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TRIAL OF ISRAELI 'AGENTS' OPENS IN BASLE; ACCUSED PLEAD 'NOT GUILTY'

BASLE, Switzerland, June 10. (JTA) -- The trial of Joseph Ben-Gal, 33, an Israeli and Dr. Franz Otto Jokelik, 42, a foreign scientist, both of whom were arrested earlier this year as alleged Israeli "agents," opened here this morning with an account by Dr. Jokelik of his research work on behalf of Egypt last year when he was asked to cooperate in military work for the Nasser Government that would involve nuclear energy.

Both Ben-Gal and Dr. Jokelik pleaded not guilty to charges of having used coercion on the daughter of a German scientist, Dr. Paul Goercke, to influence him to leave Egypt. Dr. Jokelik, however, admitted having entered Switzerland illegally. He denied the charge that he had bought war material in Switzerland for export to Egypt in violation of Swiss Federal laws.

Dr. Jokelik testified that when he first arrived in Egypt he was told he would work on chemical projects in industrial planning. Early last year, however, he said, he was asked to work on the military project involving nuclear energy along with six Egyptian collaborators.

He told the court that another German working in Egypt planned to equip rocket capable of destroying Israel with Strontium 90 and radioactive cobalt.

Dr. Jokelik revealed that he had decided to leave his Egyptian employers after he realized they were planning Israel's annihilation and that his actions might also have serious consequences for western countries.

Ben-Gal Tells Court He Was Never A Secret Agent; Born in Israel

Dr. Jokelik said that after he left his work in Egypt, he returned to Europe where he was contacted by two Israeli agents in Wurtzburg earlier this year. Through them, he said he had been brought in contact with Ben-Gal on a number of occasions, reporting to him on the work which he had done in contacting the families of German scientists whom he had tried to persuade to leave Egypt.

Ben-Gal told the court that he was born in Israel, the son of a carpenter and attended elementary school and a vocational school before serving in the Israeli army. After his army service, he said, he served with the Ministry of Education as a youth instructor from 1951 to October 1962 when he was given the opportunity of traveling to Europe on behalf of the Ministry to study youth problems in Germany and Switzerland.

He told the court his contact with Dr. Jokelik had nothing to do with his youth assignment and he had no other secret or official tasks. He said his approach to Dr. Jokelik was undertaken at the request of "a friend of mine." He denied he had ever been a secret agent and said his actions had only been prompted by patriotism and that he only desired to be useful while he was in Europe.

During the testimony of Dr. Jokelik, Georg Brunschvig, defense attorney for Ben-Gal, drew the court's attention to the fact that the entire accusation was based on the words of Heidi Goercke, daughter of Paul Goercke, the German scientist now working in Egypt and that all relatives were presently in Egypt. "Can we expect her freely to testify and without any restraint?" Dr. Brunschvig asked the court.

TWO SENTENCED IN ISRAEL FOR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES; SPIED FOR EGYPT

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- An Egyptian intelligence agent, Ahmed el Zahabi, was sentenced yesterday to 20 years' imprisonment by the Jerusalem District Court, according to a report from Jerusalem received here.

El Zahabi had been found guilty of several illegal crossings into the Gaza Strip where he transmitted military information to the Egyptian authorities. The court sentenced an accomplice of el Zahabi to a ten-year term for similar espionage activities.

Arab espionage activities in Israel have been intensified during the last few weeks. Despite the presence of United Nations forces in the Gaza area, Egyptian-trained spies succeed in crossing into Israel from Gaza. Some of them, it is believed, are finding their way back to Egypt with information secured from Arab collaborators within Israel.

BEN-GURION DISCUSSES RENEWED SYRIAN ATTACKS WITH U.N. TRUCE CHIEF

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Renewed Syrian attacks this weekend on an Israeli patrol boat on Lake Tiberias and on Israeli field workers in the Shaar Hagolan area were among the subjects discussed here this morning during an hour-long meeting between Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Gen. Odd Bull, the new chairman of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

The meeting was also attended by Henri Vigier, political adviser for Gen. Bull, and Col. Yosef Kalev of the Israeli General Staff. Premier Ben-Gurion reportedly cited the new wave of unprovoked attacks from Syrian positions on the northeast shore of Lake Tiberias where the Syrian gunners opened fire on Sunday on an Israeli patrol vessel with mortars and heavy machineguns. The fire was returned and no casualties were reported. Earlier attacks were aimed at field workers in the Shaar Hagolan area and at fishermen on the lake.

