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ISRAEL GOVT. CONSIDERS REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF EICHMANN TRIAL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry of Justice said today it would reply within a few days to the request of Adolf Eichmann's defense counsel for a two-week postponement of the date of the Nazi's trial. Approval of the request was considered inevitable.

Dr. Robert Servatius asked for the postponement on grounds he needed more time to prepare his defense of the former Gestapo colonel who directed the extermination of 6,000,000 European Jews. Since Passover begins on April 1, it was likely that the trial, originally set for March 15, would be rescheduled to open April 9 at the close of the holiday period.

The decision on postponement probably would rest with the trial court which is expected to be named within the next few days. Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, the youngest judge of the high court, was expected to be named to preside at the trial.

Meanwhile, minutes of the trial involving Dr. Rudolph Kastner, the assassinated leader of Hungarian Jewry, and a book by Joel Brandt, who negotiated unsuccessfully with Eichmann in an effort to obtain a release of some of the Hungarian Jews from the Nazis, were handed over to Eichmann in his jail cell in connection with the preparations for his defense. The Brandt memoirs included details on the offer by Eichmann of 1,000,000 Jews for 10,000 trucks.

(From Bonn it was reported today that West Germany would allow Ilse Koch, the imprisoned "Witch of Buchenwald," to serve as a witness at the forthcoming Eichmann trial if Israel asks for her. A spokesman for the West German Ministry added that Israel had not approached the Bonn Government on the matter but explained that "we wish to give all the assistance we can and if a request is made, I am sure it will be granted.")

BEN-GURION TO DECIDE TODAY ON FORMATION OF NEW ISRAEL CABINET

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Religious Bloc leader Moshe Shapiro were scheduled to meet tonight for what could be a decisive meeting in Mr. Ben-Gurion's efforts to create a new coalition Government.

Acceptance by Mr. Shapiro of Mr. Ben-Gurion's bid to the Religious Bloc to join a small coalition would lead Mr. Ben-Gurion to meet President Ben-Zvi tomorrow to inform the President he would accept the nomination of Premier-Designate. Israel has been directed by a caretaker government since Mr. Ben-Gurion resigned January 31.

The terms which Mr. Shapiro was demanding for participation included a commitment by Mr. Ben-Gurion and his Mapai party to legislate a national Sabbath law and a ban on pork throughout Israel. The Mapai has offered three Ministries, one more than the Religious Bloc had in the prior Government, plus the post of Deputy Minister of Education.

The Mapai reportedly was ready even to give such commitments to avoid new general elections. Even the Religious Bloc party newspaper, Hatzofe, urged today any kind of coalition rather than "pushing the country into an election turmoil."

Mr. Ben-Gurion turned to the idea of a small coalition, which would include also the Aguda Workers party, when the Progressive party reiterated a firm refusal to President Ben-Zvi to join a renewed coalition with Mr. Ben-Gurion as Premier--a stand also joined by two other former coalition partners, the left-wing Mapam and Achdut Avodah.

The National Religious party, however, was reported as remaining deeply split over the Mapai bid, with intellectuals and students in opposition and the majority, under Mr. Shapiro, favoring acceptance.

Elections within the Religious Bloc are due in a few months and some observers suggested that if Mr. Shapiro led the Religious Bloc into a Ben-Gurion-headed coalition, his foes would rally against him and try to unseat him as Religious Bloc leader.

On the other hand, the Ben-Gurion offer of additional Cabinet posts presumably would give the Religious Bloc leaders ample patronage to distribute to the many dissidents in the bloc.

SOVIET GOVT. TOLERATES ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA, SHARETT ASSERTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The existence of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, with official acquiescence, was reiterated last night by Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister and now a member of the Jewish Agency executive. Speaking at a radio press conference, Mr. Sharett cited "anti-Semitic articles in the Soviet press which are official platforms."

