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### BERLIN JEWISH LEADERS TESTIFY ON EICHMANN BARBARITIES AT TRIAL

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- The barbaric role which Adolf Eichmann, former Gestapo leader now on trial here, played in directing the annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews in Nazi Europe was described in court here today by three prosecution witnesses, two of whom met Eichmann before World War II when he was already in charge of the Gestapo's Jewish Bureau.

The two witnesses who faced Eichmann then were Dr. Benno Cohen, a leader of the Berlin Jewish community during the rise of the Nazis and now a lawyer in Tel Aviv, and Aharon Lindenstrauss, a German Zionist leader. Dr. Cohen described the development of Nazi anti-Jewish legislation, confiscation of Jewish property and the mass expulsion of Jews from Germany. He recalled the Nazi book-burning and other savage acts perpetrated by the Nazis.

Mr. Lindenstrauss described the Berlin pogrom of 1938. He reported on a meeting with Eichmann at which Eichmann, using the crudest threatening language, demanded that the departure of Jews from Germany be speeded up and warned if the Jewish leadership did not comply, "you know what your fate will be."

Dr. Cohen said in his testimony that the notification most Jewish women received from the Gestapo after their husbands had been arrested and taken to concentration camps was a message: "Your husband died of a heart attack. We are sending you an urn of ashes. Pay a remittance of three and a half marks." The one-time Berlin Jewish leader said that such arrests, usually of rabbis, Jewish leaders and businessmen, began as far back as 1933, the year Hitler came to power.

Describing his meetings in Berlin with Eichmann, Dr. Cohen said at some of the meetings, Eichmann threatened to send Jewish leaders to "concert lager," a term used by Eichmann and other Gestapo officials "jokingly" as a reference to concentration lager or camps. He added that Eichmann used language he was not prepared to repeat in court.

Dr. Cohen outlined the picture of persecution, joblessness and despair which engulfed German Jewry as World War II approached and with it a steady drop in chances to emigrate. He said that initially, British authorities provided a "fairly large" number of certificates for migration to Palestine but that following the Arab disturbances, the number of such certificates dwindled.

Dr. Robert Servatius, Eichmann's defense counsel, briefly cross-examined Mr. Cohen, trying to establish that Eichmann never actually implemented the threats he voiced against Jewish leaders.

### Witness Describes Night Expulsion of 12,000 Jews

A surprise witness at today's proceedings was Zindel Grynspan, 75-year-old father of Hershel Grynspan who assassinated Ernst von Rath, Nazi councillor of the German Embassy in Paris in 1938. The assassination gave the Nazi Government the excuse to organize pogroms on Jews during the night of November 10, 1938, including the carrying out of the notorious "Crystal Night" in which hundreds of synagogues throughout Germany were set afire. A fine of one billion marks--almost 400,000,000 dollars--was imposed on German Jewry.

Testifying in Yiddish, the elder Mr. Grynspan, a thin, frail little-man, recounted the Nazi nightmare of October 27, 1938, when he was one of 12,000 Polish-Jews who were rounded up by the Gestapo and driven out from Germany to a point at the Polish frontier. "They were whipping us," he said, "there was blood on the road. It was the first time I ever saw the wild barbarism of the Germans."

The witness outlined his life in Hanover, from his arrival from Poland in 1911 to October 1938 when the Polish-born Jews were driven from Germany. He described the sudden midnight arrests and detention and later the evacuation through streets thickly lined with Germans shouting "Jews to Palestine."

After being searched and stripped of any money over 10 marks, they were transported to the Polish frontier where surprised guards called their superiors to check the human avalanche. When the officers found that the Jews had documents testifying to their Polish nationality, they were allowed to enter, the witness said. The 12,000 hungry, desolate

Jews overwhelmed the frontier town of 40,000 and they were herded into barracks, stables and even latrines for lodging.

Eichmann was described at his trial today as "cold as ice in his attitude toward Jews, never showing any human feeling on the subject." This description of the former Gestapo colonel by his assistant, Dieter Wisliceny, also included a judgment that Eichmann was "cowardly and extremely cautious."

