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HIGH ISRAELI OFFICIALS LEAVE PARIS; DISCUSSED MILITARY MATTERS

PARIS, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Israel's Deputy Minister of Defense Shimon Peres left here for Israel today after a brief stay in France during which he conferred with the French Defense Minister and senior Government officials. It is generally believed here that Mr. Peres concluded an important contract for the supply to Israel of French military equipment and aeronautical material.

Mr. Peres, who was accompanied by Brig. Ezer Weizmann, commander of the Israeli Air Force, visited a number of French military bases and aeronautical plants. He also conferred with Gen. Martin, commander of the French Air Force, and other French Army officers. The Israeli Minister also met with former Premier and Secretary General of the French Socialist party, Guy Mollet.

Mr. Peres told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here prior to his departure that he was "fully satisfied" with his visit, during which he had noticed the "same warm French friendship and understanding for Israel and her needs." He is due to revisit France early in February, when he will also spend a few days in Britain.

TRIAL OF PERSONNEL OF AUSCHWITZ ANNIHILATION CAMP RESUMES IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- West Germany's biggest war crimes trial since the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal of 1946, involving this time 22 former guards, officials and medical personnel at the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau death factory, charged with complicity in the murder of 4,000,000 persons, most of them Jews, was resumed here today.

The proceedings, which opened two weeks ago and recessed, got under way in earnest today with the questioning of the accused "good" Nazis. Presiding Justice Hans Hofmyer heads the trial, with two other judges and three alternate jurists on the bench with him, while a jury of six and four alternate jurors are sitting by.

The first to be questioned today was Emil Bendarek, an inmate at Auschwitz who, according to the prosecution, had his life spared when he agreed to help murder other prisoners. A trustee at the camp, Bendarek is accused of having beaten one man to death, helped kill eight others, and dousing other prisoners with cold water as they stood naked outdoors until they froze to death.

So far, all the accused have denied the charges of murder, torture and complicity in mass executions. Several of them have advanced the usual Nazi contention that they had to carry out orders to kill or face death themselves. This contention, however, is expected to be proven false by the prosecution through at least one witness.

The court is to hear testimony today from a Dr. Muench, now a resident of Bavaria, who had been a member of the Auschwitz medical corps. Dr. Muench had refused to follow instructions ordering him to take part in crimes against prisoners. He is to testify that, despite his disobedience of direct orders, he had suffered no reprisals from the Nazi regime. He had been tried earlier and acquitted by a Polish war crimes court.

Beginning today, the trial is on a schedule of three days a week--Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The proceedings are expected to last several months. The prosecution is expected to call a total of 254 witnesses, all former camp inmates, many of them Jews, from Israel, Western European countries and the United States.

The trial is being held in Frankfurt's City Council chamber. Although space had been set aside for public observers, there were few spectators in the court room, aside from a full complement of newsmen representing the press, radio and television.

German Physician Arrested in Soviet Zone; Served in Nazi Camp

FRANKFURT, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The arrest in the Soviet zone of a 58-year-old East German physician, Kurt Heissmayer, on charges of crimes against humanity during the Nazi era, was disclosed here today.

Dr. Heissmayer, a resident of Magdeburg, was charged with committing war crimes while serving as a doctor in a Nazi concentration camp. The reports from East Germany did not specify which camp he was alleged to have served. The arrest reportedly took place more than 10 days ago, but the news was not received here until today.

ISRAELIS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH POPE'S REACTION TO HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6, (JTA) -- Israelis were highly pleased to learn today that Pope Paul VI, who returned today to Rome from his visit to Israel and Jordan, publicly declared that the day he spent yesterday in Israel had been "an unforgettable day." His visit to Israel was marked not only by warmth and by hearty greetings from all here--Jews, Christians and Moslems--but also by order and careful organization which contrasted sharply with the near chaotic conditions that prevailed throughout Jordan on the Pope's visit there.

