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TRIAL OF NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS IN AUSCHWITZ AND BIRKENAU RESUMED

FRANKFURT, Dec. 30, (JTA) -- Wholesale denials of any wrong-doing or wilful participation were entered here by some of the 22 former guards and medical personnel at the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau death factory, whose trial was resumed here today before a court composed of three judges and six jurymen. All were charged, when the trial opened a week ago, with participation in the torture and murder of 4,000,000 inmates--mostly Jews--of the Nazi annihilation camps in Auschwitz and Birkenau.

The proceeding--the biggest mass trial of accused Nazi murderers since the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials of 1946--was postponed today after a six-hour session, until January 6. On that date, the court announced, the trial will be resumed on a three-day-a-week basis, sessions to be held Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The first of the accused to be questioned, 59-year-old Heinrich Bischoff, admitted he was transferred from another SS unit to a job as a guard at Auschwitz. However, he maintained he did not even know what the SS was, had been drafted into that formation of Hitler's Elite Guards, and "I didn't want to have anything to do with them." He served at Auschwitz three years.

Bischoff was charged with brutally shooting down five or six Birkenau inmates in the summer of 1943, with stamping on another inmate's neck until the victim was dead, with dancing on the corps of still another man he had just shot. But Bischoff insisted he was "merely a victim of circumstances, drawn into Auschwitz inadvertently."

Charged with Sadistic Acts of Torture and Murder of Victims

His style of defense was followed by all the others questioned today, Bruno Schlege, 60, a building superintendent, charged with having been a member of numerous selection squads which picked victims for murder, denied everything. Johann Schoberth, 41, a farmer, said he knew nothing about the allegations that he participated in numerous executions and helped select inmates for shipment to the gas chambers.

Heinz Hoffmann, an engineer already under sentence to life imprisonment for two murders committed at Dachau, was accused of specializing in selecting children for annihilation at Auschwitz, and of having sent hundreds of adults also to the gas ovens. He too said he was innocent of these charges as he was, also, of the murders committed at Dachau.

Among the charges against Hoffman were two accusing him of forcing a dozen prisoners to undress and stand naked in sub-zero weather until they died. "I was falsely convicted at Munich on the Dachau charges," he yelled at the court, "and I am equally innocent of these charges."

Among the other prisoners who continued the litany of denials, after being charged with sadistic acts of torture and murder, were Oswald Kapuk, who shouted: "I haven't done anything; I shouldn't be here." He insisted he had "never heard of the SS."

Two of the accused are dentists, Dr. Willi Frank, 60, and Dr. Willi Schatz, 58. Alongside the dentists was a pharmacist, Dr. Viktor Kapesius, 56. All three had worked in the Auschwitz medical section. They were accused of murdering dozens of inmates by injecting them with phenoline and by beating them. But they insisted they were innocent.

Presiding Judge Rebukes Chief of the Group of Defense Lawyers

Near the end of the day's session, Judge Hans Hofmyer spoke up sharply to Dr. Hans Laternser, chief of the team of defense attorneys, a lawyer remembered here as the man who defended Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and other Nazi generals during the Nuremberg trials in 1946.

Dr. Laternser objected to questioning of the accused by Dr. Henry Ormond, a private prosecutor representing the surviving relatives of 15 Auschwitz victims. As Dr. Ormond started to interrogate some of the accused, Dr. Laternser leaped to his feet and told the court: "I have instructed my clients not to answer Dr. Ormond's questions, and I shall instruct them now not to answer your questions if the same questions are repeated by the court."

Beating a pencil on the bench for emphasis, Judge Hofmyer interrupted the attorney, saying: "You have the right to instruct your clients as you wish. But your clients also

have the right to ignore your instructions. Furthermore, I have the right to ask whatever questions I desire, regardless of who has already posed them in this court room." There was loud applause from the visitors' gallery, where some 50 or 60 German high school and college students were seated.

