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NEO-NAZIS IN VIENNA ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- An attempt by members of the neo-Nazi League of Independents to hold a meeting in protest against Jewish claims for restitution was broken up here today by several hundred Jewish and non-Jewish anti-Fascists who had been imprisoned in Nazi concentration camps. (For more news on Jewish claims developments see page 3.)

The meeting was called under the latest neo-Nazi slogan: "Hunger Pensions and Jewish Restitution Demands" and was to be addressed by Hans Stueber, an Independent deputy in Parliament. Before he could open the meeting formally, the anti-Nazis commenced shouting: "Nazis."

Several fist fights and exchanges of epithets took place, with the police calmly looking on. When it became evident that the meeting could not be held without removing the anti-Nazis, Herr Stueber closed the session which he had not yet opened. Then the police politely requested the demonstrators to leave, which they did in orderly fashion.

STATE DEPT. POLICY ON SENDING ARMS TO ARABS REMAINS UNSHAKEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The State Department still adheres to its view that the arms shipments made or planned for Iraq are not considered enough to bring about any local imbalance in the Middle East, it was learned today from official circles.

It is understood that Israel representatives have been told that the Turkish-Iraqi agreement has not led to any change in the dimension of these shipments since the original program was conceived in anticipation of the "northern tier" project now taking shape.

The Israel attitude continues to be that the principle of such unilateral arms agreements is unsound in itself and creates an adverse change in the political balance regardless of the dimensions of the shipments.

A broadcast from Cairo monitored here today blasted the projected Turkish-Iraq pact and charged Turkey with "continuously supporting Israel." The Egyptian broadcast said that "Turkey was the first Middle East state to recognize Israel, in defiance of all the Arab governments" and charged that Turkey is Israel's greatest customer and accounts for 36 percent of Israel's exports. "Had it not been for Turkey, the Arab blockade on Israel would have produced effective results long ago," the broadcast stated.

U.S. RABBIS DECLARE DAY OF MOURNING FOR JEWS HANGED BY EGYPT

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Rabbinical Council of America, Orthodox Rabbinical body with 600 members in the United States and Canada, today declared the Sabbath of February 5 as a national day of mourning for the two Jews who were executed in Egypt this week. Memorial services will be recited in all allied congregations.

Rabbi David B. Hollander, national president, made public a resolution adopted by the organization which reads: "The Rabbinical Council of America received with profound grief and sorrow the shocking news of the intemperate action by the military dictatorship in Egypt in carrying out the brutal verdict against Dr. Moshe Marzuk and Shmuel Azzar. We strongly condemn the inhuman methods utilized in extorting confessions from these people contrary to all accepted procedures of democratic justice."

In Canada, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Zionist Council of Canada today voiced their sense of "deep outrage" at the execution by the Government of Egypt of the two Jews. The two organizations declared that "the Jewish community of Canada could not remain indifferent to the callous behaviour of the Egyptian authorities in carrying out the sentences which went far beyond the publicized necessities of the case and the supposed demand of Egyptian security."

Peron Expresses Sympathy for Families of Jews Hanged in Egypt

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- President Juan Peron expressed today his sympathy for the families of the two Jews hanged by the Egyptians in Cairo earlier this week and his understanding of the concern of the Jews over the affair. He made this statement at an audience he granted a delegation of officers of major Jewish organizations in the Argentine.

Meanwhile, it was decided today that all Jewish shops in Buenos Aires would close for a two-hour period of mourning next Monday for the executed Jews. A huge protest meeting has been scheduled for the same day by the Jewish organizations. A joint statement protesting the Egyptian action was issued today by the DAIA, central representative Jewish organization here, the Jewish Community Council, the United Israel Appeal and the Central Zionist Council.

U.S. Leader Condemns Egypt After Examining Trial Records

PARIS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A strongly worded statement condemning the Egyptian Government for executing two Jews in Cairo and for imposing "savage" sentences on six other Jews charged with "Zionist espionage" was issued here today by Roger Baldwin, leader of the American Civil Liberties Union and chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man, who examined the proceedings of the trial on a recent visit to Cairo.

