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### GERMAN CHURCH LEADER TESTIFIES AGAINST EICHMANN AT JERUSALEM TRIAL

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- The Reverend Dr. Heinrich Gruber, 69-year-old dean of the Lutheran Evangelical Church in Berlin, who tried futilely from 1939 to 1943 to save Jews from Adolf Eichmann's persecutions, told the Eichmann trial court here today that Eichmann was personally responsible for the actions against the Jews.

Dean Gruber, who was sent to two concentration camps himself after 1943, and was subjected to physical torture, told of his many meetings with Eichmann during a four-year period. Looking apologetically at the prisoner in the glass dock, the old German clergyman assured the court he was not seeking personal revenge.

Countless times, said Dean Gruber, he tried to help the Jews. But, he declared, "Eichmann never said 'yes' to anything. Always he said either 'no' or kept the question in the air. I had the impression," the Christian minister stated, "of a man who sat there like a block of ice or marble, not feeling anything at all. His name became a symbol oblivious to the call of justice and his own conscience."

Dean Gruber said that he, as well as other Christians and Jews in Berlin who tried desperately to aid the Jews, often wondered how Eichmann "knew so much" about Jewish holidays. "We trembled with our Jewish friends the night before every Jewish holiday," he testified. Special persecutions were always carried out on those holidays, he said.

Dean Gruber refused to describe his own sufferings, first at Sachsenhausen, where Eichmann had sent him, then at Dachau. Casually, he mentioned, that his teeth had been knocked out and that he had suffered a heart attack. But, he added quickly, "I don't want to talk about my sufferings, but about the sufferings of my Jewish friends."

He told the court how he increased his activities on behalf of the Jews, working with the late Chief Rabbi Leo Baeck of Berlin and with the Jewish community, after the Crystal Night pogroms carried out by the Nazis in November 1938. He described Nazi medical experiments upon Jews at Dachau, saying "many of my friends were used as guinea pigs" in experiments with cold-water endurance, the injection of malaria, and air injections.

Dr. Gruber told how, once, he narrowly escaped an ordeal of torture because he suffered a heart attack. He lay among the dead and, that afternoon, succeeded in saving one Jewish friend whom he found still breathing and whom he "sneaked off" to the hospital.

### Is Sharply Cross-Examined by Eichmann's Lawyer; Is Applauded

After hours on the witness stand, the clergyman was subjected to sharp, sometimes angry cross-examination by Dr. Robert Servatius, chief of Eichmann's defense counsel. Dr. Servatius tried to tangle the minister by picking up some of the terms Dean Gruber had employed, attempting to show semantic inconsistencies. When one such exchange failed to clarify matters to Dr. Servatius' satisfaction, he flared up at the witness by commenting: "If you cannot reply to my questions, just say so."

"If you will make it clear," replied the minister gently, "I'll try to answer. I am an old man and haven't your quick grasp." Spectators applauded. This was the first time such a demonstration had been staged in the courtroom. Presiding Justice Moshe Landau mildly upbraided the spectators, and there were no further outbursts.

Prior to calling Dean Gruber to the stand, Attorney General Hausner read into the court records statements from three former Nazi officers about the persecutions of Jews in Hungary under the Hitler regime.

One document introduced by Mr. Hausner showed that, at one time, Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, summoned Eichmann and reprimanded the colonel for flouting an order to halt the deportation of Hungarian Jews to annihilation camps.

The paper showed that Himmler had acted on a complaint filed by Col. Kurt Becher, the Nazi officer who, in 1944, headed the SS Economic Office at Budapest. It was Becher who had negotiated the infamous "trucks for lives" deal with the late Israel Kastner, a leader of Hungarian Jewry, under which Jews would have "paid" the Nazis trucks and other goods for their lives. While that deal was under way, the court was shown through documents, Eichmann double-crossed his own Nazi apparatus by smuggling 1,500 Hungarian Jews from a camp outside Budapest to the Auschwitz death factory.

