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ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURT REJECTS MOTION TO HEAR NEW EICHMANN WITNESSES

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- The panel of five Supreme Court Justices hearing Adolf Eichmann's appeal from a sentence of death by hanging rejected today his defense attorney's request to present new witnesses and adjourned the hearing to begin consideration of a ruling.

The Justices acted after hearing the final plea by Dr. Robert Servatius for annulment or mitigation of the death sentence imposed December 15 by a district court which convicted the former Gestapo colonel of having had a key role in the assembly, spoliation and slaughter of 6,000,000 European Jewish men, women and children during World War II.

The tribunal is expected to take about a month to prepare its ruling. If it sustains the conviction and the sentence, Eichmann's last recourse will be an appeal for clemency to President Ben-Zvi.

The ruling against Dr. Servatius' request for permission to present new witnesses or new evidence was based on an Israeli law barring that action in appeal hearings unless the lower court was proved to have erred in handling a case. Dr. Servatius, consequently, was restricted to a repetition of the defense arguments he used during the four-month trial in Jerusalem last year.

Eichmann's Lawyer Reiterates His Defense Arguments

Dr. Servatius reiterated the defense stand that the crimes for which the Israel district court had convicted Eichmann were not committed in Israel which did not exist when those crimes were committed. He also argued that the trial court procedure was faulty in many respects, one being that while it was convenient for the prosecution that the trial was held in Jerusalem--where witnesses and documents were available--this was prejudicial to the defense.

He contended again that all of the prosecution documents were incomplete and taken out of context to build up a case against the SS officer who headed the Gestapo's Bureau for Jewish Affairs. The Cologne attorney alluded again to Eichmann's abduction from Argentina in the spring of 1960 and said that this was contrary to his human rights and to the law of nations because he was not trying to escape or flee the area of jurisdiction when he was abducted.

Again, the attorney argued that the prosecution had presented a "distorted picture" of Eichmann's role in the Nazi genocide program. From fragments of records and extracts of documents, he asserted again, Eichmann emerged as the central character of the "extermination machine" instead of the "small cog" he "actually was." He contended that there was "a sort of general conspiracy" at the Allied war crimes trials at Nuremberg to use Eichmann as a scapegoat for all of the Nazi atrocities.

Stresses Eichmann Accepted Guilt for Deportations of Jews

Justice Moshe Silberg broke in at this point to ask who was interested in implicating Eichmann "to the extent of forging documents by inserting his name" in them. The attorney replied: "Everybody at the Nuremberg trial--Hermann Goering, Joachim von Ribbentrop, and all the others. They repeatedly said 'Eichmann did it.' This fiction was maintained until finally the Nuremberg judgment stated that Hitler had vested in Eichmann the implementation of the 'final solution' of the Jewish problem." Dr. Servatius immediately added: "This is untrue."

The West German attorney went on to deny the prosecution's argument that Eichmann was callous to the tragic events of the Nazi era and adamantly refused to express remorse. On the contrary, said the attorney, Eichmann had accepted "moral and human guilt" for the deportations he supervised at the Gestapo's transport office which sent millions of Jews to their deaths.

As proof, Dr. Servatius recalled Eichmann's statement--made to Israeli police during his confinement before trial and later confirmed in his testimony at the trial--that he was prepared to hang himself in public as a warning to the youth of the world against anti-Semitism.

SOVIET SHOWS MOST ADAMANT STAND AGAINST ISRAEL AT UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 29. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union is on record here today as having expressed a more adamant anti-Israeli attitude than it has shown openly in many years. This was underscored by diplomats today as they examined the verbatim records of yesterday's Security Council meeting at which Syria and Israel charged and counter-charged each other with aggressions.

Platon D. Morozov, the USSR representative on the Council, went as far as hinting that anti-Israel sanctions and possible expulsion of Israel from the United Nations should be considered if Israel does not heed the Council's "condemnation" of its recent action against Syria. The Council, said Mr. Morozov, "must examine what further concrete measures are necessary at the present time in order to oblige Israel to carry out its obligations."

The Russian warned against adoption of any resolution equating Israel with Syria, calling Israel the "aggressor" and exonerating Syria as "the victim." He used against Israel the harshest terms in his vocabulary, charging Israel with "flagrant" violations, going back to the records of many years to "prove" that Israel has never heeded the rules of the UN Charter or the terms of its 1949 armistice agreement with Syria.

Experts here noted the emergence from yesterday's debate also the following points of importance:

1. The United States Government is treating this first open Arab-Israeli conflict arising since the Kennedy Administration went into office in such a way that it tries to be on the fence but is, in practice, leaning to the Arab side.

2. The United Arab Republic, in an effort to curry favor with the new, ruling junta in Syria, has set itself up as the voice of the Arabs in the Security Council. The UAR is currently a member of the Council.