Most of the accused who professed their innocence so volubly today are broken, sick, aged or aging men, some leaning on canes, all by their appearances implying that they couldn't hurt a fly--and never did. Today, 20 years after Auschwitz, they continued denying they were the vicious killers pictured by the prosecution. They seemed relieved when the clock in Frankfurt's City Council chamber, where the trial is being held, rang at 4:30 this afternoon, ending the court session.

ITALIAN COURT SENTENCES THREE YOUTHS FOR ANTI-JEWISH ACTS

ROME, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Three Italian youths were sentenced today to 10 months in prison after they were found guilty of having smeared swastikas on a synagogue and several public buildings last February. A representative of the Jewish community withdrew from the case when the defendants gave a declaration that they "never intended to offend the memory of innocent victims of the forces of intolerance."

Four months of the sentence covered the charge of contempt of religion and constituted the first time since the Second World War that jail sentences were handed down by an Italian court for contempt for the Jewish religion.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO INVESTIGATE SYRIAN TREATMENT OF ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) ---The International Red Cross has officially agreed to Israel's request to investigate the condition of Israeli prisoners held in Syrian jails, it was announced here today.

The notification from the international organization said that the Red Cross will ask the Syrian authorities to permit its representatives to visit the prisoners and the Syrian reply will be communicated to Israel as soon as possible.

Foreign Minister Golda Meir informed the Cabinet yesterday that Israel had submitted to the Red Cross the names of 11 prisoners known to be in Syria and also requested Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, to use his office to secure the early release of the prisoners. Gen. Bull was also asked to arrange that the Israeli prisoners be visited by UN observers and Red Cross representatives pending their release. She said a copy of this request had been sent to UN Secretary-General U Thant in New York.

The Israel Ministry of Health, meanwhile, is planning to invite international medical experts to examine the 11 Israelis released by Syria in a prisoner exchange 10 days ago. The Red Cross has already rejected an Israeli request that its medical personnel examine the released Israelis.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE CONSTRUCTS ELECTRONIC COMPUTER OF GREAT SPEED

REHOVOT, Israel, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Weizmann Institute of Science today put into use a new electronic computer having a great speed and accuracy.

Basing the new machine, nicknamed the "Golem," on the Illinois Computer which is capable of an accuracy of 13 decimal places, Israeli scientists perfected the Weizmann Institute computer to work with an accuracy of 19 decimal places at the same speed.

Professor Chaim Pekeris of the Institute's Applied Mathematics Department said that they now intend to construct a "Super Golem" which will work out problems even the Golem cannot answer such as the weather forecast for the next day. The Golem can plot ocean tides and currents which even the American computer purchased last year for \$1,100,000 cannot perform. The cost of construction of the Golem was \$800,000.

NEW COMMANDER APPOINTED OF U.N. FORCES ON EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI FRONTIER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Major General Carlos Flores Paiva Chaves, of Brazil, was appointed by Secretary-General U Thant today as commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, the 5,000-man body that stands on guard in the Gaza Strip and along the Egyptian sector of the Sinai Desert at Sharm el-Sheikh, maintaining the uneasy peace between Egypt and Israel.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Thant appointed another Brazilian, General of the Army Oswaldo de Araujo Motta, to take over the UNEF command from Lt. Gen. Gyani, of India, who asked leave to resign his post after four years of service on behalf of the UN. Today, however, Mr. Thant was informed that the former appointee is ill and cannot assume his UNEF post. Gen. Paiva Chaves will come here early next month for briefing, and will then proceed to Gaza to relieve Gen. Gyani.

HARSH WEATHER DISRUPTS NORMAL LIFE IN SEVERAL PARTS OF ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Israel's normal routine was again disrupted today by harsh weather in various parts of the country as the first snow of the winter fell in the Safad area and the hills of Upper Galilee while heavy rains again cut off a number of settlements in the Negev and washed out the road to Eilat.

