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Detroit - 29 Jan 53

40 men from
22 communities

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1. face-to-face with all out attack vs.
Jews of the world.

a.) attack vs. Israel

b.) " " American Jewish organizations

c.) " " Jews in Eastern Europe

2. attacks in Eastern Europe not new

a) arrest of Zionist leaders in Rumania
3 years ago

b) arrest of 5 Zionist leaders in Hungary

c) Rajk trial - foreign minister of Hungary
(not Jew) - but Joe Schwartz named

d) arrest of Israel Jacobson, IDC director
in Hungary - after signing statements whose
contents were unknown. Jacobson expelled,
but not IDC. (Charles Jordan replaced
Jacobson)

e) arrest of local IDC staff (not Americans)
in Poland, Czech, Hungary

3. what is new is that this is now a series of isolated incidents. This is total policy of attack, on Jews as Jews

- a) Prague trials
- b) 9 Russian doctors
- c) arrest of Jewish community of Budapest, Speckler.
- d) attack on Edward Warkburg as American agent.
- e) attack in New Times of Moscow - Joe named as member of American intelligence
- f) press campaign in East Germany, followed by arrests and flight of leaders. (Julius Meyer)
- g) trial now being prepared vs. Anna Pauker in Rumania. Beren Feldman, head of R. communist party, has also been arrested.

4. 500,000 in satellite countries
2-2 1/2 million in Russia

5. ^{made} statement. That JDC has not been
 vehement enough in denying charges.
 How do you deny? U.S. Jews know
 record of JDC - no denial is necessary
 to US Jewish community.

6. Ridiculous to talk about Glusky,
 Fishel, bebinden et al, as Zionists.
 These men stymied all efforts of JDC
 to help the Jews emigrate. They called
 themselves "Confessionals" - not Jews.

7. Stackler collaborated with communist regime.
 He believed that Jews had to subordinate
 to communists. Stackler didn't receive one
 dollar of JDC money, which went from
 Chase Bank in N.Y. to Hungarian National
 Bank in Switzerland in dollars, converted to
 forints, and reached Hungary in forints.

8. Arrested with Stekler was one and Dr. Benedic head of Jewish hospital in Budapest. He was a fervid communist. He was arrested as a co-conspirator, Zionist, American agent.

9. Julius Meyer - east Berlin - friendly to communists - now fugitive in west Berlin.

10. Lem Zuckerman, member of CP, sought safety in west Berlin.

All these people, accused as spies, have been members and close to party. This is the significant clue, to indicate the anti-Jewish nature of the attacks.

11. In all countries, JDC worked openly with governments involved. Warby & Schwartz were decorated by communist governments. Noting secret about work of JDC.

- (5)
12. JDC pulled out of Hungary, ^{only} after the arrest of Steedler 2 weeks ago. JDC remained, gave dollars to Hungary, to help 30,000 sick + aged Jews.

In view of fact that this is an all-out offensive, involving fate of 2½ - 3 million people - legitimate question to ask how we can help?

Two things we can do:

1. To continue internal aid to people in those countries - This means illegal aid. Even though Rumania expelled JDC in 48, JDC has continued to work sub-rosa, on reduced scale. This doesn't show on JDC books or records. Reason JDC accepted reduced-scale program was not to embarrass emigration possibilities. Now that emigration is closed, JDC will expand illegal internal aid program.

2.

Have illegal emigration pattern.
This will be costly in dollars and lives. When Russians close a border, they shoot to kill. But the attempt must be made, because there is panic and despair. Even if only from point of view of maintaining morale, illegal underground must be created.

Rescue was possible, for a few, under Nazis.

Rescue was possible in post-war.

Rescue must be re-opened now.

All of this places Israel in very precarious situation. Israel now has openly & publicly the whole communist world vs. her. This will encourage Arabs, and set back chances of peace. Israel will have to increase her defense plans and this is costly. When eastern

pro go openly on side of
Arabs, This deteriorates Israel's
military position.

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U.S. Jewish communities will have

- to:
- 1) finance the illegal rescue
(which is being investigated now -
putting & reconnaissance of Iron border)
 - 2) finance the increased strain on
Israel's internal economy.

U.S. communities will have to be
alerted without talking as frankly as
in this room.

I. Speed is of the essence. Campaigns
will have to be advanced. Miami,
Cleveland, Baltimore, N.Y. already started.
Miami ahead 25%
Cleveland ahead 15% from top people.

Philadelphia

50 people raised over 550,000 -
179% increase from people in room.

Petersen

textile people, weak last year, raising
much more.

People are aroused - anxious to help.

Already refugees beginning to move
50 people daily into west Berlin
50 - - - from Hungary into Austria.

