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EICHMANN LINKED TO SEIZURE OF \$3, 000, 000, 000 WORTH OF JEWISH PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- The prosecution in the trial of Adolf Eichmann introduced today a mound of documents demonstrating that Eichmann was the prime mover in the Nazi confiscation of some \$3, 000, 000, 000 worth of property from Jews destined for extermination.

The charge against Eichmann of a basic role in the enormous Nazi looting is a secondary one to the key accusation of prime responsibility for the annihilation of 6, 000, 000 European Jews. It was documented today to show that the spoliation indicated that the Gestapo and the SS knew that the victims were intended for death.

Deputy Attorney General Yaakov Baror introduced the documents which he said proved that Eichmann worked out the procedures to strip the doomed Jews of all their possessions and even to make the stealing legal under Nazi German law.

The documents included letters from Eichmann to Gestapo offices in Nuremberg, Würzburg, Kiel, Bremen, Prague, Vienna and other major centers which described the striping procedures. Some letters revealed Eichmann was complaining that Jews had disposed of personal possessions when they learned they were to be shipped out of their home areas. Eichmann declared in one letter, "this must stop."

The Nazi system outlined in the documents began with the listing of a Jew for deportation. Sent to an "assembly" center, the victim, on Eichmann's orders, would be described by a Nazi judge as an "enemy of the Reich." He would then be told that he could keep from his possessions only his identity card, a watch and his wedding ring. Later, even these items were stolen from him.

Jews Forced to Pay for Their Transportation to Death Camps

Those sent to Eastern Europe were declared stateless as soon as their transport train left the borders of Germany and as such, they had no rights whatever. The documents showed that the victims were even forced to pay for their own transport through sums deposited in theory with the "Reichsvereinigung," an association created by the Nazis to replace all the Jewish communal organizations they suppressed. The funds actually went to an "Account A" which was entirely under Eichmann's control.

In the documents, Eichmann's department 4-B-IV in the Gestapo turned up repeatedly as the department deciding the fate of the Jews falling into the Nazi grasp. In one document, Eichmann instructed the military commander in occupied France to prevent the migration of Jews "who are trying every means to avoid transport to the East."

Eichmann was demonstrated as finding time to deal with the fate of individual Jews. Replying to the Nazi Foreign Ministry concerning a Dr. Alfred Philipson, he refused to agree that Philipson be allowed to remain in Bonn. In a letter dealing with a request by a Mrs. Flora Bucher to be allowed to join her mother in southern France, Eichmann wrote "her migration to unoccupied France should be avoided."

Another document was a report of a meeting between Eichmann and some of his deputies which showed that Eichmann opened the meeting with a discussion of the "evacuation" of an additional 50, 000 Jews from the old Reich and from Austria. Another directive from Eichmann's office listed detailed procedures for the handling of each transport, requiring that each arrival and departure be reported to the Eichmann bureau by cable "as per attached model."

(From Bonn it was reported today that a West German public opinion sampler says 35 percent of his countrymen believe that should Adolf Eichmann be convicted of murdering 6, 000, 000 Jews, he should be sentenced to death. Erich Peter Neumann of Allensbach, Germany, said his findings are significant because there is no capital punishment in West Germany.)

One document introduced by the prosecution today showed a communication from Eichmann in which the Nazi war criminal asked to be informed about Jewish art objects which could be "acquired" by the Hitler regime. Another document submitted by the prosecution concerned the disposal of the property of those Jews who were deported to Lublin.

ARMS WORTH \$3,900,000 REPORTED SOLD BY ISRAEL TO FOREIGN LANDS

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- A total of 7,000,000 pounds (\$3,920,000) worth of arms and ammunition were exported by Israel last year, it was revealed here in the State Comptroller's report released today.

While not disclosing the total volume of production, the report showed that sales for export and for the domestic civilian market increased threefold during the past three years. The section on the aviation industry showed that the turnover during the 1959-60 fiscal year totaled more than 32,000,000 pounds (\$17,920,000) compared with 21,000,000 pounds (\$11,760,000) for the previous year.