EX-COMMUNIST LEADER SAYS JEWS IN RUSSIA WILL NEVER ASSIMILATE

TORONTO, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Joseph B. Salsberg, for 12 years a member of the Canadian Parliament representing the Communist Party, asserted here that the Jews of the Soviet Union will never be assimilated. The former Communist leader, who quit his party in 1957, in protest against anti-Semitism in the USSR, said there is a great reserve of resistance by Soviet Jews who want to preserve their religion and culture. He held also that there is "a liberalizing wind now blowing through the Soviet Union."

Mr. Salsberg was the keynote speaker at a banquet here concluding a three-day conference of 200 teenage members from YMHA's and YWHA's from this city, Hamilton, Oshawa, London, Ottawa and Montreal. He told the teenagers that there is dissatisfaction inside the Soviet Union over discrimination and lack of democracy.

Comparing the life of the young Jew inside Russia and the West, Mr. Salsberg said in Russia the Jew has the advantage of free education and a grant to go to university. But in the universities there is an element of restriction which, he said, was hard to discover and to which no one would admit. "It is taken for granted a Jewish boy or girl needs higher marks than others to gain university entry, which in itself is discrimination," he stated.

"In employment," he said, "Jews are not welcome in the higher echelons of the armed forces, the diplomatic services and certain other spheres. But apart from these, employment is there for those who want it. One of the greatest offences in Russia today is the fact that the government seems to follow a policy of assimilation of the Jews. To me that is a crime against the democratic rights of individuals and against any national or religious group," he stated, adding that Jews in Russia did not have adult or youth centers, a press, theater, the right to emigrate or an organization to speak on their behalf.

CANADIAN GOVT. CHARGED WITH INACTIVITY ON SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS

TORONTO, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government has been assailed by a Member of Parliament who is also national director of the Jewish Labor Committee for not taking action against anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

David Orlikow, New Democratic Party member for Winnipeg North, told a Workman's Center meeting that External Affairs Minister Paul Martin said the right things but always voted the wrong way or abstained. He was reporting on the results of a protest against anti-Semitism made November 19 to the Soviet Embassy by a joint delegation of the Canadian Labor Congress, the New Democratic Party and the Jewish Labor Committee.

The deputy quoted from a letter written to Mr. Martin by Michael Garber, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, asking for a direct Government protest to the Soviet Government about the death sentence for a rabbi convicted of speculating in gold currency.

He said the Minister, in a reply dated October 30, stated that it was the Canadian Government's policy not to take any action that would emphasize the fact that Soviet Jews had connections outside of Russia. The Minister also wrote that the Government might make a reference in the United Nations to religious persecution in the Soviet Union but that it would not specifically refer to Jews.

Harry Simon, Ontario director of the Canadian Labor Congress, also reported on the visit to the Soviet Embassy. He told the meeting that he thought Prime Minister Lester Pearson was a friend of Jews but also that he felt the Prime Minister was politically naive in following a line of appeasement toward Soviet injustices toward Russian Jews.

CANADA REFUSES TAX DEDUCTIONS TO SYNAGOGUE EMPLOYEES, EXCEPT RABBIS

TORONTO, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Canadian Tax Appeal Board ruled today that a ritual director (shammes) of a synagogue is not entitled to the same income tax deductions as a rabbi. The board made its decision in a judgment rejecting an appeal by Theodore Bloom, ritual director of Toronto's B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue, against a ruling of the Revenue Department.

Mr. Bloom claimed a tax deduction of \$1,500 for rent paid for his apartment in 1961. He made the claim under a section of the Income Tax Act which permits members of the clergy to deduct rent from taxable income. A Jewish communal official had testified during the appeal that frequently in communities, particularly smaller provincial congregations, combined religious and teaching duties are undertaken by men who do not have full rabbinical ordination and that such persons were known as "spiritual leaders."

