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SWISS COURT THROWS SPOTLIGHT ON NASSER THREAT TO DESTROY ISRAEL

BASLE, Switzerland, June 13. (JTA) -- The Egyptian threat to destroy Israel was brought to the forefront last night by the presiding Judge of the court in which the trial of Joseph Ben-Gal and Dr. Otto Joklik--the two alleged Israeli agents--was concluded with a verdict of two months' imprisonment. The sentences were made retroactive to the date of their arrest March 2, thus effecting immediate release.

In presenting the verdict reached by a jury of six judges, Presiding Judge Emil Heberli said that the court found that Ben-Gal was "an upright and honorable man" and that his bid to induce Dr. Paul Goercke, a West German scientist, to quit his work in Egypt on the development of non-conventional weapons and return to Germany by threatening the scientist's daughter, Heidi, was made out of "ardent patriotism." Dr. Heberli then continued:

"It is found that between Israel and Egypt reigns an underground war; it is found that Israel is in a position where it is vital to defend itself; it is found that important Egyptian statesmen and politicians have not concealed their views that Israel must be destroyed; it is found that Egypt plans rocket warfare against Israel and that the German scientists play a leading role in these plans aimed at Israel's annihilation.

"We are not entitled to take a political position in the differences which separate Israel and Egypt but this political situation cannot be separated from the case at hand. It is obvious that under these political circumstances Israel is sometimes compelled to take measures that may not be wholly legal." Having made that point, Dr. Heberli then stressed that "although the court understood this fact, it is its duty to see to it that these actions are not committed on Swiss territory."

Court Says Dr. Goercke's Daughter Was 'Not an Ideal Witness'

The court described the first contact of Ben-Gal and Joklik with Dr. Goercke's daughter and then took up the matter of her testimony which had come under severe criticism both from the judges and from the defense attorneys. Dr. Heberli conceded that the daughter was "not an ideal witness" and that there had been "major contradictions" in her testimony. He excused the discrepancies on grounds it happened to many witnesses when there was a long interval between an act and testimony about the act.

He expressed the court view that more serious than such discrepancies was the fact that Miss Goercke "is still under a certain influence and pressure." He referred to an Egyptian named Sameh who called himself a physician but was widely believed in Basle to be a secret agent sent with Miss Goercke to Basle to keep watch on her activities.

Dr. Heberli, again paying tribute to Ben-Gal's love for Israel and fear for its security, added, however, that "in this particular case, Ben-Gal's patriotism does him a disservice, because if he was given the order, he would return to Switzerland or to another country and repeat the same sort of incidents."

He inferred some doubts about Joklik's motives, commenting that "these same considerations" applied to Joklik, too, "if his decision to work for Israel and abandon Egypt" had been taken on moral grounds.

Swiss Neutrality Invoked in Verdict on Alleged 'Israeli Agents'

In justifying the prison terms, the court president declared that while "this tribunal has a conscience, the basic principle in Switzerland is political neutrality and as such, the court in a judgment can show neither sympathy nor antipathy toward any of the participants in the case."

He also said that an expulsion order against Joklik still stood and that he would be barred from coming to Switzerland again. A similar order against Ben-Gal has been approved by the federal state attorney, the court president said, and he also "will be barred from returning to Switzerland."

The court deliberated for an unusually long time on the verdict, almost ten hours. A large crowd filled the court chamber and several dozen persons stood in front of the courtroom to hear the verdict.

REBUFF BY EURCART LANDS WILL NOT DISCOURAGE ISRAEL, MINISTER SAYS

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- Commerce and Industry Minister Pinhas Sapir declared here today that despite the current rebuff in Brussels of Israel's attempts to achieve a comprehensive trade agreement with the six-nation European Common Market, "we will not cease our efforts to arrive at such an agreement. Our case is both valid and just."

Despite the setback in the Israel-European Economic Community negotiations in Brussels, which have been underway for the past ten days, the Minister said he was optimistic about export prospects. He said that trade missions would leave soon for South America and Australia.

He stressed the necessity for cutting production costs on Israel's products by 15 to 20 percent to aid Israel's export trade. He also disclosed that his Ministry was preparing the outline of a second five year forecast of industrial development, covering the years 1966 to 1970. He added that the forecast would be based on projections that the Israel population would touch the 3,000,000 mark sometime in that period.

MILWAUKEE JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH LEADERS APPEAL TO KHRUSHCHEV ON JEWS

MILWAUKEE, June 13. (JTA) -- An appeal by 16 Jewish and non-Jewish religious, educational, political and lay religious leaders of Milwaukee to Premier Khrushchev, urging action to eliminate anti-Jewish discrimination in the Soviet Union, has been sent to the Soviet Ambassador to the United States for transmittal to Moscow. One of the signers was Mayor Henry W. Maier.

(News reaching New York today said that the building of the last synagogue in Lemberg, Soviet Ukraine, which was shut down a few weeks ago, has been taken over by the municipality for conversion into a sports club.)