The statement by Wisliceny was made before the Nuremberg trials to an investigating officer, Smith W. Brockhart of the United States Army. Wisliceny was executed by Czechoslovakia as a war criminal. Mr. Hausner quoted from the Wisliceny statement as follows:

"Eichmann is very cynical in his attitude toward the Jewish question and once told me: 'I'll go laughing to my grave in the knowledge I've sent 5,000,000 Jews to death; this gives me a feeling of immense satisfaction.'"

In describing Eichmann's caution, Wisliceny was quoted as saying that "every action of his in these matters" was submitted to Gen. Reinhardt Heydrich, head of the Nazi security police, and later to Ernst Kantenbrunner, head of the German Main Security Office.

#### EICHMANN SHOWS SIGNS OF ANXIETY; LOSES HIS POSE OF ARROGANT BOREDOM

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- As the trial of Adolf Eichmann entered its third week today, the one-time Gestapo colonel was plainly showing the effects of the steady unfolding of evidence of the monstrous crimes charged against him.

Observers studying him through the glass of his enclosed dock felt he was a visibly changed man. He had clearly lost weight. There was an inch gap between his neck and his shirt collar. The suit which had fitted so well two weeks ago was sagging. His face was wan. The most striking change apparent to observers was more than physical. The earlier pose of arrogant boredom of a former Gestapo officer--whose stepmother was by Eichmann's testimony on talking terms with a countess--was no longer evident.

After the submission of some 200,000 words of argument and evidence, in addition to the 400 exhibits including a mountain of recorded tape representing 76 reels of his self-incriminating statement to Israeli police, Eichmann looked rather "nebish." Persons attending Eichmann's weekly physical examination yesterday, said he was greayer and "shrinking."

The testimony today could not have contributed toward improvement of his spirits. He glared with open hatred at Deputy Attorney General Jacob Baror when the latter took over the prosecution and presented the first material witnesses. It was felt most appropriate that Baror should be introducing some of the personalities of the Nazi holocaust because he was among those who read the writing on the wall and fled his native Frankfurt, a stronghold of Jewish orthodoxy and an established community dating back to the twelfth century.

The bearded, skullcapped attorney led his witnesses into their grim narratives with incisive directness. Whether Eichmann's unusual nervousness today was a sign he was beginning to break down was a subject of speculation among correspondents covering the trial. The consensus was that he had had a most uncomfortable day.

#### Nazi Leader Reveals He Met with Eichmann in Argentina in 1955

STOCKHOLM, April 25. (JTA) -- Johannes von Leers, notorious Nazi propagandist now working for the United Arab Republic in Cairo, revealed in a letter to the Swedish weekly, Veckojournalen, today, that he met in Argentina with Adolf Eichmann in 1955.

Von Leers stated that, when he met Eichmann at Buenos Aires, the Gestapo leader now on trial in Israel "refused to give me information about the number of Jews who died in the concentration camps." Von Leers denied he is a propagandist for the UAR Government, saying "I am not required to make Arabs hostile toward Israel." He said he is "a consistent enemy of political Judaism and world Zionism" and declared "many anti-Zionist Jews share this feeling."

#### Student Court in Brazil 'Sentences' Eichmann to Death

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 25. (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann was found guilty--yesterday of crimes against Jews and crimes against humanity, and sentenced to death--at a mock trial held by university students at Belo Horizonte, capital of the State of Minas Gerais. Alberto Pontes, deputy attorney general of the State, acted as "prosecutor" in the simulated trial.

(In Buenos Aires, two leading Argentine jurists declared on a television program their support for Israel's action in trying Eichmann. Dr. Jose Peco, author of the Argentine penal code, said the Eichmann trial was a necessity. Dr. Lima Quintana, fervent opponent of capital punishment, said Eichmann deserved the death penalty for the "monstrosity" of his crimes.)

#### HAMMARSKJOLD CONFERS WITH ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS ISSUES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 25. (JTA) -- Michael-S. Cornay, Israel's permanent representative here, and Gideon Rafael, who has been vice-chairman of the Israel delegation during the General Assembly that closed Saturday, conferred for an hour today with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. The conference, at the UN Chief's request, is understood to have been concerned with a general "tour d'horizon" of all United Nations questions.

