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ROCKWELL'S TRIAL IN WASHINGTON POSTPONED FOR A WEEK AT HIS REQUEST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The trial of George Rockwell, self-styled leader of the American Nazi party, which was scheduled to take place here today on charges of disorderly conduct, was adjourned for a week.

Municipal Court Judge George Neilson granted Rockwell's request for more time to prepare his defense and held over the trial until August 17. The trial was instituted as a result of an incident on July 3 when a riot broke out at one of Rockwell's weekly rallies.

Rockwell asked Judge Neilson to relieve his court-appointed attorney O. B. Parker, since he wished to defend himself. This was Rockwell's original intention from which he retreated when the question of sanity was raised by the prosecution. Having now been found sane by psychiatrists of the District of Columbia General Hospital, Rockwell felt he did not need an attorney any more.

Another trial involving Rockwell arising from an incident on July 24 is still pending and is scheduled to take place August 26.

KNESSET DEFEATS MOTION ON INQUIRY INTO LOSS OF 'OLD CITY' TO ARABS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, defeated today a Herut motion for the appointment of a commission of inquiry into the fall of the Old City of Jerusalem into Arab hands during the 1948 war of Liberation.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, in an address to the House on the motion, declared that the function of the Knesset was to legislate -- not to write history. He said he greatly doubted whether anybody of this generation had sufficient perspective to treat the subject historically.

The Premier rejected as deliberate fabrications, recent reports that the Provisional Government was committed not to capture the Old City and that he had previously read and approved the publication of the book by Dov Joseph, wartime Governor of Jerusalem, whose revelations resurrected the issue and led to the motion in the Knesset.

Mr. Joseph's book charged that incompetence and lack of leadership caused the population of the Old City's Jewish quarter to capitulate and that Brigadier David Shaltiel, wartime commander of the Israel forces in Jerusalem, did not bring adequate relief to those besieged in the Old City.

Premier Ben-Gurion said there were still many undisclosed chapters about the Jerusalem saga and that many important positive aspects as well as negative ones have not yet been revealed. One thing, however, he could categorically state, the Premier declared: "If we had in 1948 an army equipped, trained and disciplined as today, then the results of the war would have been different."

The Premier recalled 1,400 Tel Aviv volunteers who replaced camels and donkeys under fire of cannons to carry supplies to beleaguered Jerusalem to make all-out efforts to provision a population isolated from the coastal plain. Mistakes had undoubtedly been made, he added, but an inquiry would not serve any useful purpose.

Herut Deputy Yaacov Meridor, who introduced the motion, asserted that the gates of the Old City were already breached by the Irgun and Hagannah forces when the Jerusalem commander called off the offensive. Mr. Joseph's disclosures warranted an inquiry, he argued.

ISRAEL REPORTED PRODUCING PASSENGER JET PLANE FOR EXPORT TO U.S.

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Israel is now working on an "original" executive-type passenger jet plane intended chiefly for export to the United States, it was reported here today.

The report, carried by the Anglo-Israel Trade Journal, says that this will be a two-engine plane, slated for first delivery in 1963. Israel has delivered to its own air force the first domestically made jet aircraft several weeks ago.

KNESSET BODY HEARS REPORT ON ARGENTINE STAND IN EICHMANN CASE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Arielev Levavi, Israel's former Ambassador to Buenos Aires today presented to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, an exhaustive survey on the recent dispute between Argentina and Israel over the capture in the Argentine capital of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who directed the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe during the Second World War.

Mr. Levavi, who was ordered by the Argentine Government to leave the country, stressed in his report the solidarity shown by the Argentine Jewish community "which demonstrated its loyalty to the Jewish nation without in any way detracting from its members' responsibilities as Argentine citizens."

ISRAEL POLICE CHIEF REPORTS AT U.N. PARLEY ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- A report on juvenile delinquency in Israel was given here today by Yehuda Prag, chief of the criminal investigation branch of the Israel police. He said that a new form of criminality is now noticed. It consists of "gang behavior" through which crimes are committed "for the fun of it" and not for material gain.

Mr. Prag spoke at the second United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which opened here for three weeks of reports and discussions. The first of these five-year conferences was held under the aegis of the United Nations, at Geneva, in 1955. Israel is among 84 nations officially represented at the Congress.

Another speaker today was Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, representing the World Jewish Congress. Dr. Perlzweig declared that last winter's spate of swastika smearings represented in most cases "a new form of juvenile delinquency." Saying "there is great reluctance" to speak of these incidents, he stated "there are great dangers implicit" in such outbreaks.

ISRAEL LIMITS JURISDICTION OF RABBINICAL COURTS IN CHILD ADOPTION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, passed a child adoption law last night which, among other provisions, limits the jurisdiction of the Rabbinical courts in cases of dispute over adoption.

The provision limiting rabbinical jurisdiction was passed by a vote of 41 to 20 in spite of the fact that it was hotly contested by the General Zionists, Herut and the religious parties, including the National Religious party and the Poalei Agudat Israel faction who are members of the Government coalition.

The new law now requires the approval of the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Attorney General of all decisions of Rabbinic courts affecting the adoption of children under 13 years of age. Cases are referred to religious courts if both the parents and the adopted parents of the child agree to abide by a Rabbinic court decision. Hitherto Rabbinical and civil courts enjoyed parallel jurisdiction in such cases.

Another provision of the law forbids the publication of the names of the parties in an adoption case without their consent. The law also provides that the adoption cannot be finally approved until the child has spent a trial period of six months with the adopting parents. No adoption may be approved, according to the law, without the consent of the parents and of the child, if the child is old enough to express consent.

ISRAEL'S COTTON CROP WILL SATISFY ENTIRE DEMAND FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The harvest of Israel's bumper cotton crop, which will begin next week, is expected to satisfy the entire demand for local consumption for the first time since cotton was experimentally cultivated eight years ago, Ministry of Agriculture sources predicted today.

A total of 20,000 acres of cotton has been planted throughout the country this year. Next year's crop is expected to exceed the 1960 quota and supply enough cotton for the country's textile export market in addition to satisfying the local demand, the sources indicated. Special arrangements have been made to assure an adequate supply of cotton pickers for the harvest.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS FOR SUMMER RECESS TILL END OF OCTOBER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, adjourned today for a ten-week recess. The House will reconvene after the holidays, on October 24th.

This week's session was presided over by Mrs. Bebe Idelson, Mapai Deputy Speaker, who replaced Deputy Speaker Binyamin Mintz of the Poalei Agudat Israel faction, when the latter became Minister of Posts.

BONN CRITICIZED FOR NOT ASKING ITALY TO EXTRADITE CONVICTED NAZI

BONN, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Members of opposition parties today criticized the Government for failing to act decisively enough to have Ludwig Zind, former German school teacher convicted of anti-Semitism, extradited from Italy.

Zind, found guilty in West Germany two years ago, disappeared before sentence was passed. Last week, four Israeli sailors on shore leave at Naples spotted him as he was about to board a ship for Libya, where he had obtained a job as a professor of geology. Since then, it has been discovered that, after his disappearance, he visited West Germany twice, traveling on a "stateless person" passport bearing his own name.

"The world is beginning to believe that we are not really interested in bringing Zind to justice," declared today's Social Democratic News Service. While Parliament is adjourned for its summer recess, Socialist and other deputies here today openly stated they are considering the initiation of a parliamentary debate on the Zind issue, to be held when Parliament has reconvened.

Ministry of Justice officials here said there "is a slight hope" that Italian authorities may agree to extradite Zind. Meanwhile, they declared, they have asked Italian police to keep Zind jailed until a decision is reached on his extradition.

MUNICH COURT SEEKS TO RECOVER FUNDS FROM WIFE OF NAZI PHYSICIAN

MUNICH, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Munich District Court opened proceedings today to recover 64,580 marks from Mrs. Erika Heyde, wife of a Nazi doctor arrested last fall and facing trial next September on charges that he administered death medications to prisoners in concentration camps during World War II.

According to the court, Mrs. Heyde received the funds as a "widow's" pension, although she knew that her husband was alive and working as a psychiatric consultant in Schleswig-Holstein under an assumed name.

JEWISH YOUTH IN ITALY JOINS GROUP OPPOSING RESURGENCE OF FASCISM

ROME, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Italian Jewish Youth Federation has joined the Federal Council of the Resistance, a confederation of parties and organizations opposing the resurgence of fascism which was established during the short-lived Tambroni government, it was announced here today by Roberto Piperno, the youth federation's representative on the Council.

Mr. Piperno said that the decision of the Jewish youth group to join the Council stemmed from "the principles established by our organization's statute and by the spirit which has always animated our Jewish traditions."

CONVENTION OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS ASKS ACTION ON HATE GROUPS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The 63rd national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States opened here today with a statement by National Commander Bernard Abrams announcing that the JWV has asked the Government to investigate hate groups such as George Rockwell's American Nazi party.

Mr. Abrams reported to the convention that the national executive committee voted last night to ask Chairman Francis B. Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee, to investigate the Nazi organization to determine its source of finance.

In a telegram to Representative Walter, the Pennsylvania Democrat was urged to expose the so-called "fat cats" giving money to the American Nazi movement. The investigation was urged "at the earliest possible moment" to focus attention on "the menace of totalitarianism from the right as well as from the left."

Mr. Abrams made known today that the convention would consider the "upsurge of neo-Nazi agitation which has swept the world since last December." He said he had urged both Presidential candidates to speak out during the election campaign against neo-nazism.

TEEN-AGERS PLACED ON PROBATION FOR DEFACING UTICA SYNAGOGUE

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Three teen-aged vandals were placed on three years' probation here yesterday and ordered to pay damages for defacing a local Jewish synagogue with swastikas and anti-Semitic inscriptions last April.

Oneida County Judge John J. Walsh, suspended a jail sentence for the youths but ruled that they must keep a 10:30 p. m. curfew during the three-year period; abstain from alcoholic beverages and surrender their drivers' licenses. Judge Walsh also ordered the youths to earn \$560 each to pay damages to the synagogue, Temple Emanu-El.

AMERICAN GROUP TO INVEST \$10,000,000 IN ISRAELI ENTERPRISES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The American Israel Investors Corporation invested \$5,000,000 in Israeli enterprises last year and the figure is expected to rise to \$10,000,000 by the end of this year, Sam Rothberg, president of the corporation reported here today. He announced that a dividend will be paid for the first time to the corporation's 1,200 shareholders at an estimated five percent.

The firm's largest investment is in Fertilizers and Chemicals, Ltd., of Haifa. The Corporation has also put money into the Haifa-Eilat pipeline, the Israel Industrial Bank, El Al-Israel National Airlines, the Bromine works, the Dead Sea Works, Ltd. Bank Leumi, the Electric Corporation, Negev Phosphates, and various shipyards and tankers.

10,000,000 VISITED ISRAELI PAVILIONS AT 18 INTERNATIONAL FAIRS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- A total of 10,000,000 persons visited Israeli pavilions in 18 international fairs and exhibitions last year, it was disclosed here by J. Dayan, general manager of the Government Fairs and Exhibitions Company.

Mr. Dayan told a press conference that the company's annual budget of 1,000,000 pounds (\$560,000) represented probably the cheapest per capita Israel information and publicity project abroad.

Referring to threats by Arab nations to boycott fairs or exhibitions in which Israel participated, Mr. Dayan reported that such attempts at "blackmail" had little effect and that at well-established fairs, Arab exhibitors took part without trouble despite Israel's participation.

SO. AFRICAN MEMBER OF CHRISTIAN SECT BEQUEATHES HIS ESTATE TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- A South African member of the Christadelphians, a Christian sect which believes that the Jewish people's return to Israel heralds the coming of the millenium, has bequeathed his entire estate, valued at 10,000 pounds (\$28,000) to the Jewish National Fund, Israel's land reclamation fund, it was reported here today.

The bequest was made by the late James Bell Christian of Natal province, who declared in his will that the money would be used "for furthering the ideals which form part of the Divine Plan and which are embodied in the people of Israel." Members of the Christadelphian sect participate in Zionist enterprises in many countries.

THREE FAITHS SPONSOR HOUSTON FOOTBALL GAME TO AID THEIR CHARITIES

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 10. (JTA) -- For the first time in this city's history, Protestants, Catholics and Jews will work together to sponsor a sports event to aid the charities of the three faiths.

B'nai B'rith, the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of the Round Table are sponsors of the first inter-faith charity game here. Proceeds from the game will be divided equally among the three for distribution to the charitable organizations each assists.

The game will bring together in Jeppsen Stadium the Houston Oilers and the Denver Broncos in the newly-created American Football League, making their first appearance in the city. The 33,000 seat stadium is expected to be filled Saturday night, August 20, when the whistle blows for the kickoff.

34 ISRAELIS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 1960 OLYMPIC GAMES IN ROME

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Israel's contingent to the Olympic games in Rome will consist of 34 members, it was announced here today.

There will be 12 soccer players, seven field athletes, four swimmers, three physical trainers (one a woman), two weightlifters, two fencers, two target shooters and two bicyclists. The participants were chosen by the local Olympics Committee and were specially trained during the past year.

ISRAEL TO PLANT FLOWERS FOR CHEMICALS TO IMPROVE LOCAL CROPS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- One hundred twenty acres of pyrethrum flowers will be planted in immigrant settlements in the Jerusalem and Galilee areas, it was reported today. Pyrethrum is a raw material for insecticides for local crops, which will be increased considerably if present test planting succeeds.

The chemical will be processed by the new Plantex factory in Natanya. Plantex is the world's second largest factory specializing in chemical compounds made out of vegetable raw materials.