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FIVE MORE JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN UKRAINE; FIVE ON TRIAL IN MINSK

PARIS, June 18. (JTA) -- Five more Jews have been condemned to death in the Soviet Union recently for "economic crimes," according to reports made public in Soviet newspapers arriving here today.

Two of the death sentences were meted out to Jews after a trial in Odessa, where two other Jews were given heavy prison sentences. This report was printed in Pravda Ukrainy, official organ of the Ukrainian Communist Party. The June 12 issue of that newspaper, reaching here today, lists the condemned as Binyamin A. Gulko and Moshe A. Fuks. The newspaper reported that an eight-year prison sentence was given by the same court to Betya B. Rothstein, and a five-year sentence was imposed on Tzila G. Lapidus. All four had been accused, the Communist newspaper stated, of "dealing in foreign currency."

Three other Jews were condemned to death after a trial at Dnepropetrovsk, which is also in the Ukraine. The men condemned there, according to a Moscow dispatch, were N. Scachevsky, I. Stavisky and L. Kocher. All three have already been executed, the Moscow report stated. At least four Jews had previously been sentenced to death in Moscow.

(In New York, a Moscow dispatch to the Herald Tribune today reported that 18 persons, at least five of whom have Jewish names, are currently on trial for "economic crimes" in Minsk. Six of the 18 were named, and at least five of these six are believed to be Jewish. They were denounced in the White Russian press as "rascals, rogues, thieves, bribers, speculators.") The six named are Michael Bursak, allegedly leader of the group, Nathan Friedman, Shaim Heiger, Meir Wilensky, Zola Murokh and Zalya Friedman.)

Moscow Attacks U.N. Envoy Seeking to Solve Arab Refugee Problem

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission's special envoy to the Middle East, charged with attempts to ease the Arab-Israeli impasse over the Arab refugee problem, is virtually a representative of the U. S. State Department and a "traveling salesman for the ruling Israeli circles," according to an official Soviet publication disseminated here today by Soviet diplomats.

The charges against Dr. Johnson, who returned last month from his second visit to the Middle East capitals, were printed in New Times, an official Soviet propaganda organ published at Moscow in eight languages, including Russian and English. In its article, New Times set forth as its own the Arab version of the refugee problem, by stating that the UN General Assembly had adopted a resolution favoring the "repatriation of the Arab refugees to Israel. (New Times, like the Arab spokesmen, ignored the fact that the resolution--adopted in 1948--also mentioned resettlement of the Arab refugees as an alternative to "repatriation.")

"There are General Assembly decisions," the Soviet organ declared, "which foresee repatriation of the Arab refugees to their native places. However, the Government of Israel, supported by the United States, stubbornly refuses to carry out these decisions. The Palestine Conciliation Commission, composed of representatives of the United States, France and Turkey, wants to impose upon the Arab countries a solution of the problem which is clearly contrary to the decisions of the General Assembly.

"Johnson is attempting to influence the Arabs against complying with the General Assembly decisions. However, his efforts during the last year have failed. This time, the Arabs did not overlook the fact that Johnson visited Israel first on his trip. Johnson is only carrying out a mission for the American State Department, whose weakness for Israel is very well known, but he virtually assumes the role of an unofficial traveling salesman for the Israeli ruling circles by acting in their interest. Although Johnson makes optimistic statements, there is no basis whatsoever, so far, for such statements."

ISRAEL DENIES THAT BEN-GURION INTENDS TO MEET WITH ADENAUER IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's office today denied reports that Mr. Ben-Gurion expected to meet West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer this summer. The reports were circulated in connection with Mr. Ben-Gurion's planned visit, next August, to Scandinavian countries.

ISRAEL'S TREASURY DEPARTMENT DENIES RECEIVING ANY LOAN FROM GERMANY

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- A denial was issued here today by the Treasury Department of a report that Israel had received a \$25,000,000 loan from the West German Government. The report was published last week in Maariv, Israel's largest evening newspaper.

