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TWO ISRAELI EXTREMISTS CHARGED WITH INCITING ANTI-GOVERNMENT REVOLT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Sheib-Yarme, one-time theoretician of the Stern Group, and Reuben Grinberg, another former member of the underground movement, were charged today with inciting revolt against the government and state of Israel.

In a formal arraignment in Magistrate's Court here, prosecutor Haim Cohen charged the defendants with "continuing, practicing and commanding" tasks in the underground organization since 1948, when all underground groups were prohibited in the wake of the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, UN mediator.

One of the specific charges by the government deals with the publication of a pamphlet by Dr. Sheib, quoting an article by Mr. Grinberg, which warned readers that the Israel Government had revived the practice of "ritual blood libel" following the assassination of Dr. Israel Kastner, one-time leader of Hungarian Jewry and official of the Israel Government. The pamphlet said the government, referred to as the "enemy within," might plant evidence against its political enemies.

ISRAEL ASKS RED CROSS TO INTERVENE WITH EGYPT ON CAPTURED FISHERMEN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today asked the International Red Cross headquarters in Geneva to establish the fate of the Israel fishing vessel Doar and its six crewmen seized last week by Egypt. Earlier, the Foreign Ministry asked the Israel delegation at the United Nations to try to discover the fate of the vessel and its crew and to seek UN intervention.

The Israel Government also sought Italy's intervention because one of the crew was an Italian. The International Red Cross was asked to send a representative to visit the fishermen to determine whether they were receiving the treatment required by Geneva conventions and to provide whatever legal protection might be needed. Israel also asked the Red Cross to obtain from the fishermen communications to their families in Israel.

The Foreign Ministry indicated it had no information on the fate of the ship or its crew except that neither had been returned to Israel. Owners of the ship said that, on the basis of the last radio communication from the ship, they had no doubt that the boat was captured outside Egyptian territorial waters.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES NEW TAX TO FINANCE IMMIGRANT HOUSING

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet, under the chairmanship of Premier David Ben Gurion who has just returned from a two-week vacation, discussed today a proposed 10, 000, 000 pound tax to finance new immigrant housing.

A plan calling for the imposition of a tax of 50 pounds per square metre (slightly more than a square yard) of new construction to finance homes for immigrants was referred to a committee of Ministers responsible for economic affairs for decision. Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Foreign Ministry, reported on the international scene.

Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, returned to Israel today after three weeks in South Africa and one in Ghana. Gen. Dayan immediately proceeded to Premier and Defense Minister David Ben Gurion's office to report.

WASHINGTON HAS NO PLANS FOR MEETING BETWEEN EISENHOWER AND NASSER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman told newsmen he had no knowledge of any plans for a meeting between President Eisenhower and Nasser, as suggested by the Egyptian president. Col. Nasser indicated this week-end in an interview in Cairo that he would like to have a face-to-face meeting with Eisenhower if the latter would take the initiative.

EBAN CONFERS IN STATE DEPARTMENT; MRS. MEIR AND DULLES TO MEET

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban met with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs William Rountree over the week-end. They discussed the Middle East situation and economic cooperation. They agreed to further discussion and Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will meet with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles before the week-end.

U. N. CHIEF URGES ISRAEL TO SUSPEND AFFORESTATION IN NEUTRAL ZONE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 29. (JTA) -- A recommendation suggesting that Israel suspend its afforestation project in the neutral 600-acre zone around Government House area, south of Jerusalem, and that discussions be arranged between Jordan and Israel to settle the dispute over this zone, was contained in a report distributed today among all members of the United Nations Security Council. The report was prepared by Col. Byron V. Leary, Acting Chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine.

Col. Leary, who was asked by the Security Council early this month to investigate Jordan's charges that Israel had violated the 1949 armistice agreement by plowing land and planting trees in the area, found both parties--but chiefly Jordan--guilty of violating the demilitarized character of the zone.

The report said that the UN truce team found 15 Israeli border police, armed with rifles and submachine guns, in the zone as a guard over the labor force. It also found block houses and sandbagged dwellings and old, but recently cleaned, military diggings. On the Jordanian side, the report said, there were numerous trenches and firing pits, recently deepened and sandbagged, and telephone lines running from various fortified buildings. It also stated that there "has been a continual violation of the demilitarized status of the zone by Jordan through the use for military traffic of the Jerusalem-Beth-lehem-Hebron highway which enters the zone in two places."

Col. Leary recommended that an arrangement be arrived at "which would take into account to some extent at least the changes which have taken place since 1949." He suggested that Israel and Jordan meet and discuss civilian activities in the zone and that such discussions be conducted through the UN Mixed Armistice Commission machinery.

"In order to create an atmosphere which would be more conducive to fruitful discussion, the Government of Israel (should) suspend its afforestation project within the Zone pending the outcome of such discussion," Col. Leary said in his recommendations. "Such discussion (should) be completed within a period of two months, since this period is considered to be sufficient if both parties make a sincere effort to reach a solution. The Security Council (should) be advised of the result of the discussion."

