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## "SPY RING" ISSUE BARRED FROM ZWANGER MURDER TRIAL

JAFFA, May 7. (JTA) -- Expectations that the trial in the murder of Jacob Zwanger, one-time Soviet Vice-Commissar of Harbors, would develop an exposure of an international spy ring appeared doomed to disappointment today.

Abdul Khader, an Arab who confessed slaying Zwanger, and Reuben Schenzvit, charged with complicity, will be tried for murder, and not for any connection with an espionage organization, it was announced following a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Bourke here.

The fact that British secret service men attended the hearing coupled with widely current rumors that the murder involved an arms smuggling plot and a fantastic international intrigue had led many to expect amazing revelations from the trial.

## CHURCH HEAD, PACIFIST LEADER GREET AGUDAH ON ANNIVERSARY

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- "I cannot but beg the Almighty to give you and all your coreligionists every strength and comfort in the trials they are undergoing at the present time," the Archbishop of Westminster declared today in a message to the Agudath Israel, orthodox Jewish organization, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

George Lansbury, labor and pacifist leader, said in a message:

"Without religion this which we call civilization is not only dead but damned. The one thing mankind awaits is the call of true religious peace, of toleration and goodwill, enabling us to understand that the basis for peace and security will only be found in our willingness to treat each other in the same manner that we desire to be treated."

The Agudath Israel will hold its world congress in August, probably in Czechoslovakia.

3 JEWS WOUNDED IN ATTACKS IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, May 7. (JTA) -- Three Jews were wounded today in attacks which occurred in the town of Krilov. The arrival of police prevented the excesses from becoming more serious.

Nationalists injured Gittel Steinberg, 60-year-old Jewish woman, in storming her home. The home of Meyer Weintraub was fired upon, but none was injured. Chaim Bitterman and Meyer Miller were attacked and stabbed in the street. They were taken to the hospital.

JEWS BARRED FROM CROSSING REICH TO PARIS FAIR

KAUNAS, May 7. (JTA) -- The German Embassy announced today it will not issue collective visas for group excursions passing through Germany to the Paris International Exposition if the parties include Jews.

The Lithuanian Tourist Union decided, therefore, to drop names of Jews from its excursion lists.

MRS. STERN, HUNGARIAN JEWISH WOMEN'S LEADER, DIES

BUDAPEST, May 7. (JTA) -- Mrs. Samuel Stern, honorary president of the Union of Hungarian Jewish Women's Societies and wife of the president of the Budapest Jewish Community, died today. She was a well known social worker. Her maiden name was Leopoldine Reisz.

ROOSEVELT CHOSEN FOR RICHARD GOTTHEIL MEDAL

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt has been selected for the tenth award of the Richard J.H. Gottheil Medal for Distinguished Service to Jewry of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, according to an announcement to be read Saturday night at Founders Day banquets of the fraternity in forty cities.

Harold Riegelman, past president of the order, in an address prepared for delivery at the key dinner in New York, said:

"When the chief executive of the greatest of democracies, in such times as these, repeatedly and unmistakably affirms the right of free thought, free speech, free worship and repeatedly and unmistakably denounces intolerance and bigotry in all places and in all forms, a great service is rendered all humanity. Of this service Jewry is the first but not the last or only beneficiary."

The President was chosen for the award on the basis of a poll of a jury of American newspaper editors, none of them members of the fraternity.

## FIRST STUDY OF EINSTEIN THEORY IN HEBREW PUBLISHED IN TEL AVIV

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Abraham I. Katsh, instructor in Hebrew in the division of general education of New York University, is the author of a Hebrew treatise entitled "Einstein's Theory of Relativity," believed to be the first Hebraic study of the subject, which has just been published by the Gutenberg Press of Tel Aviv, Palestine.

Part of the volume, which includes a popular explanation of Einstein's theory and an evaluation of its metaphysical and mathematical significance, was translated by Mr. Katsh from an English thesis he submitted to the New York University School of Education in 1932 as part of the requirements for his M.A. in philosophy and education.

## FRANKLIN ENVISIONED U.S. AS ASYLUM FOR OPPRESSED

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Benjamin Franklin's letter to his nephew expressing the hope that America would become "the asylum of all the oppressed in Europe" has been presented to the American Jewish Historical Society by Louis Bamberger, of Newark, it was announced today.

The letter was accepted by Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach, president of the society. It will be placed in the society's rooms in the Jewish Theological Seminary building. The letter is dated May 27, 1777, from Paris and addressed to Jonathan Williams, a Boston merchant.

## J.D.C. SETS \$1,145,000 FOR HALF YEAR'S RELIEF IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has appropriated \$1,145,000 for relief of Jews in Europe during the first half of the current year, Joseph C. Hyman, executive director, announced today. The appropriations were made in advance of collections from the J.D.C.'s \$4,650,000 campaign.

By June 30 the committee will have expended approximately \$542,000 for aid to Jews in Germany and refugee countries and \$553,000 for Jews in Eastern Europe, chiefly Poland and Rumania. The remainder will be for administrative and emergency use.

## MIZRACHI HEARS BRITAIN ACCUSED OF NOT FULFILLING PROMISE TO JEWS

ATLANTIC CITY, May 7. (JTA) -- The Mizrachi Organization of America, opening its annual convention today, heard Leon Gellman, the president accuse the British Government of "not fulfilling her promise to the Jewish people" and of "responsibility in the Palestine bloodshed."

Addressing 700 delegates and visitors at the Breakers Hotel, Mr. Gellman demanded "the Jewish national home for the Jewish people, not a sheltering home for oppressed Jews alone." He asked equal rights for all Palestinian inhabitants and said "no partition of Palestine will be tolerated by any Jew." Rabbi Joseph Konvitz, president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, declared orthodox groups would unite to fight for protection of Jewish rights and that the Jewish people would never consent to cantonization in the Holy Land.