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EICHMANN'S TRIAL RESUMED; FROSECUTOR REVIEWS HIS ROLE IN KILLING JEWS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Attorney General Gideon Hausner, presenting his summation of evidence against Adolf Eichmann, described the defendant today as the "chief executive officer of extermination" of European Jewry.

The chief prosecutor asserted the evidence presented since the start of the former Gestapo colonel's trial on April 11 proved that Eichmann had directed the mass slaughter of 6,000,000 European Jews in three stages. These were, he said, first, their expulsion from Germany, second their assembly and concentration in Nazi-held Poland: and third, their destruction in the Nazi gas chambers and furnaces,

The prosecutor cited Nuremberg trial testimony by Hermann Goering, Hitler's air chief, that Eichmann was among the five Nazis responsible for the annihilation of Europe's Jews, the other four being Hitler, Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels and SS chief Reinhardt Hevdrich.

. Mr. Hausner slashed away at a key defense position to the effect that Eichmann had only carried out orders and had never initiated them. The prosecutor called the master plan for the murder of European Jewry a criminal conspiracy and cited extensively from rulings of United States, British and Israeli courts to the effect that each conspirator in such a plot is fully responsible for the actions taken by all other conspirators in furtherance of the purpose of the conspiracy;

The prosecutor said that all that needed to be proven against Eichmann was that he Joined the conspiracy voluntarily. He stressed that Eichmann had testified he Joined the Nazi party voluntarily and that while he had claimed he volunteered to Join the security police "by mistake," he never made any effort to quit when he discovered his "mistake."

Attacks Argument that Eichmann Was Only Carrying Out Orders

Mr. Hausner attacked Eichmann's defense argument that when the Nazis began to implement the golicy of physical destruction of Jews, he carried out orders unwillingly but had to do so because he was under oath as a Nazi officer. The prosecutor said this was like an argument of a member of a gang, orginally organized for stealing, claiming that he was already a member when the gang extended itsactivities to armed robbery and killing a watchman.

"I know that all these examples sound strange," the prosecutor told the threejudge court. "What comparison could there possibly be between the murder of one watchman and the murder of millions? But this is a court of flesh and blood, and precedents cited here must also be from human experience."

He then cited court rulings that it is not a defense for one conspirator that other conspirators drafted the plans and gave orders for their implementation. This holds also for a dictatorship", the prosecutor said. "The relationship between the ruler and the ruled does not exclude the responsibility of him who is ruled for his acts."

He cited the Israel Supreme Court verdict in the Kafr Kassem case when members of the Israell border police were sentenced for shooting Arab civilians despite a plea they acted under orders. He said the Supreme court even ruled that a plain soldier who is only present at an illegal activity is responsible for participation in a criminal conspiracy if he was present under manifestly illegal orders.

Cites Eichmann's Central Role in Murder Program of Jews

The prosecutor said that while there were hundreds of thousands of Germans of greater and lesser influence who joined in this "work of evil," this fact did not diminish Eichmann's central role. He quoted documents and eye-witnesses, including defense witnesses, which he said proved Eichmann's special status and central role in the

murder program. He dismissed Eichmann's defense contention that his low rank made it impossible for him to have initiated the murder orders. The prosecutor sid that Eichmann's comparatively low rank was unimportant, first because the murder program was the work of a gang of murderers and second because Eichmann was in the center stage of execution of the plan and thus bears criminal responsibility for all of the stages and manifestations of the murder program.

The prosecutor noted that an Israeli officer was found responsible for transmitting the order which led to the Kair Kassem deaths, and said the judgement proved that acts carried out within the framework of military duties are punishable even if not actually perpetrated by the individual conveying the order.

Eichmann, the prosecutor declared, headed the Gestapo Department for Jewish affairs. All of the department's work involved implementing a series of acts each of which was a crime. Eichmann could not pretend to hide under the pretext that he acted under orders. He cited a ruling from a German high court to the effect that staff officers who transmitted an order contrary to international law were as guilty as those who implemented it.

Eichmann's Admissions of Collaboration in Crimes Against Jews

The prosecutor said that according to Eichmann's own admissions, he directly collaborated in crimes against humanity and crimes against the Jews and therefore was guilty of the first six counts of the 15-count against him;

Mr. Hausner then traced Eichmann's activities beginning in December, 1939 when he took direction of Gestapo Bureau Department IV-B-4 for Jewish Affairs, He asserted that by all laws of evidence, Eichmann was an accessoryto every crime, commencing with the deportations of Jews -- for which Eichmann has admitted responsibility as chief transport official -- until their murder in the gas chambers and furnaces; Mr. Hausner said this was true even under Eichmann's plea that he had only arranged the timetables for the mass transports;

But, the prosecutor said, the evidence of witnesses and beuments demonstrated that Eichmann had much more than the passive role he claimed in his defense testimony, that he was much more than a mere accomplice. He said the evidence had shown that Eichmann had worked directly with the Einsatz-Gruppen, the Nazi commande units who followed in the wake of Hiller's conquering armies, rounding up and murdering Jews and partisans. He said Eichmann admitted he was in constant touch with the units and that he knew what was in store for the victims of the commando squads.