Another document showed that SS General Hans Juetner, Himmler's chief adjutant, was "shocked" by anti-Jewish atrocities he witnessed and by the death march of the Hungarian

Jews. Juetner was shown to have tried to ease the situation but was "shunned" by: Eichmann.

Dr. Servatius, chief of Eichmann's defense, objected to some of the documents and requested of the court that men whose names figured in the papers--Gen. Guetner, Becher and a former Nazi official named Horst Grell--be permitted to testify in the trial here. When Mr. Hausner told the court the men would be subject to prosecution as war criminals if they came here, Justice Landau ordered that they be interrogated in German courts.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Charlotte Salzberger, a former inmate at the Theresienstadt concentration camp, testified that she saw Eichmann when he visited that camp. She said that she, and four other Jewish women were questioned by Eichmann as to whether they knew anything about the fate of those Jews who were being deported. The Jewish women, she said, feigned ignorance before Eichmann; however, Eichmann warned them if they bruted any news about the fate awaiting deportees "our fate will be the chimney."

TESTIMONY OF EICHMANN WITNESSES IN GERMANY WILL BE GIVEN IN CAMERA

BONN, May 16. (JTA) -- The schedule of German court interrogations of eight ex-Nazis, who will testify in connection with the Jerusalem trial of Adolf Eichmann, was made public by the German Government today. All of the men have been unable to go to Jerusalem to testify, since the Israeli Government had refused to grant them immunity from arrest and possible trial for their crimes against Jews.

Under the rules, it was announced here, only representatives of the Eichmann prosecution and defense will be permitted in the courtrooms where the ex-Nazis will be questioned before German judges. The press and the public will be barred. Both sides have agreed they will not disclose the nature of the testimony here, unless that testimony is revealed by the court in Jerusalem.

First to be interrogated, on Thursday, will be Dr. Eberhard von Thadden, former expert on Jewish affairs for the Nazi Foreign Ministry. His interrogation will take place before a German judge at Neuss.

The next day, Otto Winkelmann, a former SS group leader, will be questioned at Kiel. Edmund Vessenmayer, Hitler Government liaison officer in Hungary, will face a court at Darmstadt on May 23. The following day, Dr. Franz Six, former SS officer, will be questioned at Kettelschwang, Bavaria.

Former General von dem Bach Zelewski, who led Hitler commando units during the war, will appear at a court at Nuremberg on May 25. Max Merten, former Nazi war administrator at Salonika, Greece, will face interrogation in Berlin on May 26. Finally, before a magistrate at Frankfurt, on May 29, there will be interrogations for Hermann Krume, Eichmann's deputy in Hungary; and former Auschwitz commandant Richard Baer.

ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES BEN-GURION'S PLANS FOR VISIT TO CANADA

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- Details of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's forthcoming trip to Canada, where he will pay an official, two-day visit to the Dominion Government beginning May 24, were made available here today, following official approval of the plans by the Cabinet.

Mr. Ben-Gurion will be accompanied on his trip by Theodor Kollek, director-general of the Premier's office; Dr. Chaim Yahlil, director-general of the Foreign Ministry; Yitzhak Navon, Mr. Ben-Gurion's political secretary; and Colonel H. Ben-David, the Prime Minister's military secretary. Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion will accompany her husband as far as London, where she will remain on a visit with one of her married daughters.

KNESSET REJECTS MOTION TO DISCUSS IMMUNITY GRANTED TO TWO NAZIS

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- By a vote of 41 to 29, the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, last night rejected two motions by Herut deputies to discuss the granting of immunity by the Government to two former Nazi SS officers to enable them to appear as witnesses for the defense of Adolf Eichmann.

Attorney General Gideon Hausner last week told the court trying Eichmann that the Government had approved the granting of immunity to Wilhelm Hoettl and Walter Huppenkothen, both former Gestapo officers, after defense attorney Robert Servatius had requested that they be permitted to appear at the trial. The Herut motion proposed to discuss the Cabinet action in granting immunity.

Socialists, Communists, one representative of the National Religious Party and the deputies representing Agudat Israel, voted in favor of full debate of the issue and, on a second motion, in favor of referring the issue to a committee of the Knesset. Almost 40 members of the 120-member Parliament abstained in the voting.

ARAB STUDENTS STAGE ANTI-ISRAEL DEMONSTRATION AT AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITY

VIENNA, May 16. (JTA) -- Fifty Arab students at Graz University staged an anti-Israel demonstration in front of the university yesterday, carrying banners attacking Israel and proclaiming that "the United Nations has no right to give Palestine to the Zionists."

## TRIAL OF NAZI CHARGED WITH MURDER OF JEWS IN MINSK OPENED IN GERMANY

BONN, May 16. (JTA) -- Two separate trials against four ex-Nazis accused of war crimes were opened in West Germany today. The bigger of the cases, involving two former leaders of the SS, the Hitler Elite Guard, of complicity in the murder of 6,624 Jews at Minsk, in 1941, is expected to last three weeks.

In the latter case, being tried before a jury at Coblenz, Hans H. Remmers, 54, and Karl Zenner, 61, are accused of the mass-murder of the Jews in Minsk. Both had been members of the special commando units charged with killing Jews prior to the establishment of the big death factories.

The second case, also before a jury, at Dusseldorf, involves two men who had served as technicians in the Elite Guard. They are Albert Widman, 48, and Otto Boehm, 70, who were on SS duty at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. The prosecution alleges that they used poisoned ammunition to kill inmates of Sachsenhausen in 1944.

Meanwhile, at Duisburg, police announced the arrest of three youths charged with having daubed swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on walls of homes and shops, three weeks ago. Police authorities said all three have admitted they subscribe to Nazi ideology, but a probe is under way to determine whether they are associated with any neo-Nazi organizations.

## NAZI WHO MADE POGROMS ON JEWS BECOMES DEPUTY MAYOR IN GERMAN TOWN

BONN, May 16. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany today called for the "democratization of key posts" in West Germany following the disclosure that Wilhelm Schepmann, the last commander of the Nazi S.A. paramilitary organization, had been named a Deputy Mayor of the town of Gifhorn, near Hanover. Schepmann's election by the Gifhorn Town Council was revealed in the latest issue of Welt der Arbeit, a trade union paper which termed his election "unpardonable."

In a resolution, the Central Council of Jews described Schepmann as a "pogrom activist" for his part in the Nazi's burning of synagogues throughout Germany on the infamous "Crystal Night" in November 1938. The former Nazi won the third highest number of votes in the balloting for the Gifhorn Town Council on March 19.

## JEWISH DELEGATIONS CONFER WITH STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS ON ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Delegations of two different Jewish organizations today held separate meetings with high officials of the State Department in connection with recent statements indicating acquiescence by the State Department with Arab boycott and blockade tactics.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, president of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, and I. L. Kenen, its executive director, called on Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and voiced criticism of a recent expression on the Arab boycott by Brooks Hays, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Affairs. The Hays expression was in the form of an official letter to Senator Kenneth Keating of New York that sought to minimize the Arab boycott and blockade and provide an apology for such tactics.

Another delegation, this one representing the American Jewish Congress, met with Assistant Secretary Hays; John S. Hoghland 2nd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Affairs; and Armin H. Meyer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. The meeting was described as an outgrowth of Mr. Hays' rebuttal of a New York State Legislature resolution that urged the Government to move against Arab blockades and boycotts affecting "American citizens of Jewish faith and American companies controlled or managed by such citizens."

The American Jewish Congress delegation urged Mr. Hays to protect the rights of American Jewish travelers and businessmen from religious discrimination by Arab governments. Representing the AJC were Julian Freeman, of Indianapolis, chairman of its Commission on International Affairs; Louis B. Spector, of Baltimore, co-chairman of the Commission; and Philip Baum of New York, the Commission's director.

## ROCKWELL MEETING IN VIRGINIA TOWN DRAWS NO AUDIENCE; ENDS IN FAILURE

WINCHESTER, Va., May 16. (JTA) -- A foray by George Rockwell's American Nazi Party to this city, gateway to Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, ended in dismal failure when local police ordered the Nazis to wear neither their "Stormtroop" uniforms nor swastikas and refused permission for the use of a public address system.

