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# AMERICAN NAZIS SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR WITHDRAW APPEAL AGAINST VERDICT

ARLINGTON, Va., July 25. (JTA) -- Two of George Rockwell's Nazi "stormtroopers," sentenced last week to a year of hard labor each: on the convict road gang for attacking a 13-year-old Jewish boy, withdrew today the appeal of their convictions.

They feared that a grand Jury might re-open the case and impose even heavier sentences. Charges of felonious assault rather than simple assault and battery could result in possible penalties of up to 20 years imprisonment. Therefore, the Nazis decided to serve the year terms on the convict road gang imposed by Arlington Judge Hugh Gregger.

The two men, Richard Braun, 26, and Robert Garber, 31, withdrew their appeals, a apparently after Rockwell consulted on their behalf with Commonwealth Attorney William Hassan. Rockwell said, "I've talked to Mr. Hassan and he's convinced me that they can make a big deal out of it."

The two Nazis now will be sent to a state convict road gang for hard labor. A third Nazi, Anthony Wells, who was convicted of assaulting a 16-year-old youth July 19 and sentenced to 60 days in Jail, was released today on \$1,000 bond pending action on his appeal, which will be heard by the Circuit Court.

#### EICHMANN TRIAL ADJOURNED FOR WEEK; 112 WITNESSES TESTIFIED IN COURT

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- The trial of Adolf Eichmann was adjourned today until August 3 following completion by Dr. Robert Servatius, Eichmann's chief defense counsel, of his defense of the former Gestapo colonel charged with engineering the annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe.

The three-Justice court ordered the adjournment at the request of Prosecutor Gideon Hausner, so that the prosecutor and defense attorney will have time to prepare their summations.

The end of the marathon proceedings came exactly 15 weeks after the trial opened last April 11. The prosecution brought 112 witnesses to the stand and submitted some 1,500 documents. The prosecution also ended its presentation today.

After Mr. Hausner and Dr. Servatius present their summations, a procedure likely to last a week, the court will adjourn to study the mountain of evidence and to prepare a verdict. This is not expected until after the High Holy Days. Dr. Servatius has indicated he expects a verdict of guilty and that he will appeal the verdict to the Israel Surreme Court. The appeal will mean several additional months of the case for Israel.

The final defense affidavit introduced today prior to the adjournment was from Eichmann's former valet, SS Staff Sergeant Franz Slawik. Dr. Servatius introduced this affidavit in an attempt to refute prosecution charges that Eichmann helped kill a Jewish boy with his own hands for allegedly stealing some cherries from a tree in a villa in Budapest commandeered to serve as Eichmann's headquarters.

On May 26, Avraham Gordon testified for the prosecution that he saw Eichmann and Slawik drag the boy into a toolshed and that he heard blows and screams. Gordon also testified that Eichmann later came out of the shed with his clothing spattered with "what looked like blood." Gordon said that later the body was thrown in Eichmann's automobile. driven away and presumably tossed into the Danube river.

Slawik said in the affidavit that he was with Eichmann in Budapest from May to November 1944. He said that he never saw or heard of the killing and that he never received orders to punish anybody stealing fruit. The affidavit was made in Vienna on July 6.

The court rejected a document verifying the numbers given by Dr. Rudolf Verba, an office worker at the Auschwitz camp, in a report on the number of victims killed in the camp. The document explained the statistical methods used to arrive at a total of 2,500,000 killed. Dr. Servatius objected to its introduction, contending it had no bearing on the charges against Eichmann and that it was a document for historians and not for the trial. Judge Binyamin Halevi dissented from the rejection, saying he favored acceptance of Verba's statement.

# FIGHT IN CONGRESS FORESEEN ON 'NULLIFIED' CLAUSE AGAINST ARAB BLOCKADE

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- Sen. Kenneth Keating, New York Republican who is a co-sponsor of the Douglas-Keating amendment calling on the President to deny foreign aid to Arab states practicing discriminatory boycott and blockade procedures, announced today that if the Senate Foreign Relations committee does not strike out a nullifying clause added by Chairman J. W. Fulbright yesterday to this year's bill "I certainly shall make such a motion on the Senate floor and I believe that Sen. Paul Douglas (Illinois Democrat) will support the motion."

