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TRIAL OF NAZI OFFICERS WHO KILLED 5,200 JEWS IN PINSK STARTS TODAY

BOIN, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Five more former officers of Hitler's SS will go on trial tomorrow for the wartime murder of Jews. Thus, three court proceedings against ex-Nazis will be under way simultaneously in this country this week.

The latest five will face a court in Brunswick. At Frankfurt, the court there will resume its trial of 22 Nazis accused of murdering hundreds of thousands of Jews at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death factory. On Tuesday, another trial will open at Limburg, involving Nazis charged with carrying on Hitler's euthanasia program, under which at least 200,000 victims, mostly Jews, were executed in "mercy" killings of so-called mental defectives.

The Brunswick trial concerns five members of the Second Cavalry Regiment of the SS who, according to the indictment, participated in the murder of 5,200 Jews in Pinsk, Byelorussia, in the summer of 1941. One of the chief witnesses among 100 to be called will be former Gen. Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski, who is now serving a life term for war crimes. He is believed to have been the officer who smuggled the poison with which Marshall Herman Goering committed suicide in the prison at Nuremberg on the day he was scheduled to be hanged.

All five on trial at Brunswick are charged with having distributed an order issued by the late Heinrich Himmler, commander of the SS, who had stated: "All Jews must be shot. All Jewish women must be driven into the marshes. Action Pinsk must be carried out even if it takes a few days."

At the Frankfurt trial, which has been under way off and on since December 20, the 22 defendants there will face the court again, after a recess of 10 days during which most official German activities, civilian and governmental, were suspended due to the pre-lent carnivals.

The Limburg proceedings, to start Tuesday, will go on despite the fact that two of the four scheduled defendants have committed suicide while a third has fled the country. One of the suicides was Dr. Werner Heyde, the chief of Hitler's "euthanasia" program, who hanged himself last week. An investigation was being pushed here this weekend into Dr. Heyde's death, as the German press voiced severe criticism over the case.

Meanwhile, a charge that 24 other doctors who had been active in the "euthanasia" program were now still practicing medicine in Germany was voiced here today by Herman Langbein, secretary of the Survivors Organization. He said his organization has the names of the 24. Some of them, he said, had already been convicted and punished for their war crimes, but were allowed just the same to continue their medical practice. All 24 had worked in Nazi death camps, where millions of Jews had been murdered, he said. He demanded that the West German Chamber of Physicians disqualify these doctors.

BRITISH JEWS APPEAL TO MOSCOW TO PERMIT MATZOH BAKING IN U.S.S.R.

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Soviet Government to permit the baking of matzoh for this year's Passover was voiced here today by Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Addressing the monthly meeting of the Board, and stressing the fact that the use of matzoh at Passover is a religious precept as well as a custom "cherished by Jews the world over," Sir Barnett requested the Kremlin authorities to permit USSR Jews to have matzoh as a move toward the relaxation of international tensions.

The Board president pointed out that, until 1961, the sale of matzoh by Soviet state bakeries was legal and unhindered. He recalled that, last year, there were "unfortunate cases of arrest and trial and imprisonment of a number of Jews for privately baking and distributing matzoh."

While he welcomed reports that the the Soviet Union is permitting the import of matzoh parcels from abroad, Sir Barnett said this step could help only in individual cases, and would not "appreciably alleviate" the matzoh shortage. He expressed the hope that the USSR would extend the import permits to include shipments from abroad of matzoh in bulk, addressed to Jewish communities which, in turn, would be allowed to distribute the Passover food to individuals.

DIARY OF POPE JOHN XXIII DEALS WITH POPE PIUS' STAND ON SAVING JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The late Pope John XXIII kept a secret diary in which, among other matters, he detailed the dilemma that faced Pope Pius XII in regard to raising his voice against Hitler's persecution of Jews, according to a Rome report published in the Sunday Express here today.

Pope John was Archbishop Roncalli, in 1943, when, according to the Rome report, he acted as intermediary for the Palestine Chief Rabbi, the late Isaac Halevi Herzog. The latter had appealed, through Archbishop Roncalli, to Pope Pius, seeking the Pontiff's intervention against Hitler's anti-Semitism. Pope Pius, the diary indicates, regretfully decided not to receive Rabbi Herzog at the Vatican and not to intervene.

