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EICHMANN ADMITS TRANSMITTING ORDERS FOR HANGING OF JEWS IN POLAND

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann admitted in court here today that his Gestapo Bureau IV-B-4 was responsible for transmitting orders for the hanging of Jews, the execution of Poles, and the arrest of Polish priests.

The admission came as Attorney General Gideon Hausner, chief of the prosecution, continued for the seventh consecutive day his relentless hammering at the ex-Gestapo colonel being tried for directing the killing of 6,000,000 European Jews during the Nazi regime.

Having made that admission, however, Eichmann resorted once again to "loss of memory." He insisted he "could not remember" how many such orders his department had transmitted. He insisted also that he had no responsibility for initiating "even a single one" of those murder orders. As to why the death orders were routed through his bureau--that was something he did not know, he told the court.

Mr. Hausner pressed him into other admissions, however. The prosecutor got him to admit that Heinrich Himmler, chief of Hitler's SS, the Nazi Elite Guard, had summoned Eichmann to field headquarters at Kiev, in the Ukraine, when the Nazis had occupied that city. Mr. Hausner tried to prove through that admission that, in October 1941, during a critical German Army campaign, Himmler issued an order forbidding all emigration of Jews after receiving a report from Eichmann.

Participated with Top Nazi Killers in Annihilation Conference

Still another admission drawn reluctantly from Eichmann showed that, in spite of his claim that he was an unimportant, minor functionary in the Nazi apparatus, he attended an important conference in 1940, with a galaxy of topmost Nazi officials. This conference decreed that Poland should be "Germanized" and that Jews and Gypsies be annihilated.

Attending the parley in addition to Eichmann--by Eichmann's own admission today--were Reinhard Heydrich, the Gestapo chief, later assassinated at Prague; Otto Ohlendorf, commanding general of the Einsatzgruppen, whose assignment called for shooting Jews before the death camps were opened--this Nazi was hanged later at Landsberg; Arthur Seyss-Inquart, later Governor-General of Holland, also hanged after the Nuremberg war crimes trials; and Odilo Globocnik, senior general at Lublin, who operated the first gas chamber for the mass murder of Jews.

Asked by Mr. Hausner whether it was true that he had been "in good company" when he attended that conference with the Nazi leaders, Eichmann answered: "It was ordered by Himmler. My office, IV-B-4, was ordered to handle the time-tables, the rolling stock."

There was another outbreak in court today when Mr. Hausner was pressing Eichmann on whether he knew that German Jews were being killed by "Einsatzgruppen, as well as "local" Jews in German-occupied areas. Eichmann explained that he thought German Jews were not being killed. However, he said, knowing "the customs in Eastern territories," "he made sure to send German Jews to Lodz "which was a safer place than the Eastern territories."

A bearded, elderly Jew among the spectators, hearing Eichmann say he thought Lodz was "a safer place," rose from his seat and shouted: "Lodz was a safer place? All my children were killed there, you dog!" Several policemen hurried the distressed man out of the courtroom.

Prosecutor Stresses Eichmann's Role in Gassing of Jews

Mr. Hausner introduced two documents, showing that a Nazi official in the Jewish Affairs bureau of the Ministry for Eastern Affairs had suggested that Jews be gassed instead of being shot, adding the phrase: "Eichmann agrees." The prisoner replied that he had never assented to such a proposal, insisting that inclusion of his name was "a falsification." Eichmann requested the court to order a probe of these documents by a handwriting expert. "Then everything will be clear," he persisted.

Mr. Hausner quoted Eichmann as saying, during the police interrogation in Israel prior to the trial, that the German Security Office had agreed to the gassing of Jews through Eichmann's office. The prosecutor pointed to "the strange coincidence" that gassing methods were introduced shortly after Eichmann's complaint to Muller that all SS men would become sadists if they had to continue to shoot Jews.

SURVEY OF U.S. PRESS INDICATES APPROVAL OF CONDUCT OF EICHMANN TRIAL

NEW YORK, July 17. (JTA) -- A survey of American editorial opinion on the Eichmann trial indicates a "clear consensus of approval" of Israel's conduct of the proceedings, it was reported today.