The Prime Minister pointed out to General Bull that until Sunday, the Syrians had not recently used machine guns and recoilless rifles on the settlements and added that Israel would not countenance repeated aggressions without reply. (In Damascus, meanwhile, the Syrian authorities charged that Israeli jet planes fired rockets this weekend into a Syrian border village near Lake Tiberias and that an Israeli boat had shelled a Syrian outpost.)

Syria Complains to U.N. Against Israel; Presents Charges

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 10. (JTA) -- Syria today complained to the United Nations that Israeli jet planes fired machine guns and rockets against a Syrian village near Lake Tiberias yesterday -- but Israel immediately replied that "there is not the slightest proof" to the allegations.

In a letter to Secretary General U Thant today, Selah el Din Tarazi, Syria's permanent representative here, alleged that two Israeli jet planes flew over Syrian territory yesterday morning firing machine guns and rockets, "with which they bombarded the village of el Douga." A few minutes earlier, according to the Syrian complaint, an Israeli armored vessel on Lake Tiberias shot automatic fire and mortar shells at Syrian positions at el Douga, "causing the Syrian positions to return fire."

A spokesman for the Israeli delegation here declared: "On Friday last and again on Sunday an Israeli police boat carrying out routine patrols on the Lake came under fire from Syrian fortified positions near the shore. These fresh cases of illegal and unprovoked armed attack by Syrian forces on Israel vessels within Israel territory are a serious danger to the peace. There is not the slightest proof to Syrian reports that Israel planes and rockets were used, or that the firing was initiated by the Israel police boat."

The Syrian letter did not request a meeting of the Security Council, but asked only that the contents be circulated to all members of the United Nations.

LITTLE HOPE IS LAID ON SECOND ROUND OF ISRAELI TALKS ON EURCMART

BRUSSELS, June 10. (JTA) -- The second round of talks between Israeli and European Economic Community negotiators will end this week without any satisfaction of Israel's requests for preferential treatment for its substantial export sales to the six nations of the European Common Market, observers here predicted today.

The talks, following the flat statement by the chief EEC negotiator, Dr. Gunther Seliger, that Israel would not be offered an association with Euromart, continued during the weekend on the basis of further probing by the Israeli delegates of the proposals submitted by the EEC negotiators. These were based on some customs concessions for a limited list of Israeli exports--bathing suits, grapefruit and fertilizers. The Israeli negotiators were understood to be giving intensive study to the narrow and limited EEC proposals to avoid any reaction from the EEC commission that Israel had not fully considered the proposals.

Dr. Seliger stressed again that the proposals were not final and that if Israel requested liberalization of scheduled higher imports planned by the European market, the EEC would consider them "thoroughly and immediately." He also reiterated that while the EEC commission offers were admittedly meager, Israel should take into account the goodwill shown by the EEC which he said was of no lesser importance than the commercial benefits.

He also said again that Israel's hopes for a more permanent agreement were impracticable "under present circumstances" and that the EEC commission's proposals for a limited commercial agreement was the "only solution" possible at the present time.

MEMBERS OF BRITISH NAZI PARTY CAUGHT SMEARING SWASTIKAS; ARE FINED

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- Three members of Colin Jordan's British National Socialist movement were caught in the act of smearing swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans on city buildings and arrested.

Patrick O'Connor, 24, and Rodney Rodgers, 20, were each fined 10 pounds (\$28). The third dauber, whose name was not given, was remanded for psychiatric observation.

U. S. JEWS REPORTED SERVING IN SAUDI ARABIA WITH AMERICAN FORCES

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Congressman Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, speaking last night over radio station WMCA, disclosed that American Jews are now serving in the U. S. armed forces in Saudi Arabia which had in the past insisted on the elimination of Jews from the American military base there.

