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MUFTI OF EGYPT APPROVES VERDICT IN MOYNE TRIAL; JEWISH YOUTHS SENTENCED TO DIE

CAIRO, Jan. 22. (JTA)—A sentence of death was pronounced here today upon Elishu Khakin and Ephraim Ben Zuri, the assassins of Lord Moyne, following confirmation of the verdict of the five-man military court by the Mufti of Egypt.

At 10:45 this morning the president of the court read the grounds on which the sentence was based, as Khakin and Ben Zuri stood calmly in the prisoners dock. Both youths looked somewhat paler than they did during the court proceedings last week, and Ben Zuri, particularly, seemed nervous. When the sentence had been read they slumped back into their chairs.

Hundreds of steel-helmeted policemen armed with bayoneted rifles stood guard around the courthouse and others were posted along the route the condemned men travelled from the jail to the court.

CENTRAL JEWISH BODY DISSOLVED IN RUMANIA; RESUMPTION OF TRADE WITH PALESTINE EXPECTED

BUCHAREST, Jan. 22. (JTA)—The Jewish General Council, which was established by the Rumanian Government last August to act as a central body representing all the Jews of the country, was dissolved today following growing internal dissension.

The Jewish Party and Zionist leaders opposed the establishment of the Council from its very inception, while Dr. William Filderman, President of the Union of Rumanian Jews and head of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania, urged the creation of such a body.

Dr. Tudor Yonescu, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of National Economy, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Rumania is interested in establishing trade relations with Palestine, and is now studying the possibility of importing oranges, grapefruits, lemons and chemicals.

Dr. Yonescu is leaving for Turkey shortly as head of a government commercial delegation. While in Turkey, he said, he will contact business circles in Palestine. Rumania is prepared to export cattle and lumber, he added. Lumber is greatly needed in Palestine, since it produces none of its own and requires large quantities for housing and crates for citrus fruits.

The Central Jewish Relief Committee in Bucharest this week dispatched \$5,000,000. . . leis (about \$35,000) to the Jewish Community in Jassy, it was announced today.

BULGARIAN MINISTER SAYS PRESENT SITUATION MAKES RETURN OF JEWISH PROPERTY DIFFICULT

SOFIA, Jan. 22. (JTA)—The Bulgarian Government realizes the "righteousness" of Jewish demands for restoration of property confiscated by former regimes, but the present economic situation makes immediate restoration difficult, Minister for Social Affairs Grigor Cheshmedzhiev told a meeting of the Jewish section of the Social Democratic Party called to discuss the problems.

WARSAW GOVERNMENT FINANCES INDUSTRIAL TRAINING OF JEWS; WILL ESTABLISH WORKSHOPS

LUBLIN, Jan. 22. (JTA)--The Polish Provisional Government has allotted funds to establish workshops to give industrial training to the surviving Jews of Poland, it was announced at a mass meeting here in the newly renovated Perez House.

Speakers pointed out that industrial training will be of value both to the Jews who plan to rebuild their lives in Poland and to those who plan to emigrate.

It was also announced that Dr. Philip Friedman has been named head of the Jewish Historical Commission which will investigate German atrocities against Jews committed in Poland.

ROOSEVELT RECEIVES WISE; ZIONIST LEADER PRESENTS MEMORANDUM ON PALESTINE ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA)--President Roosevelt "remains an understanding and sympathetic friend of Zionism," Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, said today after meeting with the President for fifteen minutes. Dr. Wise said he "had a most heartening talk with the President."

President Roosevelt is scheduled to leave soon for a meeting with Stalin and Churchill and it is assumed here that Dr. Wise discussed with the President the part which the Palestine issue will play during the forthcoming conferences. It is understood that Dr. Wise left with the President a memorandum on the Palestine question.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO RESTORE JEWISH PROPERTY SCORED AT PARIS MEETING

PARIS, Jan. 22. (JTA)--The French Government's failure to implement its promises to undertake the restoration to Jews of property confiscated under the Vichy laws was scored in a report presented today to the regional conference of the Federation of Jewish Societies of France.

The report, which was made by Joseph Lubetzki, a lawyer, pointed out that while the Government has restored civil and legal rights to Jews, has abolished discriminations between different categories of French citizens, and restored citizenships cancelled by Vichy, it has been extremely slow in restoring Jewish property and a definitive law covering the subject has not yet appeared. The Government is presently considering a draft of the project, Dr. Lubetzki said.

Today's conference was originally planned as the first national meeting of the federation since the liberation, but because of travel difficulties it was transformed into an informational meeting of the Paris region. Marc Jarblum, president of the federation, who presided, stressed the difficult period that French Jews are passing through, and pleaded for unity and intensified activity. Dr. Eugene Minkowsky, president of the French Ose and Dr. Aaron Halperin, head of the French OET, also spoke.

The report of the federation's activities disclosed that its missing person bureau has 1,500 cases registered; the federation has received 600 requests for professional placements and has made 328 démarches to the government for foreign workers. The report described the federation's plan to rehabilitate 1,000 artisan families through small loans. About 150 such loans have already been made totalling 1,800,000 francs.

INCREASE IN RACIAL TENSION REPORTED BY DR. SLAWSON; N.C.R.A.C. EXTENDS ITS ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.(JTA)—There has been an increase in all forms of racial tension in the United States, it was reported here by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, addressing the opening session of a three-day plenary meeting of the National Community Relations Advisory Council held during the week-end.

Ascribing this increase to the economic and social dislocations of a wartime economy, Dr. Slawson said that there has been an increase in anti-Negroism and anti-Catholicism as well as anti-Semitism. Fear of more stringent government prosecution during wartime has, however, resulted in a decrease in the number of active anti-Semitic organizations and professional anti-Semites. He warned that the insecurity and frustrations of large masses of people that may develop in the post-war period is unquestionably a threat to be guarded against.

Further progress in achieving coordination of activities and common planning by the national Jewish defense agencies and the eighteen local community relations groups was insured by a program of organization adopted unanimously by the National Community Relations Advisory Council at the three-day gathering. The program was urged by David Sher, NCRAC chairman, who was re-elected with the entire group of officers who have guided the organization since its inception a year ago. The plan of organization adopted includes the following specific recommendations:

1. The creation of standing committees of the NCRAC in such fields as mass approach, class approach, interfaith cooperation, overt anti-Semitism, economic discrimination and other fields that come within the scope of the civic protective agencies. The purpose of these standing committees in various fields of civic protective action will be to subject the programs and policies of the national agencies and the local community relations groups to examination, criticism and suggestion to the end that uniform policies and practices will emerge to guide all activities in this important area of work.

2. The functions of the Coordinating Committee of Jewish Organizations dealing with Employment Discrimination in War Industries will be "transferred to the NCRAC and a permanent committee of the NCRAC, with a professional staff member, be established for formulation of policy in the field of employment discrimination." The resolution formally accomplishing the transfer of the functions of the Coordinating Committee further declares that "the implementation of the activities in this field are to be carried into action by one or more of the agency members under the direction and supervision of the NCRAC, or by the NCRAC itself as the committee shall from time to time determine."

Isaiah Minkoff, executive director of the NCRAC, will become vice-chairman of the organization and serve as a professional assistant to Mr. Sher. An executive director will be engaged to administer the new program. The budget of the NCRAC will be materially increased to allow for adequate staffing of the organization.

Jewish and non-Jewish Groups Will Fight Anti-Semitism In Politics

The meeting adopted a resolution deploring the injection into the last Presidential campaign of charges and counter-charges implicit with anti-Semitism; and applauding the conduct of the leaders of both major political parties in repudiating this issue. "The NCRAC and its constituents will seek to join forces with other Jewish and non-Jewish national bodies in condemning the un-American practice of injecting bigotry into the political affairs of this nation and its communities, and in educating the public and all political parties to that end," the resolution said.

the NCRAC also decided to establish a permanent committee "to conduct

a study and evaluation of non-sectarian agencies dealing with group tensions, the resulting reports to be regularly made available to community groups and national agencies." It also decided "to consult with the Synagogue Council of America with a view to exploring the entire problem of religious education in the public schools and arriving at a common policy."

Mr. Minkoff opened the three-day conference with a report outlining the actions taken by the staff and executive committee during the four-month interval between the recent session and the previous plenary session held in September. He reported that "The NCRAC has now established a direct and organic contact with the communities which has been instrumental in keeping the Jewish communities alert to the changing situation developing from time to time." He also reported that the NCRAC had been active in striving toward the achievement of federal and state Fair Employment Practice Commissions, and that its chairman, Mr. Sher, had testified before the New York State hearings.

FRENCH-JEWISH DELEGATION LEAVES UNITED STATES; DR. MEISS RE-INSTATED AS JUDGE IN PARIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA)--After spending seven weeks in the United States on a mission for the Jews of liberated France, Dr. Leon Meiss, Dr. Joseph Fischer and Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, leaders of the Representative Council of the Jews of France, left today for Paris.

Prior to leaving New York, Dr. Meiss was informed from Paris that he has been reinstated, as of July 1, 1941, as a judge, a position of which he was deprived by the Vichy regime and will now act as vice-chairman of the Seine Tribunal, the District Court of the French capital.

During their stay in the United States, the French-Jewish delegation, headed by Judge Meiss, conferred with various Jewish organizations on problems concerning Jewish activities. Members of the delegation also reported to numerous Jewish gatherings on the life of the Jews in France during the German occupation and on their needs and hopes now that their country has been liberated.

The departure of the delegation was marked by a farewell tea at the Plaza Hotel arranged by the World Jewish Congress. Capt. Guy Alphonse de Rothschild, who arrived with the delegation, left for France last week. The delegation came to the United States as delegates to the War Emergency Conference of the World Jewish Congress which was held at the end of November in Atlantic City. Due to transportation difficulties it reached the United States just a few days after the conference concluded.

ELSE LASKER-SCHULER, FAMOUS GERMAN-JEWISH POETESS, DIES IN PALESTINE; WAS 68

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA)--Elsa Lasker-Schuler, a well known poetess in pre-Hitler Germany, died here today of pneumonia. She was 68. She went to Switzerland after the Nazis assumed power, and from there she came to Palestine.

Mrs. Lasker-Schuler's poetry appeared in popular periodicals and several volumes of her collected poems were published. Many of her works had Jewish themes, among which were "Hebrew Ballads" and "The Wonder Rabbi of Barcelona."