"It was shocking that two of the defendants in the Zionist case were sentenced to death and savage sentences imposed on others," Mr. Baldwin said in his statement. "The conspiracy did not involve any serious acts of espionage or sabotage. It was, as the defense said, a childish and irrational affair of young people acting on instructions of two agents who escaped and were not condemned."

Mr. Baldwin pointed out that "the Egyptian revolution, which claims so many measures for the human rights of its people, will suffer in world opinion for this vindictive judgment, unique in condemning to death two men guilty of no act of violence or of the transmission abroad of secret information."

Young Arab Hanged in Lebanon as "Spy for Israel"

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A young Arab, Khamis Bayoumi, was hanged today in Beirut on a charge of spying for Israel, press dispatches from Lebanon reported.

AUSTRIA WILL NOT SIGN CLAIMS TREATY WITH JEWISH GROUPS

VIENNA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Any agreement which the Austrian Government reaches with the world Jewish organizations on restitution will not have the effect of a treaty since the Austrian Government regards the Jewish claims committee as a private organization and not the equal of the government, a government spokesman declared today. He revealed that after all parties concerned in the problem have been heard, the Austrian Government will submit to Parliament a draft measure, which will include whatever details have been reached in agreement with the Jews.

Meanwhile, the newspaper *Kleines Volksblatt*, an organ of the People's Party which reflects the opinions of the major party in the Austrian Government coalition, called the demands of the Jewish groups "very high" and also "questionable." It asserts that meeting the demands of the Jews would impose a heavy burden on an "occupied and exploited country."

At the same time, the newspaper questions the basis of the claims, cautioning the government to be "wary" about individual claims for compensation since 16 years later it is "next to impossible" to check on whether a claimant now living in the United States was "really as prosperous" when he was in Austria as he now claims. The *Kleines Volksblatt* finally stresses that payment of indemnification for heirless Jewish property will not be made by persons who may now possess the property but by all taxpayers.

THIRD VESSEL TURNED OVER BY GERMANY TO ISRAEL AS REPARATIONS

LUEBECK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A third 7,000-ton cargo-passenger vessel built as reparations by Germany was turned over to Israel today and began its maiden voyage. The vessel, the *Judea*, left Luebeck for Bremen where it will take on a cargo of reparations goods and sail directly for Haifa, its home port.

The ship is commanded by Captain Bernard Berkowitz, scion of a German-Jewish seafaring family. Captain Berkowitz, who was born in Bremen and went to sea at an early age, immigrated to Palestine 20 years ago, working on ships ever since. He commands a crew of 36 Israel seamen brought to Germany to take over the *Judea*.

When the ship nosed out of this port she had two distinguished passengers aboard: Erich Lueth, founder and chairman of the "peace with Israel" movement, and Otto Passarge, Social Democratic Mayor of Luebeck. Mayor Passarge, in a brief address at the ceremonies turning the vessel over to Israel, recalled his days in concentration camps together with Jewish prisoners.

TURKISH PARLIAMENT REJECTS JEWISH APPEAL ON DISCRIMINATORY TAX

ISTANBUL, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Turkish National Assembly turned down a 10-year effort by Leon Taranto, a Jewish businessman in Turkey, to recover some 2,000,000 Turkish lira which he had to pay under the discriminatory 1942 "varlik," the tax on minorities, which has since been abolished.

Mr. Taranto, who was assessed for the highest sum under the "varlik," was compelled to sell his factory to a Turkish company for a fraction of its true value in order to comply with the demands of the tax authorities. In 1945 he began a legal campaign to recover his property from the Turkish company which now owns it.

After several years of litigation, the courts turned him down. He subsequently charged high court officials and former Justice Minister Halil Ozyuruk with partisanship against him, and appealed to the assembly to set up a commission of inquiry. After several commissions had heard his story, the assembly turned him down.

During the final debate, the present Justice Minister, Osman Sevki Cicekdeg, declared that there was no use in discussing the merits of the case because it had been ruled upon by the Court of Appeals. At the same time, he invited Mr. Taranto to come to his office and "disclose all he knows," pledging assistance if Mr. Taranto could prove his charges.

