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KHAKIM AND BEN ZURI SENTENCED TO DEATH; PREMIER WILL BE ASKED TO COMMUTE SENTENCE

CAIRO, Jan. 18. (JTA) — Ephraim Ben Zuri and Eliahu Khakim, young Palestine terrorists, were sentenced to death today for the assassination last November 6 of Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister in the Middle East.

Both defendants had admitted the murder of Moyne and his chauffeur, and the question before the court was whether the political motives behind the killings and the defendant's youth merited special consideration.

The court announced that the formal sentencing will take place on Monday. Both Ben Zuri and Khakim took the verdict calmly. Ben Zuri remained pale and smiling, while Khakim flushed slightly.

Defense attorneys announced that they will urge Premier Ahmed Maher Pasha to commute the sentences. Under Egyptian law no appeal from a military court is possible. Executions usually take place about three weeks after sentence has been imposed.

When the court reconvened at 9 a.m. this morning, only a few spectators, apart from the lawyers and correspondents, were admitted. The members of the tribunal then left to decide on their verdict.

During the three hours that they deliberated, Khakim and Ben Zuri, who were not allowed to talk to the spectators, chatted with the guards and each other. Khakim asked permission to smoke, but was told that it was prohibited. At 10:30 a commotion outside the court-room was thought to be the judges returning and the accused shook hands, wishing each other luck. But it was a false alarm.

At 12:05 the judges finally entered. A police officer warned the audience not to make any outcry when the verdict was announced and to leave the court without conversing with each other. As the defendants rose, the president of the court read the following traditional statement:

"After taking cognizance of Article 49 of the law relating to the organization of the Court of Assizes it has been decided to refer the documents in this case to His Eminence The Mufti of Egypt for an expression of opinion. Monday, January 22, has been fixed for pronouncement of sentence."

Ben Zuri, a former law student, immediately understood that this meant the death sentence, but Khakim, puzzled, turned to him, and he quickly explained what the announcement signified. Both men remained quiet as the audience filed from the court-room in a dead silence. As the correspondents left the two waved good-by to them.

Revisionists Hit Moyne Trial as Unfair; Ask For International Court

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) — The Moyne trial could not have been fair because the British exercise great political pressure in Egypt and control the channels of information, the New Zionist Organization of America charged today in a statement issued from its New York headquarters.

"There can be only one reason for this suppression of evidence to keep the

said the statement. Expressing firm opposition to terrorism as a means of achieving Jewish aspirations in Palestine, it warned that Jewish efforts to halt terroristic acts and "British intimidation" were both powerless unless the conditions which give rise to such desperate acts are radically improved.

A meeting of the Zionist-Revisionist Organization of America, held last night at the Hotel Edison, adopted a resolution demanding that "an international court of justice take over the trial of the two alleged assassins of Lord Moyne. "It is the unanimous opinion of all observers at the Cairo trial," the resolution reads in part, "that the two Palestinian youths who performed the political attentat against Lord Moyne are not mere criminals, but young idealists. But British intimidation of Egyptian authorities prevented the world from learning what Khakim and Ben Zuri said at the Cairo trial."

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO CLEANSE ARMY OF ANTI-SEMITISM BEFORE CONSCRIPTING JEWS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- As a result of protests by Jewish leaders, the Rumanian Government announced today that it has postponed the conscription of Jews into the armed services until February 15. Under an order issued last week, Jews in the military classes of 1935 to 1940 were to have reported on January 15.

The month's delay, it was learned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, will be used to cleanse the army of anti-Semitic and fascist elements. Jewish leaders told the Government that Jews were extremely reluctant to return to an army led by the same people who had barred Jews from military service four years ago.

The Ministry of Justice today announced the draft of a law restoring Rumanian citizenship to Jews who lost it under decrees promulgated by the anti-Semitic Goga and Cusa Governments. Restoration of citizenship may be obtained by presenting the declaration which all Jews were required to sign in 1919, expressing their desire to be Rumanian nationals.

Those who are unable to present such certificates may obtain citizenship by furnishing proof that they have served in the armed forces or participated in political struggles against the Government beginning with January 1, 1938.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES PROBE POSSIBILITIES OF PROSECUTING LEADERS OF ANTI-JEWISH GROUPS

PARIS, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- An investigation has been launched by the judicial authorities to decide whether criminal charges should be brought against directors of two organizations which conducted anti-Semitic propaganda here in a campaign to prevent the return of Jewish property, the prosecutor's office announced today.

Both organizations were dissolved last month by a Government decree on the grounds that they were opposed to "re-establishment of Republican legality." Subsequently an enquiry was begun to establish whether the directors of the two bodies had violated any laws. Assistant Prosecutor Daste, who is handling the investigation, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that one basis of possible action might be the charge of distributing propaganda of foreign inspiration.

YUGOSLAV JEWS WHO FLED BUDAPEST RETURNING HOME; WERE CONFINED IN LABOR CAMPS

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Yugoslav Jews who escaped from Budapest when the Red Army broke into the suburbs of the Hungarian capital have returned to Novisad and other towns in the Backa province of Yugoslavia, the new Yugoslav Telegraphic Service reported today. These Jews had been deported by the Germans and Hungarians to labor camps and were later transferred to Budapest.

ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF POLISH GOVERNMENT PROTESTED BY JEWISH DEPUTY

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Emanuel Szerer, Jewish deputy in the Polish National Council, parliament of the Government-in-Exile, has protested to Premier Tomasz Aroniszewski against the continued anti-Semitic activities of the Endek party, which is represented in the Government.

Szerer cited the publication this week in Mysl polska, a semi-official organ of the Endeks, of an article stating that "powerful Jewish organizations in Britain and America should have arranged for the emigration of the surplus Jewish population of Poland to Palestine, instead of helping to establish unhealthy economic competition with the Poles."

The Jewish deputy asked Aroniszewski what he intends to do in view of the fact that the Endeks are saying one thing in their newspaper and another in the Government. Szerer's protest was referred to the Government for reply through the usual parliamentary channels, a procedure that usually entails a delay of several weeks.

JUSTICE MURPHY WINS "AMERICAN HEBREW" MEDAL FOR INTER-FAITH LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) Justice Frank Murphy of the United States Supreme Court has been awarded the 1944 Medal for Promotion of Better Understanding Between Christian and Jew in America, given annually by The American Hebrew Magazine in recognition of the year's activity in the progress of inter-faith accord in America. Joseph H. Biben, editor and publisher of the publication, announced today. The award is announced in the following citation upon which the judges based their choice:

"Because he has been one of the foremost exponents during 1944 and the current year of the fight against anti-Semitism; because he has accepted the chairmanship of a national organization to fight anti-Semitism and has taken a very active part in the work in the form of public addresses, etc., and because by bringing to bear the prestige of his high office in support of the rights of a minority group, he has demonstrated his good citizenship, his understanding of the danger of anti-Semitism left unchecked, and his sense of justice as a human being."

ROOSEVELT ASKED TO PRESS FOR JEWISH COMMONWEALTH AT BIG THREE MEETING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Declaring that "one of the most urgent questions on the agenda of those who must assume responsibility for shaping the postwar world is the settlement of the Jewish problem," the executive council of the American Palestine Committee today sent a plea to President Roosevelt, who is scheduled soon to leave for conferences with Churchill and Stalin.

The committee said in the letter to the President: "It is our conviction that the most significant contribution to the settlement of this problem is the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth and, in our considered opinion, this is the practicable, permanent, just and inevitable solution." The letter was signed by Senator Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the committee, and others.

PALESTINE CADETS ARRIVE IN LONDON TO TRAIN AS OFFICERS FOR JEWISH BRIGADE

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A group of Palestinian cadets from the artillery unit of the Jewish Brigade have arrived here to receive officer training before returning to the Brigade. All of the cadets are veterans of four years of service in the Middle East.

JEWISH SOLDIER WINS FIRST PRIZE IN ARMY CONTEST ON "WHAT VICTORY MEANS TO ME"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- For his essay describing what Allied victory will mean to a soldier who is fighting for it, Private Isadore Rubin, of Brooklyn, New York, won the Grand Prize of a \$500 war bond, in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations "What Victory Means to Me" essay contest, the War Department announced today.

The contest was sponsored by the Information and Education Section of the Mediterranean Theater. Winning essays submitted by service personnel numbering more than 1,800 were selected by a special board of five officers, appointed as judges by the Theater Commander. Entrants in the contest were representative of all arms and services including combat units in front-line positions and supply and service units in remote communications zone localities.

Private Rubin, who is with a Tank Destroyer Battalion operating in the Mediterranean Theater, wrote that "with victory, we stand on the threshold of limitless inventions and comforts. We possess the resources to extend our horizons in every field of endeavor and every aspect of human relations." He continued, "Ancient and stubborn enemies are still to be conquered...such enemies are poverty, insecurity, prejudice, disunity."

MEETING HERE URGES SUPPORT FOR KIMBERLY SETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A meeting to rally support for the creation of a Jewish settlement in the Kimberly region of Australia was held here last night with Sir Norman Angell, Nobel prize winner, as principal speaker. He declared that, while he was a Zionist, he supported the Kimberly plan because it did not represent a threat to Zionist aspirations and might help to ease the tragic situation of the Jews all over the world.

The meeting adopted a resolution supporting the demand by the Australasian Council of Trade Unions that the Australian Government reconsider its rejection of the Kimberly scheme and urging friends of the project in Australia to continue their efforts. Other speakers included Dr. I. N. Steinberg, father of the Kimberly plan, and Prof. Sidney Hook.

NEW YORKERS RAISED OVER \$9,000,000 FOR REFUGEE AID IN 1944, UJA DINNER HEARS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- New Yorkers contributed over \$9,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine last year, it was announced last night by Monroe Goldwater, chairman of the 1944 campaign, at the second annual Founders Dinner of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, held at the Hotel Commodore. About 500 leaders of industries, trades and communities met to hear a report of 1944 campaign activities and to rededicate themselves to the task of assisting refugees both here and abroad.

FORMER RESIDENTS OF UKRAINIAN TOWN IN U. S. SEND SUPPLIES TO WAR ORPHANS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Responding to an appeal from the mayor of the liberated Ukrainian city of Moghilev - Podolsk, former Jewish residents of the town now living in the United States have sent a complete outfit of new clothing to 200 war orphans being supported by the community, it was announced here today.

The shipment, which consisted of coats for boys and girls, underwear, knitted hats, sweaters, scarves and shirts, was collected by the Moghilev-Podolier Relief, a unit of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief, which plans to send additional supplies.

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