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PALESTINE COURT SENTENCES JEW TO SEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR POSSESSING A BULLET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7. (JTA)-- Elihu Sacharov, who at one time served as Dr. Chaim Weizman's bodyguard, was sentenced today by a military court here to seven years imprisonment on the charge of possessing two bullets, one of which was serviceable. Major Baxter was the prosecutor.

The trial lasted only one day. Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv appeared in court as a character witness for Sacharov. When cross-examined by Major Baxter, he stated that he knew of the existence of the Jewish defense organization, Haganah, and considered its establishment justified. He added that he did not know from what sources the Haganah secures arms.

POST-WAR IMMIGRATION OF AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN JEWS TO PALESTINE FORESEEN

TEL AVIV, Oct. 7. (JTA)-- The hope that after the war "it will be worthwhile even for American and Russian Jews to emigrate to Palestine" was voiced here by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, addressing the third annual "Substitute Zionist Congress." The meeting, which has been arranged by the Keren Hayesod, is intended to take the place of the regular Zionist Congresses which cannot be held because of the war.

To finance the post-war expansion of Palestine in order that the country may be able to absorb millions of immigrants, it will be necessary to launch a campaign in the United States and England to persuade Jews in those countries to invest in Palestine enterprises. Dr. Emil Shmorak, a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, told the 1,500 Zionist leaders and guests attending the conference. Discussing the prospects for the future economic development of Palestine, Dr. Shmorak stated that the democratic world must create in Palestine, after the war, financial and economic conditions which will guarantee the speedy development of a Jewish national home. International loans must be secured in other countries besides England and America, he said, and deposits in local banks, totalling about \$200,000,000 must be utilized.

Mr. Ben-Gurion discussed the political situation in Palestine in the light of the approaching Allied victory. He reviewed the circumstances that led to the issuance of the White Paper of 1939 and outlined the steps that must be taken by the Jews to secure its abrogation. Simultaneously, he stressed, Palestine Jewry's contributions to the war effort must be continued. The Agency chairman stated that the time has come to plan for the largest possible immigration into Palestine within the shortest possible time. He stated that the two main tasks that lie ahead are extension of Jewish colonization within Palestine's borders and development of a large fishing and maritime industry. Mr. Ben-Gurion pointed out that Palestine belongs not only to the Jews living there at present, but to Jews in all countries of the world who will wish to come here after the war.

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, reported that Palestine agriculture has increased by 50 percent in the past few years and the value of

industrial products has risen 30 percent in the same period. Exports to neighboring countries, exclusive of oil, now total \$3,000,000 annually. The Palestine Government, he said, derives 70 percent of its income from the Jewish residents, with the city of Tel Aviv, alone, contributing 45 percent. Mr. Kaplan emphasized that when hostilities cease, Palestine industry will be faced with competition from neighboring countries coupled with a sharp decrease in military orders. To counteract this, he said, new markets must be developed and old ones strengthened.

Of the \$56,000,000 that have come into Palestine during the war, \$60,000,000 came from Jewish sources, the Agency treasurer disclosed, adding that in the last year the combined income of the Agency and the Keren Hayesod amounted to \$6,000,000, of which about 30 percent was used for colonization, including the establishment of nine new agricultural settlements.

Greetings to the congress were received from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, the Zionist Organization of Algiers and other persons and groups. A highpoint of the proceedings was the appearance on the speakers' platform of a Jewish soldier who urged increased enlistment and also the preparation of plans for the colonization of demobilized soldiers after the war.

#### 2,000 JEWS FROM ITALY FIND HAVEN IN SWITZERLAND; 1,500 JEWS ESCAPE FROM NICE

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.(JTA)-- More than 2,000 Jews, many of them natives of Italy and other refugees from other European countries, have escaped into Switzerland from Northern Italy, it was learned today. News of the escape was contained in a cablegram sent by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, to the New York office.

The refugees, Dr. Schwartz said, are being maintained in an internment camp by the Swiss Government and the J.D.C. is providing them with clothing, medicines and other essentials. Most of the Italian Jews were residents of Milan and Turin in Northern Italy, now occupied by Germans.

The New York office of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association received a cable today from Dr. James Bernstein, its European director, stating that 1,500 Jews have succeeded in escaping from Nice, France, to Italy since the beginning of September. Many of these Jews have now reached Switzerland from Italy.

#### ALIEN JEWS WILL ALSO BE ADMITTED TO SWEDEN, MINISTER ANNOUNCES

LONDON, Oct. 7.(JTA)-- The Swedish Minister in London today informed the World Jewish Congress that the asylum offered by the Swedish Government to Jews from Denmark is not limited to Danish citizens but has been extended also to the approximately 2,000 Jewish refugees from Germany and other Nazi-held countries who are trying to escape from Denmark.

Chief Rabbi Hertz, in a letter published today in the London Times, expressed the heartfelt thanks of the Jewish communities in Great Britain to the King and the people of Sweden for the spirit that impelled their noble protest and humane offer for the Danish Jews."

#### Swedish Chief Rabbi Thanks Government for Sheltering Danish Jews

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 7.(JTA)-- Chief Rabbi Ehrenpreis of Sweden today visited the Swedish Foreign Minister and expressed the appreciation of the Jewish community for the asylum that has been given to refugee Danish Jews and for the government's offer to receive all Jews from Denmark.

