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### SWISS COURT VERDICT RESULTS IN IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF 'ISRAELI AGENTS'

BASLE, June 12. (JTA) -- Joseph Ben-Gal and Dr. Otto Joklik, the two alleged Israeli agents charged with attempting to coerce Dr. Paul Goercke, a German scientist, into quitting his work for Egypt on non-conventional weapons, were found guilty by a Basle court today and sentenced to two months' imprisonment each. The sentence is retroactive, to be offset by the time already served by the two men. The two were released immediately.

The verdict was issued by the court composed of six Judges who retired for several hours to study the evidence. The prosecutor, in his summary yesterday, asked for a three-month suspended sentence for Ben-Gal and for a 100-day suspended sentence plus a fine for Dr. Joklik.

The two defendants were arrested March 2 on charges of trying to coerce Dr. Goercke by threatening his daughter Heidi. She testified at length at the start of the trial. Her brother, Reiner, also was a prosecution witness.

Dr. George Brunschvig, the defense counsel for Ben-Gal, paid tribute today to the prosecutor, Dr. Karl Wiegand, for his "moderate and human" summation in which the prosecutor expressed sympathy for Ben-Gal's motives. The attorney then attacked West German officials for permitting Heidi Goercke to go to Switzerland for the meeting in the Three Kings Hotel where the defendants allegedly threatened her.

The attorney said it would have been wiser for the German officials to have advised the daughter not to go to Basle. He charged that what the West Germans really wanted was to use "the Basle affair" to investigate their own "mystery cases" of outrages perpetrated against Dr. Hans Kleinwachter, an electronic expert, who was the target of an assassination attempt last February 20, and Dr. Heinz Krug, Munich rocket specialist, who was abducted last year.

### Attorneys Had Asked Court to Impose Minimum Terms on Probation

Turning to Miss Goercke's testimony, Dr. Brunschvig asserted that she had repeatedly contradicted herself. He asserted that Ben-Gal had not needed to threaten her, as she had testified, because she and her family were anxious that Prof. Goercke leave Egypt and return to West Germany. Moreover, the attorney contended, Ben-Gal did not make any threats but only said that if Dr. Goercke continued his work in Egypt, he might some day be subject to trial as a war criminal.

Dr. Brunschvig cited repeated instances of conflicts in Miss Goercke's testimony before including Reiner Goercke in his denunciation. He recalled Reiner's testimony that he could tell a Jew by his "thick stubby fingers." He asked the court to acquit Ben-Gal and that if the court deemed it necessary to find Ben-Gal guilty, that it impose a "minimum term on probation."

Dr. Karl Senn, attorney for Joklik, then presented his summation, also accusing Heidi Goercke of being an untruthful witness. He asked the court to drop the coercion charges against his client and sentence him to "a maximum of ten days' imprisonment on probation" on the charge to which he had pleaded guilty, that of having illegally re-entered Switzerland after having been expelled.

The prosecution presented four additional prosecution witnesses. One was Mrs. Doris Amedez, a friend of the Goercke family. The others were three Basle policemen who secretly watched a meeting on March 2 between the two defendants and the Goercke family. Mrs. Amedez said that Ben-Gal warned Miss Goercke that unless her father leaves Egypt and returns to West Germany, "human lives will be lost." She also testified that Ben-Gal took a threatening attitude but she was unable to give a coherent explanation of what took place at the meeting in detail.

One of the three Swiss policemen testified that the meeting, which he was able to see but not hear, seemed to be "a normal business meeting" where passions did not rise and through which a courteous attitude had been adopted. Another detective said that no tape recordings were made of the meeting but that pictures were taken by Swiss secret police. It appeared that the police had acted at the request of German authorities.

## KNESSET REJECTS MOTIONS TO DEBATE SOVIET NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE PROPOSAL

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament rejected today motions by the Communist and Mapam parties for a debate on the Soviet proposal for the setting up of a nuclear-free status for the Mediterranean area.

The action followed a statement by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, in which she called the motions "non-realistic." She said that the threat to Israel's security was not from "non-existent nuclear weapons in the region" which the Soviet proposal and the makers of the motions sought to outlaw. The real threat, she said, was from the bombers, tanks, submarines and "perhaps rockets" which the Arab countries were continually stockpiling.

Challenged by Communist leader Shmuel Mikunis to state why she considered the motions unrealistic, she retorted: "Because the main supplier of arms to the Arab states is not ready to halt those supplies." This was an unmistakable reference to the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Meir also reminded the House that Israel's policy was for total disarmament of Arabs and Israel alike under mutual or United Nations supervision. She added that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's communication to Soviet Premier Khrushchev-- which was made before Israel received the Soviet leader's nuclear free zone proposal and which reiterated Israel's readiness to accept total disarmament--was still unanswered.

## ISRAEL PRESENTS DENIAL TO U. N. OF SYRIA'S ANTI-ISRAEL ALLEGATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 12. (JTA) -- Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, today branded as a "frivolous untruth" Syrian allegations that Israeli planes attacked the Syrian village of El-Douga last weekend.

