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\$30,000 AWARDED TO RABBI LIBELLED BY ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLISHER

NEWARK, N. J., March 31. (JTA) -- A jury in a local court handed down today a \$30,000 award against Conde McGinley, publisher of the anti-Semitic sheet "Common Sense," for libelling Rabbi Joachim Prinz of Newark.

The jury awarded Dr. Prinz \$5,000 compensatory damages and \$25,000 in punitive damages. Dr. Prinz had brought suit because a 1952 issue of "Common Sense," which was recently listed in a Congressional report on neo-Nazi and hate organizations, had referred to Dr. Prinz as "red Rabbi Dr. Joachim Prinz, who, not unlike Albert Einstein, was expelled from Germany for revolutionary, Communist activities."

In a statement immediately after the jury rendered its verdict, Dr. Prinz declared:

"The issue in this case was freedom from smear. It was not merely a case of defamation of a person. I never doubted that the libellous allegations would be proved completely false and without foundation. My belief in the sense of justice and decency which is so much a part of the American way of life was always strong and the manner in which the trial was conducted and the verdict rendered only deepens my faith in America.

"The verdict not only vindicates me personally, but it also vindicates all the groups with which I have associated, most notably the American Jewish Congress, which because of its fight for justice and decency and against Communists and Fascists-alike has been the principal target. This fight vindicates the American Jewish Congress.

"Those who preach hate, defamation and prejudice have been exposed. The technique of lies and slander has been rejected in the American way."

GROUP CONFERENCE ON ERADICATION OF DISCRIMINATION OPENS IN GENEVA

GENEVA, March 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph Bunche, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations, told a conference here today to consider methods to eradicate discrimination that "the twin evils of prejudice and discrimination are your targets. One evil begets the other. Where one is found, the other is sure to be."

Dr. Bunche addressed the opening session of a five-day conference convened by the U. N. Economic and Social Council. Ninety-seven organizations, including Jewish groups, are participating in the deliberations.

"It takes very little conscience, I think, to know that prejudice and discrimination against one's fellow humans because of race, color, religion or national origin or cultural difference or sex are morally wrong," he declared. "There can be little doubt of the trend of world opinion on this question. The tide runs with your efforts here."

He warned that in the struggle against prejudice and discrimination "there is sure to be ignorance and suspicion and vested interests to overcome," but noted that "possibly the greatest obstacle is complacency."

Vincent Auriol, former President of France and honorary president of the World Veterans Federation, was elected by acclamation to preside over the conference. In an address to the conference, M. Auriol denounced the "dangers of racial and social prejudice and violation of human rights." He declared that "security will, in fact, be secured only if liberty, equality and justice are preserved." He said the conference task was to review all efforts in the field of discrimination and prejudice and "come out in no uncertain manner in the fight for justice and peace inside the United Nations."

"We must coordinate our work across every frontier in every country to defeat prejudice and ensure the triumph of human rights," he proclaimed.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the World Jewish Congress delegation, bluntly told the conference that "the battle against discrimination cannot be won in the field by generalized propaganda alone or in an appeal only to good sense and goodwill."

"We believe," he affirmed, "that action to eradicate discrimination can be effective only in the field of law, by legislative measures on international and national planes. To argue that adoption by law of a new moral norm must await prior acceptance by virtually the whole population of a country means its postponement indefinitely. Nothing educates so much as a law. Its operation will create acceptance."

Dr. Goldmann proposed an "earnest and solemn appeal to the powers to revise their policies on human rights within the United Nations." He said the time had come for a new approach to create "legally binding instruments to promote respect for human rights and to secure their observance."

BURNS TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON STRENGTHENING BORDER CONTROL MEASURES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 31, (JTA) -- Major General E. L. M. Burns, head of the U. N. truce observance organization in Palestine, left New York by air today for Jerusalem to resume his duties with a direct mandate from the U. N. Security Council to try to bring Egypt and Israel to agreement on strengthened border control measures.

Prior to his departure, Gen. Burns conferred with Ambassador Abba S. Eban of Israel. Mr. Eban declined to discuss the subject of their conversation. It was understood, however, that Gen. Burns is taking back with him Israel's agreement to two of the four control measures he proposed - direct communication between local commanders on the Egyptian frontiers and erection of some kind of physical barriers along parts of the frontier.

