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NINE MORE JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN RUSSIA FOR 'ECONOMIC CRIMES'

PARIS, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Nine Jews were sentenced to death and 10 others were given long prison terms in two separate mass trials in the Ukraine, all charged with "economic crimes," according to press dispatches from Moscow received here today.

Six of the Jews sentenced to death were charged with "illegal financial operations," and three others with "corruption and handling stolen property," the dispatch reported.

In one of the cases, illegal financial operations were allegedly committed in Kharkov, involving 10,000,000 rubles and "large quantities of gold, platinum, diamonds, watches and other precious objects." In the second case, the charges alleged, five directors of a manufacturing plant at Ivano Frankovsk had produced extra merchandise, valued at more than 2,000,000 rubles, selling the stuff in the black market through assistants.

Jewish circles here today took a very grave view of these latest mass persecutions of Jews, seeing in the trials another instance in which Soviet authorities have made Jews the scapegoats for the regime's financial difficulties.

(In Washington, National Commander Morton London, of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., today made known his organization feels that not enough is being done in the United States to challenge rising Soviet action against Jews. He called for a vigorous campaign coinciding with the opening of the new session of Congress. Mr. London said the JWV was planning a campaign against new anti-Semitic manifestations in Russia "through all available means.")

JERUSALEM COURT SENTENCES SHTARKES TO THREE YEARS FOR KIDNAPING

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Shalom Shtarkes was sentenced in Jerusalem District Court today to three years' imprisonment for kidnaping his nephew, Yossele Schumacher, and to two years for perjury in connection with the case. The sentences, which will run concurrently, will be reckoned from August 1961, when Shtarkes was first jailed in London on an extradition request by the Israeli Government. The sentences are subject to appeal.

The sentences were handed down by the three-man court which included Binyamin Halevi, president of the Jerusalem District Court; and District Court Justices Aaron Eden and Moshe Cohen.

Yossele, whose disappearance for two years stirred a search for him on three continents, was finally found by United States Secret Service men in the home of a Brooklyn rabbi last summer. Shtarkes, who went to England after Yossele disappeared, was extradited by Israel after lengthy legal proceedings during which he remained in a London prison.

The court's judgment, which took 90 minutes to read, found that there was no doubt that it was the accused who brought Yossele to the isolated settlement of Kommemiut to hide him from his parents. Although other prosecution witnesses failed to identify Shtarkes as the one who took the boy to the settlement, the judgment found that Yossele, now almost 11 years old, was clever for his age and that his clear statement that it was his uncle Shalom, the accused, who took him, was reliable.

Court Holds Shtarkes Clearly Guilty of Child Stealing

By detaining the minor and depriving the parents of the possession of their child, the court held, Shtarkes was clearly guilty of child-stealing and it did not matter that Yossele cooperated. Shtarkes had exploited the boy's faith and, by using deceit, had terrorized him into believing that his parents planned to return him to Russia where he would become a "goy," the judgment stated.

The court rejected as unproven the argument that Yossele's parents planned to return him to Russia and stated that the only evidence submitted on this point was that the boy's father, Alter Schumacher, had urged his wife to agree to his going back, but this was at an early stage of their immigration and certainly not after they had found employment, set up a home in Holon and had repeatedly asked for the boy's return from his grandfather's custody.

Neither could Shtarkes claim exemption from the charges on the grounds that he was merely an agent of his father, who was custodian of the child and could advance an honest

claim that he acted in good faith when he thought he was preventing the child's return to Russia, the court found.

The judgment held that the accused clearly perjured himself when he told the Israel High Court he did not know Yossele's whereabouts when the boy's parents sought a writ for his return. This was a deliberate lie, but for which the search for Yossele on three continents would have been shortened by two years.

After expressing its grave view of the charges, the Court said it considered the petition of Yossele's parents for leniency, submitted by counsel in a mitigation plea, and all other factors in the public interest.

ISRAEL APOLOGIZES TO FINLAND FOR ATTACK ON MISSIONARY SCHOOL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Cabinet yesterday expressed regret over the attack on a Finnish missionary school by irresponsible elements during last week's anti-mission demonstrations. Seven yeshiva students were arrested in connection with the incident. The Cabinet instructed Israel's Ambassador in Helsinki to convey to the Finnish Government Israel's apologies over the occurrence.

Foreign Minister Golda Meir, meanwhile, received Finnish Ambassador Risto Solanko this morning and conveyed to him the Israel Government's apology over the incident. The mission school has 40 pupils of elementary school age, all of them with parents in Israel, either both Jewish or one parent Jewish.

ISRAELI MINISTERS ASK CABINET TO PERMIT THEM TO OPPOSE TV PROJECT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Several of the Israeli ministers today requested to be released from the collective responsibility agreement which binds them to support the Government measure introduced in the Knesset recommending the establishment of an educational television network. The Cabinet decided to submit the request to the Coalition presidium for a ruling.

