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MAN INVOLVED IN 'LAVON AFFAIR' SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21, (JTA) -- The person identified publicly only as "the third man" involved in the 1954 "security mishap" which led to the resignation of Pinhas Lavon as Minister of Defense, was sentenced today to 12 years' imprisonment by the District Court here after having been found guilty of violating the Official Secrets Ordinance and the State Security Law.

The trial of the "third man" was not connected with the 1954 incident, but concerned a subsequent and separate matter. During the trial, however, it was brought out that the defendant gave false testimony before a commission investigating the security mishap. This disclosure led to the re-opening of the "Lavon affair" following which the former Defense Minister was rehabilitated.

ISRAEL CABINET MEETS TODAY TO AVERT STRIKE OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21, (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet will hold a special session here tomorrow, in an effort to help Education Minister Abba Eban to avert a threatened strike by high school teachers in Israel.

Mr. Eban was continuing today his negotiations with the union representing the teachers, who are demanding higher salaries. He is scheduled to report on his negotiations to the full Cabinet tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the complicated Rabbinical Council issue remained still unsolved, by the Cabinet. Yesterday's Cabinet session discussed that issue and decided to await a further report on the matter from Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice.

The mandate of Israel's Rabbinical High Court expired last October 21. While the court has been sitting since then, there are doubts whether its actions have any legal validity. Elections for the posts of Ashkenazi and Sephardi chief rabbis had originally been scheduled for October 21. But the eight-man board that should have nominated candidates for the chief rabbinate could not muster the legal quorum of five, after four appointees to that board had resigned.

'RENAULT AFFAIR' SETTLED; FIRM WILLING TO DO BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 21, (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations in the United States today announced that it now regards "as settled" the dispute with Regie Renault, French automobile company, which suddenly terminated its contract with Kaiser-Frazer of Israel last year under Arab boycott pressure.

The announcement was made by Label Katz, chairman of the Presidents Conference, following the receipt by him of a letter from Maurice Bosquet, president of Renault, Inc., representing Renault of France. The letter indicated that Regie Renault is willing to do business with Israel. It reads:

"I was recently in Paris and had the opportunity to discuss with Mr. Pierre Dreyfus (general director of Regie Renault), the facts concerning the settlement of the litigation between the Regie Renault and Kaiser-Frazer of Israel. Mr. Dreyfus advises that all disputes between the two companies were resolved to the complete satisfaction of each and that neither party has any remaining claims or grievances against the other.

"Mr. Dreyfus also pointed out to me that the Regie Renault, being essentially a commercial enterprise, necessarily bases its policy decisions on purely commercial considerations, as does any other business entity.

"For all these reasons, and others as well, discrimination as a matter of policy against buyers in any country is unthinkable so far as the Regie Renault is concerned. Such a policy would militate against the attainment of the fundamental objectives of the Regie Renault. On the contrary, it is the wish of Mr. Dreyfus and the Regie Renault to sell Renault products in every country in the world, including Israel, of course, where buyers for them can be found."

JEWISH AGENCY DEBT REPORTED GROWN BY \$56,000,000 SINCE LAST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's indebtedness has grown by \$56,000,000 since the last Zionist Congress, almost five years ago, it was stated here today by Dov Joseph, Agency treasurer, addressing members of a United Jewish Appeal study mission from Toronto, Canada.

During the last four and a half years, he said, the Agency spent 955 million Israeli pounds (\$536,800,000) for the absorption of 190,000 new immigrants here and for consolidation of the position of immigrants who arrived here prior to 1956.

Dr. Joseph told the mission that he does not agree with those who advocate that "the Agency should live within its means." American Jewry, he maintained, "could provide \$20,000,000 more annually and not even feel it." Israel, he said, is not getting "a fair share" of the philanthropic funds raised in the U.S. and Canada for overseas aid.

LESS PUBLIC SPENDING AND MORE PRIVATE SAVING URGED FOR ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, Governor of the Israel State Bank, warned in a report today that there had been no improvement during the past five years in Israel's adverse trade balance.

He said that in the first seven months of 1959, the rise in means of payment totaled 16.4 percent and that he was making his report in accordance with the State bank law requirement that the governor of the bank must sound a warning if the rise exceeds 15 percent in any 12-month period. The report was made to the Finance Committee of Israel's Parliament.

Urging less public spending and more private saving and other safeguards to balance the Government budget, the banking official reported that the adverse trade balance was \$300,000,000 at the end of 1959 as against \$286,000,000 at the end of 1955.

The main reason for the rise in means of payment, he said, was the growing balance of foreign currency reserves and increased credit facilities to the public. He urged a cutdown in the flow of bank credit and authority to the State Bank to have greater leeway in regulating the fluidity of financial institutions in Israel.

