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PREPARATIONS COMPLETED FOR TRIAL OF MOYNE ASSASSINS; PROSECUTION TO CALL 24 WITNESSES

CAIRO, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The death sentence will be asked by the prosecution for the two Palestine terrorists who assassinated Lord Moyne, British Minister for the Middle East, early last month, it was revealed here today. The trial will open here on January 10th.

Twenty-four witnesses will testify for the prosecution. The case prepared by the prosecutor takes up more than 300 typewritten pages. The two terrorists, Eliahu Chakim of Haifa and Ephraim Ben-Zuri of Tel Aviv, will be defended by two government-appointed lawyers since they refused to appoint their own lawyers.

ZIONIST MEETING SUPPORTS SILVER; ZOA HEAD OUTLINES ESSENCE OF WISE-SILVER DISPUTE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing "abiding and unshakable confidence in the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and his policy" was adopted last night at a meeting attended by more than 100 active Zionist members from New York, Long Island, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania and Connecticut, held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel here. The resolution urged:

1. That Dr. Silver's resignation from leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council be withdrawn and that "complete unity be restored in the leadership of American Zionism."
2. That the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America "retire its present representatives on the American Zionist Emergency Council and designate, in consultation with Dr. Silver, new representatives on the Council in order to ensure effective cooperation between him and them in the future."
3. That the national administrative council of the ZOA convene an extraordinary session of the National Convention of the ZOA "to deal with the internal situation which has been created."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the ZOA, in a statement prepared for the forthcoming issue of the New Palestine, official organ of the Zionist Organization of America, outlines the essence of the controversy within the ranks of the American Zionist Emergency Council, charging Dr. Silver with writing, without authorization, to Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urging him to take prompt action in having his committee report out the Palestine Resolution, despite the fact that only a week before the Emergency Council had decided that before pressing for the resolution it was necessary to secure assurance that the State Department would not interpose objections against its passage at this time.

"What needs to be borne in mind by all Zionists is that important as Congress resolutions may be, it is even more important to secure practical help of our Government and its Allies in shaping the situation of Palestine, in bringing immigration into Palestine in the near future, and in preparing Palestine to absorb mass Jewish immigration as soon as possible," Dr. Goldstein points out.

SOME JEWS DEPORTED FROM FRANCE ARE STILL ALIVE IN GERMAN LABOR CAMPS IN SILESIA

PARIS, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Some of the Jews deported from France are still alive but forced to labor under frightful conditions in one of Germany's worst labor camps at Blechhammer in the Jakobswald forest of Silesia, according to a French workman who escaped from the camp.

The camp, in the depths of the forest, is maintained by the Gestapo, the witness said. It is divided into two sections, one for Frenchmen sent to Germany for forced labor, workmen of other nationalities, German deserters and some British prisoners. The other, he said, is for French Jews of all social classes "levelled off and rolled together by the most shocking treatment that men can inflict on their fellow-beings."

The non-Jewish workers are employed in factories nearby and brought back to the camp each night. They start their day at 4 A.M., he reported, and work until nightfall. They sleep three to a mattress. They have Sundays free from work. Their soup ration is supplemented by a tiny portion of meat almost every day.

"The Jews," according to this witness's account, published in Paris-press, "instead of being three to a mattress are six. Their food is nil -- clear soup twice a day and that is all. Never a day off, a series without end of servile tasks, the most exhausting and the most severe that can be demanded of the human organism at the end of its strength. Unfortunate is the one who falls or stumbles. He is forced to rise by blows from a club or is shot down."

NEW AGREEMENT ELIMINATES CONFLICT BETWEEN LOCAL AND NATIONAL JEWISH DEFENSE AGENCIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Elimination of conflict between national and local defense agencies has been achieved by the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the executive committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council at a recent meeting in New York, it was announced here today.

The resolution provides that national agencies "will not, without the approval and consent" of local civic protective agencies, "undertake any activity which, in the opinion of the local organization, duplicates or conflicts with the local organization activities, or which such local organization opposes."

Long a question on which there have been considerable differences of opinion between national and local civic protective agencies, the adoption of the resolution was hailed by members of the executive committee of the NCRAC as a great step forward in Jewish civic protective activities in the United States. "The resolution," said David Sher, chairman of the NCRAC, "is significant because it gives practical assurance to the American Jewish community that the national and local civic protective agencies recognize the absolute necessity for coordination of activities through an agency such as the National Community Relations Advisory Council." The full text of the resolution reads:

"While it shall not be the responsibility of the NCRAC to undertake to indicate to any of the national agencies if and where they shall establish offices, in communities where local organizations are set up by the community itself to operate within the community in the field of community relations, the national agencies will not, without the approval and consent of such organizations, undertake any activity which, in the opinion of the local organization, duplicates or conflicts with the local organization activities, or which such local organization opposes. If difficulties arise between any national agency and a local organization, such difficulties shall be submitted to the NCRAC for final determination."

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CONFERENCE OF LIBERATED JEWISH COMMUNITIES DISCUSSES ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL REVIVAL

LUBLIN, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The first conference of representatives of Jewish communities in the liberated district of Bialystok took place this week in the city of Bialystok. The conference was devoted to discussions of means of restoring Jewish economic life, the revival of cultural activities and the intensification of social welfare work.

