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EICHMANN SENTENCE TO BE PRONOUNCED IN JERUSALEM COURT THIS MORNING

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14: (JTA) -- Thousands of Israelis lined up today in front of the Beth Haam, where the sentence on Adolf Eichmann will be pronounced tomorrow morning, in the hope of securing entrance tickets to the final act of the Eichmann trial. The sentence will be announced in court at 9 o'clock in the morning, Israel time, which is 2 a.m. New York time.

Professor Martin Buber said today that if Eichmann is sentenced to death tomorrow he will appeal to President Ben-Zvi for a commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment. Professor Buber made the statement in denying a report in a Saarbrücken, West German, newspaper that he intended to seek a pardon for the former Gestapo colonel who was found guilty Tuesday of all 15 counts of an indictment fixing key responsibility on him for the Nazi wartime slaughter of 6,000,000 European Jews.

The philosopher said he was firmly opposed to capital punishment and that he applied that stand to the Eichmann case "in which there is no possible punishment to fit the crime, where the imagination cannot envisage a suitable penalty."

The Israel Ministry of Justice was asked today to confiscate the manuscript of a book which Eichmann wrote during his 19 months' incarceration in Israel while awaiting the trial that was held last summer. Eichmann has said his writings, which deal with the Jewish policy of the Nazi regime, will be published abroad. It was mentioned by his counsel, Dr. Robert Servatius, in his plea to the three-judge court yesterday for mercy for his client.

The request for confiscation was made by Rabbi Mordecai Nurock, a Member of Parliament, in the form of a question to the Justice Ministry to which a reply is expected next week. Rabbi Nurock contended that anything written by the Nazi during his Israeli imprisonment is the property of the state of Israel.

A similar request was made by Tuvia Friedman, of the Yad Vashem, documentation center on the Nazi holocaust, in a letter to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Mr. Friedman urged the Prime Minister to prevent such publication of the Eichmann book, the proceeds of which are reportedly to be used to cover his expenses of the trial and his expected appeal and the balance to Eichmann's estate. Friedman contended that only the Israel Government had the right to the manuscript which should be published on the basis that all proceeds would go to help finance the work of the Yad Vashem.

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ATTACKS ISRAEL AT U.N. ON ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 14: (JTA) -- The Soviet Union finally had its opportunity today to debate the Arab refugee problem, which has been bitterly flayed for more than a week in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, and proposed a straight pro-Arab policy which the United States promptly denounced as "shedding crocodile tears."

After two hours of continued harsh wrangling by Arab delegates attacking Israel and attacking African delegates who insist that the Arabs and Israel start peace negotiations, K.G. Pedoseev, of the USSR, took the floor. Bemoaning "the sad fate of the refugees" who, he said, had been "displaced by force," he denounced Israel for allegedly failing to implement UN resolutions. He maintained the refugees had a "right" to "return" to Israel. The only reason they have not been "repatriated", he held, was that Israel, supported by Western Powers, has "refused" to implement UN resolutions. He also attacked the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

Francis T.P. Plimpton, U.S. delegate in the committee, replied promptly. He said the Soviet "tearful concern over the fate of the refugees sounds hollow in view of the fact that neither the Soviet Union nor any other members of the Soviet group has ever contributed a single kopeck toward the welfare of the refugees. If they are really interested, instead of merely fishing in troubled waters, let them announce a contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees."

Mr. Plimpton was referring to the fact that the deficit in the UNRWA budget, exceeding \$20,000,000, was largely due to the failure of the Soviet bloc to pay any UNRWA assessments since the formation of the agency in 1950. The Russian replied to Mr. Plimpton

by saying that the refugees do not wish to live "on charity." He said the refugees have property in Israel, worth two billion dollars, yielding an annual income of \$134,000,000.

Meanwhile, African delegates from Upper Volta and the Ivory Coast--who are among the co-sponsors of the 15-member resolution calling for Arab-Israeli peace negotiations--continued their counter-attacks against the Arab bloc, while the Arabs kept up a drum-fire of anti-African diatribe. Among the Africans who entered the lists today in favor of the 15-member resolution was Issoufu Saidou Dje-Akoye, of Niger. While not among the 15 co-sponsors, he supported the resolution vigorously.

Several times, Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, replied to some of the Arab attacks. With more than 30 speakers still on the list for the refugee debate, the committee adjourned for the day, although appeals had been made that it speed its work.

STATE DEPARTMENT STUDIES REPORTS ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The State Department indicated today that it was studying reports of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and expressed "concern" over the reports.

In a letter to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, the State Department said that reports of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union are being reviewed to "determine what action it might be desirable for the United States to take."

JE WEH BCDY IN FRANCE TO PROTEST TO SOVIET AGAINST TRIALS OF JEWS

PARIS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The CRIF, the representative organization of French Jews, decided today to make a vigorous protest to the Soviet Embassy against the recent trials in Moscow and Leningrad of Jewish religious lay leaders.

