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The Scandinavian Communist press was extremely happy with the assurances made by PRAGUE's Rabbi, that the trial against SLANSKY was by no means an anti-Jewish one. The report was backed and first-paged in all Communist papers in an almost triumphant manner.

Meanwhile, however, the Swedish section of the World Jewish Congress published a "Protest Against the PRAGUE Sentences" in the liberal Stockholms-Tidningen, running:

"It is a parody on justice and a vicious insult to the Jewish people to utilize, has happened at the PRAGUE trials, the fact that several of the defendants were of Jewish extraction although they never showed or felt any connection with their people. The Swedish section of the World Jewish Congress joins in the protest launched by Jews all over the world against the anti-Jewish and anti-Sionist utterances made during the trial.

"The contention that the World Jewish Congress and other Jewish organizations participated in conspiracies against the Czech State lack all reason and constitute a cruel lie. Generally speaking, the PRAGUE trial is a deeply depressing occurrence and the most terrible of all is its anti-Semitic aspect. It would be a most horrible tragedy of the trial were to inaugurate a new policy with the East European governments. With deepest inquietude and strongest indignation, the World Jewish Congress urges the Government of Czechoslovakia not to continue a policy which employs the most reactionary anti-Semitism."

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This protest had the form of a "letter to the Editor" of *Stockholms-Tidningen*.

In COPENHAGEN, the large liberal paper "*Politiken*" continues to open their columns to individual protests against the PRAGUE trial. The latest contribution comes from DÖSSING Anders, the son of Denmark's former ambassador to MOSCOW, who died some time ago. DÖSSING Anders holds a responsible position in Denmark's Labor- and Social Ministry. He is not only one of the most outstanding Danish cultural personalities, but, on account of his father's position and his own youth spent in the Soviet Union, considered an expert on Russian and East European affairs.

Mr. DÖSSING points out that the Communist explanation that attacks on Israel and Zionism cannot be considered anti-Semitic, since this word implies attacks only on individuals and groups of individuals for their being Jews, is only to emphasize that there is one difference between Nazi anti-Semitism and anti-Semitism in PRAGUE.

"Do the Communists really believe that an unanimous parliament in Israel would condemn the trials of PRAGUE if there were any truth whatever in the accusation that Zionism is nothing but an American -paid espionage organization?" Mr. DÖSSING asks. "In this connection, the most important seems to me that even the Israeli Communist Party in Parliament called the trials exactly what they were."

Mr. DÖSSING finally says that he had hesitated to send this letter to the "*Politiken*," because he would not believe in the "unbelievable news from PRAGUE." He decided to have it published all the same after having listened to Radio PRAHA confirming the press reports "even those that were hardest to believe."

EVAL. COMMENT: This item consists of comments by Swedish newspapers about the SLANSKY trial and its anti-Jewish tendency.