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ISRAEL PREPARES TO INDICT EICHMANN; ACTS TO PREVENT SUICIDE ATTEMPT

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- Israel officials took special precautions today to prevent any suicide attempt by Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's specialist in the mass murder of Jews, who is now jailed here. His glasses are taken away from him when he sleeps, and his shoestrings have been removed, the officials said. A round-the-clock watch is maintained by a guard in the windowless cell.

Formal work on preparation of the indictment against Eichmann was started today by the special investigating group named for that task. Members visited the Yad Vashem, the central agency for documentation of the extermination of European Jewry, to collect basic information. More material has been sent to the group by the Haifa Documentation Center, which is headed by Tuviah Friedman, who devoted many years to the task of tracing Eichmann.

The Israel Government Press Office published today an official account of the statements made by Eichmann on his activities between the collapse of the Nazi regime in 1945 and his capture by Israel intelligence agents in recent weeks. Eichmann, the report said, expressed his readiness to collaborate with his captors to clarify, from the historical viewpoint, those events of World War II in which he played a part.

Eichmann Says He Was Twice in U. S. Hands; Escaped Both Times

Eichmann told his interrogators that he was twice a prisoner of the United States Army after World War II, and made good his escape on both occasions. When he was first captured by the Americans, he managed to conceal his true identity by disguising himself as a private in the German Luftwaffe, he revealed. Later, when he was transferred to another prisoners' camp, he posed as a lieutenant in the Waffen SS.

Eichmann, then a colonel in the Elite Guard, was captured by the Americans about May 8, 1945. Just before his capture, he said, he managed to get rid of his SS uniform and personal documents and dressed himself in the uniform of a Luftwaffe private. He gave his American captors a false name and said he had destroyed his documents in keeping with instructions from the German Army.

For some reason, the tattoo mark on his left hand, indicating his blood group, was not noticed. Eichmann assumed the role of a private, although he knew that officers received better treatment as prisoners because he thought less interest would be paid to a private than to an officer.

When he was being transferred to another American prison camp, Eichmann disclosed, he again changed his identity, this time assuming the rank of a Waffen SS lieutenant since that rank would explain the SS tattoo on his hand.

State Department Feels Eichmann Trial in Israel is Justified

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- The State Department is divided on attempts by elements unfriendly to Israel to inject issues of extradition, jurisdiction and other "civil liberties" technicalities into arguments that Adolf Eichmann should not be made to stand trial in Israel.

Approaches have been made, it was learned reliably today, to the State Department's Near Eastern Division. Suggestions have been made that the United States urge Israel to extradite Eichmann to West Germany for trial or to release him to some international tribunal.

The Department's German Division was reported to differ sharply with such suggestions and was understood to feel there was no reason for American intercession. It was pointed out that West Germany and Israel appeared in agreement on the case. German Division officials were understood to believe that Israel had the same legal justification in the case as did the Nuremberg tribunal and other war crimes courts convened after World War II.

One official in the Department's German Division said there was no doubt in the mind of "any reasonable person that justice would be done to Eichmann in Israel." He added that "some sophists apparently would defeat the ends of justice because of narrow preoccupation with technicalities."

EICHMANN WAS BROUGHT TO ISRAEL ON A U-BOAT, AUSTRIAN PAPER ASSERTS

VIENNA, May 26. (JTA) -- Nazi Colonel Adolf Eichmann "was abducted from Argentina in an Israeli U-boat," the independent newspaper "Kronzeitung" claimed today. The newspaper asserted that it had definite information that Eichmann was arrested by Israeli security agents in Argentina and taken to Israel on an Israeli submarine.

EGYPTIAN FIGHTER PLANE BELIEVED SHOT DOWN BY ISRAEL IN AIR BATTLE

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Army spokesman reported today that an Egyptian Mig jet fighter plane apparently was shot down this morning in an air battle over southern Israel territory.

The spokesman said that four Egyptian Mig jets crossed the northern Sinai border, penetrating two to four miles into Israel airspace. Two Israeli fighter planes rose to meet and engage the invading planes. One Mig was hit and seen falling with heavy smoke trailing it and parts falling away. The Israeli planes all returned safely to base.

ANOTHER OIL WELL DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL; OIL RISES UNDER PRESSURE

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- Oil prospectors in the Heletz field brought in a gusher today. Well Number 26 was brought in about a third of a mile north of Well 25, a rich well discovered several weeks ago.

These two wells are the only ones in the Heletz field which need not be pumped. They are bringing up oil under gas pressure. Further tests will be made at Well 26 about the possibilities of finding additional oil in higher layers of limestone which previously had proved barren.

JEWISH AGENCY, ISRAEL GOVERNMENT DISCUSS FUTURE OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Top-level discussions on the future of the Zionist movement and its relations with the State of Israel began today between Government and Jewish Agency leaders.

The discussions today followed a meeting last night between Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on the same subject. Dr. Goldmann reportedly demanded that the Prime Minister discontinue his "anti-Zionist campaign." The same demand was brought up in the initial talks today in which Dr. Goldmann and the Prime Minister participated, as did other members of the Cabinet and the Jewish Agency executive.