C. J. F. W. F. LEADERS URGE RE-ASSESSMENT OF FUND-RAISING METHODS

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 3, (JTA) -- Determination to raise larger sums in 1955 and to strengthen central Jewish community organizations on a long range basis was expressed by 250 Jewish community leaders at the West Central regional conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds held here.

Top federation fund-raising leaders from 20 cities in the ten states comprising the region, agreed on the urgent need for immediate evaluation of fund-raising methods, to aid solid planning for the 1955 campaigns and the handling of independent campaigns. Philip Bernstein, executive director of the CJFWF, in a major address, traced the growth of central community organizations in the 60 years since the first Jewish federation was organized.

Considering more effective means for fund-raising in 1955, the delegates issued a call to communities to "immediately re-assess fund-raising methods employed in the past and manifest their determination to quickly and carefully plan 1955 campaigns; so that larger sums of money will be raised to meet urgent demands for assistance and services for our Jewish people in Israel, elsewhere abroad, nationally and in our local communities."

Another resolution urged the communities to "forthrightly examine the problem posed by the growth of multiple appeals so that suitable action may be taken wherever possible, to strengthen the positions of federations and welfare funds as central fund-raising, financing and community planning instruments; all needs may be met in accordance with the primacy of such needs; unity may prevail and Jewish community life flourish in a harmonious atmosphere."

The delegates also reaffirmed the primacy of the central campaign and urged the establishment of effective policies for dealing with independent campaigns. They also noted the need for recruiting and developing new leaders, and urged all communities to institute and intensify programs for securing new leadership.

In addressing the conference, Mr. Bernstein declared that "there are today over 250 central Jewish community organizations embracing almost 800 communities serving every type of major need representing the common responsibility of all Jews. They are a great and unique contribution of American Jewry to America and to Jewry throughout the world--the forerunner of Community Chests and United Funds." The conference also marked the 50th anniversary of the Omaha Jewish Federation, one of the pioneers in organized philanthropy in the West.

EISENHOWER HAILS UNITED HIAS SERVICE FOR HELPING IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3, (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, in a message today to the United HIAS Service, lauded the activities of the Jewish international migration agency in "helping to provide a new life for unfortunate victims of intolerance and conflict."

The long record of "unselfish effort" which the groups represented in the United HIAS Service have exerted on behalf of the Jewish people "should provide a firm basis for an even greater and more effective service," the President said in his message.

The message was sent by the President in connection with the three-day conference on Jewish global migration which the United HIAS Service opens tomorrow at the Hotel Roosevelt here. Jewish lay leaders from many communities and professionals in the welfare field will attend the sessions, one of which will be addressed by Simon E. Sobeloff, United States Solicitor General.

83 PERCENT OF JEWS IN JACKSONVILLE ARE AMERICAN-BORN, STUDY SHOWS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Nearly 83 percent of the Jews of Jacksonville are native-born Americans and 99.2 percent are American citizens, a Jewish community census study has established. The study represents a self-survey in which over 200 persons were involved, Ben Stark, executive director of the Jewish Community Council here, pointed out.

Of the 4,072 Jews in Jacksonville, 3,367 were born in the United States, 1,374 of them in this city. In analyzing their occupations, the study established that 59.1 percent are proprietors, managers or officials of businesses or institutions; that 21.9 percent had clerical or sales jobs; that 14.7 percent were professionals or semi-professionals, and that 4.3 percent of all those gainfully employed were craftsmen or laborers.

There are 86 intermarried families in the city. Four of every five families are affiliated with a religious institution. The same percentage holds true for children attending a Sunday school. One of every two children attends a Hebrew school. There are 22 Jewish organizations in the city. The population is evenly divided with 2,051 males and 2,021 females. The average age of the male population among Jacksonville Jews is 32.4 years, and the average age for females is 32.1.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES STAGING OF "MERCHANT OF VENICE"

TORONTO, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has asked the Stratford, Ontario, Shakespeare Festival not to stage the Merchant of Venice, it was revealed here today.