TRIAL OF GESTAPO CHIEF IN HUNGARY OPENED; CHARGED WITH KILLING 1,200 JEWS

FRANKFURT, June 18. (JTA) -- Otto Hunsche, 51, former chief of the Gestapo in Hungary, where he worked directly under the late Adolf Eichmann, lost his first round in the District Court here today, as soon as his trial opened this morning on charges of ordering the arrest and murder of 1,200 Hungarian Jews during the World War.

His attorney, Hans Latarner, well-known here as counsel for other ex-Nazis previously tried, started by asking the court to quash the case, on the grounds that Hunsche had already been tried and convicted. The court rejected the effort, and the trial proceeded. The defense lawyer had insisted that the present trial should be terminated because Hunsche had already served a two-year prison term after being convicted in 1947 by a court at Recklinghausen. However, the public prosecutor pointed out that the previous trial did not include the present charges.

According to the prosecutor, Hunsche, who has been practicing law in Westphalia since he emerged from prison in 1949, had 1,200 Hungarian Jews arrested in July 1944, and sent to their deaths at Auschwitz. One of the few survivors of that death trip, Mrs. Margaret Reich, of Israel, is a witness, brought here by the prosecutor to testify against Hunsche. She also represents organized Hungarian Jews in New York.

TRADE UNION LEADERS BACK LINK BETWEEN ISRAEL AND COMMON MARKET

GENEVA, June 18. (JTA) -- A resolution supporting early negotiations for a link between Israel and the Common Market was adopted here today by the executive board of the trade unions in the six Common Market countries affiliated with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

The board adopted the resolution after hearing statements from two Israeli trade union leaders whom it had invited to its meeting. The Israeli labor spokesmen were Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor; and G. M. Neltman, Histadrut's European representative. They discussed the serious implications of the lack of an Israel link with the Common Market on the Israeli workers and on Israel's entire economy. The board's resulting resolution stated:

"The Executive Board of the Secretariats of the ICFTU-affiliated trade unions of the six Common Market countries expressed their opinion that negotiations between Israel and the Common Market authorities should be opened without delay, in order to obtain a comprehensive and satisfactory solution for Israel's problems." The six countries are France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

KNESSET MEMBER DENIES PARTICIPATION IN ABDUCTION OF ISRAELI YOUTH

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz, a member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and leader of the Agudat Israel party, firmly denied today that he had ever participated in any meeting at which the abduction of Yossele Schumacher was allegedly discussed. Rabbi Lorincz was testifying in the trial of Rabbi Binyamin Mendelsohn of Kommemiut settlement, who, along with three others, is being tried for complicity in the kidnaping of the Schumacher boy.

Rabbi Lorincz said that he had undertaken to mediate for the return of the child, but that he did so with the knowledge and blessings of police officials. He testified that Rabbi Mendelsohn also supported his mediation efforts after ruling that the child should be returned to his parents. He said Rabbi Mendelsohn asked him to convey his ruling to Yossele's grandfather, Nachman Shtarkes, who is being held in jail in connection with the case.

ISRAEL CABINET SEEKS EXPERTS' ADVICE ON STATUS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

JERUSALEM, June 18. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today decided to turn over to a three-man committee of legal experts the dispute between Justice Minister Dov Joseph and Attorney General Gideon Hausner over the latter's authority and functions as the legal adviser to the Government. The issue concerns Mr. Hausner's present autonomous status under which he has sole authority over the opening or closing of official Governmental legal proceedings.

In presenting arguments before the Cabinet today, Mr. Hausner repeated his threat to resign in the face of attempts to curtail his authority. Mr. Joseph, on the other hand, argued that the Attorney General must be subordinate to the Justice Ministry and raised legal points to support his stand. The committee, the members of which will be named by both Mr. Joseph and Mr. Hausner, will file its recommendations with the Government after studying the briefs and hearing both parties.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN MOROCCO COMPLAIN AGAINST FORCED CONVERSION

CASABLANCA, June 18. (JTA) -- "The Voice of the Communities," organ of the organized Moroccan Jewish community, complained in a special issue here today that many young Jews have been forced to conversion to Islam. David Amar, one of the top leaders of the Jewish community, demanded in an article that the rabbinate take a firm stand on the issue, and press Government authorities to prohibit the forcible conversion of Jewish youth.

