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EICHMANN'S LAWYER FILES APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY; ASKS FOR STAY OF EXECUTION

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Ben-Zvi for clemency and a stay of execution of the death sentence imposed on Adolf Eichmann was filed here today by Dr. Robert Servatius, the former Gestapo colonel's West German defense attorney.

The attorney's action, taken in a four-page, hand-written letter to Israel's President, came 24 hours after the Israel Supreme Court upheld the Eichmann judgment and verdict of death by hanging, issued last December 15 by a Jerusalem District Court.

In his appeal, Dr. Servatius set forth some points which he said he had been unable to spell out during the trial last summer in which Eichmann was convicted of having had a key role in the Nazi wartime slaughter of 6,000,000 European Jewish men, women and children.

The Cologne attorney also asked for a Presidential order to stay the execution, if his appeal for clemency were rejected. He said he was asking for such an order, to enable him to take "certain other steps" on behalf of his client. Neither the attorney nor the President's Office would disclose the details of the letter. It was presumed, however, that Dr. Servatius planned to seek an order in a West German court to have Israel extradite Eichmann to Germany.

Israel Prepares New Regulations on Disposal of Eichmann's Body

The next step, under Israel law, is for Minister of Justice Dov Joseph to submit an advisory opinion on the clemency appeal to President Ben-Zvi. The President is expected to make his decision within three days after receiving the Justice Minister's opinion. Ministry circles indicated today that the entire matter will be dealt with in the speediest manner possible.

Meanwhile, it was learned, new regulations will be published in the next day or two, dealing with the disposition of Eichmann's body, should the ex-Nazi be executed. Under the present procedure, the body of an executed person must be turned over to the next of kin. The new regulation is expected to give the prison authorities the right to dispose of the body at their discretion. It is pointed out here that, following the Nuremberg War Crimes trials, the bodies of the executed Nazi war criminals were cremated, so that their graves could not be turned into Nazi or neo-Nazi "shrines."

The Cabinet met here yesterday in a special session, immediately after the Supreme Court had upheld the District Court's verdict and death sentence against Eichmann. Attorney General Gideon Hausner, who headed the prosecution of Eichmann, reported to the Cabinet which, presumably, discussed measures for implementing the final verdict against the former Gestapo colonel.

The meeting was held, it was reported, because Justice Minister Joseph did not want to assume full, personal responsibility for the advisory opinion he must furnish to the President. Among the matters on the Cabinet's agenda was the certainty that Eichmann's attorney would appeal for Presidential clemency.

Should President Ben-Zvi reject the clemency appeal and the petition for staying the execution, the Justice Minister must notify the Commissioner of Prisons in writing that the death sentence is to be carried out. Then the Commissioner of Prisons would appoint an executioner.

In deciding yesterday to confirm both the judgment and the sentence of the Jerusalem District Court, the High Tribunal declared: "We know only too well how utterly inadequate is death sentence is, as compared to the millions of deaths in the most diverse ways he inflicted on his victims. Even as there is no word in human speech to designate deeds such those of the appellant, so is there no punishment within human laws that would fit, in its severity, the guilt of the appellant.

"But our knowledge that any treatment meted out would be inadequate--as would be any atonement or punishment inflicted on him--dare not move us to mitigate punishment. Indeed, there can be no sense in sentencing to death under the Law for Punishment of Nazis, him who killed a hundred people, while setting free or merely keeping under guard and in security him who killed millions," the judgment asserted.

SHARETT FORESEES NEW RECORD OF IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL IN CURRENT YEAR

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- The current year will mark a new record in immigration if the trend during the past few months continues, Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, declared here today. Addressing the current meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, the supreme ruling body of the world Zionist movement between Zionist Congresses, Mr. Sharett said that the composition of immigration into Israel is now much more balanced and healthy, comprising more young people.

