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AMERICAN JEWISH SCHOLAR TESTIFIES AT EICHMANN TRIAL ON NAZI ATROCITIES

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- An American expert in Jewish history, testifying as a witness at the trial of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi leader charged with directing the annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe, today told the court that the Nazi atrocities against Jews were unprecedented in all of civilized history.

"Nothing like this had happened even in the Middle Ages," said Dr. Salo W. Baron, professor of Jewish History at Columbia University. He emphasized that the Nazis wiped out "overnight" the achievements of full emancipation reached by the Jews in Europe as a result of 200 years of struggle for equal rights.

Unfolding a map of Europe, and tracing the march of nazism from 1938 on, over various European countries, Dr. Baron showed where Jews were mass-murdered in cold blood. He told the court that, if not for the holocaust, there would have been 20,000,000 Jews today throughout the world, with slightly more than half of them living in Europe. In Poland alone, where there are now only about 30,000 Jews, there were 3,300,000 before the Nazis started sending Jews to the gas chambers, he said.

The American Jewish scholar turned the court room into a college classroom as he recited the history of European Jewry, showing that, despite oppressions and persecutions over the centuries, the Jewish communities in Europe had made vast contributions to learning in all fields until "the Nazi movement set the clock back."

Professor Baron stigmatized the Nazi regime as a system that made anti-Semitism the official policy of a Government based on the new thesis of racial and biological anti-Semitism. "The Nuremberg Laws of 1935 introduced new elements, turning back the clock of history," he said. "The Crystal Night destruction of Jewish property and synagogues in 1938 was conducted by the official Nazi apparatus itself. Even in the Middle Ages, Jews could retain some sort of order, could enjoy some rights, even if those rights were restricted. But under the Nazi regime, the Jews became a classless society."

Cross-Examined by Eichmann's Lawyer on Differences in Anti-Semitism

Under cross-examination by Dr. Robert Servatius, chief defense counsel, Dr. Baron dwelt on major differences between age-old anti-Semitism and the Nazi-type of anti-Jewish persecution. "In ancient times," said the American scholar, "the anti-Semitic scourge was religious. But in modern times it was simply what the sociologist calls 'dislike of the unlike,' the hatred of something different."

"There are many other reasons, rational and irrational," said Professor Baron, "but one fundamental difference between the millenia of anti-Semitism and the manifestations of the Nazi-era is this: Never, not even during the many pogroms, did anti-Semitism result in mass-murder and genocide."

Judge Binyamin Halevi asked Dr. Baron about the influence upon anti-Semitism of the notorious falsehoods, embraced in the so-called "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." The scholar outlined the history of this falsification, detailing its origin in Czarist Russia. "But only after World War-One," he said, "was it translated into many languages, becoming a major weapon of anti-Semitism."

Following Dr. Baron's testimony, Attorney General Hausner entered into evidence various documents intended to prove Eichmann's self-preparation for his role as a "Jewish expert" under the Nazi regime. One document showed Eichmann had filed an expense account for paying tuition to a rabbi from whom he learned Hebrew.

Another document was a recommendation by one of his superior officers, who praised Eichmann for his "exemplary initiative in the removal of Austrian Jews, thanks to which tremendously valuable assets were transferred to the Reich."

Prior to Dr. Baron's testimony, the court heard Israel's Chief Police Inspector Avner Less, who stated that no influence was exerted on Eichmann before or during the seven months of police interrogation. The Police Inspector told the court that Eichmann was given "free rein to relate his version of the events that transpired during the Nazi regime, and his role in those events." He added that Eichmann "was not prompted as to what he should say or what he wanted to withhold."

In his tape-recorded statement during the police interrogation Eichmann has alleged that he was kept chained to a bed for eight days after his abduction in Buenos Aires last May. "I would have been ready to say anything, so I would be left in peace," he told police.

MILITARY EXPERT, HELD AS SPY IN ISRAEL, ADMITS HE WAS AN IMPOSTOR

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- Israel Beer, the military analyst under arrest here for alleged espionage on behalf of a Communist country, admitted today that he was never a participant in the Spanish Civil War, and that he had never been a member of the Socialist Self Defense Corps under the Dollfuss regime of Austria.