The letter declared that "by deeds alone can your Government confirm that the Soviet Union in truth upholds the rights of minorities and the equal dignity of man." It then cited the fact that "legally constituted Jewish congregations" were isolated from each other and "forbidden to organize a central group" or to have contact with Jewish religious groups in other countries. It also charged that since June 1961, synagogue presidents in six cities were arbitrarily removed from office and Jewish communal leaders in Leningrad and Moscow were sentenced to prison for the "alleged crime" of meeting foreign visitors in their synagogues.

Scores of synagogues have been closed by the government, the letter said, and for more than a generation, rabbinical seminaries have been banned except for one in Moscow with a maximum enrollment of 20 students which was reduced to four in 1962. The letter cited the wiping out of the once-flourishing Yiddish press, publications and theaters, summing up the conditions as conjuring up "memories of the anti-Semitic Stalin regime, which you yourself have denounced."

Signing the letter, in addition to the Mayor, were the following: Donald H. V. Hallock, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee; Rev. Milan D. Bkrich, President of the Eastern Orthodox Clergy of Wisconsin; J.M. Klotsche, Provost of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee; E.C. Pommerening, executive secretary of Lutheran Men in America; Rabbi Louis J. Swickow, President of the Wisconsin Council of Rabbis; Rev. L. S. Beauchamp, President of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention.

Also, Father R.A. Parr, director of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Legion of Decency Committee; Father William F. Kelley, President of Marquette University; Rev. J.J. Luikens, President of the Milwaukee Ministerial Association; Maurice H. Terry, executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and Mrs. Charlotte W. Teweles, chairman of the Milwaukee chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

JEWISH GRC UPS PRESENT VIEWS IN WASHINGTON ON CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- A spokesman for six national Jewish civic and religious organizations called today for broad civil rights legislation that would reverse "past policies of caution that have proved too little and too late to meet rising demands for racial equality."

Will Maslow of New York, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, told a House Judiciary subcommittee that "the country is ready to abandon the policy of 'deliberate speed' in achieving integration -- a policy that has often meant no movement at all toward ending racial segregation." He testified for the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and United Synagogue of America.

The Jewish organizations' spokesman proposed an eight-point "basic legislative program" which he urged the subcommittee recommend to the full House Committee. He called for enactment of measures that would give the Department of Justice power to institute court actions to enjoin any denial of equal protection of the laws as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. He also asked to make the Civil Rights Commission a permanent body and give it authority to investigate not only denial of voting rights but every aspect of racial or religious discrimination.

QUEBEC CABINET MEMBER WARNS JEWS TO ADOPT FRENCH CANADIAN VIEWS

MONTREAL, June 13. (JTA) -- A member of the Quebec Provincial Cabinet warned today that the Jews in the Province would have to come nearer the views of French Canadians if they do not wish to become isolated. Rene Levesque, Quebec Minister of Natural Resources, told the Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce that the Jews should do this if they would avoid being trapped between the two principal ethnic groups in the country as has happened in Jewish history.

Mr. Levesque assured the Jewish community that changes "will soon be made to modify the somewhat barbarous present position of the Jewish schools in the province," and promised greater flexibility in the education of Jewish children. In spite of the separation of Jews from French Canadians, he said, there is least anti-Semitism in French Canada. He praised the fidelity of the Jews to their national origins which make possible the existence of the State of Israel and the Canadian Jewish community.

CALIFORNIA SENATE BODY REPORTS BIRCH SOCIETY IS NOT ANTI-SEMITIC

LCS ANGELES, June 13. (JTA) -- Charges that the John Birch Society was anti-Semitic, fascist and subversive were rejected today by the California Senate's Un-American Activities Subcommittee in a lengthy report.

The 200-page report summed up the findings of an inquiry extending over two years on political and semi-political activities in the state, a center for a wide variety of such movements all along the political spectrum.

ROCKWELL MEETING IN DETROIT OUTSKIRTS BROKEN UP BY POLICE

DETROIT, June 13. (JTA) -- A mixed crowd of sympathizers, antagonists and curiosity-seekers listened to a rabble-raising speech by Nazi George Rockwell until Michigan State police moved in and broke up a fight which started when an onlooker threw a rock at Rockwell.

The meeting was held in the backyard of the home of Russell Roberts, in Farmington, on the outskirts of Detroit. Nearly 60 policemen were scattered in the crowd of 150 who came to the Roberts' home and 400 gathered outside of it.

Rockwell said, among other things, that Jews were "race mixers" and he described Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Jewish News of Detroit, as a "Jewish instigator." It appeared that the local Rockwell supporters were avid readers of the Jewish weekly, since a copy of the current issue had been on display at the entrance to the Roberts home during the day of the Rockwell meeting.

The audience, apparently mainly non-Jews, was largely hostile to Rockwell and police cordoned off many of them as they started to move toward the Nazi in a menacing way. He spoke for 35 minutes before the police halted the affair.

SWIMMING POOL CLUB APOLOGIZES FOR BARRING JEWISH NEGRO FAMILY

MONTCLAIR, N. J., June 13. (JTA) -- Owners of a pool who barred the family of a Jewish Negro member of Temple Shomrei Emunah of Montclair have apologized for the action and pledged to discontinue any discrimination, officials of the synagogue reported today.