In a letter to Secretary General U Thant, which Mr. Comay asked be circulated among the members of the Security Council, Ambassador Comay stressed the gravity of the situation created by the "pattern of aggression and harassment" of Syrian army positions which have been firing on Israel farmers in the region of Tel Katzir in northeast Israel and at Israeli patrol boats on Lake Tiberias. "The culpibility and responsibility of the Syrian Government," Ambassador Comay declared in the note, "cannot be evaded by putting out false and unfounded stories."

The letter drew the Secretary General's attention to "the constant harassment of Israel fishermen on the Lake and the constant illegal Syrian incursions onto the lake." It noted that 18 such incidents had occurred during the recent fishing season. Mr. Comay also listed five incidents in which Syrian fire was directed at Israeli farmers in the Tel Katzir area. "On numerous occasions representations have been made to the Syrian Government by UN authorities in an attempt to bring a halt to this aggressive and provocative behavior and to allay the tensions to which it gives rise," the letter stressed.

## ISRAEL SUBMITS PROPOSAL FOR EXPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO EUROMART LANDS

BRUSSELS, June 12. (JTA) -- Israeli negotiators told representatives of the European Economic Community today that Israel could not accept the proposals offered last week by the EEC for a severely limited arrangement covering a minimal number of exports to the six nations of the European Common Market.

In negotiations last week, the EEC negotiators ruled out any special association for Israel with the Common Market and proposed instead some tariff cuts on grapefruit, bathing suits and fertilizers. The EEC negotiators also proposed formation of a joint committee to review regularly specific cases of painful tariff pressures on Israeli exports to the six nations. Despite the EEC position, negotiations were continued in an effort to find some means of liberalizing the proposals.

The Israeli experts proposed today some special arrangements for a number of exports which are now being affected by EEC tariff schedules, particularly bromine and oranges, the latter being one of Israel's major exports to the six nations. They also proposed some other technical changes in acceleration of customs reductions and liberalization. At the same time they argued that the most simple and best solution was "the global solution," referring to earlier Israeli hopes for some sort of preferential arrangement for many or most of the 200 items exported to Euromart.

It was understood that the Israelis advanced the counter-proposals to indicate to the EEC the sincere wish of Israel to abide by the decision of the Council of Ministers, the chief ruling organization of the EEC, which barred an overall arrangement for Israel.

Following submission of the counter-proposals, the EEC negotiators indicated they wanted additional explanations and the Israelis prepared to work during the night to have material ready for the next working session tomorrow afternoon. While substantive progress was slight today, the EEC experts expressed satisfaction that the Israeli delegation was ready to put forth counter-proposals so soon after the indication that a special Israel-Euromart arrangement would not be forthcoming.

### W. J. C. PROTESTS AGAINST PERMITTING INTERNATIONAL NAZI RALLIES IN GERMANY

PARIS, June 12. (JTA) -- Protests against the staging of an international SS gathering in Munster-Essel during the weekend and against a planned SS rally in September in Hamelin were voiced today by a conference of constituent European organizations of the World Jewish Congress.

The staging of such international rallies by groups dedicated to maintaining and fostering the spirit of Nazism and to serve as sources for a Nazi-fascist revival was the topic of one of many reports considered by the delegates in a review of the worldwide connections between such groups.

The delegates were presented with new evidence of the existence and activities of an internationally linked network of Nazi, fascist and anti-Semitic groups in many countries. The reports emphasized warnings given by the World Jewish Congress at its European conference last December concerning the international movement whose major goal is the spreading of anti-Semitism and race hatred to undermine democratic systems throughout the world.

### ADENAUER CONSIDERING PROPOSAL FOR DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL

BCNN, June 12. (JTA) -- Former West German Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss repeated at a press conference here yesterday the conviction he expressed on his recent visit to Israel that West Germany should move now to establish full diplomatic ties with Israel "as an act of historical reparation."

Strauss, who is the leader of the Bavarian branch of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Government party, said he understood that the Chancellor was considering seriously the proposal for diplomatic ties with Israel. He dismissed possible Arab counter-reactions with a reiteration of another statement he made in Israel to the effect that "we cannot let others decide what we should do."

The former Defense Minister also repeated another assurance given in Israel that he would seek legal and practical steps to prevent West German scientists from working on advanced weapons systems for Egypt. He insisted that the ground-to-ground rocket now under development in Egypt with West German scientific aid, had a "poor electronic guidance system" and that the effect of the missile was mainly psychological. He said he had found the Israelis, during his 11-day visit, to be very concerned about their security because of threats from the Arab states.

### EDUCATION IN ISRAEL EQUALS SECURITY IN IMPORTANCE, ELATH SAYS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, today declared that "only education in Israel is equal in importance to security." He spoke at a reception in his honor given by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

"While the army protects Israel against foreign aggression, education makes a united nation of the many tribes of which Israel's society is composed," Mr. Elath stated at the gathering of community leaders and heads of various American Jewish organizations. He pointed out that the Hebrew University plays a major role in training teachers, physicians, agriculturists, lawyers, civil servants, chemists, and other experts in practically every field of Israel's life.