AMERICAN LEADERS FORM COMMITTEE TO OBSERVE ISRAEL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Four hundred and fifty-eight distinguished American leaders, representing the world of religion, art, science, law, labor, education, music, literature, theatre, motion pictures, radio, television and public service--accepting an invitation of former Senator Herbert H. Lehman--have joined in an American Committee to mark in the United States the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, it was announced today.

Senator Lehman has agreed to serve as the general chairman of the committee, which will plan a series of functions to be held during 1958, emphasizing "the community of interests which binds Arabs and Jews and Americans in the dynamic search for peace." The new group is to be known as the American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebration. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, will serve as chairman of the committee. Nineteen vice chairmen represent every facet of organized American Jewish community life. Jack D. Weiler will serve as treasurer.

In announcing the formation of the committee, Senator Lehman underscored that "America's security interests are involved in the Middle East as never before," and that America's special role in the creation of the State of Israel should not be forgotten. "The world, especially the Western world, has a deep spiritual as well as temporal reason to take appropriate notice of this 10th anniversary of the re-birth of this ancient state, whose roots are common with those of western civilization itself. As the Land of the Bible was the cradle of the spiritual heritage of all of us, it is today the foothold and the focus of the forces of freedom and democracy in the Middle East."

Associated with Senator Lehman are sixteen honorary co-chairmen, including General Lucius D. Clay; former Governor Thomas E. Dewey; Adlai Stevenson; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; former Senator William L. Benton; chairman of the board of the the Encyclopaedia Britannica; Thornton Wilder, playwright and novelist; John Gunther, author; Archibald MacLeish, poet and professor at Harvard University; George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations; Walter Reuter, president of the United Automobile Workers of America.

Also, Carl Sandburg, poet laureate; Professor Reinhold Niebuhr, vice president of the Faculty at Union Theological Seminary; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Bishop for the Washington area, a former president of the World Council of Churches; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities; Louis Lipsky, president of the Eastern Life Insurance Company, and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Members of the committee, in addition to the officers, include 28 Governors; eight Bishops; 28 distinguished writers, among them nine Pulitzer Prize winners; nine world-famous scientists, five of them Nobel Laureates, and 32 educators, including 24 heads of colleges and universities.

ISRAELIS CELEBRATE NEW YEAR IN RELAXED MOOD; ALL SYNAGOGUES CROWDED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Rosh Hashanah was a relaxed and happy time in Israel, with the hotels in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other tourist centers in this country filled to capacity while observant Jews crowded all regular synagogues and 1,000 temporary houses of worship to offer prayers. An estimated 7,000,000 New Year's greetings were exchanged by mail.

The holiday was heralded at dusk Wednesday with a ceremony on Mt. Zion where Jews were called to prayer with a shofar salvaged from Bergen Belsen, a notorious Nazi death camp. Since many of the new immigrants who entered kibbutzim in the last year were Orthodox, more collective settlements than ever before held services and, in many instances, rabbis from nearby towns were invited to conduct them.

Here, in the capital, Argentine Ambassador Gregori Toplevsky, acting dean of the diplomatic corps, extended New Year's greetings to President Isaac Ben Zvi in the name of the foreign community. In his own behalf, Ambassador Topolevsky, a Jew, exchanged greetings in Hebrew with the President. The holiday was marred by one shooting incident when a rifle fire from Jordanian territory killed an Israeli Arab shepherd in the Afula area.

Moscow Worshippers Demonstrate Affection for Israeli Diplomats

LONDON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Israel Embassy officials who attended Rosh Hashanah services in Moscow's Great Synagogue were surrounded by hundreds of friendly Russian Jews who demonstrated their affection by shaking hands with each Israeli, it was reported here from Moscow. The single synagogue was crowded to the overflow point during services.

It was also reported that Jews in most major Soviet cities turned out in great numbers for the holiday services. In Moscow, Kiev, Riga, Lwow, Odessa and Minsk the synagogues had been cleaned and freshened up for the High Holy Day period. But in most communities, there was a dearth of prayer books and other religious materials and in some there were insufficient seats for all observant Jews.

Jews in Germany Greeted by President Heuss and Chancellor Adenauer

BONN, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- President Theodor Heuss of West Germany, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and other members of the Cabinet issued Rosh Hashanah greetings to the Jews in Germany. Dr. Adenauer noted with pleasure the substantial progress in the consolidation of the Jewish community and pledged the Federal Government's support in future also. As for relations between the German people and the Jews in their midst, he said that "isolated and regrettable upsets" must not weigh heavily in the scales, "bearing in mind the numerous proofs of harmonious concord that have become apparent during recent months."

President Heuss referred to the "alarming" instances of cemetery desecration but he held that the reception accorded to the dramatization of Anne Frank's diary by theatrical audiences throughout Germany should be interpreted as a "retroactive purge of the soul." Commenting on the stabilization of Jewish life in its organizational structure, he registered gratification that not only have old age homes been expanded, but that kindergartens and vacation centers for youngsters were set up.

