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GERMAN COURT HANDS DOWN SEVERE SENTENCES IN JEWISH BANK CASE

FRANKFURT, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- After a trial which lasted about ten months, all principal defendants in the case of the former "Jewish Restitution Bank" here were sentenced today to terms that caused astonishment because of their severity.

Dr. Joseph Klibansky, generally considered Germany's best known Jewish attorney, was sentenced to eighteen months jail in addition to a fine of \$4,500 for being an accessory to violation of foreign currency regulations and of certain provisions of the corporation law.

Wilhelm Marrien, originally technical advisor of the bank and later its manager, received 10 months imprisonment for infringement of the corporation law, for being accessory to violation of foreign currency regulations and for bribery.

Dr. Hans Erwin Wolf, who was appointed by the State as custodian of the bank, received six months imprisonment for corruption. Wolfgang Steege, a German banker from Hamburg, was fined \$600 for being accessory to violation of foreign currency regulations. Cashier Siefreid Frohlich was let off with a fine of \$100.

Dr. Klibansky, was found guilty of having aided and abetted the transfer of blocked mark accounts to their Jewish owners abroad, a transaction which was illegal at the time, in 1950, but which was legalized a few months after the Jewish Restitution Bank was shut down. The violation of the corporation law refers to issue of receipts to cover up the withdrawal of blocked mark funds.

Dr. Klibansky was also convicted of having, as a member of the bank's board of directors, contributed to its bankruptcy although the bank's assets exceed its debts even today. The court found, however, that there was no evidence that Dr. Klibansky had enriched himself, or had personally violated foreign currency regulations.

Dr. Klibansky, who will file an appeal with the Supreme Court, issued a statement asserting that Judge Hoffmeyer, who issued the verdict, had been unable to overcome his resentment at having been placed in an internment camp at the end of the war because he had been a member of the Nazi Party and a judge throughout the Nazi regime. Dr. Klibansky also pointed out in his statement that the jurors had not been properly sworn in and that one of them was removed from the jury only last month for endeavoring to engage in illicit foreign currency deals. "The verdict is certain to be vacated by the Supreme Court," Dr. Klibansky concluded.

A representative of the Hesse Jewish Community in the Central Council of Jews in Germany commented after the judgment that he would seek the express confirmation of Dr. Klibansky as legal advisor of the Association of Jewish Communities in Hesse and would resign from his office unless that demand were accepted.

AUSTRIA TO RESUME REPARATIONS TALKS WITH JEWS, CONSULATE SAYS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Austrian Consulate General today indicated that the talks between the Austrian Government and representatives of Jewish organizations on the payment of reparations to Jews who suffered damages under the Nazi regime will be resumed "in the first half of September."

"The first phase of the negotiations between the Austrian Government and representatives of Jewish organizations concerning restitution and compensation have already led to certain positive results," the Consulate emphasized.

"The question that remain to be settled are those concerning unclaimed -- including heirless -- property taken from the victims of National-Socialism," the Consulate said. "Because of the beginning of summer vacations, both parties to the negotiations agreed that experts should continue the discussions with a view to reaching a settlement for evaluating unclaimed Jewish property confiscated during the Nazi regime. The main talks are scheduled to be resumed in the first half of September."

The Consulate reported that Austrian officials have pointed out to representatives of Jewish organizations that Austrian law in no way discriminates between applicants for restitution regardless of their nationality. "It was further stressed that no difference should be made between Austrian citizens and other persons, irrespective of whether they reside in the country or abroad," the Consulate stated. "Such avoidance of discrimination has, in fact, already been written into the laws governing compensation to civil servants as well as those relating to compensation for deprivation of freedom which the Austrian Parliament has passed."

GERMAN JEWS OBJECT TO SEEKING REPARATIONS THROUGH U.S. COURT

DUSSELDORF, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany today objected to the fact that an American Jewish soldier, a former slave laborer in a Nazi camp, has brought suit in the United States High Commission court in Germany against the I. G. Farben, a German trust. The soldier, Rudolf Wachsman, a former German citizen, is asking the equivalent of \$200,000 in back pay and damages for slave labor performed by him during the Nazi regime in the notorious Buna Monowitz synthetic rubber plant operated by the I. G. Farben near the Oswiecim extermination camp.