The Deputy Minister of Health of the Moroccan Government today demonstrated the Government's official friendship for the Jewish community by presiding at a meeting held here by OSE, the Organization for the Protection of the Health of Jews. Among those present was the Governor of Casablanca.

ROME COURT ACQUITS JEW ARRESTED DURING CLASH WITH NEO-FASCISTS

ROME, June 18. (JTA) -- Angelo Terracina, a Rome Jew who was arrested earlier this month during a clash in the city's Jewish quarter with members of the neo-fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano, was acquitted here today by a Rome tribunal which dismissed, for lack of evidence, charges that he had assaulted a police officer.

During his trial, Mr. Terracina admitted that he had struck a man who, he said, approved of a remark by a woman bystander that "the Nazis killed only 6,000,000 of them; they should have killed them all." The public attorney also conceded the strong provocation of the neo-fascist group when they drove through the Jewish quarter.

GERMANY PREPARES FOR TRIAL OF NAZIS CHARGED WITH DEPORTING LODZ JEWS

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- German authorities preparing to try two former leaders of the Nazi security forces, held responsible for the deportation of 200,000 Jews from Lodz death camps in Poland, requested today that any witnesses against the Nazis volunteer their information to help prosecute the war criminals, according to an announcement by the World Jewish Congress here today.

The Nazis awaiting trial are Otto Bradfisch, former commander of the Nazi security forces at Lodz, and his assistant, Guenther Fuchs. Bonn authorities notified the WJC that they have found difficulties in attempting to locate eyewitnesses to the atrocities depicted by Bradfisch and Fuchs because the latter had done a "thorough job" of annihilating virtually all of Lodz's former 200,000 Jews. Witnesses were asked to contact the headquarters of the World Jewish Congress in New York which, in turn, will forward the information to the West German prosecutor's office.

PHILADELPHIA EINSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER STUDIES \$25,000,000 EXPANSION

PHILADELPHIA, June 18. (JTA) -- A \$25,000,000, development program to be implemented over a ten-year period is now being studied by the board of trustees planning committee of the Albert Einstein Medical Center, according to an announcement here last night by Paul J. Johnson, the Center's retiring president.

Mr. Johnson made the announcement at the Center's annual dinner, where Earl Perl was elected to succeed him as president. Mr. Johnson was elected as chairman of the Center's board of trustees, succeeding Samuel H. Daroff, while the latter was chosen a two-year term on the board.

The new development program, Mr. Johnson said, is envisaged to provide "some new and desperately needed buildings," as well as to emphasize "a diagnostic program, full-time chiefs, greatly expanded research investigations, a larger and more significant educational program and, perhaps, a medical school at the Center."

The medical Center's 1962 annual report, compiled by the officers and Dr. E. F. Lucchesi, executive vice-president, showed that the Center, during the last year, recorded 27,602 adult admissions, 153,804 dispensary visits, 37,937 emergency ward visits, 75,477 X-ray examinations, 16,463 surgical operations, 3,936 births, 659,245 laboratory examinations, 20,411 electrocardiograms, and the service of 1,260,120 meals. In addition, the report recorded during the last year a total of 284,669 adult patient-days, of which 44,000 were given free to patients who could not pay.

Dr. Lucchesi reported that, while the State of Pennsylvania has paid the hospital an average of \$8.33 per day for charity patients, the net loss to the Center for such free care amounted to \$777,000, the actual cost to the institution per patient-day having been \$26.

Boston Jewish Hospital Dedicates New Floor in \$7,500,000 Program

BOSTON, June 18. (JTA) -- The first complete facility forming part of a \$7,500,000 development program was dedicated here yesterday by Beth Israel Hospital. The facility consists of the Jacob Ziskind floor of the Yamins Research Building at the hospital.

Mr. Ziskind, who died in 1950, had given \$130,000 to launch the hospital's capital drive in 1948. After his death, the trustees of his estate gave the hospital an endowment fund that amounts now to more than \$600,000. An additional \$150,000 was given by Ziskind Charitable Trust to the current development fund.

Speaking at the dedication of the Ziskind Floor, Mrs. Norman L. Cahners, chairman of the dedication committee, declared that "it seems especially fitting that the first facility dedicated is concerned with research, which provides the key to progress."