The Congressman quoted as his authority a letter from Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell L. Gilpatric, stating that American units engaged in joint military training exercises with Saudi Arabian troops include personnel of Jewish faith.

(In Washington, U. S. official sources voiced regret that Mr. Gilpatric's "private letter" was publicized. These sources termed the publicity "premature, unfortunate and ill-advised." It was pointed out that the sensitive agreement was reached, with intervention on a White House level, and the need for avoidance of publicity was known to responsible persons in and out of the government for several weeks. The Administration has been striving quietly behind the scenes to end Arab discrimination against Americans of Jewish faith.)

SOVIET JEWS WARNED IN MOSCOW NOT TO TALK TO ISRAELIS AND TOURISTS

LONDON, June 10. (JTA) -- Jews in the Soviet Union were warned yesterday by a Moscow newspaper against maintaining any contacts with members of the Israeli Embassy either by visiting the Embassy or by conversing with them in the Moscow synagogue, it was reported here today from the Soviet capital. They were also told not to talk to other foreign Jews visiting Russia.

The warning, published in the Moscow newspaper "Trud," sharply attacked three aged Jews charging them with allegedly dealing with the Israeli Embassy and other foreigners and with speculating in religious articles. Prayerbooks, prayer shawls and other religious articles are in short supply in the Soviet Union because of government bans on their imports or manufacture.

Singled out in the newspaper attack were Moise Chernukhin, 56; Zinovy Roginski, 66; and Shimon Sheiffer, 80. The attack closely paralleled a similar newspaper harangue against alleged Jewish relations with Israelis which preceded the closing of the Lvov synagogue last year.

Charging that Chernukhin had provided foreigners since 1939 with false reports about conditions in the Soviet Union, Trud asserted that he sold at speculative prices religious articles he obtained from tourists. The paper said he collected goods for speculation at the synagogue and had taken "books of dubious content" from the Israel Embassy.

Trud said Chernukhin's behavior was so disgraceful that he was ousted from membership in the Moscow Synagogue Council of 20, a group that guides the synagogue's affairs. Charging that he could neither read nor write, the Moscow paper said Chernukhin was invited last year to the Israel Embassy for a party honoring the Israel delegation to the World Congress for Peace and Disarmament.

(An Israeli embassy spokesman in Moscow noted that, as an official of the synagogue, Chernukhin was invited to embassy functions and that the invitation always went through the Chief Rabbi in Moscow as a matter of protocol.)

Trud said that Roginsky, at a reception at the Israel Embassy last year in celebration of the Jewish New Year, allegedly had for speculative purposes picked up prayer shawls, prayerbooks and other literature made available on tables in the room. Sheiffer was criticized for having allegedly entered the special enclosure reserved for foreigners at the synagogue where he was said to have begged for prayer shawls, literature and "souvenirs." Israeli diplomats are obliged to sit at a special reserved section in the Moscow synagogue to prevent Russian Jews from coming in contact with them.

BNAI ZION CONVENTION SUPPORTS NEGRO FIGHT FOR 'JUST AND LAWFUL RIGHTS'

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 10. (JTA) -- The 54th annual convention of Bnai Zion concluded here last night with the adoption of a resolution affirming the Zimist fraternal order's "wholehearted support of the heroic struggle now being waged throughout this land by our Negro fellow Americans to achieve just and lawful rights." Norman G. Levine was re-elected national president.

Other resolutions adopted by the 400 delegates called for ratification by the U. S. Congress of the United Nations Genocide Convention outlawing mass-murder and enactment of President Kennedy's Medicare program.

Ambassador Michael Comay, head of Israel's delegation to the United Nations, addressed the delegates on the current situation in the Middle East. He blamed current tensions in the region on "Nasser's empire-building and his attempts to establish control over smaller and weaker countries in that area."

The Israeli diplomat said "these efforts were being watched very closely by Israel because any pooling of Arab military resources would increase the threat to Israel." Israel's defense capability and international support for her independence, especially from the United States are the dual deterrents to anti-Israel aggression, he said.