During his long, drama-filled day in Israel, Pope Paul had been greeted by Jewish religious leaders, although Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim kept carefully away from the ceremonies. Rabbi Nissim had announced earlier that, as the leading rabbi of Israel, he could not greet the Pontiff unless the latter were to reciprocate by a visit to the Grand Rabbinate. However, Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs, was present at the two formal State ceremonies, both at Megiddo and at the farewell at the Mandelbaum Gate.

When the Pope arrived yesterday in Jerusalem, he was greeted not only by Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom--who presented the Pontiff with the traditional salt and bread, indicating hospitality--but also by Jerusalem's Chief Rabbi Pardess. Earlier, at Nazareth, one member of the large, official welcoming party was Rabbi Pincus Miller. The latter is the spiritual leader of Upper Nazareth, a relatively new community numbering about 7,000 Jews. Rabbi Miller had been formally invited to the Nazareth ceremonies by Archbishop George Hakim, head of the Galilean diocese. Rabbi Miller, however, did not enter the church at Nazareth, explaining that his religious tenets forbade him to enter a Christian house of worship.

Pontiff Defended Pius XII Stand Toward Jews in Nazi Years

Pope Paul defended the late Pope Pius XII here yesterday against charges that have been made that the wartime Pontiff had failed to speak out against Hitler's persecutions of the Jews. The defense, alluding to the play, "The Deputy," by Rolf Hochhuth, a West German playwright, which makes those accusations against Pius, was voiced by the Pontiff in his farewell address here, just before he left Israel after spending 12 hours in the Jewish State.

President Zalman Shazar, flanked by ranking members of Israel's Cabinet, had just said farewell to Pope Paul, when the Pontiff, in his response, surprisingly touched on the controversy caused by the Hochhuth play.

Pope Paul started his final remarks on Israel's soil by expressing gratification over his visit here, and voicing thanks for the welcome and hospitality accorded him. He emphasized that he had come here as a representative of "Him Who bore peace." "There is nothing in our heart," he said, "but feelings of good will toward all men and all people. Indeed, the Church loves everybody in the same measure." Then he touched on the Pius controversy, stating:

"Our great predecessor, Pius XII, again and again stressed this forcefully--not once, twice--midst the last world war. Everybody knows what he did to help and defend all those who had been tried by war's tribulations, without discrimination. Yet, as you are aware, an attempt has been made to cast suspicion and, indeed, accusations have been leveled, against the memory of this great Pontiff. We are happy to have the opportunity to state on this day and in this place that there is nothing more unjust than this slight against such a venerated memory.

Those who knew this admirable man intimately know how far his sensibility could go, his compassion for human suffering, his courage, his delicacy of heart, the depth of his feelings, his charity and sympathy vis-a-vis human sufferings, his spirit and the nobility of his heart. It is well known that, after the war, men came to him with tears in their eyes to thank him for saving their lives. Truly following the example of Him Whom they represent here below, Popes desire nothing but the true well-being of all men."

The Pontiff's statement was made in a colorful setting at the Mandelbaum Gate, where an arch had been erected by Israel for the farewell ceremonies. President Shazar, with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and other Cabinet members standing next to him, and the members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Israel present, had just delivered his farewell address to the Pope. Speaking in Hebrew, the Israeli President said to the Pope that "our hand is stretched out in a gesture of peace toward the neighboring states; our eyes are lifted in search of true peace in the world, peace firmly based on trust and respect among peoples."

Pope Paul Returns to Rome: Quotes from Isaiah on Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Jan. 6, (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI returned here today from his visit to Israel and was given an enthusiastic reception at which he said in a formal statement in which he quoted the Hebrew prophet Isaiah on the light that will come from Jerusalem "when the earth will be covered with darkness."

GOVT. BODY CHECKS COMPLAINTS ON BIAS BY AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A spokesman for intergroup relations under Army Materials Command said today that a check was being made with many of the government contractors involved in the American Jewish Committee's discrimination charges against utilities.