He cautioned the Actions Committee delegates that, while for the time being the rate of absorption was catching up with the immigration flow, it was feared that the rate of construction of housing units to accommodate the newcomers would not. He paid high tribute to the devotion of the Jewish Agency's absorption workers. He expressed particular pride in the special Youth Aliyah enterprise which had absorbed 4,000 youths from 40 countries during the past year.

The Jewish Agency chairman reiterated the assurance that every child whose parents desired religious education, received it. "We guard this principle scrupulously," he declared. He noted that Israel also sought the absorption of young people from the free countries even though they remained in Israel for only two years in order to study, because, he felt, such youngsters were likely to return permanently. "This is a great educational work," Mr. Sharett declared.

Reviewing the work of the various departments of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Sharett stressed the assistance rendered by the economic department to immigrants from free countries. Some 5,000 newcomers came from the free countries of the west during the past year, he noted, adding that immigration from the United States was on the increase, although still amounting to only token numbers.

Thanks U. J. A. Leaders; Urges Centralization of Zionist Movement in U.S.

Emphasizing the need to expand the network of Jewish Agency emissaries throughout the world, Mr. Sharett disclosed that in all of America there were only four emissaries dealing with immigration. "In many places," he declared, "the writing on the wall has already appeared but one is oblivious to these warnings in many places of danger."

Thanking the leaders of the United Jewish Appeal for their untiring work, Mr. Sharett said, however, that income lagged behind the needs. "We must not at this great moment fail to supply the means required for the gigantic task of absorbing the aliyah which is knocking at our gates," he stated.

The Jewish Agency leader stressed the imperativeness of creating immediately in the United States a central Zionist organization "without which one cannot conceive of a strong Zionist movement." Without such a central Zionist organization, he stressed, there was also the danger of assimilation. "Without one movement there will not be a universal body to serve as a link between the Jewish world in the dispersion and Israel," he declared.

J. D. C. INCREASES AID FOR FRANCE TO MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS OF REFUGEES

PARIS, May 30. (JTA) -- The budget for France of the Joint Distribution Committee has been increased by more than 1,000,000 francs (\$205,000) above the 1961 expenditures to meet the emergency created by the influx of North African and other Jewish refugees, Charles H. Jordan, JDC director general in Europe, told a press conference here today.

He said that the budget would include projected increases for the normal needs of the settled Jewish population in France. He added that the 1961 expenditures for Jewish needs in France was the highest for any year in the past decade.

"The JDC recognized the fact that the emergency needs created by the new influx could not be met by the local Jewish population alone and that world Jewry must provide aid," he declared. Therefore, the JDC had assumed since 1958 full responsibility for providing cash relief to the group, which included East Europeans and refugees from Egypt as well as those from North Africa.

The normal budget for France is met through a pool to which the Fonds Social Juif Unifié and the JDC have contributed varying percentages from year to year. Mr. Jordan said JDC and Fond participation in the period immediately after World War II had been as high as 80 percent.

Since 1958, a separate budget for service to new refugees has been added to the normal budget, he reported. Overall funds contributed by the JDC for operations in France reached a total of \$3,000,000 in its last budget, he said.

ADLAI STEVENSON PESSIMISTIC ON STABILIZATION OF ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 30. (JTA) -- Adlai E. Stevenson, chairman of the United States delegation here, does not think that the possibilities for stabilization of the Arab-Israeli situation in the Middle East "are particularly brilliant." He was asked for his comment on such possibilities at a luncheon yesterday of the United Nations Correspondents Association. His reply was:

"I cannot say those possibilities are particularly brilliant. But I live in hope that some time, these people, who are sensible, will perceive the danger of a situation in which escalation is being perpetuated, a condition which is hazardous not only to the parties in the area but also to the rest of the world."

JEWS IN FRANCE ASKED TO RECEIVE JEWISH CHILDREN FLEEING FROM ALGERIA

PAPIS, May 30. (JTA) -- The Fonds Social Juif Unifie today launched an appeal to all Jews in France to join in a special campaign to rescue Algerian Jewish children.