The CRIF decided after a lengthy discussion to send a delegation to the Russian Embassy to meet Sergei Vinogradov, the Soviet Ambassador to France. The delegation plans to call the attention of the envoy to the "anxiety" the trials and imprisonment have caused among French Jewry and to ask him to inform the Soviet Government about this reaction.

SIX NAZI LEADERS CHARGED WITH KILLING 11,000 JEWS; TRIAL SCHEDULED

BERLIN, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Six former leaders of Hitler's SS elite guard were indicted today on charges of murder or complicity in the murder of 11,000 Jews during World War II. They were arrested in February 1959 and have been in pre-trial detention since. The trial is expected to start in the Spring.

The indictment was filed by West Berlin's Public Prosecutor. Those indicted are former SS Col. Alfred Filbert, 56, manager of a West Berlin bank; Gerhard Schneider of Lower Saxony, Bodo Stuck, former Hanover police commissioner; Wilhelm Greiffenberger of Bavaria; Konrad Fiebig of Munich, and Heinrich Tunnert, former managing director of the Oldenburg Chamber of Commerce.

MAJOR BRITISH PARTIES BACK BILL OUTLAWING RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

LONDON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A bill to make it a crime to discriminate against an individual for reasons of color, race or religion in Britain received its first reading last night in the House of Commons.

Fenner Brockway, Labor MP, who is sponsor of the measure, said he had introduced the measure seven times before it reached the first reading stage. He explained that it now had influential support of three major parties. The bill also would make it an offense for anyone to incite publicly contempt or hatred of any person because of color, race or religion.

HEAVY RAINS IN ISRAEL FLOOD ROADS, DISRUPT TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Roads were flooded, telephonic communications disrupted and outdoor work in many areas halted by a heavy downpour during the past 24 hours in all parts of Israel. Even the usually dry southern Negev and the port of Eilat received a fair amount of rain.

Work was stopped in Haifa, Israel's main port, and all emergency crews were alerted when two Greek fishing boats entered the harbor in a search for shelter from gale winds and waves.

The main telephone lines in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem were cut by heavy waters which washed away telephone polls and uprooted huge trees. In Tel Aviv, a wooden hut collapsed, slightly injuring its two occupants. Generally, however, Government officials, particularly in the Agriculture Ministry, welcomed the rainfalls as likely to help the winter crops which have been suffering from insufficient rain.

RESULTS VARY IN FIGHT AGAINST CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 14; (JTA) -- Both victories and defeats were reported today from various school districts in the annual struggle of Jewish communal relations agencies to win elimination or at least de-emphasis of Christmas programs in public schools.

The Hartsdale Board of Education in Westchester rejected a request from a group of residents for permission to build a Nativity scene on the lawn of the Central Avenue School. Last October, the school board voted to give away a creche owned by the school district because "the propriety of the ownership and utilization by a school district of a sectarian religious symbol is subject to question." The creche had been displayed at the school grounds for 20 years prior to last Christmas.

In heavily Jewish Essex county of New Jersey, the local Community Relations Council reported that such observances were of "mounting concern" to Essex County Jews. The Council added that "excusing Jewish children from participation is not the whole answer."

Philip E. Hoffman, chairman of the Council, urged parents, rabbis and Jewish organizations of the area to bring specific problems to the Council for consultation "rather than seek to deal with them forthwith." He added he hoped that procedure would reduce "the most flagrant violations" while avoiding the often serious community tensions which often develop from the Jewish fight against sectarian practices in public schools during the Yule period.

He reiterated that the Council, in line with general Jewish policy, opposed both Christmas and Chanukah celebrations "as a violation of the principle of the separation of church and state." The option of Jewish children to refrain from participation in Christmas observances was often "an empty right," he said, because Jewish children, like all children "wish to be part of their group and have a right to feel equally welcome in tax-supported schools."

Jewish Groups in Various States Oppose Religious Plays

Meanwhile representatives of Jewish Community Relations Councils in all of New Jersey's 21 counties appeared before the State Board of Education in Trenton to ask the board to define acceptable religious demonstrations in public schools during the Yule period. All registered opposition to any use of public school property for religious purposes.

They cited among objectionable situations cases where Jewish children had been asked to portray the Christ child in Nativity plays, classroom window decorations containing crosses and Nativity scenes on school property.

Sam Brown, executive director of the New Jersey region of the American Jewish Congress, told the board that "we oppose any use of public school property for religious uses" and emphasized this was not a stand against religion. Dr. Frederick Raubinger, New Jersey Education Commissioner, said it was too late to issue a policy statement for the Christmas period this month but that the board would ask the State Division Against Discrimination to meet with school principals to discuss the problem for later years.