The study was made by the American Jewish Congress, which measured attitudes on the trial expressed by daily newspapers and magazines of general interest; the Catholic and Protestant religious press; Negro newspapers; labor union and veterans' publications; and what it described as "the lunatic right."

According to the survey, the impact of Israel's decision to put Eichmann on trial was "substantially more affirmative than negative," as reflected in daily newspaper and magazine editorials. Another finding disclosed by the survey was that there is "a formidable reserve of good will for Israel among the general press, even on controversial issues in which Israel's position is not initially appealing."

The study found no apparent differences in editorial approach on the basis of geographical region or size of population served. It noted, however, that newspapers in the Middle West tended to devote more space to news coverage of the trial than other dailies.

The American Jewish Congress report said three main themes ran through American newspaper comment on the Eichmann trial once the question of Israeli jurisdiction had disappeared after the trial opened. First, it was noted, a number of editorials called for an intensified effort to eliminate prejudice and discrimination, emphasizing that the Nazi horrors demonstrated the end to which bigotry and racism could lead. A second theme dealt with the world's collective responsibility for the Nazi atrocities. A third idea, expressed in numerous editorials, was the hope that the trial would not be allowed to assume the form of an all-out offensive against Germany.

Newspapers in all sections of the country underscored the importance of not reawakening national hatred that would weaken the Western alliance, it was found. Editorial comment of the Eichmann trial was no indication of the individual publication's general political orientation. The survey found, for example, that the conservative New York Daily News gave unequivocal endorsement to the Eichmann trial in Israel while the generally liberal Washington Post & Times Herald opposed putting Eichmann on trial in Israel.

Christian Religious Press Seen Showing 'Understated Animosity'

The American Jewish Congress survey disclosed that the Christian religious press had expressed a variety of opinions about the trial. It found, however, that the "predominant and unmistakable tone" was one of "consistent if low-keyed hostility to Israel." The report found "a kind of understated animosity to the trial," which it said was most pronounced in local diocesan papers such as the Pittsburgh Catholic. The sharpest comments, the report said, "centered on the seizure of Eichmann, the right of Israel to conduct the trial, and the alleged spectacular character of the proceedings."

However, liberal Catholic magazines like America and The Commonweal "editorialized in a vein far different from that of the local diocesan press, again reflecting the diversity that may be found among Catholic publications," the report said.

The Protestant press, it was reported, was "somewhat more receptive to the idea of the trial in Israel," although much of its interest in the case has been devoted to the problem of capital punishment, the report noted. One of the few Christian leaders openly and publicly to defend Israel as the proper forum for the trial, the report said, was the Reverend Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, prominent Protestant theologian, in an editorial in Christianity and Crisis.

Commenting on religious press reaction to the trial, the American Jewish Congress report said: "As is often the case in matters touching upon Israel, the Christian religious press has exhibited much less charity and compassion than has the general press. It is remarkable that religious writers should prefer logic-chopping to the broader moral speculation that the Eichmann case so obviously invited."

The survey found only "scant reference to the holocaust and the annihilation of European Jewry" among sectarian publications generally and asserted there had been a "failure" by the religious press in the U.S. "to have confronted the implications for the Christian religious world of the monstrous fact of the Hitler period."

The Negro press, which the report said usually manifested a "definite reserve" toward Israel, has been "highly understanding" of the Israeli position, it was noted.

The report noted an "almost complete lack of interest" in the trial by American veterans' organization publications, as contrasted with the deep concern in the Eichmann trial shown by veterans' groups in Europe. Similarly, it was noted, the labor press has shown little concern with the issues of the trial.

The American Jewish Congress study noted that the most notorious hate groups of the "lunatic fringe" had rushed to Eichmann's defense and used the trial as a springboard for further vicious attacks against Jews.

ADENAUER PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL AFTER EXPIRATION OF REPARATIONS PACT

BERLIN, July 17. (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told a press conference here that West Germany will continue aiding Israel after 1963, when the German-Israel Reparations Agreement is due to expire. "We acknowledge our moral duty to assist Israel after 1963 too," he stated.