While the AJC has not yet filed a formal complaint to the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, the Army Materials Command has the authority to survey any contractors. It is under this authority vested in the Army Materials Command via the President's Equal Employment Opportunity Order, that the charges are being looked into.

It is understood that among those being reviewed within the next few months will be the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its affiliates. Charges by the AJC will be taken into consideration. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which already discussed the matter with the Army Materials Command, has signed a plan for progress agreement under President Johnson. Through this agreement signers undertake to work out discrimination problems directly within their respective organizations.

U.S. ENVOY CHARGES MOSCOW WITH A 'SORRY RECORD' OF ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Ambassador Jonathan B. Bingham, member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations last night charged the Soviet Union with a "sorry record" of anti-Semitism and said that Communist bloc delegations have shown "something less than wild enthusiasm" for UN efforts to combat religious intolerance.

Mr. Bingham told 1,100 guests attending a B'nai B'rith Youth Services dinner last night that the "hypocrisy" of Communist claims of religious freedom has been exposed by their "encouragement and practice of anti-Semitism." "The one hopeful aspect of the sorry Soviet record," he said, "is their obvious anxiety to conceal the truth. This demonstrates that the Kremlin leaders are not insensitive to the pressures of world opinion."

Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, in a plea for UN action to outlaw religious discrimination, said the Soviet Union's policy toward its Jews "calls for a formal condemnation by an international body." He said community life in the USSR might be improved by "persistent expressions of the moral indignation that free peoples should feel."

AMBASSADOR HARMAN MEETS WITH RUSK; REVIEW MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman held a one-hour meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk here. This was his first business meeting with Secretary Rusk since Mr. Johnson assumed the Presidency.

Mr. Harman recently returned from brief consultations with his Government in Jerusalem. It is understood that his meeting with Secretary Rusk was devoted to a review of the current Middle East situation. Mr. Harman presumably conveyed to the Secretary the views of the Israel Government on recent developments in the area. The ambassador was accompanied by Minister Mordecai Gazit and Counselor Shaul Bar-Haim.

Walter Cedwick, Deputy Secretary General of the Organization of American States, is leaving for Israel this week for consultations on the expansion of technical cooperation between Israel and Latin America. Mr. Cedwick is scheduled to confer with Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, as well as with top officials of the Foreign Ministry.

It is understood that the main subject of the discussion will be the extension and possible increase in the number of scholarships and courses Israel is providing for Latin American countries in the framework of an agreement between the Foreign Ministry's International Cooperation Department and the Organization of American States.

ZIM CANCELS AGREEMENT ON KASHRUT WITH AMERICAN RABBINICAL GROUP

TEL AVIV, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Zim Navigation Company disclosed today it would not implement the agreement it signed last year with the Associated Legislative Rabbinate of America for supervision of kosher arrangements on its new liner, the Shalom.

The agreement with the American rabbinical group was signed after the Israeli rabbinate indicated it would refuse kosher certification to the new luxury liner because it will have both a kosher and a non-kosher kitchen.

The disclosure by Zim was seen as indicating that it might lead to renewed negotiations between the ship company and the Israeli rabbinate to resolve the dispute over the double kitchens, which has touched off a worldwide Jewish controversy.

SIX JEWISH LAWYERS IN ONTARIO HONORED; NAMED QUEEN'S COUNSEL

TORONTO, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish barristers were among the 79 named Queen's Counsel in the New Year's list announced by the Attorney General of the Province of Ontario. Among those now entitled to the letters QC after their names are: Fred Ganz, Ben Levinter, Mark Orkin, Carl A. Stone, and David Walfish of Toronto; and Ben Shekter of Hamilton.

CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FUND TO SEEK \$6,061,000 IN 1964 DRIVE

CLEVELAND, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal here will seek to raise the record sum of \$6,061,000. The goal was adopted at a meeting of the board of trustees of The Jewish Community Federation, sponsor of the annual campaign. Official dates of the drive are April 23 to May 14.