The Rockwell meeting was ignored, except by a few hecklers, and drowned out by a much larger simultaneous rally sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce nearby. Both meetings were held near the court house. The meeting was an attempt by Rockwell to broaden the base of his movement in the State of Virginia which recently granted him a charter, thus "legalizing" his emulation of Hitler's organizational tactics.

JEWISH CONFERENCE TOLD THERE IS NO LACK OF STUDENTS FOR RABBINATE

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, today registered "sharp dissent" from a survey published in The New York Times April 16 reporting a general leveling off in the interest of young intellectuals in choosing the ministry as a calling. So far as the Conservative movement is concerned, "we find the opposite to be true," he said.

Dr. Mandelbaum spoke at the 32nd annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. He pointed out that while the student body of the Seminary is exactly the same number as it was a decade ago--110--"this does not imply a leveling off of interest in the rabbinate. Over a decade ago, the greater percentage of our students were either immigrants or children of immigrants. Today, third and fourth generation Americans are making the choice of the rabbinate as their way of contributing to society."

He said that while greater numbers are still needed, this is not due to the lack of candidates but to the growing demand for rabbis and teachers throughout America. He pointed to the Leader Training Fellowships sponsored by the National Federation of Jewish Mens Clubs as one of the finest instruments for creating the future body of Jewish spiritual leaders.

JEWISH LEGION CENTER DEDICATED IN ISRAEL; BEN-GURION ATTENDS CEREMONY

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- In the presence of President Izhak Ben-Zvi and Prime-Minister David Ben-Gurion--both former privates in the Jewish Legion--Israel today dedicated Beit Hagdudim, the Jewish Legion center. The beautiful new structure is located at Avihayil, near Natanya, overlooking the Plains of Sharon. Mr. Ben-Gurion, who arrived at the ceremonies in a helicopter, lauded the thousands of Jewish youth from countries all over the world who had answered the call to fight in the Jewish Legion.

The American delegation at the ceremony presented to the new Jewish Legion Center busts of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky and Joseph Trumpeldor, founders and commanders of the Legion, brought from New York. The busts are the work of the noted Jewish sculptor, M. Rapaport who made the monument for the Jewish Martyrs and Fighters erected in Warsaw at the site of the former ghetto established by the Nazis.

FIRST JEWISH WAR MEMORIAL IN UNITED KINGDOM UNVEILED IN LONDON

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- The first Jewish war memorial in this country was unveiled and consecrated here yesterday in the garden on the lawn in front of the Willesden Jewish Cemetery. Many leading civic and Jewish community leaders, as well as representatives of military and diplomatic missions to Britain participated in the solemn ceremonies.

Inspired by the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen, the memorial was erected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and the design was approved by the United Synagogue. The memorial is dedicated to the thousands of Jewish men and women who lost their lives in the two world wars and who have no known resting place. Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer and Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie participated in the dedication and consecration. About 1,000 Jewish war veterans attended, in addition to several hundred relatives of Jewish war dead.

PARIS MAYOR AFFIXES MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT HOUSE WHERE DR. HERZL LIVED

PARIS, May 16. (JTA) -- The Acting Mayor of Paris, M. Weil, today affixed a memorial plaque on the building here in which Theodor Herzl wrote some of his works which influenced the creation of the Jewish State.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and Israel Ambassador Walter Eytan were among the speakers at the ceremony who recalled the prophetic activity of the founder of modern Zionism and drew a parallel between his work and the task accomplished by Moses, the first great prophet of the Jewish people.

COL. HENSHEL DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow for the late Colonel Harry D. Henshel, chairman of the armed services division of the National Jewish Welfare Board, and founder and chairman of the United States Committee for Sports in Israel, who died at his home here yesterday. He was 70.

Decorated five times for participating in many United States military campaigns during World War II, when he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, he was also the recipient of the Jewish War Veterans' annual gold medal in 1955. He served 35 years on the board of directors of the 92nd Street YM-YWHA, and was also active on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and in the U. S. Olympic Committee.