By December of last year, the Government had invested a total of 7,000,000 pounds (\$3,920,000) in the atomic reactor project at Nabi Rubin near Tel Aviv to which the United States Government had contributed \$350,000 worth of scientific equipment, the report showed.

(The Hilversum Radio in Amsterdam reported today that Lt. Gen. Colmeyer, Holland's Secretary of Defense, is in Israel visiting a factory manufacturing machineguns of a type ordered by the Dutch Army. The General also witnessed Israeli armed force's maneuvers and was slated to meet with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, the broadcast said.)

ONE INFILTRATOR KILLED, TWO CAPTURED BY ISRAELI PATROL NORTH OF GAZA

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- One Arab infiltrator into Israel was killed yesterday, and two others were captured after a clash with an Israeli border patrol north of the Gaza Strip, a military spokesman announced here today. The three had been ordered to halt and, when they attempted to escape, the patrol opened fire.

It was learned today that another Arab who tried to cross the border into Israel several days ago, and was killed, had been a former resident of Jaffa. He had previously crossed into the Gaza Strip, where he was impressed into the United Republic intelligence service and sent back into Israel. He was also shot when he refused to halt on the orders of an Israeli border patrol.

AMBASSADOR HARMAN HONORED FOR 'ELOQUENT CHAMPIONSHIP' OF ISRAEL'S CAUSE

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- More than 250 communal, civic and religious leaders paid tribute tonight to Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, for his "eloquent championship of Israel's cause," at an Israel bond testimonial dinner at the Hotel Pierre. The dinner resulted in sales of over \$150,000 in Israel bonds.

Irving Elias, chairman of the dinner, praised Ambassador Harman "for his eloquent championship of Israel's cause in the United States, and for putting into such vivid terms - problems and progress, her potential and her needs." Mr. Elias also stressed "the enormous economic progress made by Israel during the past 13 years, thanks in a large measure, to American investments in Israel bonds." Ira Guilden, general chairman of the New York Committee for State of Israel bonds, and Bernard Manischewitz, chairman of the Manhattan Division, also paid tribute to Ambassador Harman.

NAZI OFFICER SENTENCED FOR TESTING POISONED BULLETS ON CAMP INMATES

DUSSELDORF, May 17. (JTA) -- A former SS major who was a specialist in developing poisoned bullets was sentenced today to five years in prison after the court rejected his denial of charges he took part in killings of Sachsenhausen camp inmates.

Albert Widmann was tried on charges of testing the poisoned bullets on camp inmates. The former deputy head of the Nazi Criminal Technical Institute testified that the bullets were intended for an assassination attempt on the late Soviet dictator Stalin at the Teheran Conference in 1943. He said similar plans had been made to kill Roosevelt and Churchill at the meeting.

He testified he made and tested bullets, which were intended to kill even if they caused only a slight wound, on orders of Arthur Nebe, former director of Nazi Germany's criminal investigation department.

GERMANY TO GRANT \$2,800,000 LOAN TO JORDAN FOR AKABA PORT EXTENSION

LONDON, May 17. (JTA) -- A German loan to Jordan will facilitate expansion of Aqaba as a rival port to Israel's seaport, Eilat, on the Gulf of Akaba, it was reported today from Amman.

During the next month, it was announced by the Jordan Government, West Germany will extend a loan of 1,000,000 pounds (\$2,800,000) to Jordan to lengthen the Akaba port quay from about 540 to approximately 1,200 feet to accommodate three small or two-medium-sized ships to be handled at the same time. Akaba is so near Eilat that the two ports are actually within sight of each other.

GERMANY AGREES TO CONTRIBUTE \$10,000,000 FOR NAZI VICTIMS IN ITALY

ROME, May 17. (JTA) -- Two weeks of negotiations between West German and Italian officials in compensation to Italian victims of the Nazi period ended today with unofficial reports that the total sum agreed to by the negotiators was for a contribution of 40,000,000 German marks (\$10,000,000).