The synagogue had charged the Preakness Pool Swimming Club with barring the Negro family and another Negro family invited to a synagogue outing on June 2. The pool owners defended the action on grounds the pool was a private one but the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights filed a complaint.

The letter of apology said "It is with deep humility that we beg your forgiveness for this unfortunate occurrence. It is our purpose and intent, commencing immediately, that our club shall be operated in a manner wherein no discrimination will be shown to any group or individual because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry." Congregation trustees voted to accept the letter.

CHICAGO WOMAN FINED FOR ATTEMPTING TO BREAK UP ANTI-NAZI MEETING

CHICAGO, June 13. (JTA) -- A Latvian national, who turned loose 10 mice at a meeting of the National Committee Against Nazism and Nazi Criminals last month was fined \$100 when she was found guilty of trying to break up the meeting.

Mrs. Dagmara Vallens, 34, also received a stern lecture from the judge on the need to respect the American tradition of free speech and assembly. She told the court that she had never taken out citizenship papers because she was waiting for Latvia "to be free."

468 GRADUATES RECEIVE DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS FROM YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University today awarded degrees in course to 468 graduates at the annual commencement exercises. Undergraduate degrees were conferred on 311 recipients while 157 received advanced degrees. Among the recipients of honorary degrees were Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg and Yackov Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to Canada.

FALK FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL \$500,000 GRANT TO HEBREW U.

PITTSBURGH, June 13. (JTA) - The Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation of Pittsburgh today announced an additional grant of \$500,000 for the continuation of the Falk Project for Economic Research in Israel through the establishment of "The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel," which will be part of the Hebrew University.

The announcement was made at a dinner of The Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation, honoring Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University. The Falk Foundation \$500,000 grant has been matched by a similar half million dollar grant from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The establishment of The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research, under the aegis of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, continues a program of aid initiated by the Pittsburgh Falk Foundation more than 10 years ago. In 1952, the Falk Foundation was asked to establish an Economic Research Program in Israel to seek information which would help advance the economy of Israel.

Leon Falk, Jr., chairman of the Foundation's board, and J. Steele Gow, executive director, met with Abba Eban, then the Ambassador from Israel to the United States. As a result, the Falk Foundation made an initial grant of \$386,000 to set up the Falk Project for a period of five years.

BRANDEIS U. GETS \$250,000 GIFT TO ASSIST MASSACHUSETTS STUDENTS

WALTHAM, Mass., June 13. (JTA) -- A \$250,000 gift has been contributed to the scholarship funds of Brandeis University by Samuel M. Klivansky, former president of the Jewish Community Federation of Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. Klivansky.

Part of the sum will be used to assist students from Massachusetts North Shore communities while the remainder of the gift will be made available for a Brandeis student to study in Israel or for an Israeli to come to Brandeis.

Scholarships given to students from Salem, Mass., will be a memorial to Tina and Harry Albert, Mrs. Klivansky's parents, who lived there. All other scholarships will be dedicated to the memory of John and Rose Klivansky, Mr. Klivansky's parents.

MEIR GROSSMAN HONORED IN ISRAEL AS J. T. A. CO-FOUNDER; GETS AWARD

TEL AVIV, June 13. (JTA) -- The Theodor Herzl lodge of B'nai B'rith here today presented the 1963 Jacob Landau award to Meir Grossman, noted journalist and prominent Zionist leader, as co-founder of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The award, which was presented to Mr. Grossman on the occasion of his 75th birthday, was given to him "for starting and conducting, together with the late Jacob Landau, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency which became an important institution linking the Jewish communities throughout the world by keeping them informed on Jewish life in every country."

Z. C. A. GROUP UNDERTAKES TO PROVIDE J. T. A. NEWS TO JEWS IN BOLIVIA

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- The Manhattan Region of the Zionist Organization of America has accepted as a project provision of the JTA daily news service to the Jewish community of Bolivia to help the 4,000 Jews in that Latin American country maintain closer contact with Jews in this country and Israel.

Until recently, the JTA service had received wide circulation in the country through daily broadcasts over a local radio station. It had been considered an important weapon in counteracting intensive Arab anti-Israel propaganda being conducted in Bolivia and elsewhere in Latin America. Bolivian Jewish communal officials advised the JTA that they were unable longer to remit funds to continue the service. As JTA has no budget provisions to cover the cost of such public services, Moses Torczyner, president of the ZCA group, made arrangements for its continuation.

RABBI URI MILLER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi Uri Miller, spiritual leader of Beth Jacob Congregation in Baltimore, was last night elected president of the Synagogue Council of America at the closing plenary session of the organizational year. He succeeds Rabbi Julius Mark of New York, who served as president for two one-year terms. Rabbi Mark was honored with a testimonial scroll for his stewardship of the Synagogue Council for two years.

Other officers elected by the religious leaders of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish organizations were: vice-presidents, Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen of Chicago and Rabbi Jacob Philip Rudin of Great Neck, Long Island, N.Y.; treasurer, Israel Berman of Kew Gardens, N.Y. recording secretary, Bernard Henick of Lawrence, Long Island, N.Y.; and corresponding secretary, Arthur Bruckman of Bronx, New York.