The wording of this year's anti-bias clause was already under fire as a "watered-down" version of the Douglas-Keating amendment when Sen. Fulbright added the nullifying terminology. Sen. Keating said "I am very much opposed to the language which was added to the foreign aid bill by the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee."

According to Sen. Keating "Congress should be on record in the strongest possible terms opposing use of foreign aid funds in any countries where, directly or indirectly, the money might be used for economic warfare, blockades, or boycotts against any other country also receiving assistance. This is not only common sense, so that our money is not thrown away, but also --and more important-- a matter of principle on which we should not compromise."

Sen. Keating said the language injected yesterday by Sen. Fulbright was "similar in substance to the amendment which he offered last year during the debate on the mutual security appropriations bill. It was defeated then on a roll call vote and it should be defeated again this year."

Meanwhile, House Foreign Affairs committee sources said that not only was the "Fulbright nullification" unacceptable but also that the original clause adopted by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was "a retreat from the stand of the House Ebreign Affairs Committee on this matter." The House committee made known it would seek not only elimination of the Fulbright insertion but a much stronger clause generally than that acted upon by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, said he questioned whether the United Arab Republic could be considered a "friendly" nation by America in the Fulbright paragraph inserted into the foreign aid bill "to avoid taking sides in any controversy between countries having friendly relations with the United States."

A member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Rarbstein said "if you have 'friends' like Col. Nasser, you don't need any enemies." He added that he would insist that his committee "stick to our guns" in advocating stronger language and rejecting "more water in the watered-down clause reported out today by the Senate committee."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, studied the wording added by Sen. Fulbright and said "this is an effort which should be stricken from the bill" but that he did not believe it would destroy the anti-boycott and anti-blockade stand of Congress because the President was duty-bound to enforce it nevertheless.

#### KNESSET CLEARS LAVON OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1954 SECURITY DISASTER

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament sustained, at a special session last night, a decision of the Cabinet last December clearing Pinhas Lavon of responsibility for a security disaster which occured in 1954 when Lavon was Defense Minister.

The action was a rebuke to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and his Mapai party. It came in the form of two resolutions adopted unanimously with Mapai deputies abstaining. One resolution declared that the resignation of a Cabinet did not nullify its decisions. The other said that, in consequence, the Cabinet's decision accepting the findings of a special seven-man Ministerial Committee in the secrecy-shrouded dispute still was raid.

The resolutions were the answer of all parties, except Mapai, to Mr. Ben-Gurion's atement to the Knesset on July 3 that the resignation of the Cabinet automatically voided sapproval of the report of the Ministerial committee, headed by Justice Ministerinhas Rosen.

Four Cabinet Ministers who had served on the Ministerial Committee spoke during as debate today. They were Mr. Rosen, Israel Barzilai, the Health Minister, Transort Minister Yitzhak Benaharon and Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro. The Prime linister left the chamber when Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut party, took the loor.

#### ARAB INFILTRATORS KILLED NEAR SINAI BORDER; CARRIED ARMS, AMMUNITION

TEL AVIV, July 25. (JTA) -- Two Arab infiltrators were killed near the Sinai border when they were intercepted by the Israeli patrol, the Israel Army spokesman announced today. The patrol intercepted the infiltrators coming from the Egyptian-held Sinai area and a clash ensued. Arms and ammunition were found on the bodies.

# LOUIS RASMINSKY TAKES OFFICE AS GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF CANADA

OTTAWA, July 25. (JTA) -- Louis Rasminsky, 53, took office today as Governor of the Bank of Canada, the highest government post ever held by a Jew in Canada. The position is comparable to the challramaship of the United States Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. Rasminsky, an authority on international finance, had been a deputy governor of the bank for six and a half years. His seven-year term of office as governor dates from today. When he was named a deputy governor nearly seven years ago, many persons had expected him to be named governor and it was widely believed in Ottawa that he was passed over because he was Jewish.