MARKED CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S BUSINESS CLIMATE SEEN BY P. E. C. PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A marked change in Israel's business climate "based on the capitalist" notion that the assurance of financial profit is necessary to assure a steady stream of investment capital" was observed by Joseph Meyerhoff, president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, according to a statement issued by him today on his return to the United States.

Having consummated three new investments and discussed several major projects in Israel during the past two weeks as P.E.C. president, Mr. Meyerhoff said that private initiative and private capital have made significant contributions toward Israel's economic progress over the years, and particularly so since he visited the country last, one year ago.

Mr. Meyerhoff commented that Israel's liberalized "Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investment" which provides for substantial tax and other benefits for foreign investors has materially contributed toward attracting new venture capital. This, in turn, is significantly contributing toward narrowing the country's foreign trade gap, and absorbing immigrants into productive occupations, he said.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES CELEBRATED IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The 200th anniversary of the Board of Deputies of British Jews was formally observed here at a meeting of the Board today, marked with special thanksgiving prayers prepared for the occasion, voiced by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and Haham Dr. Solomon Gaon, chief Sephardic rabbi here. The Board came into being in 1760, at the time of the accession of King George III, as a joint committee of the Ashkenazic and Sephardic communities here.

Barnett Janner, member of Parliament and president of the Board, delivered a special address in which he said: "We have joined in prayers to the Almighty, for the will to help our fellow men which He has inspired in us and in our predecessors." He expressed thanks "for the privilege of living in a land with fellow-citizens who believe so earnestly that right and justice will ultimately prevail."

Mr. Janner, reviewing the Board's interest in Jews in various countries, revealed that a Soviet Georgian editor of a Communist newspaper, who had been fired after printing a "blood libel" against Jews in his area, has "actually been re-appointed to another post," by the Soviet authorities.

EX-NAZIS PLAN 'REPRISAL CAMPAIGN' AGAINST JEWS FOR EICHMANN TRIAL

PARIS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- An international congress of former Nazis will be held soon at Malmo, Sweden, to launch a worldwide campaign of anti-Semitism as a "reprisal" against the forthcoming trial in Israel of Adolf Eichmann, the No. 1 expert in the extermination of Jews, the newspaper Le Monde reported here today.

According to Le Monde, the plans for the Nazi congress were formulated at a meeting held in Spain recently between Leon Degrelle, leading Belgian fascist, and Johann von Leers. The latter, who had been the deputy of chief Nazi propagandist Josef Goebbels, during World War II, makes his home in Cairo now, acting as principal advisor on anti-Semitism to the United Arab Republic.

Following the Spain meeting between Degrelle and von Leers, the newspaper states, an organizing parley for the Malmo congress took place in Paris, with the participation of Nazis from West Germany, Belgium, France, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain. It was at this session where the final plans for the Malmo congress were reportedly made. Malmo has been frequently mentioned as one of the international centers of worldwide nazism.

FRENCH PROFESSOR DISMISSED FROM SWISS UNIVERSITY FOR ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A French history professor was dismissed from his post at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland today after an inquiry commission reported on his activities which had been described as anti-Semitic. Professor Antoine Favre, who left France after the Second World War in order to escape charges of pro-German and anti-Jewish activities, was later accused in Switzerland of fostering racial hatred.

The commission, appointed by the Swiss Federal Council, reported that his activities "were not directed against Jews generally but against some of them, those guilty of extremism, materialistic or Marxist opinion." The commission also found that anti-Semitic articles published during the German occupation in France in a magazine directed by Professor Favre "were not his personal responsibility." However, on the basis of the findings, the professor was dismissed from his post at the French Institute at the University of Fribourg, where he taught the history of civilization.

FORMER JEWISH SLAVE LABORERS URGED TO REGISTER BEFORE END OF YEAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The final call for registration by former Jewish inmates of Nazi concentration camps, who toiled as slave laborers for private German firms, was issued today by the Committee of Former Jewish Slave Laborers in Germany, which was set up in cooperation with leading national and world Jewish organizations.

The Committee is seeking to gain compensation from German firms for the benefit of their surviving Jewish slave laborers, along the same lines as are provided by the agreements reached with the I. G. Farben and the Friedrich Krupp companies. The Committee desires to register the surviving slave laborers, so that they might not be excluded from the benefits of any future settlements which may be reached. It is in the claimants' own interest, the Committee emphasized, to give the matter their immediate attention, and to register by December 31, 1960. The Committee makes no charge for its services, nor does it act as a legal representative of individual claimants.

Communications should be addressed to the Compensation Treuhand, Staufenstrasse 29a, Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, and should contain the following information: full name, address, date and place of birth, name of German firm, and the place and dates where the slave labor was performed. The Compensation Treuhand is a special trust set up to administer the funds to be paid out under the I. G. Farben and the Krupp agreements.