The 1963 campaign realized \$5,829,216, highest total in the 60-year history of the Federation. Arthur Dory, general chairman of the campaign, ascribed the increase in the goal mainly to the continuing large scale immigration into Israel and the backlog in absorption of earlier immigrants and the additional funds needed to help meet the increased demands for service by the Federation's local beneficiary agencies.

JEWISH MUSEUM TO ORGANIZE ART EXHIBITION IN VENICE FOR U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Museum here received an invitation on behalf of the U.S. Information Agency to organize the exhibition of American Art for the Venice Biennale of 1964. The Biennale, observing its 32nd anniversary this year, is recognized as one of the leading international exhibitions of art. It will take place in Venice from June to October 1964.

In extending the U.S. Government's invitation to Alan P. Solomon as director of The Jewish Museum, Donald M. Wilson, Acting Director of the U.S.I.A., cited "the excellent exhibitions of contemporary art presented by The Jewish Museum during the past year." Noting that "for the first time in history, American art enjoys the role of acknowledged leadership in international art circles," Mr. Wilson felt that "the U.S. exhibition should feature those vital aspects which have focused the attention of the cultural world upon us."

164 YIDDISH BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 1962 THROUGHOUT WORLD; NONE IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- A total of 164 Yiddish books were published around the world in 1962, compared with 146 in 1961, figures released here today by Ziko showed. Ziko is the Central Institute for Jewish Cultural Organizations.

According to the analysis, not one Yiddish book was published in the Soviet Union in 1962. Of the total issued that year, Israel led the list with 55 Yiddish books; the United States came next with 41; 38 were published in Argentina; 10 in Poland; six in France; four each in Mexico and Canada; two in England; one each in South Africa, Uruguay, Australia and Rumania.

By subject, around the world, the Yiddish books published in 1962 included 35 works of fiction, 29 of poetry, 56 biographies, 18 on the Nazi holocaust; 11 collections of documents relating to various Jewish communities decimated by the holocaust; 12 educational works and textbooks; and three on music.

AMERICAN RABBI LEADS U.S. MILITARY CHAPLAIN'S RETREAT IN GERMANY

MUNICH, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish military chaplains with the United States Army and the U.S. Air Force in Europe will convene near here, at Berchtesgaden, tomorrow, for a retreat sponsored by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board of the Army, at the mountain estate of the late Adolf Hitler.

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, will lead the retreat. Rabbi Miller is spiritual leader of the Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center in The Bronx.

DR. SAUL LIEBERMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Doctor Saul Lieberman, Professor of Talmud at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, was elected president of the American Academy for Jewish Research. The election took place at the 36th annual meeting of the Academy held here.

The American Academy for Jewish Research is an institution of higher Jewish learning, established to foster and promote the cause of scholarship in the fields of Judaism both here and abroad. Founded in 1927, its membership is composed of the foremost scholars in Judaism, representing nearly all American seminaries and universities.

SIR CYRIL SALMON NAMED LORD JUSTICE OF APPEAL IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Sir Cyril Salmon, 60, a high court judge since 1957, has been appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal, the first Jew to become an Appeal Court Judge in two decades. The last prior one was Lord Cohen, who retired a few years ago.

JOSEPH LUTSKY, VETERAN ARGENTINE ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD; WAS 76

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 6. (JTA) -- Joseph Lutsky, prominent Jewish educator and veteran Argentine Zionist leader, died here this weekend at the age of 76. Born in the Ukraine, Mr. Lutsky came to Argentina in 1908 and was for many years a Hebrew teacher and active in the General Zionist movement. Between 1920 and 1941 he published a weekly Yiddish journal. He was a founding member of the DAIA, the representative organization of Argentine Jewry and served for several years as secretary of the United Israel Appeal.