Until now, he had claimed both these connections, giving himself credit for having a personal military background. Some Israelis who were familiar with both the Socialist "Schutzbund" in Vienna and with the Loyalist Spaniards who fought against Franco, had doubted Beer's claimed "military" background.

Today, Beer's attorney here said his client admitted to both "exaggerations." The lawyer quoted Beer as saying he had only "given the impression" of past military activities when he analyzed military history. According to the attorney, Beer still insists he told the truth when he claimed having earned a doctorate of philosophy at the University of Vienna.

20 JEWS ARRESTED IN MOROCCO; CHARGED WITH SEEKING TO GO TO ISRAEL

CASABLANCA, April 24. (JTA) -- Twenty Jews allegedly trying to emigrate to Israel were arrested by Moroccan police, April 15, at Melilla, in Northern Morocco, according to a report printed here today by Al Alam, the newspaper organ of the Istiqlal Party.

The paper demanded that the Government take "severe measures to punish the guilty," and that Morocco prosecute "the leaders of Zionism." Al Alam also stated that the leader of the arrested group of Jews had escaped arrest.

JEWISH GROUPS IN PARIS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO DE GAULLE AGAINST REBELS

PARIS, April 24. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish organizations, as well as the Movement Against Racism and Anti-Semitism and the Organization of Deportees, announced pledges today to help defend France against the French rebels in Algeria threatening the de Gaulle Government in Paris.

The organizations held emergency meetings and called upon all their members and supporters to oppose "by all means" the threatened invasion of Metropolitan France. Many Jews also joined the voluntary militia organized here last night and today to help regular militia and police forces defend Paris if necessary.

NEW LIBERAL PARTY IN ISRAEL OPENS INAUGURAL CONVENTION TODAY

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- The inaugural convention of the newly formed Liberal party will open here tomorrow night. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who will be the main speaker at the convention, today joined Progressive and General Zionist leaders in signing a call to the Israeli public to join the new party.

The call, which was published in all morning papers, was signed by a large and impressive list of industrialists, bankers, professors of the Hebrew University and of the Technion, Israel's top medical experts, writers, teachers and engineers.

The Zionist Actions Committee will open a four-day session here on Wednesday. It will elect a new Jewish Agency executive as instructed by the last World Zionist Congress. During the last Congress, the parties failed to reach agreement on the composition of the new executive.

ANTI-SEMITIC SCHOOL TEACHER IN ENGLAND PLACED UNDER INVESTIGATION

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- With parents, teachers and school officials expressing views ranging from protests to embarrassment, the City of Coventry showed considerable excitement today, having discovered that a Coventry school teacher is one of the notable organizers for the neo fascist, anti-Semitic British National party.

The teacher, Colin Jordan, was one of eight anti-Semites fined in a London court last week for participation in an anti-Semitic demonstration. Seven other members of the British National party had been arrested with Jordan, and fined, after picketing a Warsaw Ghetto commemorative service held here at the Princess Theatre. The pickets displayed banners of a violently anti-Semitic nature.

A parents' group in Coventry has demanded Jordan's dismissal from the school system, and the Coventry School Board has appointed a special subcommittee to probe the charges against the man. The Coventry Teachers Association issued a statement today, declaring it is "ready to jump in" if it is found that Jordan introduces anti-Semitism into a classroom. The Coventry superintendent of schools said today the board is "embarrassed" by Jordan's activities and is watching his work carefully.

EAST GERMANY DEDICATES MEMORIAL AT SITE OF SACHSENHAUSEN NAZI CAMP

BERLIN, April 24. (JTA) -- East Germany yesterday dedicated an impressive memorial to victims of nazism at the site of the old Sachsenhausen concentration camp, where at least 100,000 Jews and other victims of nazism perished during the war. A simple structure marks the place where the crematoria had been located, and a triangular obelisk rises above the huts where the martyrs had been packed prior to their deaths.

