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WITNESS AT EICHMANN TRIAL TELLS OF NAZI ANNIHILATION OF 134,000 DUTCH JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA)—A Jewish teacher and leader of the Jewish youth movement in Holland today testified at the trial of Adolf Eichmann here how the Nazis deported tens of thousands of Jews from Holland to extermination camps, annihilating more than 134,000 Dutch Jews, including most members of his family. Only 6,000 of Holland's Jewry survived, he said.

The witness, Dr. Joseph Melkman, who is a survivor of the Bergen-Belsen camp, said that in Amsterdam and in a number of other Dutch towns general strikes were declared in protest against the Nazi measures against Jews. However, this did not discourage Nazi units from rounding up Jews and sending them to death camps.

Dr. Melkman described the frightful conditions in the Bergen Belsen camp, established near Hanover, which was originally set up for a few thousand inmates but which eventually held scores of thousands. In later stages, he testified, the only food was watery soup. The dead were lying on the streets, barracks holding 500 persons had a single latrine and that was usually broken, he said, adding that the Nazis would shut down the water supply for days at a time.

Says Tuesday Spelled Death to Dutch Jews; Reports Cannibalism

The witness testified that there were even cases of cannibalism among the hunger-crazed inmates. During the morning lineup, when totals of prisoners did not tally, the starving victims were kept standing in the snow for an entire day.

The witness described a group of Dutch Zionists who had certificates to go to Palestine and who were kept at a camp at Westerborg pending on exchange for Germans in Allied countries. He told how he had smuggled his own 18-month-old child to a Dutch Christian family and how, en route to Westerborg, the Melkmans took a baby of the same age from a Jewish woman who had no certificate and thus saved the baby.

He said the Jewish leaders of Westerborg received from the Germans weekly orders to prepare lists for deportation to Auschwitz. He recalled that each transport included a few score more than the quota since people died enroute and the Germans required that the exact quota of live victims be delivered to Auschwitz.

"Of all the horrible things I saw," the witness stated, "nothing was so horrible as the preparation of lists for deportation. The Judenrat, or Jewish leaders, received the required number on Saturdays and began preparing lists. On Monday nights, the barracks were closed down and at 3 a. m., the barracks commander read out the names of those who in effect had been sentenced to death by fellow Jews. These were herded into freight cars for Auschwitz the next day. To this very day, Tuesday morning is the worst day of the week for those of us who survived."

Tells How Dutch Christians Saved 4,000 Jewish Children

The witness said that Dutch Christians took in and saved about 4,000 Jewish children during the Nazi terror. Even the fate of the children thus saved was a hard one, Dr. Melkman testified, since they were compelled to remain in hiding in severely cramped quarters lest they betray their own presence and that of their benefactors. He told of one boy, found hiding after a long time, who was taken to Westerborg and who, told he could at last speak out, went yelling around the camp at the top of his lungs.

Dr. Melkman also testified that of 700 Jewish youths sent from Holland to the Mauthausen camp in Austria, only one survived. He said the Nazis themselves spread word that no one left Mauthausen alive to frighten Jews into compliance with their regulations the ultimate aim of which was to kill as many of them as possible. The prosecution submitted to the court photostats of documents, reports and letters which linked Eichmann with every phase of the actions against Dutch Jews in support of Dr. Melkman's testimony.

Before calling Dr. Melkman to the witness stand, Deputy Attorney General Gavriel Bach submitted further evidence of the transport of Belgium Jews to murder centers. One of the documents, from the Gestapo office in Brussels, included a report on anti-Jewish action "as

requested by the Reich security head office." In another document, the German Foreign Office replied to a query with a declaration that the local security office would decide the fate of Italian Jews in Belgium who were unable to return to Italy. Mr. Bach commented that this document showed who really decided the fate of Italian Jews in Belgium.

The assistant prosecutor then introduced documents dealing with the Holland debacle. One of them was a letter from the German Foreign Ministry to Gestapo Chief Heinrich Mueller which described the intervention of Sweden concerning 500 Dutch Jews who were sent to Germany and 400 of whom were slaughtered in one day. The Swedish Minister asked permission to visit the German camp but his request was rejected. The Foreign Ministry letter suggested that Dutch Jews should not be sent to Germany so that Sweden --which was then protecting Dutch interests in Germany-- would have no authority to intervene.