In objecting to the fact that Wachsman filed his claim in an American military court, Dr. H. G. Van Dam, secretary general of the Central Council of Jewish in Germany, said that the case should have been left to German jurisdiction, since the victim had suffered at the hands of the Nazi regime long before his migration to the United States and many years before he acquired U. S. citizenship.

"If an American court agreed to deal with this case, it might happen that members of the British and French occupation forces would adopt the same course, thus resulting in four different sentences by highest level authorities of four different states," Dr. Van Dam argued.

DR. GOLDMANN THANKS GERMAN MINISTERS FOR INDEMNIFICATION LAW

BONN, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, has in the name of the Jewish organizations expressed his thanks and appreciation to Bonn Minister of Finance Fritz Schaeffer for the latter's "initiative in connection with the drafting and passage" of the law to indemnify individual victims of Nazism, it was revealed here in a press release from the Ministry of Finance. Similar cables were sent by Dr. Goldmann to other members of the Adenauer cabinet.

ONE RELEASED, TWO HELD FOR TRIAL IN ISRAEL MINISTRY BOMBING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Dov Parsan, who was accused of planting a bomb three months ago in the Ministry of Education, was today released by the judge dealing with the case. Two other accused, Mordecai Freund and David Blau, will have to stand trial.

SENTENCES IN ISRAEL "TERRORIST TRIAL" EXPECTED TODAY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The trial of the Israeli youths convicted yesterday by a three-man military court at Sarafand of membership in an underground terrorist organization neared its end today as the defendants took the stand to make their final statements. The sentences are expected to be meted out tomorrow.

Yankov Heruti, son of the president of the Supreme Military Court, found guilty of participation in the activities of the organization, told the court that the arms found in possession of the organization were aimed against Arabs "and other enemies of Israel." Miss Yaffa Dromi, 24-year-old former radio announcer of the Stern Group who had been found guilty of training the terrorists in addition to being a member of the organization, denied membership in the organization.

Yechsekel Mirachi, who was arrested in Jerusalem near a store of arms, said he had been arrested while preparing an attack on the Arab Legion camp on the Bethlehem road. M. Sharabi, for whom the prosecutor demanded heavy punishment, told the court today he had decided to quit politics and to start a new life. The defendant Mandel said there was no force to compel him to listen to the sentence of a court which he refused to recognize. He was ordered out of the court room.

Character witnesses, who included parents and teachers of the accused, also testified today that the defendants were all of good behavior during their childhood and displayed bravery during the Israel war of liberation.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS OF MILITARY AGE ISSUED IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Israeli Defense Ministry, has issued new regulations for draftees which will give immigrants to the Jewish State credit for the time they served in other armies, the Israel Embassy here announced today.

The new regulations, the announcement said, will give full credit for periods of service over 18 months, requiring only an additional three-month period of service to familiarize the immigrant with the Israel armed services and to prepare him for assignment to a reserve unit.

Immigrants who served less than 18 months in a foreign army will be given full credit for the time served. They will merely have to serve whatever time is left after the previous service time has been deducted, the announcement pointed out.

2,000 TEEN-AGERS OF MAPAI KIBBUTZIM HOLD CONVENTION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 teen-age members of Mapai kibbutzim from all parts of the country yesterday attended a special Mapai youth convention at Kibbutz Nazer, south of Tel Aviv. Among the speakers at the party were Acting Premier Moshe Sharett and Morgan Phillips, chairman of the British Labor Party.

JEWISH GROUPS FORMULATE VIEWS ON INTERRELIGIOUS FIGHT AGAINST BIAS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A series of recommendations regarding the community relations values of inter-religious activities were made public here today by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body of Jewish organizations engaged in fighting anti-Semitism in the United States.

The recommendations were adopted at a three-day conference of the NCRAC Special Committee on Reassessment, dealing with the field of interfaith relationships. The parley was attended by 45 social scientists, rabbis, scholars of religion and Jewish community leaders.