### GESTAPO OFFICER GETS LIFE TERM IN GERMANY; KILLED JEWS IN POLAND

BONN, April 25. (JTA) -- The Mosbach court yesterday sentenced a former SS officer to a life term at hard labor on charges of murder and complicity in murder of Polish Jews during the war after rejecting his defense he had simply carried out orders of former Gestapo colonel Adolf Eichmann.

Franz Joseph Mueller, 50, who served as commandant of three camps for Jews at Cracow in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1942 and 1943, was judged guilty of killing 22 Jewish inmates, contributing to the murder of 58 others, four cases of homicide and assisting in the murder of five more inmates.

### NAZI LEADER CONFESSES PARTICIPATION IN MURDER OF 2,000 CRACOW JEWS

BOCHUM, April 25. (JTA) -- The Bochum prosecution office disclosed today that Heinrich Hamann, 54-year-old former SS leader, had confessed he ordered and participated in the execution of about 2,000 Jews near Cracow in Nazi-occupied Poland during the war.

He was also charged with ordering the deportation of about 15,000 Jews to extermination camps and of himself murdering "individual Jews in the most gruesome manner."

### FIVE GERMANS CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS IN LITHUANIA; PLEAD NOT GUILTY

FRANKFURT, April 25. (JTA) -- A West German physician and four other men were on trial here today on charges of responsibility for the deaths of 220 Jews in Lithuania in June 1941.

Dr. Werner Scheu, 51, of Bochum, and Karl Struve, 58, both former SS officers, were charged with ordering on their own initiative the shooting of Jews alleged to be unemployed. Otto Bastian, Wilhelm Schmidt and Friedrich Jagst were accused of participating in the murders without high authority. All pleaded not guilty to the charges.

### BERLIN TO PAY \$250,000 TO JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR NAZI-LOOTED PROPERTY

BERLIN, April 25. (JTA) -- An announcement that the West Berlin Senate has voted to pay to the Jewish community here 1,000,000 Deutschmarks (about \$250,000) for cultural objects seized from the Jewish community during the Nazi regime was made here last night by Senator Joachim Lipshitz.

Senator Lipshitz made the announcement at a meeting in the Jewish Community Center here, commemorating the martyrdom of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto who rebelled against the Nazis in 1943. In his address, Sen. Lipshitz also paid high tribute to 56 non-Jewish citizens of Berlin who helped Jews in this city during the Nazi regime.

### INTERNATIONAL JEWISH ASSEMBLY ADVOCATED AT CONVENTION OF U.S. RABBIS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., April 25. (JTA) -- The establishment of an International Jewish Assembly to act as spokesman for world Jewry, including the Jews in Israel, was urged here at the convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, central body of Conservative rabbis. The proposal was made by Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the organization.

"The world Jewish community," he said, "is today so splintered and truncated that leaders of other faiths do not know where to turn for official statements of Jewish opinion. We have, as it were, no address in the world." He suggested that the International Jewish Assembly be comprised of official representatives of all major groups of world Jewry--synagogal and lay, Zionist and non-Zionist--including Jewish groups in this country, Israel and all other countries abroad.

Rabbi Sandrow also appealed to the Soviet Union to permit representatives of the Synagogue Council of America to establish and maintain contact with Jews in the Soviet Union. He said a delegation of the Synagogue Council could carry "spiritual solace" as well as badly needed educational and religious materials to the Jews of Russia.

Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, at a dinner honoring his 60th birthday called for a renaissance of the role of the synagogue in the life of the Jewish people everywhere. "If Judaism and Jewish life are to experience a renaissance many of us believe in store for them, if we are to overcome the spiritually sterile impasse faced by the Zionist, the philanthropic and the self-defense movements--which have dominated Jewish life, there must be a return to the synagogue and to the siddur," he said.