The FSJU, which comprises most Jewish social and welfare organizations in France, asked Jewish families to temporarily receive Jewish children now fleeing Algeria without their families. Several hundred such children have arrived in this country during the past few weeks. The organization asked families unable to take in Algerian Jewish refugee children to contribute to a fund to house such youngsters in community facilities.

The young refugees are only part of a large number of Jews now arriving in France. According to unconfirmed reports here, the number of such refugees arriving in France has now reached 40,000 with many more due to follow in the coming weeks.

EUROPEAN RABBIS DECIDE AGAINST JEWISH ATTENDANCE AT ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- The two-day meeting of the Conference of European Rabbis closed here today with a decision against participation in the Ecumenical Council called by the Vatican for next October. The rabbis also took notice of Vatican proposals for calendar reform and considered methods of "counteracting the dangers implicit in the reform to the fixity of the Sabbath."

The delegates also pondered the position of French Jewry in regard to the large influx of refugees from North Africa. They agreed that French Jewry was unable to deal with the situation without outside help. Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan led a discussion on means of giving such help to French Jewry.

Participants included the Chief Rabbis of Britain, Holland, Switzerland, Italy and France and representatives from West Germany. Rabbi Samson Weiss, executive vice-president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, also participated. The rabbis decided to hold their next conference in Basle next spring.

U.S. SUPREME COURT REFUSES JEWISH REQUEST TO REVIEW SUNDAY LAW CASE

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- The United States Supreme Court today refused to review the case of an Orthodox Jew who was convicted in 1959 of violating New Jersey's Sunday Closing Law. The high tribunal gave no reason for its refusal to hear an appeal brought by Dave Fass of West New York, New Jersey who was fined \$25.00 for selling carpeting on Sunday, November 29, 1959, in violation of the state's Sunday law.

Mr. Fass had contended that the law was contrary to the constitutional guarantee of laws respecting the establishment of a religion and prohibiting free exercise of religious freedom. His request for an appeal was also based on his contention that as an Orthodox Jew he observed Saturday as his sabbath.

Justice William O. Douglas said he favored hearing the case. Absent from the proceedings was the court's lone Jewish Justice--Felix Frankfurter--who is recuperating from a mild stroke suffered earlier this year.

LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEALS REVERSES CONVICTION OF ROCKWELL AND AIDES

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 30. (JTA) -- A three-judge criminal district court of appeals reversed this week the convictions of George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi party, and nine of his followers. They were convicted here on June 13 of two counts each of disturbing the peace.

The defendants had donned khaki uniforms and swastika arm bands prior to picketing the showing of the movie "Exodus" at the Civic Theatre and the office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here on May 24, 1961. Rockwell was sentenced to serve 60 days and pay \$100 fine on each charge. The other men received lesser fines and sentences.

The three judges decided that "the conduct of the defendants, no matter how repugnant to the average mind, did not involve a violation of law." The unanimous decision of the judges noted that "the transcript does not show that any nine of the defendants engaged in any violent acts, nor did they exhort or incite others to commit acts of violence when engaged in picketing."

SECOND ANTI-SEMITIC ACT IN TWO WEEKS COMMITTED IN ARGENTINE CITY

MONTEVIDEO, May 30. (JTA) -- The second anti-Israeli manifestation in two weeks was discovered by police at Santa Fe City, Argentina, when it was found that a street sign marking "State of Israel Street" had been taken from its fastenings and broken.

A fortnight ago, during the celebration of Israel's Independence Day at Santa Fe City, the Israeli flag was torn down and burned in the middle of the same street. Police said that "hoodlums" were responsible, and that they were unable to trace any of the perpetrators.

To protest the desecration of the Israeli flag, Jewish shops closed the next day for four hours. In solidarity with the Jewish community, many non-Jewish shops also closed. The local press condemned the vandals sharply and demanded that police find those who were responsible for both acts.

