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### SENTENCED LENINGRAD JEWISH LEADER REJECTED ESPIONAGE CHARGES IN COURT

PARIS, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Gedalia Pechersky, the Leningrad lay Jewish religious leader who was sentenced last month to 12 years' imprisonment, rejected charges of espionage and insisted he was a loyal citizen during his trial, according to reliable detailed information reaching here today.

Mr. Pechersky was shown photographs at the trial in which he was pictured conversing with members of the Israel Embassy. Testifying in his own defense, he said that the photographs were taken at a formal reception which he attended in his capacity as Jewish community representative with knowledge of Soviet authorities. He insisted he was a loyal citizen and that he had not violated any law.

The prosecutor then asked him if he was a Zionist. To this he replied that he did not belong to any party or organization but that as an Orthodox Jew it was mandatory for him, in accordance with Jewish custom throughout many generations, to pray three times daily for the restoration of Zion.

The trial, which lasted three days and took place in mid-October, was not in secret, as was originally reported, but attendance at the hearings was restricted. Sentenced with Mr. Pechersky, 60, were two other lay leaders, N.A. Kaganov, and E.S. Dynkin, who received lighter terms because of their advanced ages. The trials and sentences have aroused worldwide protests. The three leaders were arrested on charges of "conspiring with foreign agents" and other alleged treasonable activities.

### GOLDMANN CHARGES 'CHAOS' IN U.S. JEWISH LIFE; NEUMANN HONORED

NEW YORK, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- The charge that American Jewry is suffering from "overorganized chaos, leading to overlapping, waste of manpower and efforts," was voiced here tonight at a dinner of the Zionist Organization of America tendered in tribute to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, honorary president of the ZOA and member of the Jewish Agency executive, in recognition of his 50 years of leadership and dedicated service to the Zionist cause.

Dr. Neumann was presented with the ZOA Herzl Gold Medallion, awarded each year to an individual judged to have rendered the most outstanding service to the cause of Zionism. Previous recipients of the awards since its creation, by the ZOA three years ago were Israel President Izhak Ben-Zvi, the Earl of Balfour, nephew and heir of the author of the Balfour Declaration, and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. More than 1,000 Zionist leaders and key workers in the metropolitan area and other parts of the country attended the \$100-a-plate dinner, the proceeds of which will go towards the American Zionist Fund to finance the expanded program of the activities of the ZOA.

Principal speakers at the dinner who joined in paying tribute to Dr. Neumann included Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir; Michael S. Comay, Israel Ambassador to the United Nations; Professor Enrique Rodriguez-Fabregat, Ambassador of Uruguay to the United Nations; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; Max Bressler, president of the ZOA, who presided; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council and of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman of the National ZOA Executive Council. Abraham Goodman, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., made the presentation of the Herzl Award to Dr. Neumann.

### Says U.S. Jewry Is the Only Jewish Community Lacking Representative Body

In his address, Dr. Goldmann also said that "a dangerous bureaucratization" exists in American Jewish life. He described this situation as "one of the greatest weaknesses of American Jewry" adding that "it is the only Jewish community in the world lacking a representative body which does not mean the rule of majority over dissenting minorities but would at least bring about coordination, reasonable discussion of its vital problems and do away with the anarchy as it exists today."

Dr. Goldmann made his charges in setting forth the major problems facing world Jewry, particularly American Jewry, in strengthening the ties with the State of Israel and the furtherance of Jewish education as "the main condition for Jewish survival." He termed as "one of the most shortsighted and dangerous illusions" which he said is "entertained, unfortunately, by many both in Israel and in the diaspora who believe

that the Zionist movement has fulfilled its major task by having brought about the creation of the State of Israel."

The world Zionist leader emphasized that while "the State is established and flourishing, the two major problems which will determine its future and its historical destiny are far from solved." He cited these problems as "the consolidation and survival of Israel both security-wise and economically" and secondly, "the forging of ties between the Jewish communities of the world and Israel which would make it the center of Jewish life and a new source of the spiritual and moral values which will safeguard Jewish survival."

"To solve either of these two problems will require many years if not decades and both tasks can only be fulfilled if there will be a strong Zionist movement mobilizing the Jewish people and rallying around Israel, playing the same role Zionism has played in organizing the Jewish people in its fight for the emergence of the State," Dr. Goldmann said;

Dr. Goldmann paid tribute to Dr. Neumann whom he described as "one of the most devoted and consistent Zionist leaders who, for decades, has greatly influenced Zionism in America in all its aspects and has played an important role in world Zionism." He further stressed that "there are few Zionist leaders so fully familiar with all problems of Zionism and Jewish life as Dr. Neumann, few also so deeply convinced of the vital necessity of a strong Zionist movement as he."

Dr. Neumann was also lauded by Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion, who said in a cable from Jerusalem: "There is no need to recount the valuable work you have done in many fields of Jewish life; It is known to us and appreciated; I esteem your true Zionist qualities and hope that you will be blessed with many years of fruitful continuation of this work. The presentation of the Theodor Herzl Gold Medal Award is seen by your friends not only as a recognition of the past but as a landmark pointing to the future."