Former slave laborers at the I. G. Farben and the Friedrich Krupp companies, who have already registered with the Compensation Treuhand, are requested not to register again, as their claims are already on file. Slave laborers at other companies, who were in previous correspondence with the Committee of Former Jewish Slave Laborers at its New York office, need not register again, at this time.

GERMAN PARLIAMENT ELECTS NEW HEAD OF INDEMNIFICATION COMMITTEE

BONN, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Gerhard Jahn, a 33-year-old attorney who has frequently attacked neo-Nazi activities and resurgent anti-Semitism in West Germany, was elected today as chairman of the indemnification committee of the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament. Mr. Jahn is a member of the Bundestag, representing the Social Democratic Party.

Mr. Jahn succeeds to the committee chairmanship previously held by Alfred Frenzel, a Bundestag deputy arrested last month on charges of having had "treasonous relations" with Czechoslovakia. The indemnification committee deals with all matters of compensation to Jews and other victims of nazism.

U.S. RELIGIOUS ZIONIST CONVENTION CLOSES WITH APPEALS TO STATE DEPT.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Religious Zionists of America last night called upon the United Nations and the United States State Department "to call an immediate halt to the illegal Egyptian interference with Israeli ships and cargoes in the Suez Canal." In resolutions adopted at the closing session of the organization's annual convention here, the religious Zionist group also asked the U.S. Government to broaden its program of economic aid to Israel.

The delegates also called upon the Soviet Union to grant the exercise of freedom of religion and liberty of assembly to its 3,000,000 Jewish citizens.

Other resolutions adopted by the delegates asked the State Department and U.S. Armed Forces to remove any barriers to the stationing of Jewish personnel in any part of the world and called for continued support of the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish National Fund and the Israel bond campaign.

BEIGIN ASKS U.S. JEWRY TO RAISE \$1,500,000 FOR A NATIONAL SHRINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Menahem Beigin, member of the Israel Parliament and leader of the Herut party, last night called upon American Jewry to raise \$1,500,000 for the Israel Government to erect a new hospital for the mentally ill to replace the one located in the fortress prison at Acre. The Herut leader proposed that the fortress become a national shrine to commemorate the liberation of the prisoners from the building carried out by the Irgun on May 4, 1947.

Addressing a meeting at Carnegie Hall here last night, Mr. Beigin said that the story of the Israeli War of Liberation was great in fiction but greater in reality. The address marked the beginning of a country-wide lecture tour by Mr. Beigin on the topic "Exodus, Fiction and Reality."

Mr. Beigin paid tribute to all fighters for freedom, members of Haganah, Palmach, Irgun, Lechi and Machal, stating that the fighters of the Irgun never asked for a special gratitude or distinction but curiously enough, whenever a book is published or a movie filmed, the decisive part played by the Irgun in the liberation of Israel is either diminished or distorted.

WILLIAM ROSENWALD RECEIVES 1960 BUBLICK AWARD OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The 1960 Solomon Bublick Award of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for "the most significant contribution to the progress and development of Israel" was presented here tonight to William Rosenwald, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

The award, a sterling silver plaque and a check for \$1,000, was presented to Mr. Rosenwald by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, at a dinner in the Park Lane Hotel sponsored by the organization and attended by over 300 community leaders. Other speakers were Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, and Daniel G. Ross, chairman of the board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. In accepting the award, Mr. Rosenwald warmly praised the contributions of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to Israel's development and to the cause of democracy.

Declaring that "Jews everywhere will, in part, be judged and will, to an extent, even judge themselves by the kind of an Israel that may develop," Mr. Rosenwald stated: "If Israel is to live up to our expectations and to the expectations of humanity, it must become a country which mirrors the great intellectual and spiritual tradition of the Jewish people. Essential to such a society is that the people who compose it are given the opportunity to develop as fully as each one can."

Discussing the contributions of the Hebrew University to Jewish life, Mr. Klutznick stated: "As a major cultural center for Jews throughout the world the Hebrew University is enriching and deepening Jewish life everywhere. Above all, it is presenting to the world the true, historically accurate image of the Jew as scholar, seeker after truth, preserver of the highest values of the past and opponent of creative effort in the present."

YAACOV GAHAN, NOTED HEBREW POET, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 79 YEARS OLD

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Yaacov Gahan, noted Hebrew poet and writer, died at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikvah, after a long illness. He was 79 years of age. He was a winner of the Bialik and Tchernichowsky literary awards and was the winner of the State of Israel Award in 1953 and again in 1958.

Born in Slutsk, Byelorussia, Mr. Gahan settled in Palestine in the early thirties. One of his early songs, "In Blood and In Fire, Judea Fell," became the slogan of the Hashomer group at the beginning of this century.