BOSTON JEWS MAY APPEAL TO U.S. SUPREME COURT ON SUNDAY BLUE LAW

BOSTON, June 18. (JTA) -- A broad campaign to obtain reconsideration of a Sunday blue law amendment that has been killed in the Massachusetts State Legislature was launched here today by Jewish organizations. They allege that the legislative action, particularly in the State Senate, had been killed through undue influence prejudicial to Jews and others who observe Saturday as the Sabbath. The amendment, first adopted by the State Senate and later killed, would have permitted business enterprises to stay open on Sundays if they close Saturdays.

The campaign, according to Rabbi Samuel J. Fox, chairman of the Social Actions Committee of the Massachusetts Council of Rabbis, will include a possible appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, a call for a state-wide referendum on the issue, and a demand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation probe the manner in which State Senators were influenced to kill the pro-Sabbatarian amendment.

The State Legislature has amended the Sunday blue laws in such a way that many business and factories will be permitted to operate on Sundays, Rabbi Fox said. Included are "taverns, beer joints, pet stores," and many other enterprises. However, the State House of Representatives rejected an amendment permitting businesses closed Saturday for religious reasons to open on Sunday.

The Senate's reversal of its previous stand, it is charged, came in response to a campaign inaugurated by an editorial in The Pilot, organ of the Catholic Archdiocese here. The editorial singled out Jews, Seventh Day Adventists and other minorities who had favored the Sabbatarian amendment. Letters had been sent to members of the State Senate, calling upon them to reverse their votes in the State Senate. "Copies of the letters," said Rabbi Fox, "are being gathered for careful scrutiny, and will be submitted to the officials of the FBI."

Jewish Community Council Charges Catholic Organ with Bias

The Senate amendment which last week gave relief to Sabbatarians was carried by a vote of 21 to 14. The reversal of the pro-Sabbatarian amendment was carried by a vote of 31 to 8. The Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston observed in a statement that many of the State Senators after responding affirmatively to an appeal to advance a bona fide non-Sunday Sabbatarian exemption "wilted under ecclesiastical fire from The Pilot." The Council statement was prepared by Robert E. Segal, executive director, who was also one of the 20 people serving on Governor Voipe's Sunday Law Advisory Committee.

The Council statement also called attention to a communication dispatched to all State Senators as recently as June 4 by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, president of the Council, and Marvin N. Geller, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the American Jewish Congress, declaring: "We respectfully submit that Saturday observers who are closed on Saturday should not also be required to be closed on Sunday and thereby lose two days of business. If they are closed on Saturdays for religious reasons, there is no reason of public policy which should force them to close Sunday also."

The chairman of the Social Actions Commission of the Massachusetts Council of Rabbis, an Orthodox group, in charging The Pilot with influencing the Senate's reversal of its stand on the pro-Sabbatarian amendment, declared in a statement:

"It is obvious that the reversal of the Senate position was the result of the biased stand taken by The Pilot. The Pilot was not content to confine its editorial attack to its columns, but released its contents to all the newspapers, striking panic into the hearts of the legislators, with the most vicious result still being felt on Beacon Hill. To this day Senators are receiving threatening letters and anti-Sabbatarian insults from those who were stirred up by this propaganda. Until The Pilot's activity, no such letters were received. To single out Jews and Adventists in the editorial was both insulting and anti-religious. I cannot believe that this is the real, honest opinion of our Catholic brethren, both clergy and laity, many of whom have come forth to disclaim responsibility for this act." The rabbinical group called for a full investigation of the department by both Senate and Federal authorities.

JEWISH OCCUPATIONAL COUNCIL TO STUDY VOCATIONAL ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 18. (JTA) -- Establishment of a national program of research dealing with vocational adjustment problems facing the Jewish communities of the United States and Canada was decided upon here at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Jewish Occupational Council.

Dr. Walter Neff was appointed as research consultant for the Council. The results of the Council's research work will be made available to all members of the Jewish Occupational Council and to the Jewish community generally, according to Leonard H. Cohn, of Elizabeth, N. J., chairman of the national organization's board of directors.