He told the JTA, "I know this man (Smith) is a notorious bigot--at least he was--but no such element was in this program." He said Smith stated on the program that he made no profits from Eureka Springs. Smith has a long record as a professional anti-Semite and rabble rouser dating from the 1930s.

Wertz informed the JTA that all AFRTS programs are taken from the three major national networks--CBS, NBC and ABC--and from Mutual which has radio and tv outlets in New York and several other cities. He said that AFRTS "relies on the judgement of the networks for the usefulness of the programs." He admitted, however, that some features of the networks are not used. He mentioned specifically that the 15-minute commentaries by Fulton Lewis Jr., an ultra-conservative commentator, are not re-broadcast.

Wertz said that "no screening is done on the programs" because "as soon as you screen, the military people are charged with censoring and news management." Asked why Jewish programs produced by the networks are not broadcast by AFRTS, he replied that they did not "fit in" the AFRTS programming. He said the same applied to the Fulton-Lewis program.

A little more than a year ago protests by Jewish organizations led the federal government to cancel funding for a highway Smith wanted built to make his shrine at Eureka Springs more accessible to the public. The main attraction was a large stone statue of Jesus erected by Smith.

LETTER BOMB WOUNDS POLICE EXPERT

LONDON, Jan. 25 (JTA)--A police bomb expert in Santiago, Chile, was blinded and lost both of his hands while trying to dismantle a letter bomb mailed from Athens to Samuel Goren, the Honorary Israel Consul in Santiago, the Evening News reported today. Goren is a Chilean Jew. Meanwhile, Scotland Yard repeated its warnings to exercise utmost care in handling mail. A Scotland Yard spokesman said that no letter bombs have been discovered here recently but the tragedy in Chile and a recent letter bomb found in Australia, also mailed from Athens, made it necessary to repeat the warning.

MRS. MEIR SEEKS RELEASE OF ISRAELI POWs IN EGYPT, SYRIA

Any Arrangement Acceptable Including Prior Release Of Arab Prisoners

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir asked European leaders she met last week to use their good offices to obtain the release of 13 Israeli prisoners of war held in Egypt and Syria. Mrs. Meir disclosed that she made the request during the meeting of the Socialist International in Paris Jan. 13-14 and in her subsequent meeting with Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti in Rome. She said she made it clear that Israel was prepared to return its 65 Egyptian and Syrian POWs for the 13 Israelis.

The Premier spoke at ceremonies marking the publication of a book by Yair Dori, a paratrooper who was severely wounded during the Six-Day War and spent 9 months in an Egyptian prison. The book is an account of his prison experiences. Mrs. Meir said Israel would agree to any arrangement to obtain release of the Israeli POWs, even one calling for the prior release of the Arab prisoners.

SIX SPY RING MEMBERS ORDERED RETAINED IN CUSTODY UNTIL THEIR TRIAL OPENS

By Yitzhak Shargil, JTA Tel Aviv Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25 (JTA)--Six suspected members of a Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy ring were ordered retained in custody until their trial opens by a Haifa district court judge today. Judge Y. Slonim acted on the request of the prosecutor, Haifa District Attorney Itzhak Garbell, after formal charges were filed against the six suspects who were arrested early last Dec. after a long period under surveillance. The suspects offered no objections to the remand order. No trial date has been announced.

The six suspects, two of them Israel-born Jews, were brought to the heavily guarded courthouse this morning to hear the charges. Prior to the filing of formal charges the court could extend their detention for no longer than 15 days at a time, a period extendable only on special request by the State. In requesting further custody, the

District Attorney observed that "The court must be aware of the fact that some of the charges mentioned in the charge sheets entail life imprisonment."

Appearing in court today were Ehud Adiv, 26, and Dan Vered, 30, alleged key members of the spy ring's Jewish section, and Daoud Osman Turki, an Arab Christian and Israeli Communist Party functionary from Haifa who was allegedly the ring's leader. Also appearing were Simon Hadad who headed the Arab student organization at Haifa University, Annis Karawi, an Arab from Shaferam, and Subhi Naarani of Bosmat Tivon, a Bedouin settlement near Haifa. Hadad was charged only with membership in a hostile organization.