COL. FURMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF P. E. C. ISRAEL ECONOMIC CORPORATION

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Colonel John Furman was elected president of PEC Israel Economic Corporation, it was announced today by Joseph Meyerhoff, PEC's president since 1957, who now becomes chairman of the board of directors. He will also continue as chairman of PEC's executive committee.

Before joining PEC, Col. Furman played a prominent role in the building up of the Israel merchant marine, and was engaged in banking and finance activities. He is currently a board member of several of Israel's leading enterprises.

BRANDEIS U. GETS \$250,000 GRANT TO SEND EXPERTS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

WALTHAM, Mass., June 10. (JTA) -- The Ford Foundation has granted Brandeis University a quarter of a million dollars to send an advisory team of experts to the Dominican Republic to assist the new government of Juan Bosch, the first elected president of that nation since Gen. Rafael Trujillo's assassination in 1961.

Brandeis president Abram L. Sachar, who made the announcement at the university's commencement banquet in Boston's Statler Hilton Hotel, said that the special team is being created in response to President Bosch's belief that his nation's greatest need at the present time is for the formation of "intellectual capital."

NINETY-EIGHT STUDENTS RECEIVE GRADUATE DEGREES AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., June 10. (JTA) -- Brandeis University conducted its 12th annual commencement exercises yesterday awarding 327 baccalaureates and 98 graduate degrees.

Honorary degrees were awarded to McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President for national security; Eliahu Elath, president of Hebrew University; Alfred A. Knopf, publisher; Arthur L. Schlesinger, historian; John W. Gardner, president of Carnegie Corporation; Martha Graham, dancer and choreographer; U.S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine; Dr. Sidney Farber, founder of the Children's Cancer Research Foundation of Boston; and Arthur Hays Sulzberger, board chairman of the New York Times.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ORDAINS 14 RABBIS; 65 STUDENTS GRADUATE

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Theological Seminary of America held its 69th Commencement here yesterday at which 65 graduates received degrees of whom 14 were ordained as rabbis.

Two members of the Seminary faculty, Rabbi Raphael Posner and Rabbi Dov Zlotnick received the degree of doctor of Hebrew Literature at the exercises. The honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters was awarded in absentia to Israeli author Chaim Hazaz of Jerusalem and Judah A. Joffe of New York, a linguist and lexicographer, received a Doctor of Letters degree.

Honorary Doctorates of Divinity were awarded to Rabbi Abraham Burstein, secretary of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences of New York, Rabbi Morris Goodblatt, Philadelphia; Rabbi S. Joshua Kohb, Trenton, N. J.; Rabbi Israel Lebediger, Liberty, N. Y.; and Rabbi Ludwig, Uniontown, Pa.

FIVE-DAY ANNUAL CONVENTION OF SYNAGOGUE CANTORS OPENS IN MIAMI BEACH

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., June 10. (JTA) -- The five-day annual convention of the American Conference of Cantors opened here today with cantors serving congregations of Orthodox, conservative and reform affiliation participating. The program includes performances of new music for the synagogue and a series of workshops on topics ranging from Ritual and Worship, to New Developments in Vocal Pedagogy.

The ACC, organized in 1953, works in close cooperation with the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, School of Sacred Music, in New York, which trains cantors for pulpits throughout the United States and Canada. The Conference, of which Cantor Arthur M. Wolfson of Temple Emanu-El, New York City, is president, encourages the preservation of Jewish music as an integral part of the cantorial heritage; the recognition of the cantor's role in American Jewish life; and encourages young men to enter the cantorate.

'ZIM' LINE TO ADD FOUR NEW SHIPS; ARE BEING BUILT IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Zim Israel Navigation Co. will add four new 7,200-ton freighters to its fleet in the coming year. They will be used in Zim's Great Lake service in the summer and in the European citrus trade in the winter.

Gottlieb Hammer, president of the American-Israeli Shipping Co., said Zim would charter the ships from the Ampal-American Israel Corporation, which is having them built in France. American-Israel is Zim's United States representative.