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**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 160**

**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES
“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES

**OPPOSITION TO JEWISH RULE IN ERETZ YISRAEL CAME
BOTH FROM LIBERAL AND ORTHODOX JEWS**

"At the same time, Sokolov and Weitzmann met with representatives of the British government in order to clarify our rights to Eretz Yisrael. They worked to compile a petition signed by one million Jews - not as Zionists - but simply as Jews, demanding an acknowledgment of our rights to Eretz Yisrael. Once again, Agudat Yisrael wanted to sabotage this effort and announced that the people who were negotiating with the gentiles weren't the true representatives of the millions of Jews. They planned their assembly and invited the Rav of Kovna in order to weaken the activities of the Zionists. They also tried to seduce and pressure Abba (Rav Avraham Yitzchak Kook, ZTK'L) to participate in the assembly. But Abba was a man never to be influenced by subterfuge or pressure."

"The Rav of Kovna wrote Abba, in these words: 'In my opinion, the central committee of Agudat Yisrael seeks to evade and hide from me in everything they do. I hope that they will not spoil this matter (England's recognition of the Jewish people's right to the Land of Israel). Almost certainly, they will not succeed in injuring Clal Yisrael, but I fear that they will injure the Orthodox, who they are alleging to protect, except that, by their actions, they are doing the exact opposite, G-d forbid. "

"Not only the assimilated Jews of England opposed the Balfour Proclamation, but also the Orthodox Jews of Germany. But they couldn't come into London as Germans and risk being branded enemies of England. (This was during WW1) Their coming could have caused serious damage to the proclamation, since they weren't assimilated English Lords, but righteous Haredi Jews from Frankfurt, who would have created a strong impression in the English Parliament. Their entry into England was blocked from Heaven. Because of his Russian origin, Abba, was considered an ally, and was granted a visa into the country. The one who needed to enter, entered; and the ones who weren't needed, were barred - all according to the Divine plan of history.

...The Rabbi of Ostrovta exclaimed, 'What is going on here?! Hashem sent His holy children to build the Holy Land, and here people condemn them!'"

(From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF “THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND” (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON