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WASHINGTON COURT HEARS TESTIMONY AGAINST ROCKWELL; VERDICT TODAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The trial of George Lincoln Rockwell, self-styled leader of the American Nazi Party, charged with disturbing the peace on July 3 and July 24, was resumed in a municipal court here today and will continue tomorrow, when the verdict is expected to be issued. Seven of Rockwell's supporters are also on trial on charges resulting from the July 24 affair.

United States Park Police officer Cornelius Vermillion testified that, on July 24, he heard Rockwell ordering his followers to attack people who heckled him at a meeting. The officer told the court that, as a result of Rockwell's order, his storm troopers attacked hecklers. He witnessed one trooper striking a spectator on the chin, he said.

Detective C. W. Shoemaker told Judge Mildred E. Reeves, who presided, that Kenneth Morgan, Rockwell's deputy commander, shouted anti-Jewish epithets, taunted, and provoked.

Reporter George Clifford, of The Washington Daily News, who infiltrated undercover into the Nazi gang, testified that Rockwell said, prior to the July 3 reelec, that "the Jews here are too cowardly. We'll have to agitate them." Mr. Clifford said that Rockwell sent troopers into the audience to cause trouble.

Rockwell's own defense witness, T. Sutton Jett, associate director of the National Capital Parks, testified that, on July 3, he observed Rockwell pointing to individuals in the audience and saying "Jew, Jew, Jew" in a provocative manner. Mr. Jett told the court that his office was "unhappy over the American Nazi Party rallies on the mall." He said "you cannot tie up 15 to 20 percent of your men (park police) every Sunday during the busy season" without being distressed.

Judge Reeves denied a motion to quash the charges against several of the Nazi troopers, and another to quash a charge against Rockwell. Against the advice of Judge Reeves, Rockwell acted as his own attorney. He cross-examined Government witnesses.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT VALIDATES BOARD NOMINATING CHIEF RABBIS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- By a vote of two to one, the Supreme Court of Israel today validated the nominations board which is to name candidates for election of Israel's Chief Rabbis. The Sephardic Chief Rabbi, the Incumbent Rabbi Itzhak Nissim, is to succeed himself. But there has still been no nomination for the Chief Rabbi of the Ashkenazic community to succeed the late Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog.

Today's panel of three justices ruled, two to one, that the nominating board may function even if only three of its eight members are present. The board must consist of four members named by the Government, and four others named by the Chief Rabbinate. Three of the Chief Rabbinate's nominees to that board have withdrawn their names on instructions of the Chief Rabbinate.

Justice Moshe Silberg ruled on behalf of the majority of the panel today that the five members may function on the nominating board but, in view of the division on the panel, a new panel of five justices should hold a hearing of the entire dispute. As a consequence, the chief rabbinate elections, previously scheduled for October 21, will have to be postponed. In addition to Justice Silberg, the two other members of the Supreme Court panel that sat today were Justices Alfred Witkon and Chaim Cohen.

All three justices agreed that the Rabbinical Council had no power to dismiss one of the four members of the nominating board previously appointed by the Chief Rabbinate. This member, Amram Aburavia, refused to withdraw on orders of the Rabbinate. Two of the justices held that the Rabbinate had withdrawn its members of the nominating board only for the purpose of paralyzing the board's activities.

The court expressed regret that the rules for electing chief rabbis have not been altered by Israel. Those rules, deemed by the court as "anachronistic," were established years ago by the British mandatory power. The court also deplored the rift between Rabbi Yaacov Toledano, Minister for Religious Affairs, and the Rabbinical Council, and the fact that neither Rabbi Toledano nor the Council participated in the Supreme Court's hearings on the dispute.

ARAB LEAGUE CONFERENCE ENDS IN STALEMATE ON 'PALESTINE ISSUE'

LONDON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The conference of the Foreign Ministers of Arab League nations concluded yesterday in Lebanon with a stalemate on the "Palestine issue," especially on the question of the formation of a Palestine state and a Palestine army to which Jordan strongly objected. The explosive issue was turned over by the conference to a special committee which was entrusted to draft a plan of "regaining" Palestine.

In the meantime the conference issued a communique reading: "The Arab Palestine people are the rightful owners of Palestine. The Arab states should preserve the personality of Palestine and avoid anything leading to its dissolution," the statement asserted. "When the Palestinians regain their nation and their rights, they will be able to exercise these rights truly and fully."

The conference was reported to have agreed on making an attempt to prevent Israel from getting a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. A resolution is said to have been passed calling for joint efforts by Arabs on the World Bank's board and by Arab diplomats in Washington to stop the requested loan. Other topics discussed at the conference were Israel's "diversion" of the Jordan River, Cyprus' relations with Israel and alleged dangers against Arabs in the Negev.

Jordan's opposition to the formation of a Palestine state and Palestine army stems from the fear that would imperil Jordanian control over the portion of Arab Palestine seized by Jordan in the 1948 war against Israel. At the conference Jordan said that she would turn over control of this territory only when the whole of Palestine is "liberated" from Israel.

(Premier Hazza Majali of Jordan was assassinated by a time bomb that exploded this morning in his office, the Amman radio announced. Ten persons were killed and 50 injured by this bomb and one set off in another Amman Government office. Curfew has been ordered and troops are now patrolling Amman streets. Agents of the United Arab League had been arrested last March in Amman when security police there discovered a plot to assassinate the Premier at that time).

ISRAEL ACTS TO PREVENT DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS WITH CEYLON

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry acted to prevent further deterioration of Israel-Ceylon relations which have been shaken by an announcement of Ceylon of plans to review a decision to accredit a Ceylonese Minister to Israel.

The Foreign Ministry sent instructions to Daniel Levin, Israel's Ambassador to Japan, to proceed immediately to Ceylon. Mr. Levin is also accredited as Minister to that country. Mrs. Bandaranaike, the Ceylonese Premier, said last week that the review was being undertaken in order to improve Ceylonese relations with the Arab countries.

U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK PROVIDES LOAN FOR TWO EL AL JET PLANES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Two Boeing 707 jet airliners will be provided to El Al Airlines under terms of a new loan arrangement involving approximately \$13,000,000 approved today by the board of directors of the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

The planes, powered by British Rolls Royce jet engines, will be delivered in the spring of 1961. El Al will be enabled to remain on a competitive basis with other airlines securing similarly modern equipment. Tel Aviv-New York flying time will be reduced by hours.

The Export-Import Bank will cover 68 percent of the cost of the planes and spare parts. 20 percent will be covered by the buyer, and 12 percent by the manufacturer. Export-Import Bank's loan will be at 5.75 percent interest and for a period of seven years. The board's action must obtain final approval, usually a formality, from the bank's national advisory council. No difficulty is anticipated.

HISTADRUT PLEDGES TO HELP RESOLVE TEACHERS' DISPUTE IN ISRAEL SCHOOLS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, today pledged support of the Cabinet's efforts to resolve the teachers' dispute in Israeli schools, pledging that the new school year, to commence soon, will open without disturbance.

The Cabinet decided a week ago that the long-pending dispute between a splinter union of high school teachers and the public school system be turned over for settlement to a special committee of the Ministry of Finance. Until now, the matter has been under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education.

The high school teachers broke away from the General Teachers Union, a Histadrut affiliate, last winter, insisting on higher pay rates and other broader benefits. Education Minister Zalman Aranne resigned from the Cabinet when Histadrut insisted that he must not negotiate with the splinter union. Under the Cabinet decision transferring the issue to the Finance Ministry, the special committee has been authorized to negotiate a new collective wage agreement for teachers, but no union was mentioned in the Cabinet's mandate.

Z. O. A. CONVENTION ADOPTS \$1,500,000 BUDGET; BRESSLER PRESENTS PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The four-day 63rd annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America closed last night with the adoption of a budget totaling \$1,500,000 to finance its programs on the American scene and its major projects in Israel.

The convention adopted a resolution congratulating the Republican and Democratic parties for their platform planks declaring friendship and cooperation with Israel. "A basic conviction of the Zionist Organization of America," declared this resolution, "is that there exists in the United States fundamental unity on a policy of friendship and cooperation with Israel. This conviction is reaffirmed and re-emphasized by the sentiments expressed in the party platforms, and we hereby record our deep appreciation to the Democratic and Republican parties."

Another resolution urged the United States Government "through the United Nations, and on its own initiative, to take positive action to enforce the principles of free passage through the Suez Canal for all nations and to halt the United Arab Republic's illegal blockade of the Suez Canal."

In a resolution on the Arab refugee problem, the convention urged the United States and the United Nations to "continue and heighten initiative in effectuating practical resettlement programs" for the Arab refugees, asserting that such programs "must depend largely on the economic development of the Middle East as a whole."

The convention noted with satisfaction the understanding recently reached in a conference between the World Zionist executive and the Government of Israel, recognizing the need for strengthening the World Zionist Organization in all its parts, and for broadening its base to include Jewish groups hitherto unaffiliated with the movement.

American Zionists Urged to Play Greater Role in Community Affairs

Max Bressler, the new ZOA president, called for the "return to the Zionist fold of all those who abandoned the organized ranks with the establishment of the State of Israel in the mistaken belief that there is no need for the continued existence of the movement." He presented a program of activities in behalf of American Jewry, in behalf of Israel, in behalf of world Zionism, and activities within Israel proper.

"All these activities," he asserted, "are designed to bring to American Jewry, through education a full understanding of Israel and its mission in our history and to bring about a mutual and better understanding by Israel and American Jewry of their historic partnership. He also emphasized the need of American Zionists to play a greater role in the affairs of the American Jewish community. He announced that the first step in this direction to be taken by his administration, "is to educate our constituency to the necessity of active Zionist participation in all local community affairs."

"We must oppose the indoctrination of American Zionists with the belief that Jewish community affairs in America are beyond the concern of American Zionism and virtually the monopoly of non-Zionists," he said. He charged that "it is because of this notion that the whole Jewish institutional system of America, widely supported by Zionists and in many instances led by Zionists acting in individual capacities has fallen under the domination of elements which are either anti-Zionists or lukewarm friends of the State of Israel."

He further charged that "in many instances education fell into the hands of professional philanthropists and treated as an object of charity where relief of an affliction was sought." Mr. Bressler called upon Zionists to recapture the leadership in the Jewish communities. "It becomes our immediate duty to intensify Hebrew education, to foster deeper Jewish consciousness, to revitalize American Jewish life, to enhance the feeling of mutual interdependence with the State of Israel to foster greater Jewish unity."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann told the delegates that "Zionism is not a philanthropy--and vastly more than an aid-to-Israel movement. It has another aspect and dimension of deepest significance to Jewish life in America and the world over. As conceived by Herzl, Zionism signifies a return to Judaism and a Jewish spiritual renaissance." Declaring that the fundamental concept underlying the Zionist movement is the existence and historic continuity of the Jewish people as an organic entity, he said: "Henceforth it must be the role of American and of world Zionism to foster this relationship and provide for reciprocal influence of interaction between Israel and the Diaspora in the interest of our prophetic ideals and common destiny."

Rabbi Irving Miller said that the varied issues confronting American Jewry today cannot be discussed in "isolated fashion" with each group and segment of the Jewish community determining for itself the answers to these questions. "They deserve discussion and debate on a common platform with every point of view properly represented and listened to. Agreement may not be reached; differences will undoubtedly continue; but enough of a common understanding will emerge to set a general direction for the community and to channel even differences in constructive ways," Rabbi Miller asserted.

Jacques Torczyner, national World Zionist Affairs chairman of the ZOA, cautioned against any optimism concerning the World Zionist Congress that is scheduled to open in Jerusalem next December. He voiced the opinion that since the establishment of Israel as a nation, the Zionist Congress "has lost its unique position as the sole world form for

open discussion of the problem facing the Jewish people and the Israel community. " He pointed out that while Israel's parliament serves as the legislative body of Israel, "international organizations have been created and international conferences called with the purpose of reducing the role of the Zionist movement as spokesman of the Jewish people."

Z. O. A. Has 103,000 Members; Raised \$356,000 for Projects in 1959

In his annual report covering all aspects of the organizational activities, Dr. Sidney Marks, executive director and national secretary of the ZOA, announced a membership of close to 103,000 including some 9,400 members. He announced that in the past year \$356,285 was raised for the American Zionist Fund to finance the ZOA's major projects--the ZOA House in Tel Aviv and the agricultural vocational training institute Kfar Silver, near Ashkelon.

A discussion was held at the convention on the Arab boycott. In an introductory statement, Israel Consul Shimshon Arad remarked that "for the Arab countries the boycott has always been just another weapon in their war against Israel."

"Defeated in the battlefield," Mr. Arad stated, "they moved to another area where they have deluded themselves that by blackmail, blacklisting and boycott they could be more effective. As they were wrong in 1948 so they are today. More and more companies are investing in Israel and many more are trading with her. This is the best testimony that the Arab boycott is failing."

Albert Schiff, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, was accorded a citation at the convention. Mr. Bressler pointed out that a total of \$200,000,000 has been raised for the JNF under Mr. Schiff's leadership. A citation was also presented to Morris Weinberg, publisher of The Day-Jewish Journal, a Yiddish daily newspaper, in recognition of his "accomplishments and career in the field of Yiddish Journalism."

JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO U.S. LAW DEPICTED AT WASHINGTON EXHIBITION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- An exhibition depicting the contributions of Jews to American law was opened here yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark. The collection which is on display in the B'nai B'rith building includes documents on the early Hebraic influence in American law and personal mementos from the careers of 35 Jewish lawyers and judges.

In opening the display, Justice Clark noted that "over twenty-five hundred years ago Jewish fundamental law first sought to bring to reality the brotherhood of man. Today, this remains as its supreme objective with social justice as its insistent mandate."

Tracing the history of the influence of Jews in American law, the exhibit begins with Zalegman Phillips, believed to be the first Jew admitted to the bar in the United States, in 1799, and continues through the careers of Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and Federal Circuit Judge Simon E. Sobeloff, who argued the public school desegregation cases in 1954.

Among the numerous objects on display are items on Phillip Phillips, who died in 1884 and was one of the first Jews to serve in Congress; penciled notes of Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, and legal correspondence and a diary of Supreme Court Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo. The exhibition is dedicated to New York Supreme Court Justice Martin M. Frank, a leader in B'nai B'rith affairs until his death last year.

A. F. L. - C. I. O. COUNCIL GRANTS \$10,000 TO JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- A \$10,000 grant for the work of the Jewish Labor Committee has been voted by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, it was announced by the JLC here today.

This is the first time that the AFL-CIO has voted funds to subsidize the work of the Jewish Labor Committee. Leaders of the Committee here expressed gratification today with the grant, pointing out that the action constitutes AFL-CIO endorsement of the committee's work on behalf of civil rights and against discrimination.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY DEDICATES TWO UNITS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE QUADRANGLE

WALTHAM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- An anthropological museum and laboratory, a space flight program, an experimental nursery, and a psychological counseling center are among the new classroom and research facilities that Brandeis University dedicated here yesterday. They are part of a vast new Social Science Quadrangle housed in three major buildings on the central campus.

The Morris Brown Social Science Center will house the university's graduate and undergraduate programs in psychology, anthropology, sociology and economics. The building is a tribute to Mr. Brown from friends in New York and Palm Beach, Fla.

Lemberg Hall will contain the Psychological Counseling Center and Experimental Nursery. It is the gift of Samuel and Lucille Lemberg of New York and Palm Beach, Fla.