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## EGYPT HANGS TWO JEWS; IGNORES AMERICAN AND BRITISH APPEALS

LONDON, Jan. 31, (JTA) -- Two Jews sentenced to death by an Egyptian military court for "Zionist espionage" were hanged in Cairo early this morning. Their execution was announced to the public by the hoisting of a big black flag over the prison. The press and the public were barred from the hangings.

The two executed men were Dr. Moshe Marzouk, aged 29, and Shmuel Azzar, aged 26. They were among the 13 Jewish defendants tried in Cairo on charges of "sabotage and espionage" on behalf of Israel. Of the remainder, two received life sentences, four were given long prison terms and two were acquitted. Two others left Egypt before the mass arrests took place.

The London press, reporting the hangings, expressed surprise that the Egyptian Government had ignored "a considerable volume" of international appeals for clemency. It is understood that such appeals were made, among others, by the Governments of the United States and Britain whose diplomatic representatives in Cairo urged Egypt to adopt a humane attitude and do nothing which would exacerbate the Arab-Israel situation.

Israel Embassy circles here expressed appreciation today of the "sympathy and understanding" shown by many Britons for the two young Jews who were executed. The Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Zionist Federation of Great Britain issued statements condemning the Egyptian Government for the executions. Many members of the British Parliament personally cabled during the last few days to Egyptian Premier Col. Gamel Abdul Nasser appealing for commutation of the sentences.

## Sharett Denounces the Executions; Knesset Mourns

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31, (JTA) -- A tense Parliament rose to its feet in a two-minute silent tribute to the two Jews hanged in Cairo this morning following their conviction by a military court on charges of "espionage" in behalf of Israel. The House rose after Premier Moshe Sharett made a statement denouncing the executions.

"The Israel nation and the Jewish people everywhere and seekers of justice and peace throughout the world heard with anger and moral indignation the news of the execution of Dr. Moshe Marzouk and the schoolmaster Shmuel Azzar who died a martyr's death this morning," the Premier declared.

"The number of Jewish victims of the odious trial in Cairo has now reached four. One died under torture, one according to the Egyptian authorities took his own life, and two were put to death this morning. Let us rise in their memory," Mr. Sharett said, "and convey to their families expressions of our deep-felt sympathy."

"The Egyptian junta," the Premier continued, "has resolved to attempt to strengthen its position as against its rivals from within as well as its opponents abroad by spilling Jewish blood. Many regimes have in the past adopted this same

criminal means, and in the end sealed their own doom. Egypt has chosen to revenge itself on the Jews in whose hearts there was a longing for Israel. These victims have been sacrificed to that same bloody assault launched against Israel from the moment of its establishment, and which Egypt's rulers continue to this day to maintain by all means at their disposal. "

#### Israel Will Not Forget Its Martyrs, Sharett Pledges

"Egypt will not be sustained by the blood which has thus been spilled, nor will Israel or the Jewish people forget their blessed martyrs," Mr. Sharett pledged. "The devotion for Zion of an untold number of Jews was not stifled in the past by persecution, nor will it be in the future. The love here for their people will vanquish the hatred surrounding them. "

After the deputies had stood in silence for two minutes, Mr. Sharett voiced the Israel Government's "profound appreciation" for the efforts made throughout the world to save the condemned Jews. "The Government of Israel voices its contempt and horror at the heartless rejection by the rulers of Egypt of the urgent representations made to them, a rejection accompanied even, in some cases, by calculated deceit regarding what was intended," Mr. Sharett declared.

"At the same time, the government wishes to express its recognition of all who did what they could, by word and deed, to save human lives and prevent the gallows from casting its shadow over relations between peoples in the days to come." When Mr. Sharett sat down, Speaker of the House Joseph Sprinzak called a half-hour recess as a sign of mourning.

#### U.S. Government Advised Egypt Against Extreme Penalties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The United States Government and leading Senators were among those who addressed advice to Egypt to avoid extreme penalties in the Cairo trials on grounds of humanity and moderation, informed sources said today.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban conferred with Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., and Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert D. Murphy on this matter at various stages up until the end. Israel circles here expressed profound shock at Egypt's rejection of humane and moderating counsel from so many quarters.