NEW YORK U.J.A. HONORS PEOPLE OF BELGIUM FOR AIDING JEWISH REFUGEES

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The people of Belgium were honored today by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, for their role in welcoming refugees seeking asylum and haven over the years. Carlos van Bellinghen, Belgian Consul-General and Minister Plenipotentiary, received an award on behalf of his country at UJA headquarters at a special ceremony.

The Belgian Consul-General was presented with a scale replica of Michelangelo's Moses from Jack D. Weiler, a chairman of Trustees of the city UJA and a national chairman of the nationwide UJA drive. Mr. Weiler praised Belgium's people for welcoming Jewish refugees over the years, as they sought asylum from Hitler and in more recent years as they sought haven in transit from other areas of the world. He said that the Belgian government had always cooperated closely in this work with UJA agencies overseas.

JEWISH AND CATHOLIC GROUPS ARRANGE JOINT DISTRIBUTION OF GOODWILL FILM

PHILADELPHIA, May 30. (JTA) -- Representatives of 35 B'nai B'rith lodges and an equal number of Knights of Columbus councils entered a unique arrangement here today, whereby the Jewish and Catholic groups will collaborate in distribution of a film originally shown on the Catholic TV Hour.

The B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, which is a partner to the agreement, announced it has acquired from the Catholic organization two prints of the film, entitled "The Chosen People." The prints will be made available to any group or organization that wishes to make the film showing a part of its program. Spokesmen for both ADL and the Knights of Columbus said they hoped the pattern of inter-religious collaboration, established by the new arrangement, may be followed in other parts of the country.

SOLENDER BECOMES PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WELFARE

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, took office today as president of the National Conference of Social Welfare, at the close of the NCSW's annual convention here. The Conference is the "umbrella" organization of all social and welfare groups in the United States, with 5,000 individual and 1,200 organizational members. Mr. Solender was chosen president-elect of the Conference a year ago.

Mr. Solender, who took over the professional leadership of the JWB a year-and-a-half ago, was formerly president of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers. He has been in Jewish communal work for 25 years.

At another session of the social welfare organization, a report on a survey of young Americans engaged in swastika paintings and anti-Semitic vandalism was delivered by Edwin J. Lucas, director of the national affairs department of the American Jewish Committee. The study had been conducted by the research center of the New York School of Social Work.

According to Mr. Lucas, various agencies found themselves unable to cope with the basic flaw in intergroup relations implicit in the anti-Semitic actions. Anti-Semitic vandals, the report found, not only suffered from emotional maladjustments but also, in many instances, reflected family prejudices through their acts.

PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA MAKES SURPRISE APPEARANCE AT ZIONIST MEETING

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 30. (JTA) -- Costa Rican President Francisco Orlich lauded Israel today during a surprise appearance at a meeting here of the Central Zionist Organization of this city. President Orlich reported on his impressions of Israel during a visit there last March before he assumed the presidency.

A featured speaker at the meeting was Benno Weiser of Jerusalem, director of the Central Institute for Cultural Relations between Israel, Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Mr. Weiser, who arrived here this weekend for a brief visit, was greeted by officials of the Israel Embassy and Jewish communal leaders.

AMBASSADOR COMAY VISITS ARGENTINA; TOURS TEN LATIN-AMERICAN COUNTRIES

BUENOS AIRES, May 30. (JTA) -- Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, met with high Argentine Government officials here today, visiting this capital during his current, 10-country tour of Latin America. The principal purpose of his tour, according to Israeli Embassy officials here, is to familiarize himself more thoroughly with governmental leaders, especially those dealing with foreign affairs, in the various Central and South American countries.

Prior to coming here, Mr. Comay visited Mexico City, Guatemala City, Panama, Bogota, Lima and Santiago de Chile. From Buenos Aires, he is going to Montevideo, then to Rio de Janeiro and finally to Caracas. He is scheduled to return to New York a week from today.