In a radio interview last night, Gen. Burns stressed his belief that real improvement in the Israel border situation could come only with the will, on both sides, to observe the obligations imposed by the armistice agreements. In the interview, carried by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network, Gen. Burns described his recommendations for reducing border tension and his plan for mixed Israel-Arab UN patrols to end mine-laying which he termed the worst border problem.

Asked if he believed the armistice agreements had outlived their usefulness, Gen. Burns replied that while they were not operating very well in some cases, the Mixed Armistice Commissions did provide the only means of contact between Israel and the Arab states.

The prevailing situation, he said, was "somewhere between peace and war," adding that there must be movement in one direction or the other and thus far there has been no progress toward peace.

ANOTHER ISRAEL PATROL CAR LANDMINED ON GAZA BORDER

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- Another Israel patrol car in the Gaza border region was blasted by a landmine early this morning, shortly before the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission condemned Egypt for an earlier mine ambush of an Israel vehicle in which one soldier was killed and a second severely injured.

Today's incident occurred near Beeri, not far from the Gaza strip demarcation line. One Israel soldier was hurt and the car was wrecked.

Yesterday, Israel border patrols came across a party of Arabs excavating holes in which were to be placed landmines. When they were discovered, the mine layers withdrew, under protective fire from Egyptian military posts across the border.

The MAC today, after assessing blame for the March 27th mine ambush, called upon Egypt to end such acts and noted that the gravity of the situation along the border was aggravated by such incidents. The language of the MAC decision was similar to that of many other cases before and since the February 28 Gaza battle.

10,000 VETERANS OF BOTH WORLD WARS PARADE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 Jewish veterans of both World Wars marched in a huge parade through Tel Aviv's streets today to mark the tenth anniversary of the day that the Jewish Brigade entered battle on the Italian front.

Beside former members of the Brigade, all wearing their old uniforms and campaign decorations, there were members of former commando units, pioneer units and infantrymen who saw action in some of the most famous battles of World Wars I and II, from Gallipoli through the liberation of Europe. In all there were former members of 31 different units in the British armed forces.

On the reviewing stand, taking the salute, were two former privates in the Jewish Legion of World War I--former Privates Ben Zvi and Ben Gurion, now President and Defense Minister, respectively, of Israel. Next to them on the reviewing stand were Premier Moshe Sharett, Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan and J. L. Nichols, Ambassador of Britain, under whose banners the Jewish units in both wars had been organized.

Later in the day, a huge crowd estimated at some 30,000 persons gathered in Ramath Gan stadium to hear leaders of Israel and Ambassador Nichols review the achievements of the Jewish fighting men.

BEN GURION, ARMY, EDUCATION LEADERS STUDY STUDENT FARM PLAN

TEL AVIV, March 31. (JTA) -- Defense Minister David Ben Gurion conferred today with the heads of Israel secondary schools on a plan for including two weeks of agricultural work annually for students in all curricula.

Among the others participating in the discussion were Education Minister Ben Zion Dinur and a number of top Ministry officials, Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan and senior army officers. The plan is expected to affect some 3,000 students.

ISRAEL AND SPAIN CONCLUDE \$560,000 CREDIT AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- Both the Israel and Spanish Governments have given their approval to an agreement reached between the Israel Discount Bank of Tel Aviv and the Banco Exterior d'Espana under which each bank extends credits to the other to an amount fixed initially at 200,000 pounds sterling (\$560,000).

The Israel Government is ready to extend most favored nation treatment in customs to Spanish goods bought here under this agreement.

GERMAN COURT CONFIRMS NULLIFICATION OF "ARYANIZATION" CONTRACTS

FRANKFURT, March 31. (JTA) -- The local Superior Court has upheld a precedent-setting decision invalidating the Hitler-era sale of a Jewish-owned publishing house to a high-ranking Nazi.

The court, which is the tribunal of last resort in such matters, also took judicial cognizance of the absence of restitution legislation in the Soviet Zone of Germany and ruled that, in consequence, the former Jewish owners of an "Aryanized" business located in East Germany are at liberty to reopen in West Germany under the old trade name, and to take certain other legal steps to protect their interests. They do not need to sue in East Germany, the court held.

At issue in the litigation is the right to employ the name of a scientific publishing house that was founded half a century ago at Leipzig, in what is now the Soviet Zone, by Dr. Leo Jolowicz. He died shortly after the business was taken over by an SS colonel, but his children found refuge in the United States and there his son, Walter Johnson, built up a publishing house of similar character, the "Academic Press" of New York.

After the war, the "Aryanized" firm carried on in Leipzig under Soviet rule. When the Jolowicz family re-established the old business under the old name, at Frankfurt in West Germany, a conflict developed because both firms made efforts to publish the same type of scientific literature in the field of chemistry. The Leipzig firm brought suit both there and in Frankfurt. Whereas the East German court found in favor of the plaintiffs, they were turned down in Frankfurt, by a civil court last year and now on appeal by the Superior Court.

SICK NAZI VICTIMS, OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE, TO GET COMPENSATION

BONN, March 31. (JTA) -- Through publication of a "call-up notice" in the Federal Legal Gazette, payment has been authorized for claims in three categories filed by Nazi victims who are more than 60 years old, indigent or suffering from invalidity that has reduced their earning power by at least half.

Full payment can be made in the future on account of illegal arrest and incarceration, for which disbursements were heretofore limited to the equivalent of about \$700. Since compensation is at the rate of \$35 for each month of imprisonment, the beneficiaries will be those sick, elderly or indigent Nazi victims who were held in jails or concentration camps for a period in excess of 20 months. No distinction is made in this respect between those of Hitler's prisoners who used to live in Germany and those who did not.

The other two categories of claims affected by the new "call-up" are of interest mainly to former residents of Germany. Compensation for injury to one's professional or economic career may now be granted up to a maximum amount of \$2,400. Property damage can be made good up to a maximum of \$1,200, provided the sick, indigent or elderly Nazi victim has not already received some indemnification under another section of the law, as a pension or as payment for illegal arrest or custody.

The only claims "called up" by the present notice are those which have already been investigated and approved by the state indemnification agencies, but which were not hitherto paid out because of "low priority." For the elderly, indigent and sick, these claims categories now rate a higher priority.

GERMAN DIPLOMAT HONORED BY ITALIAN CITY; SAVED MANY JEWS

FLORENCE, Italy, March 31. (JTA) -- The freedom of this city was bestowed upon German diplomat Dr. Gerhard Wolf, wartime Consul General in Florence, for having at that time saved hundreds of Jews and anti-Nazi Italians from the Gestapo and its Italian counterpart. He was also instrumental, Mayor Giorgio La Pira pointed out during the colorful ceremony in the Palazzo Vecchio townhall, in having Florence declared an open city during the Allied advance.

SEEK U.S. INVESTIGATION OF PRO-NAZI FUBI ISHERS IN WEST GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 31. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and American High Commissioner for Germany James B. Conant were urged today to investigate charges by the West German Social Democratic Party that there are more than 20 German publishers issuing memoirs of leading Nazis and other literature glorifying the barbarous acts of the Nazis.

The request for the investigation was made by the Jewish Labor Committee which declared, in a communication to Secretary Dulles, that "if we are to combat Soviet imperialism, we cannot do it effectively by permitting West Germany to give official sanction to the deification of another totalitarian power. Scholars of history have sufficient evidence with which to weigh and evaluate Nazism without the drum-beating of the literary storm troopers." The JLC also asked whether the denazification policies in Germany had failed.

ANNOUNCE DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GERMAN RESTITUTION GRANTS

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Applications by organizations for 1956 allocations from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany must be submitted by September 15, the conference announced today. Applications should contain a detailed description of the activities for which the funds are requested. The conference can allocate funds only for activities contributing to the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

Organizations seeking allocations for activities carried on within Israel must submit their applications to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem by July 1, for the fiscal year commencing October 1.

ISRAEL ENTERS FIRST FULL-LENGTH FILM IN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

PARIS, March 31. (JTA) -- Israel will be represented at the International Film Festival in Cannes this year by "Hill 24 Doesn't Answer," a feature length film, it was announced by the Israel Embassy here. The film has been described as Israel's first bid to enter the world film market.