The other five suspects were charged with maintaining direct contact with enemy agents. Adiv and Vered were charged specifically with passing information of a military nature to Syrian agents.

Charges Against Suspects Outlined

According to the charge sheet, the spy ring dated back to 1968 when Turki began organizing a group with the goal of organizing left-wing revolutions in Israel and the Arab states. In 1969 he went to Cyprus where he met Habib Kawagi, a former Palestinian Arab working for Egyptian intelligence who agreed to finance Turki's activities. Kawagi provided Turki with a code book and instructions for receiving and transmitting information. Turki returned to Israel where he recruited members from Matzpen, an extreme left-wing organization, Adiv among them. Turki also visited Lebanon and Syria where he was trained in the use of arms and explosives and given a new code based on the Koran.

According to the charges against Adiv, described as the No. 2 man of the ring, he was assigned by Turki to recruit Jews and to send them to Syria for training. Adiv, who was born and raised at Kibbutz Gan Shmuel and is a combat veteran of the parachute brigade that participated in the capture of East Jerusalem during the Six-Day War, allegedly visited Syria twice in connection with the ring's espionage activities.

He is alleged to have provided Kawagi with detailed Israeli military intelligence including the strength and deployment of paratroop units, the nature of Israeli armaments and the location of armored corps headquarters. The information helped Syrian intelligence calculate the strength of Israeli forces on certain sectors of the front, the charges said. Adiv also allegedly provided information on the location of airfields and arms production plants and selected military and civilian targets for sabotage.

He also allegedly supplied Vered with money to go to Athens to meet enemy agents. Vered, a teacher who graduated from the University of Miami in 1972 and joined Matzpen, also visited Syria and provided Syrian intelligence with information on Israel's military reserves, armored corps and tank strength. According to the charges, Adiv also supplied Syria with economic and political intelligence on Israel. This was reportedly contained in a report he drafted during 10 days he spent in an apartment in Damascus.

HUSSEIN UNLIKELY TO GET U.S. SUPPORT FOR HIS PEACE PLAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25 (JTA)--Israeli sources predicted today that King Hussein would not win American backing for any peace plan that calls for the return of all or part of East Jerusalem to Jordan. The sources noted that the Jordanian ruler, who goes to Washington next month for a meeting with President Nixon, hinted this week that he would consider a peace settlement if Jor-

dan gains control over the Moslem and Christian holy places in Jerusalem. The sources said such a plan would be rejected by the U.S. which has always been a firm supporter of the concept of a united Jerusalem.

The sources said that the likelihood that Hussein would visit Cairo before going to Washington precluded his discussing the possibilities of a separate peace with Israel with the Americans. The sources said they had no knowledge of reports in the Arab press that the U.S. had asked Hussein to postpone his visit until after Premier Golda Meir meets with Nixon. Mrs. Meir is scheduled to go to Washington March 1.

FRENCH UJA LAUNCHES ANNUAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

PARIS, Jan. 25 (JTA)--The fairy tale-like castle of Versailles, the world's largest and probably most luxurious royal palace, was lit up last night for the French-United Jewish Appeal annual dinner. Four hundred and fifty UJA contributors attended the dinner served in "the Hall of Royal Battles" by footmen in 17th century liveries to the accompaniment of period chamber music.

The dinner, which marked the launching of the annual fund-raising campaign, was presided over by Baron Guy de Rothschild who was accompanied by all the members of his family. Baron de Rothschild said that the 1972 campaign had netted 45 million francs (about \$9 million) slightly less than the previous year. He said that following a recently concluded agreement with Jewish Agency chairman Louis Pincus, the Jewish Agency received 24 million francs and the French Jewish Central Welfare Agency, the FSJU, 14.5 million. The balance of 6.5 million francs went for fund-raising expenses.

Baron de Rothschild said that he had found "great understanding" for local French needs as well as "an awareness of the important role local development plays in the general perspective of Israel and world Jewry."

ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BONN, Jan. 25 (JTA)--A new anti-Semitic campaign is being launched on the senior government level in Czechoslovakia, it is reported in the Jewish weekly newspaper "Berliner Allgemeine." The campaign has been started by the head of the Department of International Relations in the Czech Communist Party Central Committee, Pavel Auersperg. He has stated among other things that during the 1968 uprising Czechoslovakia had "felt the power of Zionism."

TERRORIST TO WED IN PRISON

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25 (JTA)--A wedding will take place shortly at the Nablus central prison. The bride is 22-year-old Mariam Shakshir, daughter of a wealthy Nablus businessman who is serving a life sentence for planting a bomb outside the Hebrew University cafeteria in Jerusalem which wounded 28 persons nearly four years ago. Her husband-to-be is Samir Al-Masri, a Nablus-born engineer living in Irbid, Jordan. Israeli authorities were reportedly considering freeing Miss Shakshir on condition that she leaves the West Bank permanently. Her family has expressed hope that she will be released for at least 24 hours on her wedding day.

The Jewish population of West Germany is 26,500 and an additional 5500 Jews living in East Germany, the Duesseldorf Jewish Council reported. The biggest Jewish community in Germany is West Berlin with 5270.

SHAZAR PAYS TRIBUTE TO LBJ

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar of Israel paid tribute today on behalf of his nation to the late President Lyndon B. Johnson. Shazar eulogized him for having written "a glorious chapter in the chronicle of friendship between the young State of Israel and mighty America."

Arriving here last night from Tel Aviv, the 83-year-old Israeli chief of state went directly from the airport to the Capitol rotunda where he observed a minute of silence before the flag-draped coffin of America's 36th President. The stream of thousands of mourners who had come to the rotunda halted and the changing honor guard moved slowly as Shazar approached the bier.

The Israeli President attended funeral services for Mr. Johnson at the National City Christian Church where Mr. Johnson had often worshipped. Shazar was accompanied to the church by Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem who was Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. during the Johnson administration, and by Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. He was also accompanied by Lt. Col. Ephraim Evron, deputy director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry who was a Minister to Washington during the Johnson years. Harman and Evron travelled with Shazar from Tel Aviv.

'Wrote A Glorious Chapter'

President Johnson's funeral was the third funeral for an American President at which Shazar represented the State of Israel. He attended services for the late President Harry S. Truman here only three weeks ago. In Nov. 1963 he attended the funeral of President John F. Kennedy.

Shazar observed in his eulogy that "I must once more, so soon after the passing of Harry S. Truman, express profound sorrow upon the untimely death of a great American President, a man of many achievements and far-ranging vision." Lyndon Baines Johnson wrote a glorious chapter in the chronicle of the developing friendship between the young State of Israel and mighty America."

Continuing, Shazar said: "I have never forgotten being received by him on the mournful day his murdered predecessor was buried and the mantle of leadership fell upon him. Most emphatically he assured me that he would not depart from and would even strengthen the policy of friendly support for Israel. He did indeed do so and in most critical times, establishing principles which still light our path."

**RABBINATE COUNCIL SEEKS
TIGHTER THEATER CENSORSHIP**

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25 (JTA)--The Chief Rabbinate Council appealed to the Cabinet today to reverse its decision to abolish censorship for Israel's legitimate theater. The Cabinet voted 7-5 Sunday in favor of submitting legislation to the Knesset that would free stage productions from the requirement of obtaining a license from the censorship board.

The Orthodox rabbis claimed that the decision would lead to a "terrible moral decline" and demanded that censorship should be tightened. "In these times when permissiveness is eating away at the vitals of our society," The Chief Rabbinate Council also sent a message of condolences to the family of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson. The message referred to Mr. Johnson as "a righteous gentile."

JDL WARNS OF NEW VIOLENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (JTA)--A Jewish Defense

League spokesman today accused the "American Jewish Establishment" of "unbelievable lack of vision" in fighting the Soviet Union over the education tax imposed on Jewish emigrants and warned that "a new wave of violence" would soon break out against Soviet premises and personnel in the U.S.