There is an element in this
year campaign different from past few
years. We are again in rescue,
smuggling, snatching, few lives.

Unfortunate that we must have
this kind of thing before people are aroused,
but we didn't ask for it. We have it
and must rise to it.

This is a different campaign.
Jews are in trouble again.
We are back at 1948.

The new facts have to be exploited.



JDC needs will expand -

The JDC record in deceleration
has been good. If acceleration
is indicated, make it concrete.

If 10 million is needed for
rescue, and 1953 doesn't produce
that much extra - The USA will
curtail program to provide it. Joe is
convinced that American Jews won't ask
USA to do this - but will provide the extra.

Holtzman

● 1°

1. Give more yourself in 1953
2. Work a little harder in 1953.
3. Get at least one friend to work in 1953 that we didn't have before.
4. Get a higher percentage for the VJA in 1953.
5. Get cash fast.

Guarded approach, and (11)
restraint and caution, are
necessary in telling this story
because there are dangers
involved for human beings.

Both the people and the
agents (the saved & their saviors)
will be unnecessarily jeopardized.

Q- What is the maximum exploitation
we can give to this story, without
endangering security?

A- limit will be indicated in forthcoming
full-page ad in N.Y. Times next week.

(12)

"This question of 'how far to go'
was main topic of debate.

People were raring to go -
Joe was trying to hold back.



2. Tremendous value to Jews of America to know that US government is behind this program, even clandestinely.

1. Roots of American Jewish community lie in eastern Europe

3. In enthusiasm for new, don't forget the old. UJA has 15 years of service. This is our total community strength.

4.

1800
570
126000

 There is vitality within room
The doctor talked of guilt-feeling.
- We can replace feeling of helplessness of Nazi years - with action now.

US communities will have to be alerted, without speaking publicly as frankly as we can here.

← →
This is important trick.
How much can be said?

E.g. - story of Rumanian Jews is effective.

Is outlay of dollars to communist countries known to US government?

Beckelman - Chicago - 15 March 53

57 year old woman - Dena
went to meet,

see Jewish community Magazine
provide list of Jews

man Erfurt - told by friend
Jewish class persona non grata

people got out before war, during &
after

there are fleets in the air certain
and these can be used

it takes men, nerve, brains, guts &
money

if the process is started, it can't
be stopped - it would be
easier to stop it, than never
to have started it.

attack on JDC is to show Jews
of Eastern Europe that old sources of help
will be cut off.



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UJA isn't philanthropy
any more - it's statecraft
it is Jewish foreign policy -
it is part of American policy -
it is part of the Western defense

we give no guarantees or
assurances as to the number
we can get out.

given skill, ingenuity, determination,
+ money - lives will be
saved.



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Lever - Chicago - 15 March 53

Follow-spies, saboteurs, imperialists, et
new landmarks in Europe

- 1) Nazism is not dead - has a new ally
- 2) a-S continues
- 3) new united front - communism + fascism

what are tangled & fortuitous reasons
for this Russian attack?

Five sources of menace - 5 horsemen

- 1) Kremlin leaders are struggling internally
for power & domination of each other.
Orshankov had forgotten of Zhdanov people.
- 2) Internal economic situation in
satellites is not good. Scapegoats
needed for distraction.
- 3) ~~the~~ Infallibility of Kremlin leader
must be maintained (i.e. others are
guilty if things don't go well.)
- 4) Eagerness + helpfulness unleashed by Acheson's
visit had to be dampened.
- 5) Sharp new turn in Soviet foreign policy -
pro-Arab (for oil, masses; vs. America)

There won't be mass burnings -
each tyranny has its own
methods -

There will be mass deportations -

The average life in a labor camp
in Siberia is 8 to 10 years.

"Always
Postman Rings Twice"

The first time he rings, we were
slow to answer.

The second time he rings, we
should be fast, fast.

A second tragedy - but a
second opportunity.

Jews
are Scarlet Pimpernel of history -

Thank God we have the
organization to do it.

Slovak City

13 May 53



Soviet attack
Story ● Julius Meyer

UNITED COMMUNITY

pleats in the iron curtain can be widened.

Jews get out before - they will again.

It takes men, ~~new~~^{new}, brains, guts & money.

This isn't philanthropy - This is statesmanship.

1. It is Jewish foreign policy.
2. It is part of American policy.
3. It is part of the western defense.

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burnings in Russia - but mass deportations -
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Scarlet Pimpernel again.

Reuters - 29 April - purge on in Poland

"Special Bureau for Registering the Polish Population
of Jewish Origin."

all Jews with western connections are to be
interned in special labor camps now being
built in Bialystok area.