16,000 JEWISH FORCE LABORERS BROUGHT TO WARSAW AFTER LIQUIDATION OF GHETTO

LONDON, Oct. 7.(JTA)-- Fifteen-thousand Jews were quartered in the ruins of the Warsaw ghetto as of July 1, having been brought there from other parts of Poland for slave labor, after all the original residents were either murdered or deported at the conclusion of the battle in the ghetto in April, according to a report from the Polish underground, dated August 29, which was received here today.

This report, together with another message dated Sept. 23, was received by Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Jewish deputy in the Polish National Council, in reply to queries he had sent via official government channels. The earlier report states that it is obviously impossible to estimate exactly how many Jews remain in Poland, but that on the basis of figures available to the underground, there were only about 300,000 Jews on July 1, including those in ghettos and concentration camps.

The report states further that about 12,000 Jews were living in Vilna on that date, 8,000 in Cracow, 5,000 in Lwow, 4,000 in the Lublin area and 30,000 in Bendzin. While the underground representative was in Bendzin, however, 7,000 Jews were sent from there to the Oswiecim concentration camp. The second message adds that by early in September, all of the Bendzin Jews had either been murdered or deported.

SCHWEITZER LEAVING FOR LONDON AND PALESTINE TO DISCUSS JEWISH IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.(JTA)-- Urgent questions concerning migration of Jewish refugees will be discussed with important Jewish and governmental bodies in England and Palestine by Mr. David J. Schweitzer, newly appointed representative-at-large of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, it was announced here today by Max Gottschalk, president of the organization, prior to Mr. Schweitzer's departure.

In London Mr. Schweitzer will discuss these questions with the reorganized Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, with a number of Governments-in-Exile, with leaders of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, with the Board of Directors of the Jewish Colonization Association and with leaders of British Jewry.

Mr. Schweitzer will proceed from London to Lisbon to confer there with Dr. James Bernstein, European director of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, and expects to sail from Lisbon to Palestine on the same boat which will carry more than 600 Jewish refugees from Spain and Portugal to a Palestine port. Visas for these refugees have been secured by the Jewish Agency.

In Palestine, Mr. Schweitzer will conduct negotiations with the Jewish Agency concerning collaboration with the Hias-Ica in present and post-war immigration. He will then proceed to Iran to deal with problems of Jewish refugees coming from Russia.

"The trip of Mr. Schweitzer," Mr. Gottschalk declared, "is only the beginning of the execution of an elaborate plan for immediate rescue of Jewish refugees through emigration, as well as for the post-war activities of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, which will develop in close cooperation with competent international agencies, with the American Joint Distribution Committee and other Jewish organizations interested in Jewish migration problems."

VICE PRESIDENT WALLACE BROADCASTS YOM KIPPUR MESSAGE TO JEWS IN ARMED FORCES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (JTA)-- Vice President Wallace, in a Yom Kippur broadcast to Jews in the armed services here and overseas, emphasized that the American people, though proud of their ancestry, are in a larger sense "not Jews or Gentiles, whites or blacks, but the people of the United States." The broadcast was sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board in connection with Yom Kippur which will be ushered in tomorrow evening.

"I am happy to greet the hundreds of thousands of American young men in the army camps, upon the ships, and in service overseas who are preparing to celebrate Yom Kippur, one of the most solemn holy days of the Hebrew faith," the Vice-President said. "As you enter upon 24 hours of fasting and prayer as a part of your worship, you know that one of your tasks is to free from bondage millions of men and women who are not free to worship God as they choose. All of us who are citizens of the United States are not of the same faith, or the same color, or the same race; but we can live peacefully here if we will give every man an opportunity to live and work without being persecuted because of his faith or color or race.

"You are fighting bravely on many fronts. The names of those who have served in this war will be honored whether they belong to the so-called blue-bloods from Boston or Negroes from South Carolina. Let us remember always that although our religious beliefs are close to our hearts, although we are proud of our ancestry, in a larger sense we are not Jews or Gentiles, whites or blacks. We are the people of the United States.

"When you and your fellow soldiers and sailors have won this war, it is the prayer of all of us that all men on the face of this globe will be free to worship God according to their own dictates, and that you will return to a country with its face toward the future, where our hopes and dreams and prayers for a more abundant life will come true," Vice-President Wallace concluded.

LIBERTY SHIP, S.S. ADOLPH LEWISOHN LAUNCHED AT BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Oct. 7. (JTA)-- The Liberty ship Adolph Lewisohn, named for the noted New York financier and philanthropist, slid down the ways here yesterday after having been christened by Mrs. Arthur Lehman, Mr. Lewisohn's daughter. Mrs. Lehman is a sister-in-law of former Governor Herbert Lehman.

The launching of the Lewisohn brings to five the number of Liberty ships named after Jews. Other such vessels are the Louis Marshall, Samuel Gompers, Haym Salomon and Adolph Ochs. Several warships have also been named after Jews. They are the U.S.S. Jeffrey, the U.S.S. Leopold, and the U.S.S. Seid, named after young officers killed in the present war; and also the U.S.S. Levy named after Commodore Uriah P. Levy and the U.S.S. Ordronaux, named after Captain John Ordronaux, one of the first officers in the United States Navy.

EMPLOYMENT FOR ALIENS IN WAR ENTERPRISES SPEEDED UP BY WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (JTA)-- Aliens can now take war jobs in most cases within two days after their prospective employers submit their applications for approval, the War Department announced today. Under previous regulations, red tape delayed action as much as four weeks.