The problem took a somewhat different form in the Greater Philadelphia area where the local Jewish Community Relations Council expressed alarm over reports that Chanukah plays and programs had been staged in public schools during the holiday season.

The Council there reaffirmed the stand of opposition to all sectarian religious practices in public schools and said such programs placed "an additional obstacle in the way of our rabbis and congregants, which have the same problems as churches in prevailing on congregants to observe all religious occasions in the proper religious manner," in the home and house of worship.

Impact of Jewish Opposition Reported to be Minimal

Jewish community leaders in a number of major Connecticut cities joined in support of the principle that sectarian observances of religious holidays--Christian or Jewish--should not be held in the public schools. They included Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, New London, Manchester, Meriden, New Britain, Norwalk and Stamford.

The impact of these publicly stated positions on school boards appeared to be minimal, however. In Manchester, violations of the principle were reported to exist. In Meriden, Rabbi Albert Troy said the same problem existed but children were not required to participate. Christmas celebrations are regularly held in New London schools but Jewish children do not participate.

In Norwalk, the Jewish Community Council decided action against such observances needed more discussion but that nothing was being planned currently to deal with the problem. In Stamford, the interfaith climate was described as good and Jewish officials were reluctant to take any action which would "disturb a good relationship." A

switch on a ban on Christmas observances in Hamden public schools followed a stormy meeting of the board of education. Superintendent David Wyllie had sent out a memo asking school superintendents to tone down Christmas observances and eliminate Chanukah observances. After the board meeting, the memo was rescinded and the board announced that "Christmas will be observed in the schools as it always has been."

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA REPORTS SAVING 500 MARRIAGES IN YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America reported that its Beth Din--its rabbinical court--had saved 500 marriages in its first year of operation. The rabbinical court marked its first anniversary yesterday.

Rabbi Charles Weinberg, president, said the court had "surpassed all expectations." Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of the Rabbinical Court Corporation, the governing body for the Beth Din, said that the 500 successful cases had been referred to the court by Orthodox rabbis from all parts of the United States. He said the court had granted 50 religious divorces.

The court sits once a week but it is available on call to cope with marital or family disputes, Rabbi Weinberg said, adding that plans had been made to expand the court's staff with more family counselors. The court consists of three rabbis. Rabbi Rackman said that the court had established a central registry of vital statistics with the goal of containing a roster of all recorded Jewish marriages for use all over the world.

FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE TO SPEND \$50,000 ON SCHOLARSHIPS IN 1962

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Edwin Wolf, 2nd, president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia, has been re-elected president of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Mr. Wolf announced the renewal of the Foundation's program of scholarships, fellowships and grants-in-aid for advanced study and research in Jewish topics.

The Foundation expects to spend \$50,000 in this program in the next academic year. The Foundation also announced several grants including one to the Yiddish Dictionary Committee for aid in publication of the first volume of this project.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY HONORS U.S. DONORS OF BUILDING FOR PHYSICS TEACHING

WEST CRANGE, N.J., Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The first presentation of the Founders Award of the American Friends of the Hebrew University in New Jersey was made at a dinner here last night to Maurice and George Levin, South Orange builders.

They are donors of the physics teaching building on the university's new campus at Givat Ram, Jerusalem. Daniel G. Ross, chairman of the board of the American committee, presented the awards.

INCREASED ENROLLMENT IN HEBREW CLASSES IN N.Y. HIGH SCHOOLS REPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Enrollment in Hebrew classes in New York City's high schools increased by 13 percent this year, it was reported today by Judah Lapson, director of the Hebrew Culture Council.

Mr. Lapson addressed an audience of 1,400 persons attending the Council's Golden "Ayin" Festival in which golden "Ayin" pins were presented to 160 students who excelled in Hebrew studies during the past year. Aviad Yafeh, Israel Consul in New York and director of the Israel Office of Information, represented the Israel Government at the festival and addressed the students in Hebrew.

BRANDEIS U. GETS \$100,000 GRANT IN TRIBUTE TO JUDGE JONAH GOLDSTEIN

WALTHAM, Mass., Dec. 14. (ITA) -- Brandeis University announced today it had received a \$100,000 grant from the Lester Martin Foundation in tribute to Jonah J. Goldstein, retired judge of the New York Court of General Sessions. The grant, which will be used to supplement faculty salaries, is one of the largest ever received by the University for this purpose.

ISRAEL TRADE MISSION LEAVES CANADA; HOPES FOR EXPANSION OF EXPORT

OTTAWA, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- An Israeli trade mission left for home today after meeting with Canadian Government officials and completing a three-week tour of Canadian industry.

The visitors expressed the hope, as a result of the inspection tours, of greatly expanding both imports and exports between Israel and Canada. A similar trade mission from Canada will leave for Israel next May. In the meantime, the Canadian Government has set up a commercial office in Tel Aviv, to stimulate trading.