"The Hebrew University," he said, "also plays a major role in cementing Israel's relations with the Jewish communities abroad. The 450 Jewish students, mainly from the United States, who are spending one or two years at the university, return to their respective countries with greater and more comprehensive knowledge of Israel's life and her problems, and are able to contribute to closer ties between their communities and Israel. While in Israel they enlarge the knowledge and understanding of Israel's youth on the conditions and problems of the Diaspora. The university is looking forward to enlarging its ability to receive more students from abroad if and when more material assistance will be coming from its friends abroad."

### ANTI-SEMITISM AMONG NEGROES INCREASING, AMERICAN NEGRO LEADER SAYS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) - James Farmer, executive director of the Congress for Racial Equality, asserted last night that anti-Semitism among Negroes was increasing as one aspect of the militance of the Negro fight for civic rights.

He said that he deplored such anti-Semitism, which he said was fanned by the Black Muslims and other Negro nationalist groups but he also contended that Negroes were frequently exploited by tenement owners and rent collectors who were Jewish. He made the statements at a meeting of the American Jewish Congress.

Shad Polier, chairman of the Governing Council of the AJC, replied with a call for toleration by the Negro which he said the Negro was asking of white men.

### CRT REPORTS GIVING 38,000 PERSONS VOCATIONAL TRAINING LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- More than 120,000 Algerian Jewish refugees now in France face a prolonged period of acute hardship unless large-scale measures are taken to provide them with skills for speedy employment, according to a report made public by CRT today. The report said that more than 38,000 persons last year received educational and economic aid in 579 CRT training units. "This network comprises the largest non-governmental system of vocational education in the world," it emphasized.

The CRT programs were conducted in 19 countries, chiefly in Israel, North Africa, Iran, Poland and Western Europe. The report announced the establishment of a new activity in Bombay, India "for the purpose of teaching industrial skills to youth of the depressed Jewish community there."

Technical assistance projects instituted in conjunction with the U. S. Government were stressed in the report. Under terms of agreements with the Agency for International Development, official foreign aid agency, CRT has organized technical and vocational schools in the West African countries of Guinea and Mali. The budget for these projects is given as \$1,687,349. Other CRT activities on behalf of technically underdeveloped countries were pursued with the governments of Israel and Switzerland and the UN's International Labor Organization, the report announced.

The report said that "a historic transformation" is taking place in the pattern of Jewish occupations. Interest in "traditional" occupations of the underprivileged Jew is practically nil among young people. There are, for example, only three carpentry courses in all of CRT for such youth and none in tailoring. "They have been replaced by refrigeration, electronics, engine repair and metal work. The list of new fields introduced into the CRT curriculum over the last decade includes metallurgy, electronics, telecommunications, architectural drafting, construction technology," the report stated.

The cost of all CRT activities in 1962 was \$7,331,592. The Joint Distribution Committee allocated \$1,885,000 or about 26 percent. Women's American CRT is credited with the second largest contribution, totaling \$912,000. The report noted that more than half of CRT costs are met overseas, a considerable portion within the communities served.

### WINNIPEG JEWISH PAPER SEEKS PUBLIC SUPPORT; EXISTED FOR 53 YEARS

WINNIPEG, Man., June 12. (JTA) -- The publisher of the Israelite Press, which has appeared each week in Winnipeg for the last 53 years with both English-language and Yiddish sections, advised his readers today that he could not assure the future existence of the newspaper unless it became a public corporation with at least 200 shareholders to back it. The paper describes itself as "the only Yiddish-English newspaper in Western Canada."

In a signed statement in the current issue of the paper, N. Witman, its publisher since 1954, noted that the paper had been maintained and operated as a labor of love by the Simkin family. The family sold the paper to him in 1954, he said, but it continued to be printed in a plant owned by the family, at a marked loss during the last five years.

The immediate crisis in the affairs of the paper arose when the family sold the plant to a large printing enterprise. Mr. Witman was informed that the new firm could not continue printing the paper at the old rate and the minimum rates required would be beyond the possibilities of the paper. The publisher said he was unable to find alternative printing facilities and the only possibility that existed was to take over the Yiddish equipment from the old publishers and establish a plant for the paper.

### JEWISH YOUTH RALLY FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST HELD IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, June 12. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 young men and women took part here in a Youth Rally for Peace in the Middle East sponsored by the Jewish Youth Council, an agency of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles. Principal speaker at the rally was Yehoshua Trigor, Israel Consul, who reported on the current situation in the Middle East.

The assemblage adopted resolutions calling for a demilitarization of the Middle East, the halting of military aid to the United Arab Republic, the implementation of a strong defense treaty between the United States and Israel, and a joint United States Soviet guarantee to keep Israel's borders inviolate from Arab attack.

### JUSTICE BLOCH, SO. AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER, DIES; WAS SUPREME COURT MEMBER

CAPETOWN, So. Africa, June 12. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Justice Hyman Morris Bloch, an outstanding lawyer and Zionist leader, who died after a long illness. He had been an honorary president of the United Jewish Appeal and a member of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

Justice Bloch was elevated to the Supreme Court in 1958. Six of his colleagues on the bench acted as pallbearers at the funeral, which was attended by hundreds of mourners, including members of the Cabinet.