The Cabinet also decided to grant service credit to Government employees who had served in the Irgun Zvai Leumi and Lechi, the formerly non-recognized underground organizations active before the establishment of the State. The veterans of the two groups will now receive the same credit for pension purposes already granted to Government employees who formerly worked for the Jewish Agency, the Vaad Leumi and employees of the Mandatory regime, and whose periods of service in the pre-state groups are added to their Government service for pension computations.

ISRAEL COMPLETES PLAN FOR HOUSING 2,100 SOUTH AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Housing Ministry announced today it had completed a detailed plan for housing for 2,100 immigrants from South America expected to arrive during the 1963-64 period.

The housing will provide four different types in size and their general standard will be somewhat higher than that of most immigrant housing and the difference in cost will be paid for by the users. The Ministry said 550 of the units would be built in kibbutzim and the rest in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. A $4,000 mortgage will be available for all types of the housing.

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH LAW ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL; FIRST OF ITS KIND

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- An institute of Jewish Law, first of its kind ever established in an academic institution anywhere, was launched here today under the joint auspices of the law faculty of the Hebrew University and the Institute of Jewish Studies.

One of the institute's foremost tasks will be the compilation of detailed indices of legal material contained in the responsa, codes ("Poskim") and collection of ordinances ("Takanot") and other Jewish literature. The institute will serve interested bodies, such as the Justice Ministry's legislative department, with the aim of basing Israeli parliamentary legislation on the principles of Jewish law.

STRIKE OF FIELD MEN IN NATIONAL UNITED JEWISH APPEAL SETTLED

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) - A strike of field men of the national United Jewish Appeal, which took place this weekend, was settled here today. Agreement was reached in discussions between representatives of the UJA executive office and the Field Men's Union. All field representatives have returned to their posts.

PITTSBURGH FEDERATION SETS $2,070,000 AS GOAL FOR 1963; EXCEEDS 1962

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A goal of $2,070,000--a half-million dollars above the total amounts raised in the 1962 drive--has been set here for the 1963 campaign of the United Jewish Federation. Alvin Rogal, general chairman of the campaign, said, in announcing the increased quota, that the higher sum was "dictated by the unusual situation overseas" as well as by the need for expansion of UJF-supported services at home.

GERMANY REQUESTS CHILE TO EXTRADITE NAZI WHO KILLED 90,000 JEWS

BONN, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The West German Government today formally requested the Government of Chile to extradite Walter Rauff, a leading Gestapo officer and former general of Hitler's SS, who is under arrest in Chile on German charges of having participated in the wartime murder of 90,000 Jews.

An indictment against Rauff was handed up here yesterday. Although no extradition treaty exists between West Germany and Chile, the Government requested, nevertheless, that it be permitted by Chile to bring the war criminal here for trial. Rauff was arrested in Chile two months ago at the request of the Bonn Government.

DUTCH COURT ORDERS RETURN TO JEWISH FAMILY OF ART BOUGHT FROM NAZIS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A civil court at Arnhem ruled today that a sculpture belonging to the late Jakob Goldschmidt, famous German banker and Jewish philanthropist, bought during a Nazi auction in 1941, must be returned to the Goldschmidt estate in New York. The ruling, although still in preliminary form, could affect many millions of dollars worth of confiscated Jewish properties disposed of by the Nazi regime.

The case had been brought to the Dutch court by Alfred Erwin Goldschmidt, of New York, a son of the late Mr. Goldschmidt, and a New York attorney, J.D. Wolff, acting as executors of the estate. They proved to the court that an Honore Daumier bronze sculpture, Ratiapil, now in a museum at Cologne, West Germany, had been part of the vast Goldschmidt art collection left by the Jewish leader when he fled from the Nazi regime in 1933.

The Goldschmidt collection was auctioned off by the Nazis in 1941, and the Daumier was bought by a Mr. Rentjes, a Dutch art collector. The latter loaned it to the Cologne Museum. The Arnhem court ruled today that Mr. Rentjes must get the bronze back from Cologne and return it to the Goldschmidt estate within two weeks under penalty of 1,000 guilders (about $280) a day for each day after the fortnight's grace.

JEWISH LEADERS IN HUNGARY TO VISIT LONDON AS GUESTS OF BRITISH JEWRY

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the Hungarian Jewish community is expected to arrive in London January 17 for a visit as guests of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The Hungarian delegation will include Andre Sos, chairman of the Central Board of Hungarian Jews; Rabbi Imre Benoschofsky, deputy Chief Rabbi of Hungary; and Dr. Geza Seifert, president of the Central Board.

The delegation will visit institutions here, attend a meeting of the Board of Deputies on January 20 and meet with leading Anglo-Jewish personalities. The visit has been announced as "totally non-commital" with no political aspects whatsoever. It is described simply as a courtesy visit from one Jewish community to another.

ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT GOAL FOR 1963 AT TWO-DAY PARLEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Discussion of the growth of non-Jewish participation in the Israel bond campaign will take place at a two-day planning conference of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization which will take place this weekend at the Savoy-Hilton Hotel here, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the organization.