#### Jewish Institutions in France Close Offices in Mourning

PARIS, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- All Jewish institutions and organizations in France closed down at 11 A.M. today in a sign of mourning and protest against the hanging of two Jews in Cairo this morning. French Jews were both horrified and angered by the executions.

The Zionist Federation of France, in a resolution, condemned Egypt for this "crime." It also called upon international opinion, especially that in the United States, to prevent a repetition of new crimes like these which can "only increase a serious situation already replete with tension. "

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central communal organization of Jews in Argentina, and the Zionist Central Council condemned the hanging of the two Jews in Cairo. "Argentine Jewry," a statement said, "raises its voice in pain and wrath at the hate and vengeance shown by Egypt's government. "

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee issued a protest today against the execution of the two Jews in Egypt. It called the hangings "an act of wanton murder" by the Egyptian Government and further condemned them as an "act of criminality and genocide. "

## AUSTRIAN JEWS MAKE FINAL BID TO GOVERNMENT ON CLAIMS ISSUE

VIENNA, Jan. 31, (JTA) -- The Federation of Austrian Jewish communities, in a letter to Chancellor Julius Raab, has given the Austrian Government a final opportunity to make an acceptable restitution offer before the Austrian Jewish delegation leaves for Paris Saturday to attend a meeting of the claims conference. Wilhelm Krell, secretary general of the Federation, told a press conference here today.

If an acceptable offer is not received by next Monday, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the claims conference, will propose to the meeting in Paris that the Jews break off negotiations with the Austrian Government.

Mr. Krell declared that Jews inside and outside Austria have been embittered by the dragging pace of the negotiations, which he said was entirely the responsibility of the Austrian Government. He charged the Austrian Government with favoring the indemnification of Nazis rather than the victims of the Nazis and with having "no understanding for the Jews." Mr. Krell called the Jewish demands very modest, and listed them as follows:

Establishment of the principle that Nazi victims who fled the country shall not be discriminated against in the payment of restitution and indemnification; payment for all individual losses such as confiscated bank accounts and other forms of savings, and indemnification payment for Jewish cemeteries and synagogues destroyed by the Nazis. In this connection Mr. Krell noted that the Jewish institutions destroyed by the Nazis were valued at 165,000,000 schillings, but the Austrian Government has only offered to pay 3,500,000 schillings in compensation.

The Jewish demands also include restoration of 800 apartments from which Jews were forced by Nazis. Some of these homeless Jews now live in barracks in Vienna, Mr. Krell pointed out. Finally, Mr. Krell listed the demand for 150,000,000 schillings as a lumpsum payment for all the heirless and unclaimed Jewish property in Austria.

## FIFTEEN U. S. JEWISH LEADERS TO ATTEND CLAIMS CONFERENCE SESSIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31, (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, representing 22 major Jewish organizations throughout the free world, will hold meetings in Paris on February 5-6, Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president of the Conference, announced today prior to his departure for Europe. Fifteen Jewish leaders from the United States will participate in the sessions.

The meetings will concern themselves principally with the program for allocation of the funds which the Conference will receive during 1955 by the terms of the reparations agreement with the German Federal Republic. The board of directors will need to give consideration to requests for grants approaching the sum of 50 million dollars, submitted by nearly 400 organizations operating in 26 countries throughout the world.

"The board of directors will be faced with a very arduous task in determining the priority of need of victims of Nazi persecution, in view of the fact that the funds requested for 1955 are many times greater than the monies available for allocation," Mr. Blaustein said. "The board will review the findings and recommendations submitted by its applications committee and by the many experts who, during the past several months, analyzed and evaluated every single application submitted to the conference."

"The board of directors will also give consideration at its meetings to the existing deficiencies in implementation of the indemnification and restitution legislation for victims of Nazi persecution, which the German Federal Republic had enacted, in great measure, on the basis of a special agreement which the German Federal Republic and the conference had concluded. These meetings of the board of directors are taking place in Europe in recognition of the international character of the conference membership and of the fact that a number of its member organizations are located on that continent," the statement emphasized.