Two members of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, Mrs. Rose Halprin and Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, came to Israel to take part in the talks. Also on the agenda was the proposal to bring non-Zionist groups into the World Zionist organization.

Dr. Goldmann, speaking at a special Herzl Day meeting in Tel Aviv, took sharp issue with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's comment last week that the Zionist movement could be compared with a scaffolding which was necessary to build the Jewish State but is still in place after completion of the construction.

Without mentioning the Prime Minister by name, the World Zionist Organization president commented sarcastically that only the first story of the building had been finished. Asserting that "seven or eight more" stories should be added to "the building," Dr. Goldmann asked: "How can anyone take away the scaffolding if the building is unfinished?"

He added that the Zionist organization, created by Herzl, was the only instrument in existence to prepare the Jewish people throughout the world for Zionism and personal fulfillment. That organization, he added, should be given all necessary aid.

BONN LEADER HOLDS INFORMAL TALKS IN ISRAEL ON PROPOSED GERMAN LOAN

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- West Germany cannot abandon Israel after the expiration of reparations payments in 1963, Alfred Frenzel, chairman of the Bundestag Reparations Committee, told a press conference last night.

Frenzel, a member of the opposition Social Democrats, is on a visit to Israel for two weeks as a guest of the Israel Treasury. He met yesterday with Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, for a discussion of a proposed 500,000,000 Deutschmark loan for Israel which was first broached during the meeting earlier this year between Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in New York City.

While it was not yet known whether the loan would be made to the Israel Government or to industry, the West German leader told Mr. Eshkol there was strong support among all West German political parties for continued aid to Israel after 1963. He also predicted Israel would be included in West German aid to underdeveloped countries and that claims of individuals for damages and losses under the Nazi regime would be extended to categories of claimants still not provided for, among them, Rumanian Jews.

DUTIES OF U.S. JEWRY OUTLINED AT CONVENTION OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The existence of a "completely new, unparalleled situation in Jewish history" was emphasized here tonight by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, in his keynote address at the opening session of the five-day national biennial convention of the AJCongress. More than 600 delegates from all parts of the country are attending the gathering.

"Never before," said Dr. Prinz, "have Jews lived under as much freedom as we have in America. This precious possession of freedom has given us a unique opportunity: we choose to be Jews. No dictator, no anti-Jewish laws, not even surface anti-Semitism force us to accept our Jewish identity.

"But in choosing to be Jews," he continued, "we must reject the idea of isolation, self-containment and ghettoization. Rather, we must translate the heritage of our people into the reality of our own day. We must, for example, join the struggle for equality which our Negro fellow-citizens are waging, just as we must deepen our relationship with our fellow-Jews in Israel and around the world through a knowledge of the Jewish past and an understanding of the Jewish present."

The AJCongress leader emphasized that "only by rooting ourselves deeply in our Jewish heritage will we be able to make a universal contribution to our country and to all mankind." He added: "Healthy and creative living and adjustment in this country and throughout the free world can only be achieved through a flowering of self-respect, self-acceptance and self-knowledge. For a Jew, this means a positive affirmation of his Jewish identification and a knowledge of the meaning and content of his Jewishness."

Dr. Prinz listed three conditions which he said must be met if there is to be "meaningful Jewish life" in the United States:

1. Strengthening Jewish education and self-knowledge--"the most urgent concern of American Jewry"--so that Jewish values and ideals may be handed down to succeeding generations.
2. Commitment to the concept of "Jewish peoplehood," stressing the "common history and common destiny of all Jews as the basis for a positive relationship between the American Jewish community and Jews in Israel and around the world."
3. Vigorous support of the struggle for full equality in a free society for all Americans, "activities which are motivated by the most profound commitment to Jewish ethical values and American principles of liberty and justice."

ELEAZAR LIPSKY NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The election of Eleazar Lipsky, attorney and novelist, as president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc., was announced today by Louis P. Rucker, outgoing president. Mr. Rucker, who retired after nine years in the presidency, will remain a member of the JTA board of directors.

Mr. Lipsky has been associated with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in legal and other advisory capacities for the past 12 years. The new president is a director of the Eastern Life Insurance Company of New York, counsel to the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and a member of the Federal Bar Association of New York and New Jersey. He was formerly editor of The New Palestine, a journal devoted to Middle East affairs, and has lectured extensively on the legal, economic and political problems of the Jewish people.

Mr. Lipsky's novels, drawn in large part from his legal background, have been made into successful motion pictures. His last novel, "The Scientists," was a selection of the Book of the Month Club. His novels have been translated into nine languages, including Hebrew. They contain strong elements of Zionist and Jewish influence and he is planning a novel dealing with basic Jewish issues.

Mr. Lipsky's interest in Jewish affairs stems from a staunchly Zionist family background. A visitor to Israel, he serves currently as vice-president of the American Jewish League for Israel. He was a member of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America. Other organizations in which he is active include the American Jewish Congress and the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Mr. Lipsky practices law in New York. His wife, Hannah, is a social worker. The couple has three sons.

BOSTON JEWISH APPEAL RAISES \$5,519,218 in 1960 DRIVE; EXCEEDS 1959

BOSTON, May 26. (JTA) -- General Chairman George Shapiro tonight announced that the Combined Jewish Appeal raised \$5,519,218 to meet vital needs of local, national overseas and Israel institution. Last year Boston raised \$5,475,000.

Addressing over 500 jubilant volunteers at a suburban country club, Mr. Shapiro declared that "We have exceeded last year's figure because ours is a responsible, mature community sensitive to the needs in Israel as well as to the ongoing needs locally, nationally and overseas." Beneficiaries of the CJA are the Associated Jewish Philanthropies and its 23 constituent agencies; national and overseas institutions, and UJA and its Special Fund.

AMERICAN TEXTBOOKS FOUND 'PUSSYFOOTING' NAZI CRIMES AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- American publishers of history textbooks used in the New York City public schools, and in many other cities, were assailed in an official study here today for "pussyfooting" and "sugar-coating" the crimes committed by the Hitler regime. The report, based on a three-month study by a three-man committee of the Association of Teachers of Social Studies, recommended revision of the textbooks.

According to the committee that conducted the study, the textbooks provide "inadequate treatment" of the subject of genocide practiced by the Nazis and fail to show what happened to Jews and other minority groups under the jurisdiction of the Nazi regime. The committee recommended that revised textbooks should "present the ghastly story of Nazi crimes and Nazi bestiality in their true perspective, so that students will understand the pathological enthusiasm and meticulous care with which the Nazis devised fantastic efforts to slaughter millions of fellow men."

PITTSBURGH JEWISH FEDERATION RAISES \$1,620,295; COMPLETES 1960 DRIVE

PITTSBURGH, May 26. (JTA) -- The 1960 campaign of the Pittsburgh United Jewish Federation has ended with total contributions of \$1,620,295 in a ten-week drive with an eight-year record in sight, it was reported today.

Lester A. Hamburg, campaign general chairman, said that money still anticipated from unreported cards would make the final total the largest amount contributed in the past eight years.

TRINITY COLLEGE FRATERNITY SEVERES NATIONAL TIE OVER BIAS ISSUE

HARTFORD, Conn., May 26. (JTA) -- The Sigma Chapter of Delta Phi fraternity at Trinity College here, announced today it had severed ties with the national organization because of the parent body's policy of discrimination against Jewish and Negro students. The Trinity College chapter pledges Jews and Negroes to membership.

Earlier this month, Trinity College delegates to the national fraternity's convention proposed the elimination of the policy, but were voted down.

SPANISH NOBLEWOMAN, DAUGHTER OF FRANCO'S GENERAL, ACCEPTS JUDAISM

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- A Spanish noblewoman, who claims descent from the Marranos who were converted forcibly to Christianity by the Inquisition during the fifteenth century, returned to Judaism and has been accepted as Jewish by the Rehovot Rabbinical Court, it was disclosed today. The Marranos continued to practice Judaism in secret.

Miss Isabel Monios, 55, resumed her original family name "Yamin Oz," which means "right hand of strength," and her given name in Hebrew, Elisheva. A daughter of a former General in Franco's Army, Miss Monios, who comes from the Island of Majorca, asserted that a majority of the Spanish Army Staff was made up of descendants of Marrano families. She also said that a number of Spanish Marranos settled a long time ago on Majorca and continued to live apart from other Majorcans and to marry only among themselves.

The Marranos who settled in Majorca still preserved in semi-secrecy some Jewish customs, including observance of the Purim Feast, the Yom Kippur fast and restriction of work on the Jewish Sabbath, she stated. She revealed that her father had admonished the entire family to re-convert to Judaism as soon as they could. She indicated plans to return to Majorca to establish a synagogue and invite religious teachers from Israel to go to Majorca to bring the Marranos back to Judaism.

J. D. C. AND UNITED HIAS SERVICE AIDING VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee was today expecting recommendations from its representative in Chile for aid measures to victims of the earthquakes there. A JDC representative is now making an on-the-spot survey in Chile.

Murray I. Gurfain, president of United Hias Service, said his organization was contributing \$500 for the relief of the Chile victims of all faiths. He said the money would be presented to the Chilean Relief Committee through Dr. Gil Sinay, chairman of the United Hias Service committee in Santiago.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SHOW BRINGS \$125,000 TO U.S. - ISRAEL FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- More than \$125,000 was raised this evening for the America-Israel Cultural Foundation at a benefit show in New York's Madison Square Garden, held in honor of Judge Nathan R. Sobel. The presentation was the 12th annual "Music Under the Stars" concert of the Foundation which supports cultural activities in Israel.

Principal speakers at the concert were City Council President Abe Stark and Samuel Rubin, president of the Foundation. Mr. Rubin described Judge Sobel as "a civic leader and warm-hearted philanthropist who has long been a devoted supporter of Israel's cultural institutions and the development of cultural exchange between the United States and Israel."