However, the board said that Mr. Bloom is not a member of a body of men set apart by ordination for religious services in the Hebrew faith. It said that his duties could be performed by any other layman with sufficient religious instruction and that if he ceased to be ritual director "he would carry with him no title or designation which would give him any special recognition as the possessor of any special religious qualifications."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW U. ARE TAX EXEMPT

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Contributions to the American Friends of the Hebrew University are tax deductible, as heretofore, under the U.S. Internal Revenue Service regulation concerning the deductibility of charitable contributions to American philanthropic organizations with overseas programs, it was announced today by Lionel R. Bauman, president of the American Friends.

OTTAWA JEWISH FAMILY DONATES \$450,000 FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER

OTTAWA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A \$450,000 gift to build a medical research center at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, has been contributed by the Loeb Foundation established by a leading Jewish family of this city. The research center, the first such facility in Ottawa, will be dedicated to the memory of Moses and Rose Loeb, parents of the donor family, and of the late Dr. Henry H. Loeb, a brother of the donors who practiced at the hospital until his death in 1949.

The five surviving brothers who made gifts are Norman, Bertram, Jules, David and Dr. Lazarus. Bertram Loeb is the first vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, national chairman of the United Israel Appeal of Canada and president of Supersol, Israel's supermarket chain.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$65,226.99 BEQUEST

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles has received a bequest of \$65,226.99 from the estate of the late Margaret Weil, it was announced today by Lawrence E. Irell, chairman of the foundation's board of governors.

Mrs. Weil, who died on Nov. 21, 1962, was born in Berlin, Germany, and resided in Vienna, Austria, for many years. After arriving in the United States and settling in Los Angeles, she became a member of the Sunset chapter of ORT.

\$25,000 GIFT FOR KENNEDY FELLOWSHIPS PRESENTED TO WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Joseph H. Cohen, a retired Long Island businessman, today donated \$25,000 to the Kennedy Memorial Fellowships at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, Israel. The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute has established 46 annual research fellowships at the Institute in Rehovot in the name of the late President Kennedy--one fellowship for each year of Mr. Kennedy's life.

In accepting Mr. Cohen's contribution, Joseph Brainin, executive vice-president of the American Committee, said that all funds to be raised at the organization's annual dinner, next February 6, will go toward a \$5,000,000 endowment fund set up to insure the permanence of the Kennedy Fellowships. The event in February will be addressed by President Johnson.

DETROIT WIDOW ESTABLISHES \$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT TECHNION

HAIFA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A \$20,000 gift from a Detroit widow, Mrs. Dorothy Kay, has led to the establishment of the Leon Kay Scholarship Fund at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology. The gift will enable the granting of three to five full scholarships each year.

The late Mr. Kay was one of the pioneer founders of the Detroit Chapter of the American Technion Society and served as national vice-president of the Society. For many years he was a member of Technion's International Board of Governors and a member of the national executive committee of the American Technion Society. An investor in Israel as well, Mr. Kay helped to expand and develop stone quarry operations in Israel.

A. NEWMAN, CO-FOUNDER OF CLEVELAND ENGLISH-JEWISH WEEKLY, DEAD

CLEVELAND, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Aaron W. Neuman, co-founder of The Jewish Independent, local English-Jewish weekly, died here at the age of 82. He had helped establish The Jewish Independent in 1906. He was born in this city, worked as a newspaper reporter at Junction, Colo., and later was on the staff of the Cleveland World. At the time of his death, Mr. Newman was president of Expositions, Inc., here.

SHIMON YEZIOR, LEADER OF MEXICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, DEAD; WAS 70

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Shimon Yezior, a prominent leader of the Mexican Jewish community, died here at the age of 70. Born in Poland, Mr. Yezior was one of the veteran members of the Warsaw Bund before the Second World War. He came to Mexico 27 years ago and served as editor of the Forward, organ of the Bund movement here. He was chairman of the Society for Culture and Aid and was a member of the Council of the Nidche Israel Ashkenazi community here.

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