Asked about West Germany's recent agreement to extend large credits to the United Arab Republic, Dr. Adenauer said those credits are not given without conditions. The credits, he declared, will be given only for certain enterprises, which will be checked carefully by Germany.

JERUSALEM BUS COMPANY RETALIATES AGAINST ULTRA-ORTHODOX DEMONSTRATORS

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- Bus traffic through a section of Jerusalem inhabited largely by ultra-Orthodox Jews was suspended until noon today, when the Hamekasher Bus Company retaliated against residents of the area who had mobbed and stoned buses, Saturday. The Sabbath buses were carrying medical personnel to the Hadassah-Hebrew University hospital on the outskirts of the city.

Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom, who warned at a meeting of the Municipal Council last night that the municipality and people of Jerusalem will not permit individuals to take the law into their own hands, promptly condemned the bus company this morning when transport was halted on company orders.

The Mayor insisted that the bus company cannot take the law into its own hands, any more than individuals can. He called upon the Ministry of Transport to order the firm to resume bus service, and the Ministry issued such an order. Bus service was put back on schedule by noon.

Mr. Ish-Shalom's warning to the population, to desist from harassing the buses, was issued at the Municipal Council meeting which debated Saturday's occurrences. During the disturbances, Saturday, two persons were injured, and 10 were arrested.

Orthodox members of the Council insisted that the bus company had promised to run no more buses to the hospital on Saturdays. The city Rabbinical Council had decreed a dispensation for special transport carrying medical personnel needed by the hospital on Saturdays. Now, however, the rabbinate holds that such transport should be only by ambulances, since the running of buses on Jerusalem's streets on a Sabbath establishes irreligious precedents.

Rabbi Jacob Katzenellenbogen, deputy chairman of the Jerusalem Religious Council, declared that, while regular bus transport for the hospital's staff should not be permitted on the Sabbath, "there is no question but that transport should be allowed in cases where lives are endangered." "I myself," he said, "am ready to drive a doctor to the medical center on a Sabbath in such cases."

Rabbi Katzenellenbogen, however, raised a question as to the number of medical personnel needed by the hospital, aside from Sabbath travel. Stating the hospital has "an enormous staff," he said there were 400 medical personnel marked for relief duty at the hospital Saturdays to take care of 300 patients, while the total medical staff numbers 1,200.

Members of the Council representing Mapai told the municipal body that Jerusalem citizens should be permitted to travel to the hospital on Saturdays "to visit their relatives on their only day free of work."

FAMILY OF JEWISH BOY DRAGGED BY ROCKWELLITES RECEIVES THREATS

ARLINGTON, Va., July 17. (JTA) -- Threatening letters and telephone calls were received here today by the parents of the 13-year-old Jewish boy Rickey Farber who, together with other high school boys, was abducted last night by members of the American Nazi Party of which George Rockwell is the leader.

Two of the Nazi group are now awaiting trial on Thursday before a magistrate. They are charged with felonious assault in the manhandling of Farber and four of his friends who reported that they were dragged into the headquarters of the American Nazi Party here, handcuffed and quizzed about their religion.

Hyman Farber, the father of the Jewish boy, today showed one of the threatening letters he had received. The missive, emblazoned with skull and crossbones, bore one word, "Juden," in German. The threatening telephone calls, all anonymous, were balanced, Mr. Farber said, by other telephone calls from residents of Arlington, and some from nearby Washington, assuring him of the community's support in his action against the Nazis.

The warrant under which the two Nazis were arrested had been sworn out by Mr. Farber. The two members of Rockwell's group, Richard Braun, 26, and Robert Garber, 31, are under bail of \$1,500 and \$1,000 each, respectively.

GESTAPO COLONEL ARRESTED IN BERLIN; CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS IN POLAND

BERLIN, July 17. (JTA) -- Leo Patina, former SS colonel, was arrested here today on charges of murdering 20 Jews in Poland, in 1939. According to the West Berlin prosecutor, the man killed the Jews with a submachinegun at Alexandrovsk.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON JUDAISM OPENS IN PARIS; U.S. OBSERVERS PARTICIPATE

PARIS, July 17. (JTA) -- Spiritual and lay leaders of Judaism from 13 European countries, as well as observers from Israel, the United States and Argentina, gathered here at UNESCO House today for a two-day conference devoted to the problems of Judaism and Jewish life in Europe, with special reference to the synagogue and youth's role in contemporary Jewish life.

The European Study Conference is being held under the auspices of the World Council of Synagogues, which was organized four years ago for the purpose of offering assistance toward the revitalization of Jewish life throughout the world.

Among the speakers at the opening session today were Professor Abraham J. Heschel, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Prof. Ernst Simon, of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem; and Prof. Andre Mehr, of the University of Strasbourg.

Among the World Council affiliated represented here are the United Synagogue of America, the Congregation Israelite of Argentina and the United Synagogue of India. The Argentine affiliate is the oldest congregation in Latin America, and is celebrating its hundredth anniversary this year. The group from India is the youngest organized group represented, and numbers 18 Bene Israel congregations serving 20,000 worshipers.

280 AMERICAN RABBIS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO ATTEND RABBINICAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, July 17. (JTA) -- A group of 140 Orthodox rabbis, members of the Rabbinical Council of America, left for Israel last night by non-stop El Al jet, to attend the organization's conference in Jerusalem next week, the first religious conclave ever to be held in Israel by an American rabbinic body. Another group of 140 rabbis is scheduled to leave on El Al planes for Israel on Wednesday to attend the meeting, in which more than 500 rabbis are expected to participate.

The five-day conference will open in Jerusalem on July 24. Sessions will also be held in Tel Aviv. During the conference, the delegates will participate in dedication ceremonies of a new \$500,000 religious academic center in Rehovot, to be known as Yeshivat Hadarom. The new center includes two dormitories, dining rooms, a high school and a teachers' seminary for 250 students from all parts of the world.

CANADIAN JEWS SEEK TO WIN REPRESENTATION IN PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARD

MONTREAL, July 17. (JTA) -- Residents of a Montreal suburb have been advised by a Canadian Jewish Congress Committee to seek a court test of a refusal to allow a Jewish candidate to seek election to the Protestant School Commission, the Congress disclosed today. Most Jewish children attend the Protestant schools.

A group of the residents met with the Committee on the Position of the Jews in the Educational System in the Province of Quebec. The residents contended that for the purposes of education, Jews are considered Protestants and that, as such, should be eligible for office in the school administration. The legal implications were discussed, and the group was counseled to proceed with a court test of the election. They were assured help from the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The entire question of primary education for Jewish children in Quebec was discussed at a meeting of an Eastern Region Canadian Jewish Congress committee with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

The discussion was based on the Jewish group's feeling that, before a presentation was made to a Royal Commission set up to examine all phases of education in Quebec, an informal talk should be held with the Montreal Protestant School Board on various aspects in which the Jewish community is interested. These include religious teaching in the Protestant schools, procedures of exemption of Jewish pupils from such teaching, and related matters.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR AND EDDIE FISHER SING HEBREW DUET AT MOSCOW CONCERT

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- United States servicemen stationed in Moscow were treated yesterday to a performance by Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher in which the husband-and-wife film stars included a duet rendition of a Hebrew song. The film couple, who are in the Soviet capital for the Moscow Film Festival, dropped in at the American House to put on a show for the U.S. enlisted men.

SIR LEON SIMON, NOTED AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR, CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- Sir Leon Simon, author and educator, celebrated his eightieth birthday today. A deputation of the Zionist Federation called on him to convey the Federation's good wishes. The delegation, headed by Levi Gertner presented an address in Hebrew expressing the Federation's tribute to "our leader and teacher."

Sir Leon Simon, who is currently chairman of the Hebrew University Press, is well known for his English translations of the works of Ahad-Ha'am and his translations into Hebrew of the Dialogues of Plato. He also served in numerous British government positions.