The agreement still requires ratification by West Germany but this was expected within a few weeks. It concerns about 20,000 cases of which about 8,000 involve Jews. Only 1,500 of the Italians deported during the Nazi period returned to Italy and about 500 were Jews. The \$10,000,000 figure is similar to sums accepted by other European countries overrun by the Nazis.

Once the agreement is ratified, representatives of the Italian administration will meet with representatives of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, the Association of Former Deportees and the Association of Former Internees. The goal will be to establish procedures for dividing the West German money among the survivors or their relatives. In cases in which every member of a family was killed, the talks will determine which institution will receive the compensation money.

The West German delegation was led by Paul Raab, director-general of the Foreign Ministry for juridical affairs. Professor Riccardo Monaco, of the Italian Foreign Ministry juridical department, headed the Italian negotiators. A joint communique issued at the close of the talks said that the purpose of the negotiations was to settle "pending financial issues deriving from the Second World War and the problems related to individual compensation for the victims of Nazi-Fascist persecution."

EXHIBIT DEPICTING HORRORS OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS OPENED IN ITALY

ROME, May 17. (JTA) -- An exhibit depicting the horrors of Nazi concentration camps opened today in the Royal Palace in Milan. Thousands of persons, including members of Parliament, civil and military authorities, viewed the exhibit which featured photographs, models, and printed materials.

The University of Rome, meanwhile, held a series of five lectures aimed at informing the younger generation of the evils of fascism and nazism. The lectures, which were given by leading Italian historians, and attended by thousands of students, discussed political life during the fascist dictatorship, the partisan movement, deportations and forced labor.

The Municipality of Rome has decided to establish six scholarships for high school and medical students in honor of citizens of the city who died fighting the Nazi-fascist regime. The scholarships are named for six young men who were killed during the Nazi occupation, four of them in the Ardeatine caves massacre.

J.D.C. PRINTS 68,000 RELIGIOUS BOOKS FOR JEWS IN MOSLEM COUNTRIES

GENEVA, May 17. (JTA) -- Printing and publication of 68,000 Hebrew Bibles, prayer-books and textbooks by the American Joint Distribution Committee for distribution in Jewish Communities in Moslem countries was announced today by Charles H. Jordan, JDC director-general.

"Many of these communities are cut off from the regular sources of supply of Jewish religious publications and objects," Mr. Jordan said. "In keeping with our long record of meeting religious and cultural needs of the Jews in the various countries we serve, we felt it our duty to provide replacements for religious books worn out through years of use. The difficulties of importation into some of these countries and the lack of Hebrew printing facilities were the factors that prompted us to undertake this project."

Publication of 25,000 Bibles, 10,000 prayerbooks and 23,000 textbooks was carried through in Casablanca at a cost of approximately 11,000,000 Moroccan francs and will provide a two-year supply for JDC-supported institutions in Morocco, Tunis, Iran and Algeria. The prayerbooks follow the special text used by Oriental Jews and the entire project was edited by Jewish scholars in Morocco. Publication was under the supervision of the Department of Education of the JDC office in Morocco.

CHILEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTS JEWISH MEMBER AS ITS PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 17. (JTA) -- Jacobo Schaulsohn, the only Jewish member in the Chilean Parliament, was today chosen as provisional president of the lower house by the newly elected deputies.

Mr. Schaulsohn, who is a member of the Radical Party, will probably be elected president of the chamber when the new house convenes next week. The Jewish legislator, who represents Santiago, was re-elected to Parliament by a large majority in the recent elections.

CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE JEWS OPPOSES FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 17. (JTA) -- The National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs today reaffirmed its opposition and that of the rest of the Conservative movement to bingo and other forms of gambling as fund-raising devices for synagogues. The resolution was adopted at the closing sessions of the 32nd annual convention. The convention also supported President Kennedy's bills for Federal aid to public schools and also backed his opposition to such aid for religious schools. It elected Philip Goldstein, of Washington, D. C. as president for 1961.

The Federation, which is an affiliate of the United Synagogue of America, heard Dr. Leo Pfeffer, director of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, call upon American synagogues to heed the "moral imperative of historic Judaism" by taking an active role in the effort to achieve social and economic justice for all Americans.

Dr. Pfeffer said that "the security of American Jewry rests upon the strength of American democracy." "At the same time," he added, "peace, justice, freedom and equality represent the pillars of both prophetic Judaism and the American democratic system. The synagogue in America thus has a responsibility both in terms of the Jewish heritage it represents and the American tradition which is its setting to take a role of leadership in civil rights and civil liberties activities."

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL PRESENTS FOUR AWARDS FOR BEST BOOKS IN 1960

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Four cash awards for the best Jewish books published in 1960 in fiction, poetry and the juvenile field were made here last night at the annual meeting of the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Edward L. Wallant, of Norwalk, Connecticut, received the \$250 Harry and Ethel Daroff Memorial fiction award for his novel, "The Human Season." The Harry and Florence Kovner Memorial poetry awards, of \$100 each, went to Dr. Ephraim E. Lisitzky, of New Orleans, for his volume of Hebrew poetry, "K'mo Hayom Rad" (As the Day Wanes), published in Tel Aviv; and to Joseph Rubinstein, of New York, for his Yiddish work, "Megilath Russland." Regina Tor, of Poughkeepsie, New York, won the Isaac Siegel Memorial award of \$250 for 1960's best Jewish juvenile work in English published in the United States, entitled "Discovering Israel."

In addition to the individual awards, the Council voted citations to six libraries meeting stated criteria for Jewish libraries. The citations were given to the libraries of Temple Emanu-El, Birmingham, Ala.; Temple Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill, Mass.; the Hillel Library at the University of California at Los Angeles; the Wood Library of Beth David Congregation, Philadelphia; the Falk Memorial Library of Temple Sinai, Pittsburgh; and Congregation Beth Israel, Camden, N. J.

NEW JEWISH CLINIC OPENED IN TEHRAN WITH J. D. C. FINANCIAL AID

TEHRAN, May 17. (JTA) -- A new, \$50,000 health center was opened here to serve underprivileged Jews in the Gorgan district of this city. The majority of the beneficiaries are Jews who have moved recently from the old ghetto. The district contains now about 4,500 Jews.

The new clinic is an additional facility intended to aid extensively the welfare program already being carried on here by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Funds for constructing and equipping the clinic were contributed by the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, the JDC and Kanoune Kheyer-Khah, the Teheran hospital committee.

CORNERSTONE FOR WALTER REUTHER YOUTH CENTER LAID IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- The support of millions of Americans for the people of Israel and for the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, was pledged here last night by Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, at a cornerstone-laying ceremony of a youth center in Holon which will bear his name.

Mr. Reuther, who arrived here earlier in the day, said that Israel and the Histadrut are, in the eyes of the free world, an example of what could be achieved by a people motivated by the will for peace.

The U.S. labor leader said that the overwhelming majority of the American people were favorably disposed towards Israel and that the American Government reflected this feeling. Mr. Reuther, who earlier in the day had a two-hour talk with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, declined to comment on the discussion or to reveal the subject except to say that "it was of common interest."

TWO HELD IN \$13,000 BAIL ON CHARGES OF SMEARING SWASTIKAS

AMITYVILLE, L. I., May 17. (JTA) -- Two men, charged with painting swastikas all over the outer walls of the home of a Jewish resident here, were today ordered held in \$13,000 bail to await action by the Grand Jury. Thomas Owens, 24, and Robert E. Jones, 26, were accused of defacing the home of Eugene J. Blumberg, a former local police justice.