The prosecutor cited Eichmann's admission that he saw the commando units in action and that after Eichmann warned one of his superiors that such activities might turn German soldiers into "sadists" and "out of this came the idea of using cas; "

The prosecutor said that "Eichmann gave his consent for the use of gas as early as October, 1941." The evidence, including that of Rudolf Hoess, the Auschwitz commandar who was hanged by the Poles, and Dieter Wisliceny, an Eichmann aide hanged by the Allies, "leads to the glaring conclusion" of from where the proposal came to use gas and to supply . 'the gas to the Nazi murder camps, Mr. Hausner said.

The prosecutor also cited evidence that showed that Eichmann had wide powers, including authority to deal with Pierre Laval, the Vichy Premier of occupied France, about French Jews and the extent of Eichmann's influence was illustrated by the fact that the German Foriegn Office had to pologize that in Vichy, it had acted without first consulting Eichmann,

The prosecutor was scheduled to resume his summation tomorrow morning and conclude it tomorrow.

ISRAELI SCIENTISTS DEVELOP HOUSEHOLD-SIZE WATER DESALINATION UNIT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8 (ITA) -- Israeli scientists have developed a household size water desalination unit and a first model is already in regular operation at a cattle ranch near the Dead Sea, the Negev Arid Zones Research Institute announced today,

The household-size unit has a maximum capacity of 250 gallons a day and is frective in producing drinkable water from undergraound saline water. The cost of a unit is expected to be about \$200 and each will produce 250 gallons of drinkable water on only five kilowatts an hour. The first unit is in use at Neot Hakikar, a cattle ranch ', 200 feet under sea level 10 miles south of the Dead Sea. The unit, which was develocible to the sea of the principle of electrical separation of salt from water,

his process has been known for some time but it could not be applied to a small unit until new type membranes were developed.

DR. GOLDMANN REPORTS ON RESTITUTION TO AUSTRIAN VICTIMS OF NAZISM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive convened here today under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann to hear a report on the results of his negotiations with the Vienna Government on restitution to Austrian victims of Nazi persecution. Dr. Goldmann noted that the overwhelming majority of organizations of Jews of Austrian origin had accepted the agreement with the Austrian Government, feeling that it was the best that could have been achieved.

Dr. Goldmann also announced that there were good chances that the Swiss Parliament would pass a law enabling receipt by Jewish organizations of bank accounts deposited in Switzerland by European Jews before the Second World War and in the early years of the war, and which became heirless property when the owners fell victim to Nazi persecution.

He said such a law would probably release those accounts which have been inactive since 1940. The Jewish leader also reported on an agreement reached with the West German Finance Ministry over the payment of compensation to those Jewish victims of Nazism who left Eastern Europe after 1953.

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The executive also discussed the situation of the Ziorist organization of France. It was decided to make an effort to establish a broad confederation of all Zionist parties and non-Zionist organizations in France. A foundation conference for such

a confederation will be held in Paris in the near future.

AUSTRIAN POLICE EXPEL GERMAN VACATIONERS WEARING NAZI-STYLE UNIFORMS

VIENNA, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Austrian police announced today the expulsion of a group of West German vacationers wearing Nazi-style uniforms and singing Nazi songs.

The vacationers, members of the extreme rightwing "Federation of Germans," spent several days in a tent camp on Fleinker Lake in Upper Austria. Police, who took the Germans to the border in a bus, said their behavior violated the public interest.

CACHE OF ANCIENT HEBREW BOOKS DISCOVERED IN BYELORUSSIAN CHURCH

PARIS, Aug. 8 (ITA) -- A cache of centuries-old Hebrew books has been discovered in a Greek Orthodox church in Byelorussia, it was reported here today in the Communist Yiddish daily Naye Presse. The Hebrew volumes, some of them dating back to the 16th Century, are all printed. They include a Hebrew Bible published in Leipzig in 1567;

Parts of the cache, which includes bibles and prayerbooks, were printed in such widely scattered cities as Leipzig, Zurich, Liege and other European cities. The books have been presented to the Historical Museum of Byeorussia.