In a letter to the festival authorities, the Congress said that there exists an honest difference of opinion on the controversial character of Shylock, the central figure in the Shakespearean drama. The letter added that though the Congress objects to the portrayal of the Shylock role it does not advocate a boycott of the presentation or its suppression.

Dr. Tyrone Guthrie, director of the festival, has selected a Jewish actor to play the part of Shylock. He has also indicated that the role of Shylock will be portrayed sympathetically, without offending Jewish sensibilities.

LAND AUTHORITIES IN VANCOUVER NULLIFY RACIAL COVENANTS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A search of land titles has confirmed recent charges that racial covenants are still being signed in the transfer of properties in the Greater Vancouver area, the Jewish Community Council of this city has revealed.

The council called for a municipal by-law barring such covenants and for similar legislation on a provincial scale. The council also noted that the Vancouver land registrar considers such covenants as null and so marks every title in which he discovers them.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE ASKED TO ENACT F. E. P. C. LEGISLATION

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The CIO Council of California has called upon the state Legislature to enact fair employment practices legislation similar to that in operation in New York and eight other states, it was revealed here by John Despol, legislative representative of the CIO council.

In this campaign the CIO will be aided by other labor groups in the state. The CIO will also press for legislation outlawing the "quota system" on student admissions in universities and colleges of California.

ANNUAL JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL OPENS THIS WEEK-END THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The eleventh annual observance of Jewish Music Festival opens this week-end throughout the country. The Festival this year is dedicated to the American Jewish Tercentenary. It will be marked by concerts, exhibits, contests and lectures sponsored by hundreds of Jewish communal organizations, colleges, civic orchestras and national symphonies.

Saluting the Festival, the Armed Forces Radio Service in Los Angeles will make available recorded Jewish music to U.S. military posts in all overseas areas. Recordings were furnished by the National Jewish Music Council. In addition, the Festival will be marked by many military posts and veterans hospitals in this country.

CHICAGO PROFESSOR ARRIVES IN ISRAEL ON UNESCO MISSION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Professor Leon Carnovsky of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago has arrived in Israel on a three-month mission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. His mission, part of the United Nations Technical Assistance program, will take him to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to advise the Israel Government in establishing a program for training librarians.

In an interview, Professor Carnovsky commented that Israel "is probably one of the most book-conscious nations in the world, but its libraries have developed faster than new librarians could be trained." Professor Carnovsky was a member of a United States Government education mission to Japan in 1946.

LORD RUSSELL DONATES ROYALTIES OF HIS BOOK TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Lord Russell of Liverpool, who was forced out of his post as Assistant Judge Advocate of the British Armed Forces over his insistence upon publishing his short history of the Nazis, "The Scourge of the Swastika," has donated the royalties from the Hebrew edition of his book to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The Hebrew edition will appear in Israel shortly.

Lord Russell expressed the wish that the monies should be used for the benefit of a student whose parents were killed in a Nazi concentration camp. Lord Russell and his wife were guests at a ball this week-end tendered by a group of friends of the Hebrew University.

BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY ATTENDS BRUSSELS CONCERT OF ISRAEL MUSIC

BRUSSELS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Queen Mother Elizabeth and members of her household attended a concert here last night sponsored by the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University. Israel Minister Joseph Ariel and his wife were invited to sit in the Queen's box.

The concert, performed by the Orchestra of the Belgian Broadcasting System was conducted in a program of Israel works by Israel conductor-composer Arthur Gelbrun. The music was written by J. Tal, Marc Lavry and Mr. Gelbrun.

DR. ROSMARIN, LEADER OF POLISH JEWS, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Henry Rosmarin, former member of the prewar Polish Parliament and member of the World Jewish Congress executive, died here today at the age of 72.

A leading General Zionist, he was active in the prewar world Zionist movement. He was appointed the Polish Consul in Tel Aviv in 1939 by the Polish Government-in-exile in London. For some 20 years he edited the Polish-language Jewish newspaper "Chwila," in Lemberg, Poland. His election to the Polish Parliament came after the Republic was founded and he represented the Jews of Galicia.

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