Born in Montreal of parents who immigrated from Poland, Mr. Rasminsky was educated in Toronto public schools, the University of Toronto and the London School of Economics. He is married to the former Lyla Rotenberg of Toronto. The couple has a son, Michael 24, a medical student at Harward University, and a daughter, Lola, 17.

# 400 JEWISH EMIGRANTS SEEK SETTLEMENT IN ARGENTINA, UNITED HIAS REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- More than 400 prospective immigrants are currently registered with the United Hias Service for ultimate resettlement in Argentina, it was reported here today by Marek Schindelmann, director of the United Hias Service for Argentina. Most of them are natives of Eastern European and Middle Eastern countries, he declared.

Mr. Schindelmann, who arrived here for a series of meetings at the United Hias head relaters, said that more than 1,300 Jewish persons have been helped by the United Hias Service to migrate to Argentina during the seven years he has been director of the agency's operations in that country. "The breadwinners have adjusted quickly and well," he reported, "and a number of them are making significant contributions to the economic welfare of the general population. They have established themselves in retail businesses and in various manufacturing enterprises."

In recent years the emphasis has been on resettling Jewish newcomers in Cordoba, Mendoza, Rosario and other areas, rather than in Buenos Aires. This policy was adopted in compliance with the wishes of Argentine government authorities that newcomers should not be concentrated solely in the capital city, he said.

## DETROIT JUDGE POSTPONES HEARINGS FOR A MONTH ON JEWISH CENTER ISSUE

DETROIT, July 25. (JTA) -- A Detroit circuit court Judge has postponed for a month strings on a bid for a court order to restrain officials of the Detroit Jewish Community Center from providing programs on the Sabbath.

Credit for the postponement was claimed by the Committee for the Center Sabbath Closing which is headed by Morris J. Brandwine, Detroit Jewish communal leader, and which includes Joseph Holtzman, who is active in national United Jewish Appeal work.

Circuit Judge Thomas J. Murphy initially refused to grant the temporary restraining order asked by Ben Wrotslavsky, and ordered both sides to submit briefs. He also urged the plairtiff to withdraw the plea and to submit the case to a Jewish conciliation commission. Mr. Brandwine said that Mr. Wrotslavsky agreed to ask Judge Murphy for the postponement so that the contending factions might work out a solution to the dispute privately.

At the same time, Mr. Brandwine said that the request to the plaintiff did not mean that the "Committee had altered its determination to seek not only a halt to programs on that Sabbath in the Center, but also to have the Center closed on that day. After a lengthy debate, the Center was opened on Saturdays several months ago to permit cultural activities for children. The later dispute developed over a decision by the Center board to allow use of some health facilities on the Sabbath.

Mr. Brandwine also announced that his committee was mailing an appeal to 10,000 Detroit Jews. Each appeal will contain a card to be filled in pledging support to the effort to halt Sabbath programming at the Center.

Plans also were pushed today to complete naming of a committee of 50 Jewish leaders to meet with the executive committee of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation, which provides an annual grant to the Center to meet its deficit.

The Detroit Jewish News urged in a front page editorial this week that every effort be made to end the dispute outside of the courts and to end the "threat" to the unity of the Detroit Jewish community.

"It is not the public hearing that will be held in the court room of Gircuit Court Judge Thomas J. Murphy that matters," the Jewish News said. "Nor is it even the major issue involving the Sabbath that is at stake at the moment. Our community should be concerned at this time about the threat to its unity, the danger that lurks that a sound and a solid kehillah, the well organized social organism known as Detroit Jewry, may be disrupted as a result of an inner conflict out of which have arisen two warring factions whose leaders are unwilling to come to terms through mediation, by way of reasonable compromise."

# AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LAUDS POPE'S ENCYCLICAL ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

NEW YORK, July 25, (JTA) -- Pope John XXIII's encyclical on social Justice was praised yesterday by the American Jewish Committee as a document which in "spirit and expression" was "profoundly imbued with the ancient Biblical and prophetic zeal for social Justice."

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president, also said that there were many teachings "in this courageous and far-visioned encyclical" of interest to members of the Jewish com-

munity.

#### AMERICAN ORTHODOX RABBIS OPEN PARLEY IN ISRAEL; 150 DELEGATES ATTEND

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- One hundred and fifty delegates attending a special Israeli conclave of the Rabbinical Council of America met today with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion before starting an organized study tour of religious conditions in Israel.

Rābbi Charles Weinberg, president of the Orthodox rabbinical group, told the delegates at the opening session yesterday that the Hebrew language alone would not unite American and Israeli Jewry. He added such unity "must flow from a Joint emphasis on Jewish traditions, religious values and practices."

The Orthodox rabbis, many of whom arrived in Israel a few days before the conference opened, met yesterday with Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim and visited the Heichal Shlomo, headquarters of the Israel Religious Council and the Chief Rabbinate. Later they met with Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro, a Mizrachi leader, in a review of Israel's current religious problems and particularly those of religious education.

The delegates also attended a lecture by Jewish Agency chairman Moshe Sharett on Israel and the Diaspora and attended in the evening a symposium on spiritual relations between Israeli and Diaspora Jewry.

#### ZIM-ISRAEL NAVIGATION COMPANY REPORTS \$855,000 NET PROFIT FOR 1960

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- The Zim-Israel Navigation Company, Ltd., Israel's largest shipping concern, earned a net profit of \$855,000 last year with a freight volume 10 percent higher than the previous year, it was reported here today. The progress by the company in spite of a general recession in international shipping last year, was attributed to the diversity of the line's routes.

Zim has Just taken delivery of its 47th vessel -- the 23,000-ton bulk carrier Timma-the last of the 36 ships built for the company in West German shipyards under the terms of
the Bonn-Israel reparations agreement. The new vessel brings the company's fleet to a
total of 400,000 tons. In addition, Zim operates 53 ships under charter on international
routes.

Israel's merchant marine is expected to reach 800, 000 tons by the end of this year as a result of an expansion plan aimed at topping the 1,000,000-ton mark by 1965. The first units of the plan, which will cost an estimated \$160,000,000, have been ordered from 300 about 100 and 100 are 100 and 100 are 100 are

The Israel merchant fleet, which now totals 600,000 tons, will acquire 19 new vessels this year, including two 30,000-ton bulk carriers and three 10,000-ton cargo ships. Twelve of the new ships: are to be delivered by the end of this month. The 19 vessels, which will cost a total of \$50,000,000, include nine completed or nearing completion in West German shipyards under the terms of the Bonn-Israel reparations agreement.

#### ISRAEL EXHIBITS PRODUCTS AT CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

CHICAGO, July 25. (JTA) -- Israel will be one of 28 nations to exhibit their products at the Chicago International Trade Fair opening tomorrow at McCormick Place, this city's exposition center. The fair, sponsored by the Chicago Association of Commerce, will run through August 10.

#### STUDENTS OF JEWISH SCHOOL IN BRAZIL TO SPEND VACATION IN ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 25. (JTA) -- Forty students of the A. Liesin School sailed for Israel today to spend their vacations in the Jewish State. The group was the second from this school to depart for Israel, and it is expected that students of other schools here will also enroll in Israel-vacation plans.

## ISRAEL DIPLOMAT IN BUENOS AIRES DECORATED BY ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT

BUENOS AIRES, July 25. (JTA) -- Mordechai Avida, Minister at the Israeli Embassy, received a decoration from the Argentine Government today. President Arturo Frondizi signed the Government citation, awarding the Argentine Orden de Mayo in the Grand Officer class to Mr. Avida "in appreciation of his services of importance to the Argentine nation." Mr. Avida is scheduled to leave his post here soon.