Russian secret police Col. Morozov in charge.
number of Polish Jewish army officers have already
been transferred there, without families, to
supervise the construction.

May 3 - Jewish Daily Forward - N.Y. - via Tahrer

200 Jewish officers + soldiers in Red Army
reported executed in slave labor camp called Amur 3
near Biro-Bidjan.

The executed Jews were serving sentences of
20 years or longer for anti-government activities

May 4 - American Jewish Committee adopted
resolution to continue fighting Russian anti-Semitism.

AJC still believes Russia is attacking
Jews, even after so-called "switch" of
releasing 15 doctors.

American aid to Israel through
Mutual Security Aid Program
will not be cut, Eisenhower's program
indicates.

Dulles & Stassen were in Israel
yesterday.

~~German~~

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German reparations will
provide long-range source
of some capital goods

But we should not allow
anyone else to be surrogate
for us.

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE
UNIQUE OF LIBERATION (for time & money)

1. State of Israel is an instrument in the process of liberation.
2. The logical conclusion of current history is to complete the liberation from Europe. We are no longer a European people.
3. The old solution of the Jew was to move from country to country. This is no longer possible.
4. We are now fixed in two poles - Israel & America.
5. A fugitive population came to a country covered with the dust & ashes of buried civilizations and made it live.
6. We remain in fixed relationship to that sturdy land, to complete the process of liberation, both for those in no-man's-land and those in the promised land.

COSTS MONEY TO BE JEW - BUT IT IS WORTH IT
HIGH DESTINY OF OUR GENERATION.

USNA

1300 last year

5000 This year under
the Cavan Bill

2500 of these will come to NY
balance across U.S.

all services will continue in 1953
pre-immigration, from to end

JDC

will be spending 500,000,000^m
dollar in 1953. This is
outstanding philan. record.

at peak JDC worked in 40 countries
today in 19 countries

Medical Worker of Moscow has
long article on JDC, accusing it
of engineering sabotage activities of
9 doctors.

JDC in Russia since 1920
by invitation of Soviet Govt,

28.5 million in Russia

- Romania - March 1949 (expelled)
- Bulgaria - May 1949 (withdrew voluntarily)
- Poland - Dec 1949
- Czech - Jan 1950
- Hungary - Jan 1953

111.5 million in these countries since 1944

$$28.5 + 111.5 = 140 \text{ million}$$

or 28% of total monies

All this with the invitation, cooperation, gratitude of these governments

• 60 ● from Eastern zone ● to
West Berlin

JDC emergency program in
operation. All will be
evacuated to West Germany,
and also resettled to Israel
+ other countries

100,000,000^m dollar will soon be
spent in Israel.

JDC began in Palestine and
has come back now through
Halber

Iran

"Yankee Jew, go home"

Babies presented to models
clean + bathed

El Al planes into Iran
stopped as of Feb 5

Berstar

North Africa work started
in 1948

1949-51, 33,000 emigrated
from Tripolitania (out of 6M)
as result of riots there.
This was done quietly

Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia
education
health

1948 - 15,000 children could not go
to school because not schools
enough.

1952 - 5,000 children

chedaim improved - were filthy,
now clean

Toward Torah in Casablanca

all This educational work is
basis for training in Israel.

all work in No. Africa is
preparatory for emigration over
long pull.

anti-trachoma campaign.
magnificent results

TB - 75% of children
infected
today - reduced to 20%

• Work in No. Africa is like
"leavening in the bread"
because JDC money evokes
French money.



Radinsky

plans for 1953 obsolete.

Plans were to normalize
helter events of last few years.

We intended to plan, instead
of letting history propel us.

Immigration of $3/4$ million was
almost tragic for Israel

1948 —	147	million	in	cash
1952 —	70	"	"	"

We intended in 1953 to
break the ma'abara system —
which are simply scientific
stems.

We wanted to put the
whole economy back into
perspective - selective immigration

But now that we face
tragedy - Israel will forget
selective procedures.

All will be taken - This
time no Jew will die because
of homelessness.

Every dollar needed will be
diverted into this rescue effort.

Harman

Israel will speak in UN
before end of March

1. What Russia has done in
sphere of anti Jewish discrimination
and incitement. This involves
concept of what Russia has done
is matter of special policy.

2. No ~~data~~ iron-clad
evidence that Jewish blood is
flowing - just a series of
attacks on individuals + organizations.

3. This lack of evidence
causes confusion in Jewish world.

4. Three tests as to security
of Jews in any country:
a. Whether Jews are singled out
for special attacks. This appears to
be the case

b. Whether Jews are free to organize
own lives as Jews, provided they
obey law of land. (This has not
been so. Jewish communal organization
has been broken up.)

c. Whether Jews are in position to
associate freely with Jews of any
other country, in a non-political
sense. (This has not been so.)

d. Whether Jews have freedom of
migration (obviously not.)

These tests amply reveal the
situation of Jews.

No evidence of deportation, mass
murder yet - but such
anti-Jewish slogans & sentiments

- governments inevitably leads to mass ~~annihilation~~ annihilation.

Easy to whip up
anti Jewish passions in those
countries.

not advisable to arouse
hopes, when we may not be
able to deliver goods.

~~But we should protest~~

We should stress what has
already been accomplished —
a record of confidence in
ability of UJA to produce.

' 23,000 Jews have
already been brought out
of Iron Curtain countries

This re-establishes confidence,
because it proves that in
1950 + 1951 genuine work was
done.

Necessary to keep
felling some part of the
Israel picture because
this is long-term pull,

less than 1% of emigrants
to Israel were farmers; less
than 2% were tailors; 1% carpenters.

5th of land of Isaac
is not cultivated -
much of it is cultivable.



Harman's analysis of
Dulles' speech

8 June 53

Three aspects - 1 favorable; 1 gray; 1 negative
Positive Area

1.a) Israel regarded by U.S. as permanent part of Middle East.
Arabs must so regard Israel; Arabs must realize peace is
necessary.

b) Peace is primarily of the ~~parties~~ ^{parties} themselves. This always has
been Israel position.

(Sharett told Dulles Israel contemplated no territorial ~~concessions~~ ^{concessions};
no internationalization of Jerusalem; refugee resettlement outside
of Israel)

(Dulles replied that U.S. agreed substantially.)

Gray Area

1. Jerusalem

U.S. means internationalization of holy places. Israel
agrees with this - calls it "functional intl". U.S.
will not take initiative along this line in U.N.

2. Arab refugees

majority of refugees must be resettled in Arab
countries; some could be resettled in Israel.
Danger here is that U.S. contemplates this latter step
as prerequisite to peace. This is impossible - from
Israel point of view - before peace. Security wouldn't
permit it. Also, inner exploration wouldn't permit it.
If U.S. admits most of refugees should be resettled
in Arab lands, why not all? And how select
which few Arabs will be resettled in Israel?

Negative Area

1. Complete imbalance of approach as between Israel + Arabs
Dulles said e.g. - Arabs fear Israel expansionism

Israel fears Arabs will drive them into sea.

This equates the two forces. These things are only
in balance rhetorically, not actually.

40 million in 2 million sq. miles by
1 1/2 " " " 8 thousand " "

Arabs should have been told that US doesn't believe that 1/2 million Jews are as great a threat to the Middle East as communism. Arabs should stop being childish.

2. Apologetic attitude toward Arabs - which was un-called for. Every Arab state was created (since 1918) with U.S. help. What does America have to apologize for? She should insist that Arabs recognize previous American acts favorable to Arab world. America introduced 50-50 oil royalties, incurring British disfavor, for sake of Arab friendship.

America should learn from Western Germany - which refused to bow before Arab bluff - and the threatened Arab boycott collapsed. Why is America so fearful? Why must she apologize?

Public Relations Problems

We are in different position. Arabs have captured the initiative - together with American Friends Middle East. We are on defensive.

Can we resume offensive? The case is strong and reasonable. It can be put before non-Jewish audiences and accepted.

The question involved is planning an organizational structure to recapture the offensive.

Suggestions

1. Berman — hire professional staff to plan a campaign
2. Seidelman — national conference in Washington to converge on legislators.
3. Vorsanger — national board of strategy issuing directives which local communities can implement. Funds can be made available through individuals + welfare funds.
4. Smichkov — old techniques of Zionist Council don't work any longer.

→ 5. Harman

a) little group of leaders are always bombarded with requests to do this or that - but people who have day by day contacts with the political leaders, editors, etc. are left out and are not as content.

- ① Keep these people in contact. Israeli speakers would be happy to meet with such people. Also, at
- ② campaign time, when speakers are in town, extra meetings are arranged for public relations purpose.

There is no critical situation with the administration - there is an ongoing educational program necessary.

TECHNIQUE OF LIBERATION

Abe
Harman

State of Israel is
an instrument
in the process of
liberation of Jews.

The logical conclusion
of current history is
to complete the liberation
from Europe. We are no
longer a European people.

The old solution of the
Jewish problem was to move
from country to country.
This is no longer possible.

A fugitive population came
to a country covered with
the dust and ashes of
buried civilizations.

Human skill, confronts
economic potentiality
require the connection of
links of capital, in order
to export both skill + potentiality.