3. Israel is staunchly defending its position, asserting categorically that it will not be intimidated by Syria and its friends, insisting that the Council go deeply into the causes of tension and not stop merely at the Israeli military raid into Syria on the night of March 16-17, which Israel views as only the end-result of the underlying causes.

The attitude of Michael S. Comay, chairman of Israel's delegation, was firm. He not only asserted categorically that Israel will not allow Syrians to fish in Lake Tiberias without permission. He went further and challenged the Syrians to pledge themselves openly before the Security Council to keep the peace.

While pledging Israel to continue adhering to the UN Charter and to the terms of the armistice agreement, he made it clear that such a policy would hold only if Syria also acts peacefully. There was a clear hint in Mr. Comay's statement that Israel will not continue to let its fishing and police boats on Lake Tiberias suffer Syrian attacks without action of its own.

ISRAEL AND SYRIA AGREE TO PERMIT U.N. OBSERVERS TO VISIT BORDER ZONES

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Israel and Syria have agreed to permit United Nations observers to visit demilitarized and defensive zones on their border in accordance with a suggestion offered by General Carl C. von Horn, Chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization, it was announced here today.

It was reported that the proposal was made to Israel's Foreign Ministry last Friday as one step by UNTSO to ease the tensions arising in the Lake Tiberias area from repeated Syrian gun attacks on Israeli fishermen and police launches and a reprisal raid earlier this month. Israel agreed promptly but Syria apparently withheld approval until Tuesday.

Under the agreement UN observers will visit the areas to determine whether there have been any large-scale troop concentrations and building of fortifications which would be contrary to terms of the Israel-Syrian mixed armistice pact. Informed sources here said that the agreement did not represent a new position for Israel which has permitted UN observers to make such visits to Israeli positions without limitations.

PINCHAS ROSEN EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University presidential election deadlock was broken today when the Board of Governors of the university decided in principle that the offices of president and rector should be separated.

Former Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen was expected to be elected president of the university tonight when the four-day meeting of the Board of Governors was scheduled to conclude. It was also assumed that Judge Louis Levinthal of Philadelphia would be the new chairman of the Board. The nominations committee will meet tonight under the chairmanship of Daniel Ross, of New York.

ISRAEL ENVOY RECEIVES HIGHEST DECORATION FROM BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 29. (JTA) -- Josef Tekoah, the Israel Ambassador to Brazil, who is leaving his post here to become Israel's Ambassador at Moscow, received the highest Government decoration here last night at a farewell dinner given in his honor by Foreign Minister Santiago Dantas.

HOME OF PROF. CASSIN, ALLIANCE ISRAELITE PRESIDENT, BLOWN UP IN PARIS

PARIS, March 29. (JTA) -- The home of Professor Rene Cassin, president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, was blown up early this morning presumably by terrorists of the illegal French underground army, the OAS. Professor Cassin escaped injury in the blast.

The offices of the Movement Against Racism and For Peace, was also the target of an OAS attack this morning. Observers suggested that Prof. Cassin was attacked because he served as vice-president of the Constitutional Council named by President De Gaulle and is known as a strong supporter of the de Gaulle Government.

SOVIET NEWSPAPER REPORTS EXECUTION OF TWO JEWS IN GEORGIAN CITY

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has carried out the execution of two Jewish citizens in the current campaign to use Soviet Jews as horrible examples of widespread speculation in Soviet Russia, according to a report in a provincial Soviet newspaper which arrived in New York today.

The newspaper, Zarya Vostoka, published in the Georgian city of Tbilisi, reported that Mordekhai Abramovitch Kakiashvili and A. F. Steimanov had been executed for alleged economic offenses. The Soviet press has widely reported in recent months trials and death sentences for speculators in which Jewish names have been conspicuously highlighted.

("Sovietskaya Kirgizia," a daily newspaper published in the Soviet Republic of Kirgizia, reported today that 18 Jews were among 44 defendants charged with corruption and "theft of public property" whose trial opened this week in the city of Frunze. The Soviet newspaper said that "everything started with a group of looters named Goldman, Nathanson and Singer.")

U.N. BODY DEBATES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM; SOVIET BAN ON MATZOH IS INVOLVED

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights, currently in session here, opened debate today on a proposed set of principles that may have a direct bearing on the Soviet Union's ban against matzoh for this year's Passover.

The draft consists of a series of principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of religious rights and practices adopted in January 1960 by the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Among the principles proposed are these:

"No one shall be prevented from observing the dietary practices prescribed by his religion or belief. The members of a religion or belief shall not be prevented from acquiring or producing all materials and objects necessary for the performance or observance of prescribed rituals or practices, including dietary practices. Where the government controls the means of production and distribution it shall make such materials or objects, or the means of producing them, available to the members of the religion or belief concerned."

One of the first speakers in the debate on these principles today was the Soviet Union's representative on the Commission, Yakov A. Ostrowski. He told the Commission that the USSR constitution guarantees freedom of religion for all faiths, and that these guarantees are observed. In proof, he asserted, "monasteries, churches and synagogues are open in the Soviet Union."

