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U.S. AUTHORITIES CANCEL DEATH SENTENCES OF NAZI LEADERS; PLACE DP'S UNDER GERMAN COURTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The State Department declined to comment on the cancellation today by the American authorities in Germany of death sentences of 21 Nazi war criminals and the granting of clemency to 54 others sentenced at the Nuremberg and Dachau war crimes trials.

The American order sparing the 21 Nazis from the gallows and restoring property rights to other convicted war criminals followed an order by the U.S. authorities in Frankfurt yesterday placing displaced persons in the American occupation zone under the criminal jurisdiction of German courts. U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy reserved the authority to intervene in special cases wherever the interests of the occupation are involved.

While cancelling the 21 death sentences, High Commissioner McCloy and U.S. military commander Gen. Thomas T. Handy confirmed seven death sentences, including those passed on four men convicted of the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Jews. Death sentences passed on former Gestapo commander Gen. Oswald Pohl, who was in charge of the Nazi concentration camps, and Otto Ohlendorf, former Nazi general who headed the execution squads which followed up the German armies to wipe out "undesirable" civilians, especially Jews, were among the confirmed. Victims of these squads are estimated in several millions.

Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York said today he would protest against the commutations, but the majority of Congressional opinion accepted the action as "logical" and "desirable." In Frankfurt, High Commissioner McCloy, in explaining his action, said today: "All the reviews have been designed to make sure that each defendant had the full benefit of a fair trial and of any possible legal appeals and of any grounds for clemency which could be asserted on his behalf. I have striven to temper justice with mercy."

Some members of the U.S. Congress viewed the wholesale pardons as unwise. The majority, however, interpreted the development as a logical readjustment of German industrial and military leaders. The rulings by the American authorities in Germany followed consideration of all remaining war crimes cases, undertaken in the face of a growing German clamor against war crimes verdicts.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT GIVES GOVERNMENT FOREIGN POLICY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE; BACKS KOREA STAND

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament last night gave the government a vote of confidence on foreign policy, including the Israel position on Korea. The vote was 56 to 29, with six abstentions.

Before the vote, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett defended his policy at the U.N., disclosing that "certain powers" asked Israel to take the initiative in an attempt to mediate a peace settlement. He also declared that Israel is not safe from

attack, invasion and occupation and must, therefore, prepare for every eventuality. It must obtain food and arms in "every corner of the world" which, he pointed out, leads to increasing Israel's dependence on the world.

Turning to the question of peace with the Arab states, Mr. Sharett said the Jewish state is ready to conclude peace with each of her four neighbors on the basis of the status quo. He warned, however, that any attempt to change the status quo would mean war and that "the results of such a war would decide future territorial arrangements."

ISRAEL VOTES FOR U.S. RESOLUTION ON KOREA; SPOKESMAN EXPLAINS ISRAEL'S MOTIVES

TAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Israel was one of 44 nations which in the historic meeting of the United Nations Political Committee late last night voted to charge Communist China with an act of aggression in Korea. Israel, however, abstained on a paragraph of the United States-sponsored resolution which calls for the consideration of instituting sanctions against the Peking regime.

An Israel delegation spokesman said today that these were the main points that governed Israel's attitude on the Korean voting in the United Nations Political Committee:

1. Once the question of Chinese aggression in Korea had been raised, it was necessary to take a stand. There might be a question as to whether the issue should have been raised at that moment or not, but the United Nations could not buck the problem once it had been forced to a vote by the United States. With Israel, there was a question of self-interest. It had been the victim of aggression once and it had been told frequently that it might become a victim again. It would be inconceivable for Israel not to take a stand where the facts are clear.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett gave central importance to the condemnation of aggression in his policy speech to the General Assembly last fall. Israel was specially concerned with the question whether the introduction of volunteers, as the Chinese called their forces in China, since Arab aggression against Israel had started with the introduction of so-called volunteers. Israel therefore had to take a stand on that subject.

2. Israel believed that non-acceptance of the United States resolution when it was forced to a vote would have meant the contrary, that the United Nations were the aggressors in Korea. A rejection of the resolution would have undermined the whole United Nations effort against aggression in Korea.

3. Israel believed, still insists, and at all times has urged that the methods of negotiation aimed at a peaceable settlement should be placed above punitive measures. As a matter of fact, many delegations acknowledged that the frequent Israel interventions in the debate had contributed significantly to shifting the emphasis in the resolution and the American attitude from concern with further sanction measures to continued negotiations.

4. Israel felt that even at the end it was not clear whether Peking fully accepted the Arab-Asian resolution for big-power negotiations in its finally amended form which called for a cease-fire first. Information on Peking's views were communicated to the committee, sometimes rather obliquely, by the Indian delegation, the Israel spokesman pointed out.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL WILL LAUNCH ITS 1951 DRIVE AT MIAMI BEACH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The 1951 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will be launched at a National Inaugural Conference in Miami Beach February 16-18, it was announced here today by the national chairman of the U.J.A., William Rosenwald, Rudolf G. Sonneborn and Jonah B. Wise.

