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MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND OTHER FORMS
OF RACIAL PREJUDICE AND RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE OF
A SIMILAR NATURE

(Addendum)

TURKEY^{1/}

Comments of the Government

(Communication dated 16 January 1961)

"The investigation carried out by the competent Turkish authorities has shown that the manifestations or incidents which took place during the period in question in fact consisted solely in the inscription of slogans and swastikas on the walls of some buildings at Istanbul.

"The buildings in question were the 'Yüksek Kaldırım' Synagogue, the Geological Institute of the Faculty of Sciences of Istanbul University, a telephone booth at the Yesilköy Airport, a shop belonging to Mr. Nissim Akar, the canteen of the Faculty of Law, and another shop located in Mithat Paşa Avenue.

"The person responsible for the last inscription was arrested and fined by the courts.

^{1/} See information furnished by the Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations and the World Jewish Congress (E/CN.4/Sub.2/L.216).

"The investigation shows that the above-mentioned incidents were individual acts similar in character to those which occurred at the same time in various other countries.

"The Permanent Representative of Turkey wishes to take this opportunity to point out that the rights and freedoms of all Turkish citizens are safeguarded and guaranteed by the Constitution, and that all Turkish citizens, without distinction as to race or religion, enjoy the same rights and freedoms."