David Fisch, executive director of the JDL, claimed in a statement issued here that the recent publication in Moscow of the education tax law and its attendant regulations was an indication that the Soviet authorities have no intention of rescinding the measure. "Once again we have learned the ineffectiveness of peaceful, diplomatic protests to influential men, to men of importance," Fisch said.

He warned that "a new wave of violence against the Soviets is on the brink of eruption as more and more young Jews are becoming frustrated to the point of desperation." Charging that "throughout the decades Jewish establishment groups have proven themselves incapable of responding to the crises facing world Jewry," Fisch listed what he called "recent JDL-related developments" apparently as examples of how to deal with the Russians.

These included 10 JDL members handcuffing themselves to the Soviet Mission building in New York Dec. 26; a sit-in at the UN Secretariat building Jan. 5; disruption of a party at the Soviet Embassy in Washington Dec. 24; an invasion of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa Jan. 22; and the shattering of a plate glass door of the Soviet Mission in New York Jan. 2.

Fisch said that if young Jews felt such acts were insufficient to move the Soviets "I dread to consider what they may do next." He refused to say whether the recent rash of stench bombs at Soviet events in New York and Philadelphia were the work of the JDL.

TREPPER EXPECTS DECISION SOON

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25 (JTA)--Leopold Trepper, the former World War II Soviet spy network chief who cannot leave Poland, says he expects the Polish government to decide his case by Feb. 15.

In a telephone conversation here with his eldest son, Michael Brodje, the 68-year-old Trepper said that a meeting of world-wide Trepper defense committees will be held in London next March to explore new ways of supporting him. The ailing Trepper also told his son that he was now back home, after having refused hospitalization in Warsaw.

Trepper's youngest son, Edgar Brodje, now living in Jerusalem, called his brother this week to say he may go on a hunger strike for his father's freedom. In a related development, 36 members of the British Parliament are reportedly appealing to the Polish Embassy in London on Trepper's behalf.

SHAZAR-PRIZE FOR JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 25 (JTA)--The Herzlia Jewish Day School here has been awarded a Shazar Prize for Jewish Education. The citation lauded its achievements as "impressive in all fields of its educational endeavor and especially so in its successful encouragement of identification with the Jewish people and the State of Israel." Myer Ellis Katz, headmaster of Herzlia School, went to Israel to receive the award on behalf of the school. Second only in size to Johannesburg's King David Schools, Cape Town's Herzlia Primary school and Herzlia High School have won praise from visiting Jewish educators for their progressive methods.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**VIETNAM PEACE ACCORD MAY BE
HARBINGER-FOR MIDEAST ACCORD**

By Joseph Polakoff, JTA-Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (JTA)--In important aspects, the U.S. government followed political principles and philosophy in negotiating the agreements to end the war in Vietnam that it has espoused for settling the conflict in the Middle East. Observers therefore saw in the details of the Vietnam agreement the seeds for success in the animosities between Arabs and Israelis. In announcing the agreement Tuesday night, Pres. Nixon declared that a peace in Southeast Asia "contributes to the prospects of peace in the whole world."

A major element in the American position in Vietnam, as in the Middle East, is its consistent adherence to the principle of non-imposition of political solutions on other people by any form of coercion, military or otherwise. This was outlined yesterday by Dr. Henry Kissinger, who bore the burden of the long negotiating process with the North Vietnamese as Nixon's principal foreign affairs advisor.

Detailing the agreement for newsmen at a briefing lasting almost two hours, Dr. Kissinger said in relation to the Vietnam agreement on the right of the South Vietnamese people to self-determination: "The significance of this part of the agreement is that the United States will not impose any political solution on the people of Vietnam. The United States has consistently maintained it will not impose a coalition government or a disguised coalition government." In effect, Dr. Kissinger said what Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers have long been saying: that it is up to the parties in the Middle East conflict to reach an agreement and that major powers must not impose one.

Inasmuch as the Israeli government has frequently signified its desire to negotiate with the Arab leaders, the U.S. principle of non-imposition and negotiation was seen as bearing down on the Arab states, primarily Egypt which is balking on even entering talks for reopening the Suez Canal as a start for an overall settlement.

Other points by Dr. Kissinger on Vietnam that may relate to the Middle East were that the use of "military force or any other form of coercion is impermissible," and that military movements across demarcation lines are "flatly prohibited." Egypt has been insisting on moving troops across the canal and as far into the Sinai as it likes.

Less Brutal Means To Solve Conflict

Use of Laos and Cambodia, Dr. Kissinger also said, is "specifically prohibited for use against any other country" and the agreement contains a "flat prohibition against the use" of these neighboring nations for bases for "infiltration" into Vietnam or any other country. This principle, when applied to the Middle East, could signify the end of terrorist establishments on Israel's borders.

All foreign troops into Indo-China must be withdrawn under the agreement, Dr. Kissinger said. Translated into Middle East terms this would mean the withdrawal of what remains of Soviet forces in Egypt and those moved into Syria. Peace in Indo-China, Dr. Kissinger observed, "requires self-restraint of major countries, especially those which supplied the wherewithall." This appears to be a reference to the Soviet Union and China.

Paraphrasing Nixon's statements, Dr. Kissinger expressed a philosophy about Vietnam which

could also be applicable to the Middle East and its peoples: "The United States is seeking a peace that heals. We want a peace that will last. Our firm intention with North Vietnam is to move from hostilities to normalization and from normalization to conciliation." In accordance with U.S. tradition, he continued, "under conditions of peace, we can contribute to the humane aspirations of all peoples of Indo-China."

Dr. Kissinger struck a note that seemed particularly applicable to Arab feelings. "It is not easy to achieve in negotiation what has not been achieved on the battlefield," adding, "by definition," after wars, the lines of demarcation nearly always followed the lines of control. Dr. Kissinger also struck a note of hope that could apply to the situation in the Middle East: the North Vietnamese "are the most difficult people to negotiate with that I have ever encountered when they do not want to settle. They are also the most effective when they finally decide to settle. That is why we have gone through peaks and valleys in these negotiations of extraordinary intensity."

Referring to the suffering, hatred and fighting in Vietnam these past 25 years--a reference that could just as well apply to the situation since 1948 in the Middle East--Dr. Kissinger said: "Of course the hatred will not rapidly disappear, and of course people who have fought for 25 years will not easily give up their objectives. But also people who have suffered for 25 years may at last come to know that they can achieve their real satisfaction by other and less brutal means. (It should be clear by now that no one in the war has had a monopoly of anguish and that no one in these debates has had a monopoly of moral insight."

**WARNING SOUNDED AGAINST COMPROMISES
ON JEWISH EDUCATION PRIORITY**

MONTREAL, Jan. 25 (JTA)--Kalman Sultanik, member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency asserted here last night that the prevalent universal feeling of Israel's capacity in terms of security is having its side-effects on Jews in the diaspora by engendering among them a sense of complacency. "We have relaxed our former vigilance and we tend to respond to the situation today that there is nothing to worry about," he said.

Addressing a meeting of the Zionist Organization of Canada, Sultanik, who is also executive vice-president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, warned that "the blatant fact is that a great wave of assimilation is now swamping the western world, taking heavy tolls, especially among the Jewish youth."

Focusing on the situation in the United States, he declared that "we see there how Jewish education lies prostrate and how the influence of the environmental sub-culture sways Jewish youth both in small and large Jewish communities." Sultanik urged that top priority be given by Zionists to Jewish education because "for the Zionists the furtherance of Jewish education and the preservation of our heritage represent the basic requisites to ensure Jewish survival."

An exhibition of drawings and lithographs entitled "Hitler-Germany's Doom" will open in Bonn on Jan. 30. It will be staged by the German artist, A. Paul Weber, 79. The drawings were made between 1929 and 1935.