Addressing the gathering in behalf of the Polish Committee for National Liberation, M. Sztachelski, governor of the Bialystok district, said, "In the name of the government which I represent, I bring you the assurance that we shall do everything in our power to see to it that Jews feel that they are citizens enjoying equal rights in Poland. You are invited to state your needs and we shall do our best to satisfy them."

Greetings were also sent to the conference by Dr. Emil Sommerstein in behalf of the Jewish Central Committee in liberated Poland. Principal speakers were the local Jewish leaders Dr. Ratner, Dr. Mankes, M. Fabritski and others.

GERMANS LIQUIDATED TWENTY-ONE "JEWISH CAMPS" IN RIGA DISTRICT PRIOR TO RETREAT

MOSCOW, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Eighteen-thousand Jews - 15,000 of them deportees from western Europe - were murdered or sent to unknown fates from 21 camps in the Riga district between July and October of this year, according to a report published here today by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee.

As the German military situation in Latvia deteriorated, the Nazis first began to move Jewish forced laborers from factories to concentration camps and strengthened the guards at all camps. As the Red Army drove closer, they began evacuating the camps. At the end of July, 3,000 Hungarian Jewish women were evacuated, but there is no indication that they ever arrived in Hungary.

In August, the Germans began liquidating some camps and on August 4, two thousand Jews were gassed to death, of whom 400 had been residents of Riga. Eventually all 21 camps in Riga and its environs were closed down. Thousands of Jews were moved by boat and train to various destinations and have not been heard of since. It is known that many were transferred to eastern Kurland, in Latvia, and murdered in the woods there.

Others were driven off to Germany, including the celebrated Riga surgeon Dr. Mins and the physicians Dr. Kretzer and Dr. Idelson. Dr. Shenfeld, director of the Riga Psychiatric Hospital, was tortured to death. Before leaving the Germans forcibly sterilized 150 Jewish women who were married to non-Jews and then taxed them 75 marks each for the operation.

AUSTRALIAN JEWS ABANDON KIMBERLY SETTLEMENT PLAN; ASK FOR ORDINARY IMMIGRATION

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders in Australia today indicated that there is no prospect that the government will reconsider its rejection of the scheme to establish a Jewish settlement in Kimberly.

The Executive Council of Australian Jews, therefore, decided to submit to the government a memorandum asking for ordinary immigration of Jews along the same lines as the immigration of other people from European countries. The memorandum will emphasize the fact that Australia has benefited from past immigration and that future Jewish immigrants will produce satisfactory citizens.

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JUDGES OF TEL AVIV LITERARY CONTEST BALK AT AWARDING PRIZE TO GOETHE TRANSLATION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The old dispute about whether or not German should be spoken by Jews in Palestine has flared up anew with disclosure that the annual Yehernichovsky Prize of the Tel Aviv municipality will not be awarded this year because two of the judges balked at awarding it to a translation of Goethe.

The two argued that not a single German protested against the "book burnings" of Jewish literature. The controversy has been picked up by sections of the press, which denounced German refugees here who still "cherish" and use German both in public and privately.

The Bialik Prizes of the municipality were awarded today to Yehuda Karni for a volume of poems about Jerusalem, and to Fischel Lachower for an essay about Bialik, the late Hebrew poet. The awards were presented at ceremonies in Bialik's home here.

U. S. GOVERNMENT ASKED TO SEND COMMISSION TO PALESTINE; JEWISH AGENCY CHANGES REQUESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A resolution asking the U. S. Government to send a commission to Palestine to investigate the situation there was adopted yesterday at a special conference of the group of Zionist-Revisionists who left the new Zionist Organization of America as a result of differences of opinion.

Another resolution adopted by the conference asked for the reorganization of the Jewish Agency for Palestine into a "Jewish government-in-Exile." It also demanded that the present members of the Jewish Agency all become Palestine citizens, or otherwise be disqualified to serve in the Agency.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA RESIGNS; HELD POST FOR 28 YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel M. Cohen, pioneer in Jewish education for the past quarter century and leading authority on the organization of religious life in American Jewish communities, will resign on December 31 as executive director of the United Synagogue of America, a post in which he has served for twenty-eight years, it was announced here today.

Rabbi Cohen, who, himself, has organized 150 congregations throughout the country, first came to the United Synagogue in 1917 when it consisted of only 40 congregations. Today, this organization, which is a federation of synagogues, consists of more than 1,200 affiliated congregations, including sisterhoods, men's clubs and young people's leagues.

INSCRIPTION HONORING WEIZMANN UNVEILED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY CHEMICAL SCHOOL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A dedicative inscription honoring Dr. Weizmann was unveiled today at the Weizmann Chemical School of the Hebrew University. The brief ceremony was addressed by Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the university, who stressed Dr. Weizmann's pioneering efforts to develop the institution. Another speaker was Dr. M. Feder, first professor of chemistry in the university, who was appointed by Dr. Weizmann more than 20 years ago.