## GERMAN PARTIES ACT TO SPEED UP INDIVIDUAL INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- In an effort to remedy the unsatisfactory state of individual indemnification by providing a parliamentary forum, all parties in the West German Parliament have joined to create a 17-man committee on indemnification matters.

A Parliamentary working group dealing with amendment of the Federal law for individual indemnification has indicated that it expects to be finished with a draft of the amendment by the end of March. The ad hoc body was formed some months ago by deputies and representatives of the Federal and state ministries concerned with the problem. If everything goes well, an amendment designed to remove the worst of the inadequacies and deficiencies of the measure may be approved by Parliament just before its summer recess.

Meanwhile, the Social Democratic Party has introduced in the Bundestag (lower house) an amendment of its own, which goes beyond the proposals incorporated into the working party's amendment. The Social Democratic measure is designed to speed up payments and set forth clearly the responsibilities of the Federal and state treasuries in the payment of indemnification claims. In this particular field confusion has reigned since the first of the year when a previous arrangement between the states and the central government was permitted to lapse due to a widespread apathy toward the problem within the German bureaucracy.

## WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WARNS OF DANGERS IN RE-ARMING OF GERMANY

PARIS, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The three-day meeting of the executive of the World Jewish Congress concluded here last night with the adoption of a declaration of warning of the dangers inherent in the re-arming of Germany and the necessity for guarding against a new militarism in Germany which may go hand in hand with a resurgent Nazism and anti-Semitism.

The executive also adopted a resolution outlining a program of activities at the United Nations and in consultation with governments in the campaign against international anti-Semitism. The resolution was adopted after the executive heard a report by Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig on the progress of anti-Semitism in all parts of the world, particularly in the Middle East countries and the countries of Latin America. He charged that Moslem nationalist groups were sparking anti-Jewish campaigns in Latin America.

## HADASSAH DECIDES TO BUILD \$500,000 NURSING SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The construction of a \$500,000 Henrietta Szold School of Nursing in Jerusalem, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the death of the founder of Hadassah, was voted today by leaders of the organization attending the annual mid-winter conference of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, here.

Construction of the new nurses' training school, which will accommodate 150 students a semester and will include graduate and post-graduate courses, will start immediately, according to Mrs. D. Leonard Cohen, chairman of the Hadassah Medical Center Building Committee. In behalf of the organization, Mrs. Cohen presented a check for \$500,000 to Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, who is in this country to attend the conference.

Mrs. Abraham Tulin, of New York, chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, reported that the new \$12,500,000 Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, now in the process of construction, will be equipped with closed circuit television to bring operations performed in the hospital directly to students at the medical school.

## U. N. GROUP ENDS DELIBERATIONS ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 31. (JTA) -- With Justice Philip Halpern, American Jewish jurist, pressing to the very end for participation of non-governmental organizations in more studies that might reveal discrimination against minorities around the world, the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities ended its four weeks of deliberations here today.

The subcommittee--a group set up by the UN's Commission on Human Rights--is composed of 12 independent experts elected by the commission. Each of the experts had been nominated by his country. Justice Halpern is the sole American on the subcommittee.

One of the most important reports presented to the subcommittee was a preliminary survey of discrimination in religious rights and practices made by Justice Halpern. The subcommittee discussed the possibility of undertaking a full-scale study of the subject, but postponed such a study for lack of funds. The group recommended that the United Nations appropriate funds for discrimination studies similar to the one proposed by Justice Halpern.

Justice Halpern declared that he was hopeful that studies in both fields--religious and political discrimination--would be launched. He added that he had been told by a Secretariat official that, to the best of the official's knowledge, the unanimous recommendation for the studies was unprecedented in UN history, and that he had gotten "tremendous support" on the study in religious discrimination.

The jurist also expressed the hope that the year's delay might be turned to advantage in that representatives of the non-governmental organizations would have the opportunity to consult with their respective groups to make studies and preparations for the work ahead. He said he already had assurances from several groups that such consultations would be undertaken.

