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## VIENNA JEWISH LEADER TESTIFIES ON EICHMANN'S CRIMES IN AUSTRIA

JERUSALEM, April 26: (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann heard again today at his trial a first-hand recounting of his threats and terror tactics against European Jewish leaders during the Nazi period from one of the few who survived the former Gestapo colonel's extermination program.

Taking over from Chief Prosecutor Gideon Hausner, Assistant Attorney General Jacob Baror put on the stand as an unscheduled prosecution witness 71-year-old Moritz Fleischmann, who had been one of the leaders of the Viennese Jewish community until the eve of the German invasion of Poland.

Mr. Fleischmann was a member of the Vienna City Council and the only survivor among the six Viennese Jewish leaders who were summoned in 1939 by Eichmann to comply with directives for evacuation of Viennese Jewry. The tiny, shrunken one-time Jewish leader described the terror which engulfed the Jewish population when the Austrian people, particularly the Viennese, embraced nazism with unrestrained enthusiasm.

Looking directly at Eichmann in his bullet-proof dock, Mr. Fleischmann identified the defendant as the person who promised to make Austria "judenrein." The witness said Eichmann told the six-man delegation that he intended to solve the "Jewish problem" in the "quickest and most efficient manner possible."

The witness said Eichmann surprised the Jewish delegation by quoting an entire page from memory from a history of Zionism written by Dr. Adolf Boehm, a member of the delegation. Clearly aware of the historic impact of the dramatic confrontation, the witness recited crime after crime he attributed to Eichmann. He described several acts of brutality which he personally experienced at the hands of SS men.

### Tells of Pogroms and Mass-Deportations of Vienna Jews

The witness recalled that on a visit to a Jewish Community Center in Vienna, an SS-guard at the entrance forced him to wash the floor with a pail of liquid which turned out to be--when he put his hand into it to begin his chore--a kind of acid which burned him. While he was still on the floor, another SS bully dragged out the 70-year-old Chief Rabbi, Dr. Taglich, who was forced to wear a prayer shawl for the occasion and also forced to wash the floor with the same liquid.

Later came the familiar story of mass arrests and deportations of Jews to the Dachau concentration camp and the death notices to wives asking payment of 10 marks for delivery of their husbands' ashes. He listed by name several widows who showed him such notices.

He recalled with vivid detail a September pogrom when he happened to be in a Jewish community hospital. Suddenly at night, Jews with broken limbs and gaping bayonet wounds began to arrive and soon there was not even room on the floor for the victims.

There was open admiration during the three-and-a-half hours of testimony for the diminutive witness who eluded Eichmann's clutches by taking the last train from Vienna to Belgium and then on to London. Dr. Robert Servatius, Eichmann's chief defense counsel, waived cross-examination of Mr. Fleischmann.

### Eichmann Described as "A Rude Person Behaving Like A Ruler"

Dr. Franz Mayer, one of the last of the leaders of the Berlin Zionist Federation, was the next witness. He testified that he met Eichmann when he went with a group of other Berlin Jewish leaders ordered to proceed to Vienna to see the operation of the Jewish emigration office established by the Gestapo. Dr. Mayer said that the Eichmann he met then in Vienna was "a rude person behaving like a ruler having life and death power in his hands." The witness declined to repeat in court the obscenities used by Eichmann toward the Jewish leaders.

The leaders told Eichmann they opposed the establishment of such an emigration office in Berlin and a few weeks later Dr. Mayer was called before Eichmann in Berlin and told that the Gestapo had decided to establish a similar office in Berlin. Under that system, the witness said, a Jew entered as a free citizen with rights and property and emerged stateless and dispossessed, owning only an emigration passport stamped "Jude" without any

visas and with instructions to leave the country within two weeks or go to a concentration camp.