#### Dr. Neumann Warns of the Peril of Arab Pressure in the U.N.

Dr. Neumann, in responding to the tributes, warned against the perils facing the Middle East as a result of the attempts by Arab states in the United Nations to impose an unjust solution for the Arab refugee problem. He emphasized that in the 14 years since the adoption of the UN resolution "Israel has brilliantly vindicated the hopes of its founders. It has given home and sanctuary to a million refugees and molded them into a flourishing free society with a strong, stable, democratic government."

Further citing Israel's achievements since its establishment, Dr. Neumann also emphasized that "above and beyond such monumental achievements at home, Israel is also serving as pilot-plant for emerging nations of Asia and Africa, in attacking most difficult problems of reclamation and development, and social reconstruction. Israel is demonstrating how these problems can be solved, not by the brutal, coercive methods of a police state, but by voluntary cooperation with elaborate safeguards for the human rights of the individual," he said;

Speaking on the Arab refugee problem, which is under discussion at the United Nations, Dr. Neumann said: "What is being offered to the United Nations today is clearly not a formula to alleviate the lot of the refugees, but an invitation to undo the settlement of 1947-1948 and sweep away the entire structure of the status-quo. No such adventure can be undertaken without setting the whole Middle East aflame."

"As I see it, the Arab leaders are being pushed and dragged by their extremists into a diplomatic impasse by taking a further step away from the high road of negotiation and co-existence to a path that can only lead to more bitter frustration of war. It is to be hoped that in the form of the United Nations a more rational and constructive statesmanship will prevail," the Zionist leader said;

Warm messages of tribute to Dr. Neumann were received at the dinner from Jewish leaders in this country, including Dr. Abba Hillel Silver; Irving Kane, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization; Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, president of Hadassah, and others. Cables were also received from numerous personalities in Israel and from the General Zionist organizations in Chile, Australia, Uruguay, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, France, England and many other countries;

#### KNESSET REJECTS MOTIONS TO DEBATE ISRAEL'S STAND ON SOUTH AFRICA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, last night rejected by an overwhelming majority two motions demanding a debate on Israel's anti-Apartheid votes in the United Nations General Assembly affecting South Africa;

In presenting the motions to the Knesset, Arie Ben-Eliezer, of Herut, and Shlomo Lorincz of Agudat Israel, criticized Israel's support of the UN condemnation of South Africa as extreme, although both rejected Apartheid. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told the Deputies: "We would not have been true to ourselves, to our moral heritage and to our position in the family of nations if we had not joined in this protest."

## VIENNA JEWS CONCERNED OVER ANTI-JEWISH ACTIVITIES; APPEAL TO GOVT.

VIENNA, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- Vienna Jewish community leaders expressed concern today to Interior Minister Josef Aflritsch over activities of neo-Nazis in Austria and were assured strict action would be taken.

The leaders cited the vandalizing of 40 Jewish headstones in the Innsbruck Jewish cemetery, and an anonymous telephone call warning that the Innsbruck synagogue would be blasted. The Minister said that the Austrian Government would act with "the greatest emphasis and severity" against those responsible for such acts.

Police officials said today that an evaluation of material found during the arrests of eleven leaders of a neo-Nazi organization indicated that an Austrian neo-Nazi ring which received orders from centers in Munich and Nuremberg had been smashed. The arrests took place just before the start of a planned new propaganda campaign slated to begin in the first week of December, the police added.

The police said they found a complete nine-point program ready for distribution to 1,000 recipients to launch a nationwide smear and placard campaign against Jews. The texts of the confiscated placards contained such Hitler slogans as "Jude Verrecke," (Jews Perish!) The mimeographed programs provided detailed instructions on where to smear the anti-Semitic slogans, how to affix the placards to surfaces, and what to do if police intervened.

Police officials established the orders were identical with those developing from Nazi underground activities before World War II. The campaign documents also called for a conference in Vienna of "all countries concerned" where other neo-Nazi activities were to be discussed. The Austrian Interior Ministry promised the sternest possible measures to deal with the new neo-Nazi program.

## W.J.C. APPEALS TO MOSCOW TO RELEASE ARRESTED JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- A statement deploring the recent arrests of Jewish leaders in the Soviet Union was issued today by the Israeli executive of the World Jewish Congress.

"We are convinced that there is no foundation for the version that these people turned traitor or were agents of a foreign state," the statement said. "Their only sin has been their devoted service to their Jewish communities."

Calling on Soviet authorities to release the Jewish leaders, the executive also appealed to the Soviet Government to permit Russian Jews to rejoin members of their families who are settled in other countries.

## POLISH GOVT. TO FINANCE ERECTION OF MONUMENT FOR PERISHED JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- The Polish Government will contribute "a substantial sum" toward the erection of a monument at the site of the infamous Treblinka concentration camp, where tens of thousands of Jews perished under the Nazi regime, it was announced here today.