The three-day National Conference will hear from outstanding leaders in American and Israel affairs, among them Abba S. Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States; James G. McDonald, former American Ambassador to the Jewish State; Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, U.J.A. executive vice-chairman, and others.

The national Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, at its two-day conference held at the Hotel Plaza here, today voted to advance the launching of its nationwide effort to mobilize the Jewish women of this country behind the U.J.A. campaign. The women's drive will start two weeks ahead of the National Inaugural Conference in Miami Beach. It will be conducted in 250 communities.

ISRAEL CAN OVERCOME ITS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WITH AID FROM U.S. JEWS, MAIMON SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- "Israel can easily solve its economic difficulties if the necessary normal aid is forthcoming," Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Israel Minister of Religions, declared here last night. "It is only from the Jews of America, who played such a decisive role in the establishment of the state that such mass support can be expected," he added.

Speaking at a banquet in his honor under the auspices of the Mizrahi Organization of America, the Minister asserted that "such mass support can prevent all the dangers and hardships which now arise from the economic insecurity which confronts Israel."

On the issue of religious freedom he told the 1,200 persons at the affair that there has "never been a better and more sound relationship" among the various religious groups and denominations in Israel than there is today. "There is complete and perfect religious freedom in the Jewish state," he insisted.

Rabbi Maimon called upon the American Mizrahi movement "for even greater and more intensive efforts to help maintain and expand the Mizrahi educational and social service projects in Israel." He also urged the American Jewish community, as partners in the creation of the state of Israel, to exert maximum energies to help make the impending bond drive a success.

GENERAL ZIONIST CONFEDERATION ASKS SHARE IN UNITED ISRAEL DRIVES THROUGHOUT WORLD

PARIS, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The European executive of the Confederation of General Zionists today asked that the General Zionist Construction Fund receive a fixed percentage of the proceeds of all united Israel campaigns carried on throughout the world. The demand was voiced at a meeting of the body here.

It was also decided to convene a session of the executive in London next month. A meeting of the European-North African Council of the Confederation was scheduled for March. It will be held in this city.

NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO TEL AVIV HONORED BY ISRAEL EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Monnet Davis, newly-appointed American Ambassador to Israel, was honored yesterday at a luncheon tendered in his honor by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban. Guests included Pinchas Lavon, Israel Minister of Agriculture, and members of the staff of the Israel Embassy.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXPELLS JEWISH PEOPLE'S FRATERNAL ORDER LODGES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The Los Angeles Jewish Community Council has expelled 14 bodies of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, affiliated with the International Workers Order, from membership in the Council, it was announced here today.

The action followed 15 meetings of the Council's membership committee during which the issue was considered and a number of other meetings of various Council bodies. Beside recommending the expulsion of the units, the membership committee suggested that if the JFFO severs its ties with the International Workers Order then the lodges shall be eligible for reconsideration for membership in the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council.

FEDERAL COMMISSION PERMITS RICHARDS TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF HIS RADIO STATIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A petition for the dismissal of applications by G.A. Richards for the transfer of the control of his radio stations to trustees was granted today by the Federal Communications Commission.

Richards' radio station operation has been under examination for some time arising from charges that RMPC, his Los Angeles station, slanted newscasts against Jews and others. Richards also operates WCAR, Cleveland, and WJR, Detroit. A final decision has not yet been made in the case.

BALTIMORE SETS \$3,904,000 AS GOAL FOR 1951 DRIVE FOR JEWISH CHARITIES AND WELFARE FUND

BALTIMORE, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Baltimore Jews will be asked to give \$3,904,000 in 1951 to the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund, it was announced here today. This is the minimum amount needed to support the 14 agencies of the Associated Jewish Charities and the 19 agencies of the Jewish Welfare Fund, a statement by the boards of directors of both organizations said. The goal of \$3,904,000 is almost one-half million more than was raised in the 1950 combined campaign. Joseph Meyerhoff, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund, will head the joint campaign.

LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL GETS AWARD FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO RACIAL AMITY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- For his contributions for understanding between racial and religious groups, County Supervisor John Anson Ford was presented with the Hollzer Memorial Award. This is an annual award, named in honor of a former president of the Jewish Community Council.

MILTON ANFENGER RE-ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL AT DENVER

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Milton Anfenger, Denver attorney, was elected for the fifth successive term as president of the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, the nation's first free non-sectarian tuberculosis center, it was announced here today.

AMERICAN OSE MOURNS DEATH OF DR. BRUTZKUS; HIS DEVOTION TO OSE STRESSED

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The American Committee of OSE, Jewish health society, today issued a statement expressing its sorrow at the death in Tel Aviv of Dr. Julius Brutzkus, one of its founders. "For over 25 years, he rendered great services to the cause of the OSE and its health activities among Jews all over the world, with his immense knowledge, experience and devotion to the ideals of the organization," the statement said.

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