A number of Jewish organizations, with worldwide affiliations, are represented at the Human Rights Commission's session, enjoying consultative status but no vote.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE TAKES NO ACTION ON HUMANE SLAUGHTER BILLS

ALBANY, March 29. (JTA) -- Three Humane Slaughter bills introduced in the State Senate and Assembly during the current legislative session appeared to have died in committee as the session headed for adjournment tomorrow.

All three measures would have exempted Jewish ritual slaughter. A wide range of Jewish organizations went on record as opposed to the bills, however, because they would have required some form of pre-handling, other than shackling and hoisting, the effect of which would have been to make shechita impossible.

The Orthodox Jewish organizations had warned that passage of the bills would have halted all kosher meat provisioning within the state of New York. Since the Legislature will not meet again until next January, the prospect appeared to be that the issue of humane slaughter legislation was suspended in New York state for 1962.

LONDON COURT PERMITS U.S. JEWISH COUPLE TO ADOPT CHRISTIAN CHILD

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- A three-judge appeals court today granted permission to a childless Jewish couple from California to adopt the infant girl of a Christian mother on grounds that a home and parents are more important to a baby than religion. The couple, whose names were withheld by the court, said they want to bring up the infant, now one year old, in the Jewish faith and sought an adoption order.

ORT REPORTS URGENT NEED FOR TRAINING SKILLED WORKERS IN ISRAEL

GENEVA, March 29. (JTA) -- The World Ort Union reported today there was an urgent need for large apprenticeship centers in Israel's principal urban areas if the country's manpower resources were to be made adequate to meet the current rate of industrial expansion in Israel.

Ort trains more than 10,000 students in a chain of schools in Israel. The report said that extensive construction activities being carried out in various parts of Israel "have begun to suffer from a shortage of skilled workers, and the pace of industrial development may be slowed down as the shortage of labor becomes more acute."

The number of skilled workers among newcomers "is not enough" to supply industrial labor requirements in a period of transition from an agricultural to an industrial economy, the report said. The report emphasized that the industrial requirements and demands for skills were so great in Israel that the vocational training programs now being carried out by public bodies and Ort "does not meet the essential demands in the fields of training the needed skilled manpower."

UNITARIAN MINISTERS URGE BAN ON RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES IN SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- The Greater Washington Association of Unitarian Universalist Ministers today added its voice to the call for a ban on all religious observances in the public schools.

In a statement endorsing the view set forth in January by the Washington Jewish Community Council, the Unitarian group said religious holiday observances and public school prayer reading "violates the fundamental American principle of the separation of church and state." Such observances, added the statement, "implicitly discriminate against children who have other religions or no religion."

LEHMAN HONORED BY THE PHILIPPINES; PRESENTED WITH MEDAL

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman marked his 84th birthday yesterday by accepting a medal authorized for him by the President of the Philippines. The medal--the Philippine Legion of Honor, rank of Commander--was presented to Mr. Lehman at his Manhattan apartment by Brigadier General Carlos Romulo, retiring Ambassador to the United States.

The award was created to honor Mr. Lehman for his services to the Philippines as a Senator, his defense of human rights, his devotion to the cause of democracy and his work as director-general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

AMERICAN-BORN JEWISH EDUCATOR GIVES \$420,000 TO COLLEGE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- Professor Arthur Lehman Goodhart, New York-born Master at the University College at Oxford, was lauded today for a gift of 150,000 pounds sterling (\$420,000) to construct some new buildings at the college.

Dr. Goodhart, whose family is connected with the New York investment banking firm, Lehman Brothers, came to Britain in the United States Army in World War I. He met a former tutor from Cambridge, who invited him back to the university as a lecturer. Dr. Goodhart accepted the invitation at the end of the war. The 71-year-old educator has been in Britain since.

PHILADELPHIA'S 'JEWISH EXPONENT' TO CELEBRATE ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

PHILADELPHIA, March 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish Exponent, largest Anglo-Jewish weekly in the United States, will mark its 75th anniversary, it was announced today by Albert H. Lieberman, president of the paper's board of directors.

The Exponent, founded April 15, 1887 by a group of public-minded Philadelphians, actually dates back to 1875, when its immediate predecessor, The Jewish Record, was established. The anniversary will be celebrated with a special edition on June 1st, plus an anniversary dinner to which some of the nation's foremost Jewish leaders will be invited, Mr. Lieberman said. The Exponent is owned by the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia, but is operated as an independent community newspaper and has its own board of directors.

MARVIN KRATTER NAMED CHAIRMAN OF 1962 JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- The Joint Defense Appeal, fund-raising arm of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee announced today the appointment of Marvin Kratter, president of a real estate investment corporation, as chairman of the 1962 JDA campaign. The drive will seek to raise \$6,100,000. It will be launched with a dinner here on April 17.