Directed by veteran British film director Thorold Dickinson, the picture had its world premiere in Jerusalem this month. It is the first full length film to be processed entirely in Israel at recently completed laboratory facilities there.

INTERFAITH GROUP FIGHTS BILL FOR RELIGIOUS READINGS IN CALIF. SCHOOLS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31. (JTA) -- An interfaith committee has been established here to oppose a bill pending in the State Senate which would provide for introduction of religious materials into the public schools.

The bill would require the State Board of Education to prepare a syllabus of readings "including selections from the Bible." The bill was condemned as "seriously and prohibitively ill-advised" in a statement issued here by the newly-formed "California Provisional Committee in Opposition to Senate Bill No. 1152." Dr. Archibald J. Cloud, president emeritus of San Francisco, is chairman of the committee.

Opposition to the bill was also voiced at a hearing of the Senate Education Committee at Sacramento by Dr. J. Ford Lewis, state chairman of the public affairs council of the Unitarian Church, and Herbert Leland of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council who also spoke for the Northern California Board of Rabbis and other California Jewish organizations.

The Christian Scientists, the Buddhists and a large teachers' group have gone on record as opposing the bill which is regarded as a threat to separation of church and state.

UTICA COUNCIL CONDEMNS JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL FOR LOCAL CAMPAIGN

UTICA, N. Y., March 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Utica has issued a public statement condemning the Joint Defense Appeal of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee for having conducted a fund-raising campaign in this city without prior notification and clearance of the council and in conflict with the launching of the local United Jewish Appeal.

The statement was signed by Samuel L. Leventhal, president of the council; H. Robert Rosenblum, chairman of the appeal, and Mrs. Florence Sitrin, chairman of the council's budget and finance committee. It charged that the JDA action "struck at the heart of this principle" of "orderly, democratic and responsible processes" and declared that "such an irresponsible method of fund-raising is reverting to the law of the jungle and can only lead to anarchy and confusion in campaigning."

The community council's position was supported by the Utica Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Seymour Levine, its president, stressed the lodge's support of the United Jewish Appeal of Utica and declared that "for the record it should be known that the Utica Lodge of B'nai B'rith had nothing to do with the Joint Defense Appeal campaign started last Monday and disavows any connection with it."

The statement of the community council officers declared that the issue would be considered at the next meeting of the executive council of the Jewish Community Council.

MRS. ROOSEVELT RETURNS FROM TOUR OF ISRAEL AND EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt returned to New York today from a nine-day tour of Israel which she revisited after an absence of three years. During her tour Mrs. Roosevelt revisited Youth Aliyah and Hadassah-supported institutions and settlements which she had seen on her earlier trip. She also inspected welfare, educational and cultural projects supported by the Joint Distribution Committee, other United Jewish Appeal beneficiary agencies and the ORT in Israel and Europe.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND MOVES INTO NEW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of America moved its national headquarters today to its own five-story building at 42 East 69th Street, in New York, in the vicinity of the offices of the Consulate General of Israel and the Jewish Agency. The new quarters will provide the JNF with more space and will effect a major saving in rent.

GERMANY DECORATES JEW WHO ORGANIZED ARCHIVES ON NAZI HISTORY

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Alfred Weiner was presented today with the West German Grand Cross of Merit by Dr. Schlange-Schöningen, German envoy in London. The award, authorized by President Theodor Heuss, was in commemoration of the library of literature on the history of Nazism which he built up in London and its archives documenting every phase of the Nazi regime.

LOUIS GRADNER, LEADER IN CIVIC AND JEWISH AFFAIRS, DIES IN SO. AFRICA

CAPETOWN, South Africa, March 31. (JTA) -- Louis Gradner, civic leader and prominent figure in Jewish circles, died here today at the age of 72.

Mr. Gradner, who came to this country from Russia, served on the Capetown City Council continuously for 30 years and was mayor for three years. A street in this city has been named for him. He was a past president of the Capetown Hebrew Congregation and of the Cape Jewish Orphanage, which he helped found.

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