In a message from Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano, tribute was paid to David Ben Gurion, "that great son of the Jewish people, who a short time ago made evident the vast changes for the better which German-Jewish contacts have undergone." Minister of the Interior Gerhard Schroeder, on his part, offered assurances that the Federal Government would provide some care for the hundreds of abandoned cemeteries in localities where no Jews have survived.

Social Democratic chairman Erich Cillenhauer asserted that the German people would not regain its inner equilibrium until it has succeeded "in banishing the last shadows which, in consequence of Nazi crimes, still bedevil German-Jewish relations." For that reason, Herr Cillenhauer indicated, the Social Democratic Party advocated the speedy establishment of normal diplomatic relations between Germany and Israel.

Canadian Jewry Greeted by the New Prime Minister

OTTAWA, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker, in his first Rosh Hashanah message to Canadian Jewry since he assumed the helm of the Canadian Government, declared: "I am very pleased to extend my greetings and good wishes for the Jewish New Year 5718. During the coming year I am sure the Jewish community will continue, as in the past, to make a very valuable contribution to the welfare of Canada."

Brazilian President Greets Jewish Community on New Year

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Brazilian President Juscelino Kubitschek sent a New Year's message of greetings to the Brazilian Jewish community. The message, addressed to the Federation of Jewish Institutions in Brazil, hailed the contribution of Brazil's Jews toward the development of the country.

JEWES OPPOSE INCLUSION OF QUESTION ON RELIGION IN 1960 U.S. CENSUS

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Two major Jewish organizations today announced that they had voiced strong opposition to the projected inclusion of a question on religious belief or affiliation in the 1960 Federal population census. They warned that the inclusion of this question would violate the Constitution and that the data accumulated would be "of doubtful validity."

In a memorandum submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the agencies stressed that the Federal Government, under the Constitution, may not aid religious groups or "take cognizance of religious affiliations of its citizens." Therefore, they emphasized "there can be no legitimate reason why the Federal Government should need information on the religious affiliations of its citizens, and no such legitimate reason has been asserted."

The U.S. Bureau of Census in the Department of Commerce is now considering the inclusion of the question "what is your religion?" This action, the memorandum pointed out, would be the first time in United States history that "individuals would be required to state their religious affiliation or beliefs to census enumerators, duly designated officers of the Federal Government."

Regarding the doubtful validity of the data, the agencies stated that this stemmed from the fact that questions of religious belief "are basically a matter of individual judgment not subject to objective verification" and hardly susceptible to accurate definition. They asserted that due to the complexity and varying subtleties of religious denominations, an undue responsibility is placed on a census enumerator whose data might be colored by his own religious identification.

Apart from its doubtful validity, religious data sought for Federal census purposes could serve as a dangerous precedent and lead to future "pressure by religious groups on the census bureau for more specific questions on religious belief, religious affiliation and the perusal of religious literature." Warning that this may eventually result in one religious group gaining advantage over others, the statement stressed: "Once the government has involved itself in this issue, it could not keep itself aloof from such religious conflict and, as a result, the true purpose of the doctrine of separation of church and state, namely, to keep the government aloof from sectarian strife, will have been prejudiced."

Another dangerous precedent exists in allowing the census taker to determine "when he will insist on his legal right to receive an answer and when he will waive this right," as in the instance of response to the question of religious belief. Giving this authority to the census taker, the memorandum warned, "carries with it the seed of error and indefiniteness which would be fatal to a census."

STATES REPORTED FORBIDDING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The legislatures of 14 states this year enacted civil rights legislation as did the municipal governments of San Francisco and Los Angeles, the American Jewish Congress reported today.

Four of the states enacted laws forbidding discrimination in education, five forbade it in housing, five banned bias in public accommodations and two amended existing anti-discriminatory legislation to add enforcement provisions. "Perhaps the most significant aspect of the new statutes is the continuing trend toward reliance on administrative rather than criminal penalties," the AJC report stated.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR DR. JOSHUA BLOCH; WAS LIBRARIAN, SCHOLAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Dr. Joshua Bloch, former chief librarian of the New York Public Library's Jewish Division and an ordained rabbi, who died here Friday of a heart attack suffered while delivering a sermon at Creedmoor State Hospital. Dr. Bloch, who had been head of the library's Jewish Division for 33 years until his retirement last year and who was senior visiting chaplain of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene for 35 years, was 67.

Dr. Bloch was born in Lithuania and came to the United States in 1907. He studied at Hebrew Union College where he was ordained, and at Dropsie College, Columbia University, Jewish Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary and New York University. An author, scholar of early Hebrew printing, Jewish literature and bibliography, Dr. Bloch also served on the faculties of NYU and the Jewish Institute of Religion and was a vice president of the American Jewish Historical Society and a member of the national committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

DR. PHILIP L. SEMAN, NOTED JEWISH SOCIAL WORKER, DEAD; WAS 76

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Philip L. Seman, Jewish educator and social worker, died here this week-end at the age of 76. He served for 35 years as general director of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, was a founder and executive director of the now defunct Brooklyn Federation of Charities, and was a founder of Hillel Foundation.