Rabbi Arthur H. Hertzberg, of Englewood, N. J., said: "We must demand authenticity of ourselves and of our colleagues in the rabbinate. If our lay people need psychiatric advice, they can go to people with professional skills. We rabbis have one skill. We must immerse ourselves in study, for rabbis alone are masters of the Torah living by its precepts with honesty and devotion, and helping the Jewish community by our teaching and by our example."

At the night session, six rabbis were inducted into the National Beth Din, the Conservative movement's religious court, after having completed two years of post-graduate study at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

## EXCAVATED DOCUMENTS THROW LIGHT ON LEGAL SYSTEM IN BAR KOCHBA TIMES

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- President Izhak Ben-Zvi and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion attended today a gathering at which a formal report on the recent Dead Sea archaeological finds was presented to the members of the Cabinet and the Jewish Agency executive by the Hebrew University group which carried out the excavations. The report included the first showing of the more than 430 bronze, ivory and ebony relics dating back to the Chalcolithic period nearly 6,000 years ago.

The report disclosed the contents of ten of the 50 or 60 scrolls dating to the Bar Kochba period in the second century C. E., found in three bundles in the Dead Sea caves. All ten of the scrolls were legal documents concerning mainly the sale or lease of land. Three of the documents, written in elegant Mishnaic Hebrew, were lease contracts for land in the Ein Gedi area executed by Bar Kochba through an agent.

The legal expressions in the contracts shed important light on life in Mishnaic times and on the history of Jewish law. Names of some places, which were known but have never been geographically identified, were also mentioned in the contracts. The signature of a witness on one of the documents corresponded to the name of a person known from the Bar Kochba letters discovered last year. Other documents, written in Aramaic, also dealt with land transactions, while some concerned contracts relating to marriages or the guardianship of orphans.

The discovery may clarify discussions in the Talmud concerning the methods of tying and binding deeds and the validity of the witnesses' signatures. Some of the scrolls were found tied with a number of strings with the signature of a different witness alongside each string.

## DECEPTION DISCOVERED IN APPLICATION FOR ROCKWELL MEETING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- New York City officials opened an inquiry today in what appeared to be a disguised attempt to give George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the American Nazi party, a platform for a May Day address in Washington Square in New York City.

The "United Religions for a Better World" announced through its head, Sidney Lansing of Franklin, N. J., that it had been granted a Park Department permit last month for a rally and speeches on May 1 from 10 a. m. to noon. In a mimeographed announcement, Lansing said the permit had been obtained to provide a platform for Rockwell.

New York City officials, confirming issuance of the permit to Lansing, said that when he applied for the permit he said that he was opposed to Rockwell's Nazi movement and intended to speak against it at the rally. The officials noted that fraudulent or deceptive applications for permits to speak in public are subject to revocation.

Rockwell, informed of the permit and the Lansing announcement at his "headquarters" in Arlington, Va., said he had never heard of Lansing or his organization "but if I am invited to speak in Washington Square on May Day and the permit is legal, I'll be there." Lansing was identified as a chemist at a New Jersey plant until about a year ago. He said he now commutes daily to a job in New York.

## 56 AMBASSADORS ATTEND ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA) -- Fifty-six ambassadors and prominent personalities of the Administration came to the Mayflower Hotel as guests of Israel's Ambassador Avraham Harman to celebrate Israel's 13th anniversary. More than 1,000 guests were present when a 50-pound cake in blue-and-white colors decorated with menorahs and a huge star, was cut.

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson could not come because of the Cuban situation but Mrs. Johnson appeared. Secretary of Labor and Mrs. Arthur Goldberg also attended. The new African and Asian countries were represented in great numbers by their chiefs of mission. The Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov remained at the reception for a long time.

## \$1,000,000 RAISED AT OPENING OF JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 toward a national goal of \$6,100,000 was pledged last night at the Joint Defense Appeal's 20th anniversary dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria. The announcement was made by Harry Brandt, JDA campaign chairman.

The dinner inaugurated the Appeal's 1961 national campaign on behalf of the programs maintained by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. JDA is the sole fund-raising agency for both organizations. More than 1,100 civic and business leaders were present at the dinner.