Representatives of a number of large national and international non-governmental organizations attended the subcommittee's sessions and were given a voice in the proceedings. Among the Jewish groups represented were the World Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, Alliance Universelle Israelite, Anglo-Jewish Association, Board of Deputies of British Jews, and organized Jewry in South America and South Africa.

## CONFERENCE OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS GROUPS LAUDS N. C. R. A. C. WORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Representatives of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism, conferring here on the roles and responsibilities of the Jewish religious bodies in community relations and social action, commended the National Community Relations Advisory Council for having provided a means whereby they could plan jointly among themselves and with the national and local Jewish community relations agencies.

Meeting under the auspices of the NCRAC Committee on Interreligious Activities were representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the United Synagogue of America, and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The conference was held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Speakers for the three national Jewish religious bodies stressed that the Jewish religious organizations have unique responsibility for interfaith relationships with church groups and are uniquely competent to represent the religious Jewish community in all matters and relationships involving Jewish religious matters.

## CONGRESS GETS AMENDMENT TO REFUGEE RELIEF MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler introduced today in Congress an amendment to the Refugee Relief Act, designed to eliminate complications and to establish a new administrator of the law.

AUSTIN HONORED BY VERMONT JEWISH COMMUNITY; LAUDS ISRAEL

BURLINGTON, Vt., Jan. 31. (JTA) -- More than 750 persons, including the Ambassador of Israel and national, state and local dignitaries, paid tribute here yesterday to Warren R. Austin, former Ambassador to the United Nations, for his "outstanding contribution to the cause of freedom and democracy" and his "glorious part in the historic drama of the restoration of Israel."

Sen. Austin, making one of his rare public appearances at the testimonial staged by the Vermont Jewish Community, accepted a plaque citing his accomplishments and marking the establishment of a Warren R. Austin Forest in Israel. Personal commendations from those present were handed Sen. Austin along with the written testimonials of President Eisenhower; Dag Hammarskjöld, UN Secretary-General; Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., present UN Ambassador; Cabinet members; leaders of the House and Senate; former President Harry S. Truman and a long list of former colleagues in public life.

Sen. Austin accepted the tributes by citing the "tremendous vital spirit and economic power" which stimulated the Jews to establish a political state in Israel and said: "This accomplishment of an organized state was an epoch in the most venerable, historical and cultural prophecy that has been persisted in throughout the history of the Bible."

Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel, principal speaker at the testimonial held at the Synagogue Center here, said "it is worth remembering that many of the best chapters in American-Israel friendship have been written in the United Nations." He emphasized that "nine times out of ten the United States and Israel have stood together in the UN on issues affecting Israel's interests or in opposition to measures which would have undermined Israel's security and integrity."

JEWISH WAR VETERANS' 1954 GOLD MEDAL PRESENTED TO COL. HENSHEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The 1954 Jewish War Veterans Gold Medal of Merit award was presented tonight to Col. Harry D. Henshel, noted Jewish philanthropist, at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, attended by more than 1,000 guests. The award is given annually for distinguished service in the furtherance of democratic ideals. General Omar N. Bradley, honorary chairman of the dinner and Col. Henshel's former Commanding General in Europe, made the presentation.

Col. Henshel has been prominent in his participation on the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel. He is also active in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and the United Jewish Appeal. He is chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board and a national officer of the Jewish War Veterans.

LANDAU AWARD PRESENTED TO ISRAEL JOURNALIST IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The activities in the world Zionist movement of the late Jacob Landau, founder of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, were memorialized here last night at a ceremony at the Theodor Herzl Lodge of B'nai B'rith presenting the first Jacob Landau Memorial Award to a journalist with the best record "for moral integrity, independence and exposition of Zionism." The award carries 100 Israel pounds in cash.

The scroll symbolizing the award was presented by Dr. Wolfgang von Weisel, prominent Revisionist and intimate friend of the late Mr. Landau, to Dr. Yehoshua Yevin, 64-year-old physician, author and journalist, who was the first man chosen to be thus honored. The scroll noted that the annual prize was devoted to the "memory of Jacob Landau, the prominent Herzlian Zionist, founder of the first Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and a great fighter for the independence of the press."