Comprising the Special Committee are representatives of the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Congregations, United Synagogue of America and many of the 30 local Jewish community councils affiliated with the NCRAC. The principal recommendations provide:

1. Particular emphasis should be placed on reaching directly local non-Jewish religious groups and their leaders. Also that there be continued use of inter-denominational organizations as a common meeting ground, with full recognition of both their potentialities and their limitations.
2. There should be great emphasis in future programming upon cooperation with non-Jewish religious groups for civic and social advancement, and there be a corresponding de-emphasis of programs, now on the decline, based upon exhortation towards good will.
3. Historical and critical research be conducted upon the relationship between religious doctrines and various forms of anti-Judaism and of anti-Semitism in the United States today in the perspective of the distinctive features of American culture and of the present world situation, in order to guide more closely the fundamental lines of planning inter-religious activity for community relations work today.
4. When differences arise between Jewish and non-Jewish groups on social issues, these should be faced frankly and forthrightly. Jewish groups should continue to express themselves as a religious group with regard to civic issues on the basis of Jewish tradition, and to welcome action on civic issues by Christian groups based upon the Christian gospels.
5. The participation of Jewish religious bodies on the level of national policy for community relations work be increased; there should be a growing role for the synagogue and more effective participation by rabbinical leadership nationally and on the community level.
6. All rabbis and rabbinical students should receive training in community relations philosophy, techniques, and methods, just as all Jewish community relations workers should have a thorough grounding in Jewish tradition.

The three-day conference also recommended that the participation of Jewish religious bodies on the level of national policy for community relations work be increased, and that the responsibilities of the national Jewish religious bodies include the interpreting of Judaism, "by issuing appropriate pronouncements and statements and by conducting appropriate educational activities on an inter-religious nature resting upon a full recognition of the distinctiveness of Judaism and reaffirming the essential plurality of American life."

SENATE GROUP TO HOLD HEARINGS ON BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Sen. Irving M. Ives, of New York, said today a Senate labor subcommittee which he heads would open hearings in the second week of January on a bill making it illegal to discriminate in employment because of race or religion.

Sen. Ives, who sponsored the bill along with 17 other senators of both parties, offered favorable comment on President Eisenhower's new anti-discriminatory committee for government contracts. He said the Eisenhower program would not affect efforts to gain passage of the proposed bill.

JEWISH HOSPITAL REPORTS NEW CONCEPT OF TREATING TUBERCULOSIS

DENVER, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A concept of treating tuberculosis and restoring patients to useful, productive lives by getting them out of bed months ahead of current procedures while treating them with so-called "wonder drugs" was described by a National Jewish Hospital team of physicians here tonight.

But in order for a "total job" to be done, patients must be reconciled to almost doubling the present period of hospitalization under strictly controlled conditions, Dr. Sidney H. Dressler, medical director, and Dr. Gardner Middlebrook, director of research and laboratories at the interfaith tuberculosis hospital, pointed out.

"The time has come to alter our concept of tuberculosis treatment materially, to stop merely helping people to live with the disease, and to center an all-out attack on the germ causing the malady, the tubercle bacillus itself," the doctors declared in advocating extension of pilot studies they made during the past year.

Their studies have indicated, they said, that prolonged bed rest -- once the classic tuberculosis treatment -- does not add to the efficiency of treatment with antimicrobial drugs. They reported that patients with no toxic symptoms or fever have been removed from bed rest in from eight to 10 weeks. Even those requiring surgery are taken off ambulatory routines for only a short period pre-operatively and are returned to rehabilitation schedules in from three to four weeks following the operations.

The medical-research team expressed conviction that treatment with isoniazid, or INH as the newest of the tuberculosis "wonder drugs" is called in further abbreviation of its full name -- isonicotinic acid hydrazid -- combined with the "keep them active" method used in their pilot study rehabilitation work, not only will restore patients to useful, fully productive lives, but will reduce the number of breakdowns, or recurrences of tuberculosis among discharged patients.

Opened in 1899, the National Jewish Hospital has operated continuously on voluntary contributions as a non-profit non-sectarian institution. It has provided free care for more than 50,000 patients from upwards of 6,000 communities.

INSCRIPTIONS DATING BACK TO FOURTH CENTURY DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Important inscriptions dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries C. E. have been discovered in Beth Shearim, in the Emek Jezreel. President Itzhak Ben-Zvi and Hebrew University experts have proceeded to the site to inspect the inscriptions, unearthed by the Israel Exploration Society.