The conference will review the results of the Israel bond campaign during 1962, and will adopt a goal for the 1963 drive. Plans for 1963 as the first year of the redemption of Israel bonds will also be mapped at the conference. Starting May 1, Israel will begin the repayment of the 12-year Israel Independence Savings Bonds, which were sold at the inception of the drive in 1951.

SOUTHERN JEWISH LEADERS TO HOLD THREE-DAY PARLEY IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders from the entire South and Southwest will attend a three-day leadership institute to be held here by the United Jewish Appeal, beginning January 18, it was announced today by Paul Kapelow, of this city, who has been named chairman of the extraordinary conference. Prominent communal leaders, he said, are to come to the institute from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Mr. Kapelow, one of the most active among Jewish communal leaders in the South, was appointed as conference chairman by Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, general chairman of the UJA. A former president and campaign chairman of the New Orleans Jewish Welfare Fund, Mr. Kapelow is a member of the UJA's national campaign cabinet.

Speakers scheduled to attend the conference, Mr. Kapelow said, include Mr. Meyerhoff; Edward M.M. Warburg, honorary chairman of the UJA, and chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA; Mrs. I.D. Fink, of Minneapolis, chairman of the UJA's national women's division; and Henry Kirsch, director of JDC operations in Italy.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 1963

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany today announced its annual program of international scholarship and fellowship grants for the academic year of 1963. The announcement was made by Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president of the Conference.

The grants will be awarded to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who qualify for scholarships in Jewish teacher training and in Jewish studies, and for fellowships to carry on independent research projects in the Jewish social sciences, literature and arts.

Last year, scholarship and fellowship grants went to 156 candidates in 14 countries: Argentina, Australia, Beligium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, and Yugoslavia.

Applications for grants must be submitted on special forms which may be obtained from the offices of the Claims Conference in New York. Candidates in Europe may obtain the forms from the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, London, or from the American Joint Distribution Committee, Geneva. Scholarship and fellowship applications must be submitted to the Claims Conference, New York, no later than March 31, 1963. Applications submitted after that date will not be considered.

U. S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS $636,000 TO ALBERT EINSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A grant of $636,000 has been awarded by the United States Government under the Hill-Burton Act to help build a new, three-story, $1,300,000 research center at the Albert Einstein Medical Center here, it was announced today. Matching funds will be supplied by the hospital. Max William Korman announced simultaneously that the Korman Family Foundation will "donate a large portion of the money which must be raised to meet the Government's matching grant."

The new research center will be an annex to the hospital's present Hyman Korman research building. Dr. Pascal F. Lucchesi, medical director and executive vice-president of the hospital, said today that the present Korman building, erected in 1959, is already crowded with 140 research scientists and technicians pursuing almost 100 scientific investigations supported by more than $2,000,000 in annual grants.

JEWISH CONGRESS TO NAME BUILDING 'SAMUEL DAROFF CONGRESS HOUSE'

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Friends of Samuel H. Daroff, noted Jewish community leader, have purchased a midtown building which will serve as headquarters of the Delaware Valley Council of the American Jewish Congress here, and will be named "Samuel H. Daroff Congress House," it was announced by the AJC today.

Theodore R. Mann, president of the Congress council, in making the announcement, said that the new headquarters will honor not only Samuel H. Daroff but also the Daroff family, "especially his two brothers, Joseph and Michael, both giants in philanthropic and communal activities." A plaque to be unveiled in the building will pay tribute to the memory of the parents of the Daroff brothers, the late Harry and Ethel Daroff.

Dedication exercises will be held at the new AJC headquarters on January 24. Among dignitaries scheduled to participate in the event will be Governor William W. Scranton; Mayor James H. J. Tate, City Council president Paul D'Ortona and Dr. Joachim Prinz, national president of the American Jewish Congress.

DR. STILMAN WINS CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS LITERARY AWARD FOR 1962

MONTREAL, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Stilman, physician-author, of this city, today was awarded the H. M. Caiserman Award for 1962 for his two books, "Healer of All Flesh" and "Mariette." Dr. Stilman has been for many years the medical columnist of "The Eagle," a bilingual Yiddish-English daily newspaper here.

The H. M. Caiserman Award was established by the Canadian Jewish Congress in memory of the organization's late general secretary, and is made each year "for distinguished work in the field of Jewish arts and letters."

CITADEL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO EXPAND OPERATIONS IN 1963

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Citadel Life Insurance Company of New York, a joint undertaking in the United States of American and Israeli business interests, today announced plans to expand its operations as a result of substantial gains achieved in 1962.

In a year-end report to stockholders, M. B. Pomrock, of Haifa, president of Citadel Life, reported that the company sold approximately $12,000,000 in life insurance in 1962 now has in force $22,000,000 in insurance after 30 months of operation.

RESULT OF MANITOBA ELECTIONS SHOW THREE JEWS ELECTED TO LEGISLATURE

WINNIPEG, Man., Canada, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Three Jews were elected or re-elected to the Manitoba Legislature in the recent provincial elections, completed tabulations showed here today. They are Saul Cherniack, a national vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress; M. A. Gray, a member of the Manitoba Legislature for 20 years, and now an honorary vice-president of the CJC; and Maitland Steinkopf.