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL DECIDES TO WITHDRAW FROM MIAMI JEWISH APPEAL

MIAMI, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- The Joint Defense Appeal, the fund-raising agency for the Arherican Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, has decided to withdraw from the 1962 Combined Jewish Appeal of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, but both sides expressed the hope today that means would be found to cancel the withdrawal,

The reason for the withdrawal was given in a Joint statement by David Fleeman, president of the Greater Miami chapter of the American Jewish Committee, and Paul Seiderman, chairman of the Florida region of the ADL. The statement said:

"The Joint Defense Appeal made its decision to withdraw from the Miami Federation based on the fact that for many years allocations by the local Combined Jewish Appeal have made it impossible for the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League to meet their responsibilities to the Jewish community; Since reaching our decision, there has been evidence that Federation leaders have indicated a desire to constructively discuss possible alternative possibilities."

Sam J. Heiman, president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, also indicated a readiness to meet with JDA officials to find some solution for the impasse. He cited a Federation executive committee resolution on the impending withdrawal in which the Federation said that it "believes in the central fund-raising and planning purposes and objectives for which Federation was organized." Also that it believes that the JDA should be a participant and beneficiary agency of Federation.

Withdrawal of the JDA from the campaign would not be in the best interests of the organized Jewish community and its progress in the future," the Federation resolution said. It urged that "further meetings be held with the representatives of the JDA for re-discussion of their action."

DR. SCHWARTZ REPORTS ON RESULTS OF TEN-DAY ISRAEL BOND CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- "The first ten years of the Israel bond campaign have demonstrated that Israel bonds are the lever which moves Israel's economic development forward," Dr.; Joseph J.; Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, stated today on his return from a ten-day Israel Bond Leaders Conference which has fust concluded in Israel;

"The \$500,000,000 provided during the first decade of the Israel bond drive," Dr. Schwartz said, "have played a decisive role in the development of every phase of the country's economy. I zel bonds must play an equally decisive part in the economic development which is planned for the future," The 350 Jewish leaders from the United States, Canada and Latin America who attended the conference, adopted a goal of an additional \$500,000,000 in Israel bond sales during the next seven years.

In reporting on the results of the Conference, Dr. Schwartz stressed the need for an accelerated flow of Israel bond dollars to Israel, "Finance Minister Eshkol told the conference," Dr. Schwartz said, "that Israel will require some \$2,500,000,000 in investment resources during the next five years to carry out her program of essential economic development, and to provide for the absorption of hundreds of thousands of new immigrants. This objective cannot be reached without great sums from the Israel bond drive, which has become an indispensable element in Israel's total economic picture."

ISRAEL SCIENTIST TO REPORT ON SOLAR ENERGY AT U. N. CONFERENCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 8 (JTA) -- An Israeli scientist will be one of 20 experts presenting specialized reports on world energy needs and new sources at the ten-day United Nations Conference on New Sources of Energy which will open in Rome on August 21, the UN reported today.

However, Israel will not be represented among the specialists from 16 countries chosen to serve as chairmen of technical sessions despite the fact that one of the chairmen will be from the United Arab Republic, The UN announcement said that the chairmen would serve as individual specialists rather than as representatives of their governments.

The conference will have 20 sessions dealing with practical ways of utilizing the energy of the wind, the sun and the earth's underground heat particularly to help countries lacking conventional energy sources;

Dr. Harry Tabor, director of the National Physical Laboratory of Israel, will be one of 20 rapporteurs reporting on various projects which will form the basis of discussion at the conference, He will present a report on the use of solar energy for mechanical power and electricity production by means of piston engines and turnines.

Dr. Tabor will deal specifically with the use of solar energy for cooling purposes. The announcement said Dr. Tabor's report will cover two areas: food preservation by refrigeration, and cooling and dehumidification. The report cites data from papers by specialists from Israel and a number of other countries.

WISCONSIN JEW PRESENTS CITY OF MANITOWIC \$75,000 O'NHIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., Aug. 8 (JTA) -- A gift of \$75,000 was presented to the city of Manitowic today by Simon Schwartz on the occasion of his 75th birthday. The gift will be used for the construction of facilities for the mentally ill, Mr. Schwartz, who has long been active in Jewish and civic activities in Manitowic, said he made the gift because "there was a great need for such an institution in the Manitowic community,"

PROF. ABRAHAM GALANTA, TURKISH-JEWISH HISTORIAN, DEAD; WROTE 50 POOKS

ISTANBUL, Aug. 8 (ITA) -- Professor Abraham Galanta, noted Turkish-Jewish historian, died here today at the age of 88. He was the author of some fifty books, most of them dealing with the history of the Jews or about Turkey and the Middle East, He served as a professor of history at the University of Istanbul and as a member of the Turkish Parliament;

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CHARLES KRAMER TODAY; WAS REFORM LEADER

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Charles Kramer, prominent attorney and active leader of the Jewish community, who died here yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 70. He was a founder of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and president of that Reform organization from 1931 to 1933 and from 1941 to 1943. He was a director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and honorary secretary of the Symagogue Council of America, national coordinating body for the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements;