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SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. President, I invite the attention of the Senate to a shocking example of Soviet anti-Jewish propaganda, in view of the fact that the conferees will be dealing with the Foreign Aid Authorization Act containing a resolution which the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. Ribicoff] and I and other Senators have sponsored, expressing the protest of the United States over the anti-Jewish acts which we have revealed are taking place in the Soviet Union. I therefore should like to have this matter considered by the conferees.

This is an officially inspired propaganda publication which defames the Jewish faith and accuses Jews in the Soviet Union of disloyalty, and it has just been revealed by B'nai B'rith. It is a new, 96-page anti-Jewish booklet entitled "Contemporary Judaism and Zionism," published in Kishinev, scene of the infamous czarist pogroms of 1905, by the State Publishing House of Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic.

This is the second vicious book of this type which has come to public attention this year. The first was the Kichko book entitled "Judaism Without Embellishment," and it contained a series of lurid anti-Semitic caricatures with scurrilous captions of the sort that appeared in the Nazi sheet Der Stuermer. The Kichko book was published by the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, which gave it the prestige of a scholarly production. It was subsequently banned because of worldwide protests including many from Communist periodicals outside the U.S.S.R.

This new anti-Jewish publication contains no tell-tale illustrations but denounces Jews and Judaism through the use of vulgar stereotypes, misquotations and distortions. Its author, F. S. Mayatsky, is known as a Soviet propagandist specializing in this field and has written many anti-Jewish articles and books. Under the guise of promoting so-called "scientific atheism," he seeks to revive the theme of the notorious "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" through such ancient anti-Semitic stereotypes as the "international Jewish conspiracy," this time one in which American spies allegedly work with Israel diplomats through Jews in the Soviet synagogues; and the alleged existence of mysterious elders who plot the involvement of Jewish communal and welfare organizations in political activity designed to undermine the Soviet Government.

Like the Kichko book, this one also attacks Judaism as "a form of religious obscurantism * * * a reactionary, anti-scientific concept, denounces the synagogue as a cover for blackmarket and subversive activities, and describes Israel as a state created by American colonial imperialism. It quotes from letters allegedly written by Jews describing hardships and horrors they have suffered because of their purported error in leaving the Soviet paradise to settle in Israel. Such arrant nonsense would never be taken seriously if it were not published

and distributed by the Soviet Government and if there were not available ample evidence of a Soviet Government policy of anti-Jewish measures calculated to isolate Soviet Jews, make them the scapegoats for Soviet economic difficulties, and eliminate them eventually as a religious minority.

This new anti-Jewish publication is again a scurrilous and disreputable document, which has not yet been repudiated in any way, although we hope that it will be.

I invite the attention of Senators and the people of our Nation to this situation as again illustrating strong reasons why the Senate took the action it did, and why it is urgent that the House of Representatives join us in the conference to allow this to become part of the bill.

Let me apologize to the majority for calling off the quorum call, but I knew that he would accede.

Mr. MANSFIELD. No, no, that was perfectly all right.