Mr. Sharett, replying to questions on emigration to Israel, said that there were countries on two continents where the masses of Jews wanted to leave but were forbidden by authorities to do so. This was understood to be a reference to the Soviet Union and Morocco.

He said that on two other continents, Jews were considering emigration not because of persecution or the threat of persecution but because of existing or incipient social changes in those countries, presumably a reference to South Africa and some Latin American nations.

He reported that an emissary has just been dispatched from Israel to the United States carrying a list of 500 jobs open for experts and technicians. "Until now we sought jobs for immigrants. Now we have begun to seek immigrants for jobs," he said.

Works of Two Dead Yiddish Writers to be Published in Russia

PARIS, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- For the first time in a number of years, two works by Jewish writers will be published in Yiddish in the next few days in the Soviet Union, it was reported here today from Moscow by the Neue Presse, Yiddish Communist paper. The paper said that a volume by David Bergelson and a volume of poetry by Ascher Schwartzman are due to appear in the Soviet capital. Both authors are dead.

It was also reported that a number of works by Yiddish writers will appear in Russian translation during the coming week. Translations of two volumes of works by David Bergelson and one of poetry by Perez Markish are in preparation. Both authors were among the several hundred Jewish intellectuals liquidated in Russia under the Stalin regime.

TWO JEWS ARRESTED IN MOROCCO IN CONNECTION WITH APPEAL FOR RIGHTS

PARIS, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Two Jews were arrested this weekend in Casablanca, in connection with the distribution of pamphlets urging Jews to claim their rights and liberties, and appealing to Jews to memorialize the 43 Moroccan Jews who drowned off the Moroccan coast, it was reported here today. It is expected that the two men will probably be released by the police within the next few days.

M. Khalfon, the caretaker of the Casablanca Jewish cemetery who was arrested last week while traveling from Tangiers to Rabat, was released today after 48 hours of detention, through the intervention of Max Loeub, town councilor. His home in Casablanca was thoroughly searched by police at the time of his arrest. M. Khalfon said he was not subjected to torture while in prison.

100 VICTIMS TO TESTIFY AGAINST NAZI INVENTOR OF 'DEATH BATHS'

BONN, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- More than 100 witnesses from Austria and Poland were expected to be called during the trial of Karl Chmielewski, a former SS captain accused of causing the death of 297 inmates of the Mauthausen concentration camp, which opened in the Ansbach Assizes yesterday.

Chmielewski was accused by the prosecution of inventing a number of means of quick dispatch of inmates including the "death baths" in which prisoners were stripped in mid-winter in the outdoors and hosed down with icy water until they collapsed and died. If the trial lasts through April, as is expected, it will be one of the biggest of its kind yet held in West Germany.

Chmielewski was found in 1959 hiding under an assumed name near Ansbach, where he had earned his living since the end of World War II as a rabbit breeder. He denied responsibility, during preliminary investigations, for the killings in Cusen, a Mauthausen sub-camp. According to the prosecution, the number of deaths at Cusen during Chmielewski's administration rose from 300 a month to 2,000 through application of the death bath and other methods devised by the former SS captain.

According to evidence from camp records now held by the prosecution, a total of some 10,000 victims perished between 1940 and 1942 while Chmielewski was at the camp. Walter Junge, one of his assistants and working overseers, also was awaiting trial on similar charges. Chmielewski, now 56, joined Himmler's general staff near the end of the war after service at the Oranienburg and Mauthausen death camps.

BAVARIA PAID \$41,000,000 IN INDEMNIFICATION TO NAZI VICTIMS IN 1960

MUNICH, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Some 171,000,000 deutschemarks (\$41,000,000) were paid out in 1960 by the Bavarian Indemnification Office to victims of nazism, bringing the total since 1948 to 956,000,000 deutschemarks (\$220,440,000), it was announced here today. The greater part of the 118,000 claims still pending will have been processed by the end of 1962, the announcement said.

FRANCE TO RE-EXAMINE COMPENSATION SYSTEM FOR VICTIMS OF NAZISM

PARIS, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The French Government decided yesterday to re-examine the system under which compensation to the victims of nazism in France will be made. The decision concerns the sum of 400, 000, 000 deutschemarks (\$100, 000, 000) which West Germany handed over to the French Government as final settlement for indemnification of French victims of nazism.

The money is to be paid to those victims who have suffered persecution "outside the laws of war." Jewish organizations and associations of victims of the Nazis have been consulted by the French Government and will have a chance to make their views known again before a system for allocation of the indemnity funds is worked out.

SWASTIKAS APPEAR ON TOWN HALL WALLS IN ITALIAN CITY; VIGILANCE URGED

ROME, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Police reported today that about 15 small swastikas were found scrawled on the Town Hall in Perugia, apparently engraved with the point of a nail. Earlier in the week local members of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement threw a bomb against a Labor Union headquarters. One of the bomb throwers was identified and arrested.

The regional chapter of the Federated Council of the Resistance in Perugia called a meeting after the appearance of the swastikas and approved a resolution inviting "all anti-Fascists to be vigilant and to fight all provocations."

JEWISH CONGRESS HEARS REPORTS ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN LATIN AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The third plenary session of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress was told yesterday that anti-Semitism had increased in Latin America since last year and that outbursts of such incidents had increased since the capture of Nazi Adolf Eichmann here last year.

The delegates were told of the program of the executive of publication of pamphlets and articles under the auspices of scientific conferences to enlighten public opinion. Speakers were Dr. Moises Goldman, chairman, Dr. Marcos Diner, president of the DAIA, Aaron Steinbruch, Brazilian member of Parliament and Dr. Maurice Perlzweig of New York.

ROCKWELL CAN HOLD PUBLIC SPEECHES IN NEW YORK, HIGHER COURT RULES

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A New York court ruled today that New York City had no right to ban George Lincoln Rockwell from speaking in Union Square last July and that the head of the American Nazi party is lawfully entitled to address the public in New York.

Reversing a lower court decision which upheld a ban imposed by Park Commissioner Newbold Morris, the Appellate Division today said "the unpopularity of views, their shocking quality, their obnoxiousness, and even their alarming impact is not enough" to justify a ban.

J. N. F. TO ANNOUNCE \$250, 000, 000 LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A \$250, 000, 000 long-term land development program for Israel's Negev and Galilee regions will be announced at the national conference of the Jewish National Fund opening in Washington on February 23, it was stated here today by Yaacov Tsur, world chairman of the Fund's board of directors and formerly Israel's Ambassador to France and to Argentina. The money will be raised among Jews throughout the world.

Mr. Tsur, who is also president of the General Council of the World Zionist Organization, arrived here Sunday to attend the JNF conference. He said that the new JNF program, which would take many years to carry out, would provide for the agricultural development of 1, 700, 000 dunams of land in Israel and the planting of 250, 000, 000 trees.

Land development was vital, Mr. Tsur declared, in order to prepare Israel for the day when she will have to be ready to take in thousands of Jews who are now living in countries where Jewish life is being stifled and from where they cannot now emigrate. About 27 percent of world Jewry are now living under such tragic conditions, he stressed.

As an example of the utilization of land which, until a few years ago, was completely barren and useless, Mr. Tsur cited the cultivation of 20, 000 dunams of sisal plants, which has given rise to a thriving twine industry in Israel.

PRATT NAMED ISRAEL MINISTER TO SO. AFRICA; WAS CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Simcha Pratt, former Israel Minister and Consul General in New York and presently head of the Foreign Ministry's International Organization Division, was named today Minister to the Union of South Africa. He replaces Katriel Salmon, a former military attache in Washington, who was named Minister to Rumania.

The Foreign Ministry also announced today the appointment of Mordechai Shalev as Consul General in Los Angeles. Mr. Shalev is currently director-general of the Foreign Ministry and previously had served as First Secretary of the Israel Embassy in Washington. Yaakov Aviad was named Consul for press information at the Consulate in New York.

HADASSAH CONFERENCE APPEALS TO U. N. ON SITUATION OF MOROCCAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The mid-winter conference of Hadassah concluded here today with a resolution appealing to the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations to urge the Government of Morocco "to remove the ominous restraints and repressive actions against Jews and to halt the fostering of such action through pernicious and inflammatory propaganda."

Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, former vice-president of the Washington Post, said she would help to raise the \$4,000,000 needed to finish the building of the Medical School in the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center located at Kiryat Hadassah on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The center will be opened June 6.

Mrs. Meyer, who visited Israel recently, said that Israel was as important to the United States and to the free world as the United States was to Israel. She urged support of Israel not only by American Jewry but also by the Government and the people of the United States.

Miss Juliet N. Benjamin, national chairman of Hadassah's Vocational Education Committee, reported that a special program of supplementary training in pedagogy for Arab women teachers has been started at Beurim, the Hadassah Youth Aliyah Rural Vocational Center at Kfar Vitkin. Mrs. Max Schenk, Hadassah's national Youth Aliyah chairman, reported on that phase of the organization's activities.

N. Y. WOMEN START U. J. A. DRIVE FOR 1961 WITH \$1,100,000 IN GIFTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- More than 1,800 women participated today in the formal opening of the 23rd annual campaign of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York by attending a round table discussion on the theme "Israel Tomorrow," which was held in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

Prior to the round table discussion, 1,000 of the women attended four simultaneous luncheons at the Waldorf, and announced personal contributions totaling \$1,100,000 to the 1961 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. Mrs. Francis J. Bloustein and Mrs. Harold J. Cohen, chairmen of the Women's Division drive, announced that the campaign would now be carried forward in communities throughout the metropolitan area.

ousting of Jew from Fraternity Linked to 'Christian Principles'

CHICAGO, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A member of the five-man national council of Phi Delta Theta fraternity said today that the ouster of a Jewish pledge from the chapter at Lake Forest College in Illinois was justified by the fact that the fraternity was "founded on Christian principles" and should remain that way.

The statement was made by John Shetman, 24, who said that two other members of the council had authorized him to make the statement in reference to the "de-pledging" of Donald C. Schiller, a Chicago freshman, early this year. The youth had been pledged in November in the hope that the national council would not object. He has been living in the fraternity house of the Chicago North shore college since as a "house guest."

Officials of the Presbyterian-affiliated college had criticized the ouster but Shetman said that "we feel that Christian beliefs must be practiced by members."

J. D. C. AWARDS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO JEWISH DOCTORS IN TUNISIA

GENEVA, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A shift in emphasis by the Joint Distribution Committee from rebuilding Jewish health and medical services in Europe in the immediate postwar period to training doctors and medical technicians for JDC installations in the developing countries of Israel, North Africa and Iran was reflected today in new scholarship awards.

The awards to two Tunisian doctors and one Israeli doctor to study in France and England was disclosed in a report published by the medical department of the JDC. The report said the three awards brought to 137 the total of medical scholarships awarded in the 12 years of 1948 to 1960.

Brazilian Author Faces Criminal Charges for Libel Against Jews

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Criminal charges have been filed against Pio Benedito Ottoni, author of the book, "An Inquisition," for blood libel accusations against the Jews, it was announced here today by Dr. Isaac Izeckson, a member of the Rio de Janeiro City Council.

Brazilian statutes impose severe penalties for the publication of hate propaganda or for libeling religious groups. The sixth edition of Mr. Ottoni's book has just been published.

World Jewish Congress Representative Received by Argentine Minister

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Interior Minister Alfredo Roque Vitolo today received Maurice Perlzweig, political secretary of the World Jewish Congress currently visiting Argentina.