

Table of Contents

Abbreviations — vii

Introduction: The “Jewish Issue” and the East-Central European Communist Systems — 1

Continuity of the “Jewish question” and antisemitic discourse after the Holocaust — 2

Post-war and Stalinist Communist policy and the continuity of the “Jewish question” — 5

Jewish policy of the Communist states in the post-Stalinist period — 9

About the collection — 15

I Communist Policies and the Jewish State

Introduction — 21

Documents — 32

- 1 On Emigration — 32
- 2 Meeting with Golda Meir — 34
- 3 Second Meeting with Golda Meir — 37
- 4 Negotiations on Compensation with Israel — 39
- 5 On the Israeli Legation in Budapest — 41
- 6 Negotiations on Compensation with Israel — 42
- 7 Negotiations on Compensation with Israel — 44
- 8 The Condition of Hungarian-Israeli Relations — 51
- 9 Current Issues of Hungarian-Israeli Relations — 53
- 10 Problems Concerning Relations with Israel — 55
- 11 Relations Between Israel and the Socialist Countries in 1966 — 58
- 12 Principles of the Relations with Israel — 62
- 13 Hungarian-Israeli Economic Relations — 66
- 14 Summary of Hungarian-Israeli Relations 1967 — 69
- 15 Trade Relations with Israel — 72

II The Eichmann Affair

Introduction — 77

Documents — 84

- 1 Minutes of the Political Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party — 84
- 2 Tasks after the Decision of the Political Committee — 87
- 3 Tasks in Connection with the Eichmann Case — 89

- 4 Consultation Issues in Respect of the Eichmann Case — 92
- 5 Official Request of the Legation of Israel — 95
- 6 Position of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic of the Case of Eichmann — 97
- 7 On Co-Operation with Israel — 102
- 8 On Measures to be Taken in the Eichmann Case — 106
- 9 On the Kasztner Issue — 108
- 10 Letter of S. Mikunis, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel — 110
- 11 B'nai B'rith Report on Media Coverage of the Eichmann Case in Communist Countries — 112

III The Six-Day War and its Aftermath

Introduction — 129

Documents — 140

- 1 Telephone Conversation between János Kádár and Leonid Brezhnev — 140
- 2 Soviet Ambassador's Meeting with János Kádár — 141
- 3 Telephone Conversation between János Kádár and Leonid Brezhnev — 142
- 4 Soviet Ambassador's Meeting with Zoltán Komócsin — 144
- 5 Information from Leonid Brezhnev's Personal Secretary — 145
- 6 Soviet Ambassador's Meeting with János Kádár — 146
- 7 Message from Deputy Head of the Foreign-Affairs Department of the CPSU — 148
- 8 On the Moscow Meeting — 149
- 9 Telephone Conversation between János Kádár and Leonid Brezhnev — 157
- 10 Minutes of the Meeting of the Political Committee — 158
- 11 The Presidium of the CC CPČZ on the War in the Middle East — 171
- 12 Message from Deputy Head of the Foreign Affairs Department of the CPSU — 178
- 13 Information from the Soviet Embassy to János Kádár — 179
- 14 Leonid Brezhnev's Telegram to János Kádár — 180
- 15 Minutes of the Meeting of the Political Committee on 18 July 1967 — 181
- 16 Report on the Opinion of Members of the Hungarian Jewish Congregation from an Anonymous Informer — 186
- 17 Report on the Mood within the Hungarian Jewish Religious Denomination — 190
- 18 The Political Committee's Resolution on Hungarian-Israeli Relations — 193
- 19 Proposal on Hungarian-Israeli Relations — 198
- 20 Appraisal of Draft CC Proposal on Restoring Hungarian-Israeli Diplomatic Relations — 211

IV The International Jewish Organisations, the Jewish Community and the State

Introduction — 219

Documents — 229

- 1 Conversation with Meir Vilner, Member of the ICP CC — **229**
- 2 Proposal for the Exit of the Hungarian Jewish Denomination from the World Jewish Congress — **233**
- 3 The Aims of the World Jewish Congress with Regard to the Hungarian Jewish Denomination — **235**
- 4 On the Foreign Relations of the Hungarian Jewish Religious Denomination — **238**
- 5 On the Fifth Conference of the World Jewish Congress in Brussels — **242**
- 6 The Fifth Conference of the World Jewish Congress — **246**
- 7 The Foreign Relations of the Jewish Religious Denomination — **249**
- 8 On the Visit to Hungary of Dr Nahum Goldmann and his Colleagues — **252**
- 9 Conversation with Dr Philip Klutznick, President of the World Jewish Congress — **255**
- 10 Negotiations Held with the Leaders of the World Jewish Congress — **258**
- 11 On the Suggestion to Hold in Budapest the 1987 Annual Assembly of EJC — **260**
- 12 Comments of the Secretary-General of the WJC — **262**
- 13 The Meeting in Budapest of the Executive Committee of the WJC — **264**

V Mechanisms of Repression and the Jews

Introduction — 269

Documents — 285

- 1 The Current Situation of the Jewish Denomination — **285**
- 2 The Jewish Denomination — **288**
- 3 Operational Situation of the Jewish Denomination — **292**
- 4 Operational Work against the Zionist Movement — **297**
- 5 Conditions for the Indemnification of the Hungarian Jews — **303**
- 6 On Zionist Issues — **305**
- 7 On the Israeli Embassy — **308**
- 8 Campaign to Reduce the Influence of the Israeli Embassy — **312**
- 9 The Economic Situation of the National Representation of Hungarian Israelites and the Budapest Israelite Congregation — **314**
- 10 Chairmanship Elections at the National Representation of Hungarian Israelites and the Budapest Israelite Congregation — **318**

- 11 Policy Measures in the Field of the Jewish Religious Community — 321
- 12 Reports on the World Federation of Hungarian Jews and the Meeting of the Former Pupils of the Jewish Grammar School — 324
- 13 On the Activities of Domestic and Foreign Zionists — 327
- 14 On the Operations in the Jewish Religious Community in 1977 — 330
- 15 The Centenary of the National Rabbinical Seminary — 338
- 16 The Jewish Clerical Reaction in the Past 3 Years — 343
- 17 Appendix. Orientation for a Systematic Register of the People of Jewish Origin — 350

Biographical Notes — 354

Bibliography — 361

- Archival sources — 361
- Archival sources online — 362
- Monographs and articles — 362

Index of Persons — 367