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sereen after Hallian Bedier USSR 1941 6 minutes B&W Russian, Yiddish and English with English subtitles. With Solomon Mikhoels, Peretz Markish and Sergei Eisenstein

This news broadcast from a 1941 public meeting features some of the Soviet Union's most prominent Jewish artists and writers who call on Jews throughout the world to join the war against what Mikhoels calls "the brown plague." Their expression of Jewish national unity, previously taboo but now opportunistically blessed by the Soviet government, led to the formation of the USSR's Jewish Antifascist Committee one year later, but its influence was fleeting. Both Markish and Mikhoels fell victim to Stalin's antisemitic purges after the war, and Eisenstein died of a heart attack in 1948.