Court Hears How Denmark Defied the Nazis and Saved the Jews

The afternoon session in court was marked by testimony of how the entire population of gallant little Denmark came to the aid of the Jews against the Nazis there in spite of being occupied by the German Army. David Melchior son of Denmark's Chief Rabbi, told the court the story of how all of official Denmark, from the King on, risked its status with the Nazi occupying power by refusing to knuckle under to the Nazi racist laws and practices.

A pro-Nazi who tried to burn down a Copenhagen synagogue was arrested and sentenced to three year's imprisonment. When a second arsonist made an attempt to destroy the same synagogue, Jews were put on the Copenhagen police force as auxiliary police. Two Germans editing a newspaper published by the German occupation forces were arrested and fined for libeling Jewish merchants.

Finally, the Nazis, convinced that the Government would not back their racist edicts, ordered all Jews rounded up. At that point, under the direction of the King of Denmark, a flotilla of fishing smacks, yachts, trawlers, and even canoes was organized to evacuate the Jews to Sweden. Of 7,700 Jews in Denmark, all but 470 escaped through this operation. The Danish monarch himself, testified Mr. Melchior, sent representatives to Sweden to make certain that the escaped Danish Jews were cared for properly, and organized shipments of clothing, food and other necessities to the exiles in Sweden.

Many of the Danish resistance fighters and Danes who helped rescue Jews were rounded up by the Nazis after the Germans imposed military rule on Denmark in August, 1943, Mr. Melchior testified. "Many of them," he said, "were sent to Buchenwald, where they met the fate destined by the Nazis for the Jews."

Documents Show Italians Opposed Nazi Actions Against Jews

Several documents introduced in court today demonstrated that Italian civilian military authorities in southern France actively opposed the anti-Jewish actions and once they even used force when German authorities acted in Italian-occupied territory. According to one of the documents, Eichmann wrote directly to Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop, asking intervention with the Italian Government against such pro-Jewish activities.

Other documents showed that even the completely submissive Vichy regime opposed Nazi measures against French-born Jews and that Pierre Laval, the collaborationist head of the French regime, told the Germans he would not make French police available for the arrest of French-born Jews.

Another document was introduced as a typical order from Eichmann's office. The order advised that when a German policeman went out on a mission to arrest a particular Jew, he should also arrest the entire family as well as all nearby Jewish neighbors "to save gasoline."

Another report summed up the Nazi looting of French Jews. A total of 70,000 homes -- were sacked and 26,000 freight cars of movable property was shipped to Germany. The concern of Eichmann's office with everything relating to Jews was indicated in a complaint to the Foreign Ministry that in the independent principality of Lichtenstein, Jews not only remained but even visited restaurants.

NEO-FASCISTS BEATEN UP, DISSEMINATED RESOLUTION AGAINST EICHMANN TRIAL

ROME, May 10. (JTA) -- Three young men belonging to the rightist National Vanguard Movement were beaten by a group of unidentified persons today while they were entering the Foreign Press Club here to hand out to foreign newspapermen a resolution against the Eichmann trial now being held in Jerusalem.

The rightist group included a Tunisian, Mohammed Misellati and Bruno Di Luia, already known to police for having insulted and molested a Jewish salesgirl, Leda Efrati, during a recent neo-fascist incident. When police arrived to investigate the assailants had already fled.

PRESS ATTACHE OF SOVIET EMBASSY LEAVES ISRAEL; WILL NOT RETURN

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- The press attache at the Soviet embassy here, Vladimir Sokolow, left the country today after two years of service. He is not expected to return. Commenting on his departure, the evening daily Yediot Ahronot noted that during his stay in Israel, Sokolow revealed "great activity."

