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ISRAEL OBSERVES MEMORIAL DAY FOR THE 6,000,000 JEWS KILLED BY EICHMANN

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- Sirens sounded throughout Israel at 8 a. m. today to mark two minutes of reverent silence in memory of the 6,000,000 European Jewish victims of nazism as Israel formally observed Martyrs' and Heroes' Memorial Day.

All places of entertainment were closed and the trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann, who is charged with primary responsibility for the killing of the 6,000,000 Jews, was recessed for the period of mourning.

Memorial lights were lit in many thousands of homes to mourn the murder of a member of the family on a day unknown. Thousands of mourners packed Israel's synagogues for memorial prayers which included the Lamentations from the Tisha B'Av service.

The dedication of a new shrine on a hilltop three miles from Jerusalem was the main event of the ceremonies. The shrine is a group of stone buildings which include a crypt, a memorial hall and a synagogue.

Part of the dedication for the "Tent of Remembrance" was the reinterment of the ashes of an unknown number of victims in the crypt which has a mosaic inlaid floor bearing the names of the 21 most infamous of the Nazi murder camps and ghettos.

The urn containing the ashes was carried at the head of a long cortege. In front of it walked a cantor who chanted the prayer for the dead. Paratroopers marched behind the large urn which was covered by an Israeli flag.

The Eternal Light was kindled by Rabbi Mordechai Nurock, the oldest member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, whose entire family was slaughtered by the Nazis and who initiated in the Knesset the legislation under which Eichmann is on trial.

After the ceremony, Dr. Joseph Burg, Israel's Welfare Minister, opened a Yad Vashem exhibit commemorating the genocidal deeds of the Nazis. It contained photographs, documents and the yellow Star of David the Nazis forced Jews to wear. Exhibits also were opened in kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot in the Galilee and in kibbutz Yad Mordechai in the Negev, two settlements associated with the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

The Memorial Day observance closed with a ceremony tonight near the Tent of Remembrance attended by President Ben-Zvi, members of the Cabinet and of the Knesset, former partisans and former anti-Nazi fighters.

Education Minister Abba Eban, delivering the principal address at the evening event, said that "never in all recorded history has any family of the human race been overwhelmed by such a tidal wave of grief and havoc as that which beset the Jewish people during the Nazi decade."

The former Ambassador to the United States denounced worldwide expressions of opinion against the preservation and the regular revival of memories of the Nazi massacre. He warned that "memory is the guardian of conscience. Whoever flees from his memory liberates himself from the full dictates of his conscience."

ISRAEL CHANGES ROUTE OF JERUSALEM PARADE; ACTS FOLLOWING U. N. RESOLUTION

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JFA) -- Israel decided today to change the route of its Independence Day parade on April 20--the target of a hostile Security Council resolution-- in a way to assure that the entire length of the new route will be hidden from Jordan-held Old Jerusalem.

The switch in the route was viewed as both a security and a political move. The Arab press has been publishing threats of efforts to prevent the parade, with the Cairo press particularly active in threatening violence.

The original route would have overlooked the Old City. The new route will be the same as that used in 1958, passing through the center of the city and passing by the building of Israel's Parliament and the Jewish Agency buildings.

The Security Council earlier this week had voted a resolution condemning the parade plans and Israel officials said they would go ahead on their repeated assurance that no weapons in the parade would have ammunition and that it was planned merely as a festive event.

PUBLIC MEETING ON EICHMANN HELD IN PARIS; POLICE SEARCH HALL FOR BOMBS

PARIS, April 13. (JTA) -- Israel's right to try Nazi Adolf Eichmann was vigorously affirmed last night at a meeting which was delayed for an emergency search by 50 policemen of the premises after receipt of letters claiming that two time bombs had been placed in the building.

The meeting proceeded after a thorough search of the building failed to produce any bombs and after police were stationed in the area. Speakers included Alfred Coste-Floret, former French prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials, and Raymond Schmittlein, president of the Union for the New Republic Parliamentary group. The speakers praised Israel for having brought the former Gestapo colonel to trial.

M. Schmittlein said it was not Eichmann but "the horrors of anti-Semitism wherever it may exist" which was on trial in Jerusalem. He lauded Israel for having "dealt a mortal blow to racism throughout the world." He charged that Nasserism and the Arab League were the "followers and successors" of the Hitler doctrines.

M. Coste-Floret discussed the contention of Dr. Robert Servatius, Eichmann's chief defense counsel, that an Israeli court was not competent to judge Nazi criminals. The former prosecutor, who has made a thorough study of the Eichmann case from the legal point of view, said Israel was not only entitled to try Eichmann but also had a moral right to do so.

Jacques Soustelle, former Cabinet member and organizer of the meeting, said the Eichmann trial was the prosecution of a particular ideology of racism and asserted Egypt was the "last refuge" of racists and anti-Semites. He called on the western democracies to do their utmost to support Israel which he called an island of democracy and fair play in a troubled Middle East.

ITALY ACTS TO PREVENT ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS DURING EICHMANN TRIAL

ROME, April 13. (JTA) -- Italian Interior Minister Mario Scelba gave assurances today that police authorities had been instructed to take special precautionary measures to prevent anti-Semitic incidents coinciding with the trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem.

The assurance was given by the official to Dr. Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and Renzo Levi, vice-president when the two Jewish leaders visited Mr. Scelba to invite him to attend the opening of the Union's Congress on April 30. The Minister said an official representative of the Government would attend the opening session.

The three men discussed the recent clashes between Jews and neo-Fascists in Rome and it was during this conversation that the Interior Minister promised that the police would watch for anti-Semitic developments.

A survey of the Italian press indicated today that all Italian newspapers were giving a heavy and sympathetic coverage to the Eichmann trial. The lone exception was the official organ of the neo-Fascist party, Secolo D'Italia, which has not printed a single line on the trial proceedings to date.

SWISS DIPLOMAT REFUSES TO APPEAR AS DEFENSE WITNESS FOR EICHMANN

VIENNA, April 13. (JTA) -- A Swiss diplomat now serving in Austria, who managed to provide diplomatic protection for 50,000 Hungarian Jews marked by Adolf Eichmann for the gas chambers, refused today a defense counsel request to appear as a witness for the Nazi in his trial in Jerusalem.

The diplomat is Charles Lutz, now Swiss Consul General in Bregenz who served from 1939 to 1940 as Swiss Consul General in Jerusalem. When Eichmann came to Budapest in 1942, the Swiss official intervened for the 50,000 Jews, most of whom survived the Nazi holocaust and emigrated to other countries, including Israel.

The diplomat later was invited to visit Israel where a street in Haifa now bears his name. Hundreds of Hungarian Jews who survived the Nazi era because of the diplomat's intervention lined the streets when he visited Israel.

MOSCOW PRESS AND RADIO GIVE SCANT COVERAGE OF EICHMANN TRIAL

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Radio Liberty reported today that Soviet news media thus far devoted relatively little attention to the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Israel. Tuesday's issue of Pravda did not mention the trial at all. And Monday's Pravda merely published a Tass dispatch from Tel Aviv, reporting the conference of the Fighters Against Nazism, which had demanded that "the Eichmann trial must become a trial of nazism."

Radio-Liberty also noted that Soviet reports and broadcasts are avoiding--wherever possible--the words "Jews" and "anti-Semitism." These terms did not appear in the above-cited Pravda reports. Neither did they appear in the Izvestia account of the trial on April 11. As had earlier Radio Moscow commentaries, the recent published reports refer instead to the millions of "people" from "various European countries" who were murdered on the orders of Eichmann.

MOROCCAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR, PROTECTOR OF JEWS, DIES; BLOW TO JEWRY

RABAT, April 13. (JTA) -- Embarek Bekkai, Morocco's Minister of the Interior who had been a consistent protector of Moroccan Jewry, died here last night. His death is considered a hard blow to Moroccan Jewry which had been able to depend on his benevolence and his aid.

The Minister, who was a French Army officer when Morocco was a French colony, had given reassurances to Jewish organizations in other countries before Morocco obtained independence concerning his friendly attitude.

Earlier this year, he had been one of a small group of Moroccan officials who had interceded with the late King Mohammed V to alleviate a sudden worsening of the Moroccan Jewish community touched off by the visit to Casablanca in January of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

ITALIAN DEFENSE MINISTER APOLOGIZES TO JEWS FOR ANTI-JEWISH ARTICLES

ROME, April 13. (JTA) -- A representative of Italian Defense Minister Giulio Andreotti who is also editor of a magazine in which two anti-Jewish articles have appeared, gave assurances today the magazine was willing to publish replies prepared by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities to rectify the "mistakes" in the articles.

The representative, the Minister's secretary, gave the assurance in a call on Dr. Sergio Piperno, president of the Union. The secretary expressed regret about the articles and asserted they were not inspired by evil intentions. One of the articles in the periodical, "Noncreteness," revived the notorious "Protocols of Zion," accused Italian Jews of preferring "parasitic professions" and of being "obstinately against assimilation" with their fellow-Italians.

The call followed a meeting between Premier Amintore Fanfani and a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent who brought to the Premier's attention the stiff protest lodged with the Defense Minister about the articles. The Premier promised to discuss directly with the Defense Minister the Jewish complaints and stressed his deep belief in the need to discourage and ban all forms of prejudice, discrimination and intolerance to safeguard the democratic way of life.

GERMAN WORKERS MARCH IN PROTEST AGAINST APPEARANCE OF SWASTIKAS

BONN, April 13. (JTA) -- A rash of swastikas and insignia of the Nazi SS Elite Guard, which appeared on numerous buildings the night before the trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann opened in Jerusalem in the Rhineland industrial city, Wermelskirchen, prompted a workers' protest march yesterday.

Thousands of workers joined in the march organized by the German Labor Federation. The Wermelskirchen incidents were the first of that kind since the trial opened Tuesday. Two masons, one 25 and the other 30, were arrested shortly after Wermelskirchen police sent patrol cars around bearing loudspeakers through which townspeople were asked to help find the vandals.

Authorities in Bonn were reported as hoping the incidents in the Rhineland town were not a forerunner of a countrywide outburst of such reactions to the Eichmann trial.

POLICE GUARD JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN BRAZIL AGAINST INCIDENTS

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 13. (JTA) -- Police in a number of Brazilian cities kept watch today in Jewish institutions and synagogues although no anti-Jewish incidents developed from the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem. Jewish families in several cities had received threatening letters, warning of "reprisals" for the trial.

Entire Brazilian press gave headline coverage to the trial. Some of the newspapers demanded the death penalty for the Nazi but others asserted that life imprisonment would be more fitting.

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR REBUKES PUBLICATION FOR TERMING EICHMANN TRIAL 'HOAX'

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 13. (JTA) -- Governor Orval Faubus today attacked the National States' Rights Party, which nominated him for the U.S. Presidency in 1960, for its defense of Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann. Governor Faubus said the party's newspaper, "The Thunderbolt," was "ridiculous" in terming the Eichmann trial "a giant propaganda hoax."

The Arkansas Governor said he had first hand experiences with Nazi atrocities during World War II when he served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. 35th Infantry Division. He said he could personally testify that the Germans burned innocent victims to death. He added that the atrocities of which Eichmann stands accused in Israel were no "hoax" and that his own unit had viewed the evidence of Eichmann's crimes. Governor Faubus termed the defenders of Eichmann in Arkansas "misguided fools or deliberate liars."

NEW YORK CITY TO CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 13TH ANNIVERSARY AT CITY HALL

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Israel's 13th anniversary of independence will be marked here next Thursday by ceremonies on the steps of New York's City Hall when Mayor Robert F. Wagner will read an official proclamation on the occasion, it was announced today. Also participating in the ceremony will be Israel's Consul General in New York, Dr. Binyamin Eliav, who will respond to the proclamation on behalf of the Israel Government.

A message from President John F. Kennedy will be read by Abe Stark, president of the City Council, who will also address the gathering. Greetings from Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will be read by Dr. Eliav. Other participants in the ceremony will include Rabbi Harry Halpern, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, the Very Rev. Monsignor Timothy J. Flynn of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York and the Rev. Dan M. Potter, executive director of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

Israeli folk singer Yaffa Yarkoni will also take part in the event which will be attended by members of Israel's United Nations delegations, city officials, leaders of the American Jewish community as well as hundreds of students of Jewish day schools throughout the New York area.

A highlight of the celebration will be an exchange of gifts between the State of Israel and the City of New York in which a Bar Mitzvah boy and girl from New York and a Bar Mitzvah boy and girl from Israel will take part to commemorate Israel's "Bar Mitzvah Year." A massing of flags will be carried out by New York City's Fire Department color guard. Ushers will be provided by the Jewish War Veterans and the Municipal Lodge of the B'nai B'rith.

In his official proclamation marking Israel Independence Day, Mayor Wagner lauds Israel for her achievements in opening up "new vistas of hope and prosperity for the entire Middle East" and for her role as a "bulwark of democracy for the free world against expansion by aggressors."

Gov. Rockefeller Proclaims Independence Day in N. Y. State

ALBANY, N. Y., April 13. (JTA) -- Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller issued a proclamation today designating next Thursday as Israel Independence Day in New York State. In his statement, the Governor cited the bond of friendship between the United States and Israel and "the mutual regard for the rule of law rather than of man, a precept which we have from the oldest tradition of Jewish culture and custom."

Governor Rockefeller lauded Israel's efforts in settling hundreds of thousands of immigrants within her borders where "the dispossessed found the dignity and the chance of self-realization which millions of immigrants have found in the United States of America."

SO. AFRICAN JEWISH BODIES ADOPT SWEEPING PROPOSALS ON JEWISH EDUCATION

JOHANNESBURG, April 13. (JTA) -- Sweeping recommendations to finance Hebrew education and to meet the imperiled budget of the South African Jewish community for Jewish education were contained in the report of a special commission released today.

The commission was established in 1960 under the chairmanship of Judge Simon Kuper. It includes representatives of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, the Zionist Federation and the Board of Jewish Education.

The commission recommended that the Jewish Agency should be asked to allow the Israel United Appeal to finance the 500,000-pound capital program of Jewish day schools in South Africa and that the buildings should belong to the Agency until they were either redeemed or sold.

The commission also proposed that the Board of Deputies and the Zionist Federation reduce present expenditures on youth work to provide more money for Hebrew education and that the Zionist Federation should take over fund-raising for the Board of Education which currently runs its own campaigns.

The commission estimated its recommendations could save the Board of Education 23,000 pounds out of a 126,000-pound annual budget and that the balance in the board's deficit could be financed through the subsidy which the Board of Education received from the United Communal Fund and through continuation of the present education fund campaign.

The Zionist Federation at the same time released a statement saying that the report had been discussed at a lengthy federation meeting which was attended by representatives from various South African provinces and that the meeting decided to refer the report to the next South African Zionist Conference in August.

BRITISH JEWS SEND DELEGATION TO WARSAW TO GHETTO ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- Two Members of Parliament will be among a party of 20 Jews to carry out a pilgrimage to Poland this month for the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in which 50,000 Jews perished 18 years ago. The Parliamentary Deputies, who will lay a wreath on the Warsaw Memorial for the Jewish martyrs, are Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Michael Cliffe.