The announcement was made by Salo Fiszgrund, chairman of the Jewish Central Committee of Poland, and Dr. Franciszek Duszenko, a sculptor and lecturer at the Academy of Art at Gdansk (Danzig) Poland. They came here to purchase granite for the monument which, they said, will cost a total of 15,000,000 zlotys (about \$180,000).

Hillel Storch, president of the Swedish section of the World Jewish Congress, announced that a committee has been formed by 15 Jewish organizations in Sweden to raise the remaining funds needed for the monument above the Polish Government's contribution.

## GERMAN LEADERS TO CONSIDER INDEMNIFICATION FOR RUMANIAN JEWS

BONN, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- Assurances that West Germany would "consider favorably" claims for indemnification to be filed by former victims of Nazism who had suffered persecutions in Rumania were given here today by leaders of the Bundestag (lower House of Parliament) and the State indemnification committee.

The assurances were given to two former Rumanians now living in Israel, Shalom Silberfarb and Idov Cohen. They came here to press with German authorities the indemnification claims of Rumanian victims of Nazism living in Israel.

## MOROCCAN GOVT. NAMES JEW TO HIGH POST; REMOVES JEW FROM OTHER POST

CASABLANCA, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- M. Ruben Levy, a Jew, was named by the Government today as director of the cabinet for Casablanca in the Ministry of National Economy. At the same time, a Government announcement stated, another Jew, M. Ohana, was removed from his post as chief of cabinet in the Ministry of Commerce, being replaced by a Moslem.

## \$80,000,000 SPENT ON CONSTRUCTION OF 83 NEW JEWISH CENTER BUILDINGS

NEW YORK, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- There were 83 new Jewish Community Center and YM-YWHA buildings erected in the United States and Canada in the 15 years since the end of World War II, it is reported in the JWB Year Book, published by the National Jewish Welfare Board today.

One or more new buildings were opened since 1945 in 78 different communities in 26 states and three Canadian provinces. Aggregate cost of this new construction amounted to \$80,000,000, according to the Year Book's detailed summary of new Center facilities.

The largest number of new Center buildings was opened in the Midwest where 20 Jewish Community Centers occupied brand new facilities during this period. There were also nine new Centers erected in the Far West and Rocky Mountain region, nine in New England, nine in New Jersey, nine in Middle Atlantic area, eight in the South, eight in Canada and eight in the Greater New York area. In up-state New York there were three new Centers built;

## HILLEL SEEKS TO STIMULATE INTEREST OF PROFESSORS IN JEWISH AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- An intensified effort by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations to restore the interest of Jewish college professors in Jewish community affairs has resulted in Hillel-sponsored faculty programs on 30 campuses, says a report released today by Dr. William Haber, chairman of the national Hillel commission. The report indicates these programs have been "singularly successful" in reclaiming Jewish faculty interest in Judaism.

Dr. Haber, who is a professor of economics at the University of Michigan, reported that while there is not yet an "encouraging trend" in the change of religious attitude among Jewish faculty members, there is "encouraging response" on campuses where Hillel programs have been established. He said that plans have been evolved for a series of inter-collegiate faculty seminars on a city-wide basis, which would bring together professors from different colleges and disciplines.

"These sessions will be devoted not only to discussion of Jewish issues, but to an exploration of the ways by which Jewish faculty members can identify themselves with the Jewish community and, in turn, how the Jewish community can best utilize their scholarly and intellectual skills," Dr. Haber declared.

The first such inter-university faculty seminar was held at the Hillel House of the University of Chicago. Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn of Washington, D. C., national Hillel director, reported that faculty members, representing ten colleges and universities in the area, were "highly enthusiastic" with the program and endorsed plans for regional and national faculty conferences.

## HEBREW TESTS FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE TO BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- The Hebrew Culture Council announced today that the College Entrance Examination board will administer its second Hebrew Achievement Test for high school juniors and seniors.

The test will be part of the regular college entrance testing program to be held throughout the United States on December 2-3. Judah Lapson, council chairman, said the first college board examination in Hebrew was taken by more than 600 college applicants last March. Modern Hebrew is accepted for entrance credit by colleges and universities throughout the country.

## 15 TORONTO RESIDENTS ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIPS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 28; (JTA) -- The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University announced today that 15 Toronto citizens have established scholarships at the University in honor of John Bassett, chairman and publisher of the Toronto Telegram.

The John Bassett Endowment Fund will provide annual and perpetual undergraduate scholarship in agriculture, economics or sociology and Afro-Asian studies. The gift was inspired in part by scholarships from Mr. Bassett for Israeli students which he provided in honor of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and Lord Beaverbrook, the British newspaper magnate.

## SAO PAULO PLANS TO NAME STREET FOR DR. THEODOR HERZL, MAYOR ANNOUNCES

SAO PAULO, Nov. 28; (JTA) -- A street in this city will be re-named for Theodor Herzl, it was announced here today by Mayor Francisco Prestes Maia. The Mayor, who made the announcement at a 75th birthday celebration for Israel's Premier David Ben-Gurion sponsored by the Sao Paulo Jewish community, also disclosed that a children's public library here would be named for Anne Frank.