BONN REPORTED WILLING TO PAY \$60,000,000 FOR NAZI VICTIMS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, May 10. (JTA) -- The West German Cabinet, at a secret session, recently fixed the amount which West Germany will contribute to an Austrian Government fund for the payment of compensation to Austrian victims of the Nazi era, it was reported here today.

While the amount was a tightly guarded secret, diplomatic sources here estimated that the West German contribution will be about \$60,000,000. It was also reported that the West German Government had proposed as dates for final negotiations with Austria on the terms of the Bonn contribution either the 12th and 13th of June or the first days of July.

Austrian parties agreed in March, 15 years after Austria received its independence, on terms of the bill to provide some compensation to the surviving victims of nazism. The measure was made contingent on a West German contribution to a proposed fund for such payments.

GERMAN CITIES HONOR MEMORY OF ANNIHILATED JEWS; ISSUE MEMORIAL BOOKS

BONN, May 10. (JTA) -- The City of Hagen today issued a memorial book honoring the names of 600 Jews of Hagen who lived here prior to the launching of the Nazi program for the annihilation of the Jews. Only 20 Jews returned to Hagen since the war, and a new synagogue for the tiny Jewish community was consecrated there last fall.

Memorial books honoring the Jewish martyrs have been published recently at Hamburg, Cologne and Munich. Similar commemorative volumes are now in preparation at Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Mannheim.

BRAZIL DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF PRESENCE OF TOP NAZI LEADERS IN COUNTRY

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 10. (JTA) -- Brazilian authorities said today that they had no information to indicate that Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's deputy, or Dr. Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz physician who selected victims for the gas chambers, were in Brazil.

Dr. Gregorio Topolevsky, Argentina's former Ambassador to Israel, said at a press conference yesterday in Tel Aviv that both Bormann and Mengele had fled from Argentina to Brazil when they heard that Adolf Eichmann was captured last year. Dr. Topolevsky said later that he had no official information on the whereabouts of the two ex-Nazis and that he had gotten his information from Argentine newspapers.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS WITNESSES AGAINST TWO NAZI CAMP COMMANDERS

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Witnesses able to give testimony against a number of former Nazi war criminals are being sought by the World Jewish Congress, it was announced here today. Two of the ex-Nazis against whom evidence is being collected were officials of the Stutthof concentration camp. They are SS Obersturmfuehrer Otto Haupt, who is charged with murdering Stutthof inmates by administering benzine injections and SS Obersturmfuehrer Bernhardt Luedtke, charged with shooting inmates of the camp. Haupt has already been apprehended.

The WJC is also seeking witnesses against police sergeant Sturmman and other Nazi officials who committed crimes in Nowy Korczyn, Poland. Sturmman is accused of having killed many Jews including the son of a local rabbi in 1941-42.

RABBI MILLER CRITICIZES BEN GURION FOR ATTACKING THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Concern over Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's "continuing attacks on the Zionist movement" was expressed at a press conference here today by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, who just returned from Israel where he attended the recent meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee.

"In asking Zionists to foresake the hallowed term and to 'be Jews,' Mr. Ben-Gurion seems to have suddenly discovered Judaism," Rabbi Miller declared. "Surely he, more than many others, is aware how deeply rooted Zionism is in the religion, history and literature of Judaism."

Referring to Mr. Ben-Gurion's recent joint declaration with Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, Rabbi Miller said: "The Prime Minister rendered great harm to the vast majority of American Jews who believe that American Israel relationships can best be fostered by a representative American-Jewish body, such as the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations."

Asserting that Mr. Ben-Gurion "has already made an unparalleled niche for himself in Jewish history," Rabbi Miller expressed regret that the Premier had made no constructive contribution to the fostering of sound and fruitful Israel-Diaspora relationships. He stressed that in his recent attacks on the Zionist movement, the Premier did not speak for the Israel Government or people.

Rabbi Miller hailed the recent decision by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, to settle in Israel and assume leadership of the new Liberal party. He said Dr. Goldmann might succeed where Premier Ben-Gurion had failed.

GOLDA MEIR HONORED IN SWEDEN AT GOVERNMENT DINNER; GIVES ISRAEL'S VIEWS

STOCKHOLM, May 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, told a press conference here today that Israel was prepared to participate in a demilitarization of the Middle East area without waiting for the major powers to act for general demilitarization.