215 JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS IN U. S. REPORT \$204, 000, 000 INCOME

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- More than \$204, 000, 000 was received by 215 Jewish family service and child care institutions, home for aged and hospitals in the United States in 1959, it was reported here today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Of that amount nearly \$36, 000, 000 came from Jewish and non-sectarian philanthropic sources; \$18, 900, 000 from Jewish federations and welfare funds and \$6, 900, 000 from community chests and \$10, 177, 000 from auxiliaries and individuals. The greatest source of income, \$142, 944, 000 was payments for services by the persons receiving them. Public tax funds accounted for \$17, 276, 400. The remaining income, about \$8, 000, 000, came from interest on reserves, investments and miscellaneous sources.

Seventy of the 215 agencies covered by the report are family service agencies. These reported income of \$9, 466, 000 of which over 51 percent came from Jewish federations. Only five percent, \$470, 000 came from payments for service by the persons served. Sixty-four homes for the aged derived the bulk of their income, 73. 7 percent, or \$16, 400, 000, from payments for service.

Sixty-five hospitals and clinics also reported that more than three-quarters of their income, \$125, 000, 000, came from payments for service. Although federation support was small by percentage, 5. 5 percent, the dollar figure reached almost \$9, 000, 000.

Child care agencies received the largest share of their income, 42. 6 percent (\$4, 200, 000 reported by 16 agencies), from public tax funds; 29 percent, almost \$3, 000, 000 came from federations and only 7. 5 percent or \$740, 000 from clients' fees.

Only among the family agencies was income from community chests a sizeable factor, 30. 8 percent or \$2, 900, 000. The non-sectarian community funds accounted for 7. 4 percent of income of child care agencies, \$734, 000; 3. 5 percent for homes for the aged, or \$780, 000; and 1. 5 percent of hospital income \$2, 451, 000.

15, 000 Jews Reported Residing in Jewish Homes for Aged

Seventy-six homes for the aged provided 4, 200 days' care for 15, 000 residents; the year-end census was slightly under 12, 000, an increase of about 200 over the year before. The number of beds available in the 76 homes was almost 12, 500 and utilization averaged over 93 percent throughout the year.

A total of 74 Jewish hospitals reported more than 5, 500, 000 days' care provided for over 540, 000 patients during 1959. There were 16, 396 beds available for adults and children and these had an average utilization rate of 85. 4 percent. More than a quarter of the total days' care were free.

Eighty-one family service agencies reported a total of 53, 872 active cases during the year. Of these, 2, 500, or less than five percent, received financial aid amounting to \$2, 243, 000. The bulk of the service was counseling on family problems. New arrivals to this country accounted for slightly more than 1, 800 of the total caseload. In addition to relocation and vocational aid, the immigrants received over \$500, 000 in financial aid. Financial aid to transients amounted to almost \$24, 000 during the same period.

Fifty-five Jewish child care agencies reported a total of more than 7, 000 children under care during the year and a year-end caseload of 4, 169. Of these, 1, 669, or 40 percent, were living in foster homes; 1, 105, or 27 percent, were under care in agency institutions; and 967, or 23 percent, were treated while residing in their own homes or in the homes of relatives.

'AMERICAN JEWS AND THE CIVIL WAR' EXHIBIT OPENED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Bertram Korn of Philadelphia, a noted Jewish historian, declared here today that the Civil War was "one of the crucial experiences in the development of American Jewish life." He said that when the war began about two-thirds of the Nation's 160, 000 Jews were immigrants of the previous decade. "Barely come to these shores, hardly adjusted to the new life, they were rapidly Americanized in the pressure-cooker of the fratricidal conflict," Dr. Korn stated. He addressed the opening here of a B'nai B'rith exhibit, "American Jewry and the Civil War."

The exhibit, containing several hundred rare items, depicts the outstanding Jewish soldiers and statesmen who played historic roles in the struggle and Jewish leaders who had close relationships with Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Lee and Grant. Participating in the opening ceremonies, attended by 350 persons, were Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas, a member of the U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission.

GENERAL ZIONISTS AND PROGRESSIVES MERGE IN MEXICO INTO UNITED PARTY

MEXICO CITY, April 24. (JTA) -- The merger of the General Zionists and the Progressive party in Mexico into a united organization was announced here today. The merged group telegraphed an appeal to the two competing Confederations of General Zionists urging them to unite into one central body.

JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN MEXICO GUARDED AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

MEXICO CITY, April 24. (JTA) -- Jewish schools, synagogues and other institutions were taking steps today to safeguard their property against any possible anti-Semitic incidents while the trial of Nazi war-criminal Adolf Eichmann is in progress in Jerusalem, following the discovery of anti-Jewish inscriptions, including the slogan "Long Live Eichmann" on the walls of the Nidchei Israel synagogue here.

The Mexican press reaction to the trial has generally been favorable to Jewish interests with reports by most papers detailing accounts of Eichmann's war crimes against the Jews and against humanity. One paper, the daily Excelsior, is publishing trial reports by its own correspondent Carlos Denegri, who is currently in Israel for his second visit.

MEXICAN CORPORATION VOTES \$2,500,000 TEN-YEAR LOAN TO TEL AVIV CITY

PANAMA CITY, April 24. (JTA) -- The Yesur Investment Corporation, a Mexican firm incorporated here, conducting the Yesur Mortgage Bank at Tel Aviv, Israel, today voted a \$2,500,000 10-year loan to the Municipality of Tel Aviv.

The directors of the corporation, holding their annual meeting here, also declared a 30 percent dividend, of which 10 percent is payable in cash, and the remainder in corporation stock. The directors also offered a \$50,000 bonus to the chairman of the board, Elias Sourasky of Mexico. However, he declined to accept the bonus.

The board heard a report from Sourasky that the bank, established only 18 months ago, had loaned \$500,000 to the Municipality of Ramat Gan, in Israel, and had also issued "thousands" of loans to individual Israelis for the construction of new housing. The loan to Tel Aviv, however, is the largest single transaction issued by the bank so far.

Mr. Sourasky is a Jewish philanthropist and Zionist leader of Mexico. He founded the mortgage bank as a memorial to a son, Yaacov Sourasky, who died several years ago. The Israeli Government cooperates with the activities of the bank, whose prime purpose is the aiding of the construction of new housing in Israel.

CELEBRATIONS OF ISRAEL'S 13TH ANNIVERSARY CONTINUE IN MANY LANDS

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 24. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 Brazilians, many of them non-Jews, attended special Israel Independence Day ceremonies here yesterday, cheering a message to Israel by President Janio Quadros, and applauding addresses by Foreign Minister Afonso Arinos and Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. The meeting had been arranged by United Zionist Organization of Brazil. Carlos Lacerda, governor of the State of Guanabara, the province embracing this city, presided.

In his special message, President Quadros said Israel is the "defender of legitimate democratic principles" in the Middle East. The President expressed the hope that Israel "would continue to remain the bastion of democracy in the Middle East, alongside the other free countries in the Orient."

OTTAWA, April 24. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Yaacov Herzog told a meeting of the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club that the world could take courage from Israel's history. He said Israel was celebrating her 13th anniversary today in a spirit of "gratitude to a merciful providence."

MONTREAL, April 24. (JTA) -- Representatives of various international bodies, members of the Consular Corps and leaders of the Canadian Jewish community were among the more than 700 persons who attended a reception at the Israeli Consulate General marking the 13th anniversary of the founding of the State. Israeli Consul General P. Eliav addressed the guests. Extensive space in the local press was devoted to the anniversary.

SYDNEY, Australia, April 24. (JTA) -- Israel's former Chief of Staff, General Chaim Laskov, participated in ceremonies here marking Israel's 13th anniversary. At an Israel Appeal dinner last night, at which 38,000 pounds were raised, General Laskov said that Israel must match Nasser's quantitative rearming with qualitative preparedness. Independence Day receptions were tendered today by Israel Minister Moshe Yuval in Canberra and at the Consulate General here.

ACCRA, Ghana, April 24. (JTA) -- President Kwame Nkrumah was among the guests attending a reception here marking Israel's 13th anniversary. Israel Ambassador Moshe Bitan said at the reception that Israel considered it a privilege to share with Ghana some of its own experiences in nation building, particularly in the social and economic fields.

COLOGNE, April 24. (JTA) -- A reception in honor of Israel's 13th anniversary, was given by the Israel Mission here. Government officials, members of the various political parties and officers of the West German Army, attended.