Dr. Servatius, Eichmann's lawyer, suggested to the court that a special Israeli investigator should go to West Germany and Austria to take testimony from former Nazis. The Attorney General, Hausner, said that in view of the political, legal and security problems, he wanted to study the proposal. The court decided to postpone a ruling on admissibility of the disputed depositions until the Attorney General gave a reply to Dr. Servatius' proposal.

#### LIBERAL PARTY IN ISRAEL HOLDS FOUNDING CONVENTION; TWO GROUPS MERGED

TEL AVIV, April 26. (JTA) -- The General Zionist Party and the Progressive Party here officially merged last night at the founding convention of the newly formed Liberal Party which comprises the two groups who, together, hold 14 of the 120 seats in the Israel Parliament for which new elections are scheduled to be held in August.

More than 3,000 persons attended the opening of the Liberal Party convention at the Mann Auditorium here. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, addressing the opening session, said he was speaking as "a friend of the liberal, and maybe in not too long a time a member of this party."

Dr. Goldmann emphasized that the division existing until now between the Progressives and General Zionists was "psychological and unnecessary." He expressed the hope that the merger might lead, further, to a fusion of the two Confederations of General Zionists now existing outside Israel. As "a friend and potential member," Dr. Goldmann stated, there was a need for "balancing the political forces in Israel." The new Liberal Party, he affirmed, "could become, sooner or later, the equal partner of the Mapai Party in leading the country."

Sharper anti-Mapai attitudes were expressed by Moshe Kol, chairman of the Progressive Party for the last 10 years, and by Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen, who represents the Progressives in the caretaker coalition government headed by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

Mr. Rosen called for "a balanced foreign policy and a responsible internal policy." Such policies, he maintained, "will do away with adventurism and cheap national demagoguery." He hit directly at the dominant Mapai Party by asserting that it "should pay in the elections the price of its weakness and internal failures."

Mr. Kol attacked the Mapai Party's "lasting monopolistic reign that entails exaggerated self-confidence by those at the wheel," accusing Mapai of having "undermined democratic principles." The Liberal Party, he said, will "inject new blood into Israel's political life." Mr. Kol also told the new party's inaugural rally: "We must expel from our midst the cold war between the blocs if we are to lessen the burden of armaments and invest in development and education."

#### U.S. ZIONISTS URGED AT ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO MERGE INTO CENTRAL BODY

JERUSALEM, April 26. (JTA) -- Former Premier Moshe Sharett today appealed to Zionists in the United States to "once and for all establish a central organization." The existing Zionist parties, he said, must show that they put their loyalty to Zionism above sectional and partisan interests. The present situation, he pointed out, encourages dodging of responsibility, since each party is busy with its own problems instead of with the future as a whole.

Mr. Sharett spoke at the opening session of the four-day meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee. In opening the meeting, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, announced that Mr. Sharett has accepted the post of chairman of the Jewish Agency executive. Dr. Goldmann said he was resigning the chairmanship, but will retain the presidency of the World Zionist Organization.

Dr. Goldmann presented to the various parties a proposal for distribution of portfolios for the new executive of the Jewish Agency which the Actions Committee is to elect. Several parties declined to give immediate approval to the list of candidates proposed by Dr. Goldmann.

#### MIDDLE EAST PEACE STILL REMOTE, LOURIE TELLS MEETING IN LONDON

LONDON, April 26. (JTA) -- Peace in the Middle East is still "unhappily far away," Arthur Lourie, Israel's Ambassador to Britain, declared last night at a meeting celebrating Israel's 13th anniversary.

The Ambassador said he had reached that conclusion from his recent service as acting head of the Israel delegation at the United Nations during the illness of Michael Comay, the permanent head of the delegation. The meeting was also the occasion for the celebration of completion of a project to plant a memorial forest in Israel to the late Countess Mountbatten.

## MOROCCAN RADIO PAYS WARM TRIBUTE TO JEWS; AVOIDS ANTI-JEWISH BROADCASTS

CASABLANCA, April 26. (JTA) -- The Moroccan National Radio today broadcast a program paying warm tribute to the Jews of Fez, the country's religious capital, for the manner in which they acclaimed the visit to that city of King Hassan. The monarch returned today from a visit to Fez.

At the same time, it became known, the Government radio, which is now avoiding the broadcast of anti-Semitic sentiments, refused to broadcast a communique from a group of Moroccan Jews who oppose the formation of a Council of Jewish Communities in this country. Those opposed to the establishment of the Council are being termed "assimilationists" by the Council proponents.

The showing of a film on an episode in the Sinai campaign of 1956 in a movie theatre here, resulted in a number of shouts of anti-Jewish remarks during the performance today. The shouts, however, did not result in any violent incidents among the Moslem patrons of the theatre.

## NEW RASH OF SWASTIKA-DAUBINGS REPORTED FROM WEST AND EAST GERMANY

BONN, April 26. (JTA) -- A new rash of swastika-daubings and other anti-Semitic manifestations has broken out in West Germany, in connection with the current trial of Adolf Eichmann, who is facing a court in Israel for his direction of the annihilation of 6,000,000 European Jews under the Nazi regime.

From Dusseldorf it was reported today that Nazi slogans and swastikas have been smeared on walls and on automobiles in the Dusseldorf suburb of Wermelkirchen. At Hamburg, 27 large cardboard swastikas were found last night on the lawn in front of the new synagogue there. Restaurants and other public buildings in various parts of Germany have been daubed with slogans proclaiming "Freedom for Eichmann" and "Heil Eichmann." Swastikas have also been found painted on the walls of a Christian church at Emmerich.

A first lieutenant of the East German people's police, who fled to asylum in West Berlin, declared today that anti-Semitic smearings occur now throughout East Germany and that in most cases the vandals are never found. The police officer, whose name was withheld, said that police in Eberswalde, an East German city near Berlin, investigated 34 smearing incidents recently and found the vandals in only four of the cases.

He said such smearings of swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans appear frequently on the walls of state-owned enterprises, buildings of state-trade organizations and even district administration buildings.

## JEWISH SCHOOLTEACHER IN ITALY FINED FOR OBJECTING TO TEXTBOOK

FLORENCE, April 26. (JTA) -- An Italian-Jewish secondary schoolteacher was given a one-month suspended sentence and fined 200,000 lire (\$325) after she was found guilty in a libel action filed by the publishers of a textbook she had charged was "apologetic" toward fascism.

The schoolteacher, Ada Dellatore, a former partisan and victim of fascist persecution during the Second World War, had addressed a letter to the publisher of a textbook used in her school, complaining that the book supplied a distorted interpretation of fascism which might appear to students as an apology for dictatorship forbidden by postwar Italian law. She also requested a revision of the misleading chapters. The publisher then filed a libel suit against the teacher.

In deciding on the case, the court ruled that the textbook did not contain an apology for fascism. The teacher announced that she would appeal the ruling to a higher court.

## RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY VOTES AGAINST FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., April 26. (JTA) -- After heated debate, the Rabbinical Assembly's 61st annual convention here, attended by more than 500 Conservative rabbis from all over the United States, today adopted a set of resolutions here, unanimously backing President Kennedy's program of federal aid to education and opposing federal grants in aid or loans to private or parochial schools.

In backing the Kennedy federal aid program, the Assembly declared it is opposed to "all attempts to make such aid contingent upon aid to private or parochial schools." The rabbis also reaffirmed their "traditional opposition" to federal grants in aid or loans to private or parochial schools.

At the same time, the convention adopted another resolution, calling upon the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds "to give badly needed support to Jewish parochial education."

## N. Y. CITY CLEARS UP MYSTERY OF PERMIT FOR MAY DAY RALLY WITH ROCKWELL

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- A New York City official said today that investigation had indicated that the group which received a permit for a May Day rally to present Nazi George Lincoln Rockwell wanted to expose the Rockwell movement and that the permit would not be canceled.

Sidney Lansing of Franklin, N. J., who applied for the permit as the leader of "United Religions for a Better World," announced Monday that the permit would be used to provide Rockwell with the right to be heard at Washington Square Monday between 10 a. m. and noon. Rockwell, informed at his home in Arlington, Va., about the proposal, said he had not been invited but that he would come to New York City if the permit was valid and if he was invited.

Lansing, reported by police to be a prolific letter-writer, continued his refusal to talk to reporters about his organization, the permit or the reasons for inviting Rockwell. However, both the Police Department and the Park Department said they were convinced the permit would not be used by Rockwell or for spreading the aims of his "American Nazi party."

## PALESTINE ENDOWMENT FUND REPORTS \$1,000,000 IN GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- Gifts and testamentary bequests totaling \$389,000 were received by Palestine Endowment Funds, Inc., New York, during the past fiscal year, bringing the aggregate funds at present to over \$1,000,000, it was announced by Robert Szold at a meeting of the board of trustees here.

The meeting elected Robert Szold, a founder of PEF in 1922 and its president for the past two decades, as chairman of PEF. Julius Weiss, hitherto vice-president, was elected president. Aaron Baroway, who has been treasurer of PEF for many years, was elected vice-president and treasurer. Mrs. Eli Ginzberg was elected secretary.

Palestine Endowment Funds, Inc., is a non-profit organization administered entirely by volunteers. It is a vehicle of personal giving devoted exclusively to charitable, scientific, educational and religious purposes in Israel. Contributions to PEF in the form of donations, bequests, and endowments over the past three decades have exceeded \$3,000,000. Among PEF's beneficiaries in Israel were medical and other scientific projects, hospitals, schools and universities, youth education, industrial development projects and many others.

## AMERICA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION TO HOLD BOARD MEETING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- A meeting of the board of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation in Israel, along with a tour of its Israel beneficiary agencies, will be held for a week opening September 23, it was announced here today by Samuel Rubin, president of the Foundation. It will be the first time that a Foundation board meeting has been held outside of the country.

The board meeting will be opened with major addresses by Moshe Sharett, former Israel Prime Minister and honorary chairman of the Israel board of the Foundation; Abba Eban, Israel Minister of Education and Culture, and Mr. Rubin. Pablo Casals and American Ambassador Walworth Barbour are also expected to address the opening session.

## U. S. WOMEN HOLD THREE-DAY PARLEY ON HIGH EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

PHILADELPHIA, April 26. (JTA) -- A three-day conference of the women's division of the American Friends of the Hebrew University on the status of higher education in Israel, the Middle East and Africa was closed here today with a ceremony marking the initiation of charter members into the division's new honor group, the "Society of the Book."

More than 700 persons attended the conference which was addressed by G. Mennen Williams, U. S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mrs. Michael Comay, wife of Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations, and others. Mrs. Comay praised the work of the Hebrew University in Israel and among new Asian-African nations.

## DR. SCHWARZBART, WORLD ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 72

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac I. Schwarzbart, world Zionist leader who for many years was an official of the World Jewish Congress, died this morning suddenly at his home here. Death of the 72-year-old Jewish leader was caused by a heart attack.

Born in Poland, he had served there as a member of the Polish Parliament until the Nazis occupied Warsaw. He was a member of the Polish Government in Exile from 1940 to 1945 and came to the United States in 1946. He had been a member of the Zionist Actions Committee since 1933 and founder of the World Union of General Zionists. He served as first president of the World Union.

Active in various Jewish organizations, Dr. Schwarzbart was also a member of the board of directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. His last act yesterday was the sending of a message of greetings to the convention of the newly formed Liberal Party in Israel which opened last night in Tel Aviv merging the General Zionists with the Progressive Party into one group. In this message he pointed out that he had advocated such a merger many years ago.