Mrs. Meir, who is in Sweden on an official visit, also said that Israel was engaged only in research into the peaceful uses of atomic energy and not in weapons research. She said that Israel was opposed in principle to all weapons and added that Israel was prepared to enter a peace agreement or even long-term non-aggression agreements with the Arab countries.

She expressed hope that Algeria would emerge as an independent state respecting the rights of others but added that Israel feared an independent Algeria would follow the paths of "a certain other neighbor," presumably a reference to Morocco.

Mrs. Meir said she regretted the fact that the SAS airline discontinued its flights to Israel in 1958 but declined to comment on the responsibility for the decision. She added Israel hoped the flights would be resumed. She also said that after July 1, Swedish citizens will not need a visa to visit Israel. Such visas will be issued to Swedish visitors without cost on their arrival.

The Israel Foreign Minister was honored with a Government dinner last night at which Foreign Minister Osten Unden declared that Israel's restoration was the answer to the attempts of the Nazis to obliterate the Jewish people from the earth. He told the dinner guests that many Swedes had returned from Israel full of admiration for the spirit shown by Israelis in building their state.

Mrs. Meir, as a guest of the city of Stockholm, today visited various welfare institutions in the city and was tendered a luncheon by Councillor Inga Thorsson. The guests included Mrs. Erlander, wife of the Premier, and leaders of all Swedish women's groups. Mrs. Thorsson described a visit to Israel and lauded Israel's achievements. Mrs. Meir said Israel's upbuilding would have been impossible without the active participation of women. Members of the Swedish Cabinet and Parliament and other leaders attended a reception given for Mrs. Meir by the Israel Ambassador tonight.

U. N. PALESTINE COMMISSION MEETS ON REPATRIATION OF ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 10. (JTA) -- The Palestine Conciliation Commission held a closed meeting here today, then issued a communique declaring that it was bringing up to date "its extensive working papers" on the question of repatriation and compensation of Arab refugees from Palestine. The communique made it clear that the step was being taken in response to prodding by a Moslem-sponsored, Arab-backed resolution adopted just before the last General Assembly closed, on April 21, in which the Assembly noted "with regret" that the P. C. C. "has not yet been able to report progress" on repatriation and compensation of the Arab refugees.

The commission also reported in its announcement that its land expert was making progress in identifying and evaluating Arab refugee immovable property holdings in Israel. Finally, the commission stated, it had given "preliminary consideration to other measures which might be taken under the General Assembly resolution," and declared that it would meet again soon. The commission is composed of the United States, France and Turkey.

TORAH SCROLLS FROM ARAB-HELD PART OF JERUSALEM BROUGHT TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- A number of Torah scrolls which were brought here by a tourist from the Jordanian-held Old City of Jerusalem were deposited today in Beit Eidut (House of Testimony) on Mount Zion at ceremonies marking the 13th anniversary of the capture by the Arab Legion of the Old City.

The tourist, whose name was not disclosed, was on a tour of the Old City. He visited there an Arab resident who had hidden the scrolls for several rabbis before the Jewish quarter of the city fell to the Arab Legion during the 1948 War of Liberation. The tourist succeeded in securing the scrolls and, packing them in a suitcase, brought them to Israel via Cyprus.

HEAD OF MOSCOW YESHIVA DEAD; WORKED AS ARTISAN TO MAKE A LIVING

PARIS, May 10. (JTA) -- Rabbi Shimon ben Eleazar Treblink, head of the Moscow Yeshiva, the only Jewish theological seminary in the Soviet Union, died at Moscow according to a Moscow report reaching here today.

A native of White Russia, Rabbi Treblink headed the yeshiva which numbers between 15 and 20 students. The post took only part of his time, and did not pay him sufficiently for his living needs, forcing him to hold a job as an artisan to eke out a living. According to the Moscow dispatch, hundreds of Jews attended Rabbi Treblink's funeral, and the scholar was eulogized during the services by Moscow's Chief Rabbi J. L. Lewin.