Archbishop Roncalli then met Rabbi Herzog secretly in Cairo and, subsequently, sent letters to Roman Catholic leaders all over Europe, urging them to hide Jews in monasteries and homes. In this manner, many thousands of Jewish lives were saved.

The diary of the late Pope John XXIII is in the possession of Msgr. Loris Capovilla, a Vatican dignitary who is executor of Pope John's will, the Rome report said. According to the Sunday Express, Msgr. Capovilla has said the late Pope's diary "will not be published in my lifetime."

BISHOPS FAVOR ADOPTION BY ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF CHAPTER ON JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Every bishop expects the chapter on Jews to be further discussed and approved by the next session of the Ecumenical Council in Rome, a Catholic bishop told a Jewish audience in a Washington synagogue last night.

The Right Rev. Philip M. Hannan, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, spoke to a Jewish lay group at the Adas Israel congregation. Such interdenominational discussions were supported by the Ecumenical Council and Bishop Hannan devoted his talk to the Council discussions which related to the attitude of the Catholic Church toward the Jews. In this connection, Bishop Hannan said that he expects the next session of the Council to declare that the Catholic Church considers itself "the religious heir of the Jewish people, the chosen people of God."

Coming out strongly in favor of a declaration by the Vatican Council on religious freedom, Bishop Hannan said such a move would be a "challenge to the whole empire of Communist enslavement." American bishops at the Vatican Council's last meeting firmly supported such a declaration of religious freedom.

The Bishop denied, however, that anti-Semitism, especially that of the Nazis, was inspired by Catholic teachings. Instead, what is involved is the need to root out from the minds of Catholics the prejudices which were created by the anti-Semitism, Bishop Hannan asserted.

U. S. CORPORATION OFFERS GENERATING UNIT TO ISRAEL FOR DESALINATION

HAIFA, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Westinghouse Electric Corporation, of the United States, has offered to sell to Israel a 125,000-kilowatt generating unit, with attachments for desalination of sea water, according to an announcement here today by Yaacov Peled, director of the Israeli Electric Corporation.

Mr. Peled returned here today from the U. S. A., where he had ordered \$12,000,000 worth of equipment for Haifa's new power station from the General Electric Co. He said that the combination power and desalination units offered by Westinghouse would be placed in the new power station at Ashdod, if that deal materializes.

KING AND QUEEN OF BELGIUM LIGHT CANDLES IN ISRAEL FOR NAZI-KILLED JEWS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola of Belgium arrived at Lydda Airport this morning aboard a Belgian Air Force plane which flew the royal couple from Jordan after making a detour out to sea because of Jordanian objections to any direct approach to Israel. The King and his entourage, who will spend two days in Israel, had previously been scheduled to cross into Israel via the Mandalbaum Gate, but these plans were abandoned also at Jordanian insistence.

President Zalman Shazar was on hand to greet the royal couple at the airport after which King Baudouin inspected a guard of honor of Israel's Nahal military-agricultural units. The King then left for Jerusalem in President Shazar's limousine while Queen Fabiola, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the members of the Ben Shimon village youth orchestra named for Belgian Queen Elisabeth, rode in a car with Mrs. Shazar. The entire entourage comprising personal aides, interpreters, secretaries and members of the press, traveled in a convoy of 18 limousines.

The royal entourage was greeted on their arrival in Jerusalem by Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom and then proceeded through the decorated streets of the city to Mount Zion where they visited the Church of the Dormition and lit six candles in the Martyrs Chamber in memory of the 6,000,000 Jews who were murdered by the Nazis during the Second World War. Later in the day, the King and Queen were guests at a luncheon given by President Shazar which was also attended by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Cabinet Ministers, members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and justices of the Supreme Court.

ABRAM NAMED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE; IS U. S. AIDE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today announced the appointment of Morris B. Abram, prominent communal leader and attorney, as president of the organization. He succeeds A. M. Sonnabend, Boston industrialist, who died last Tuesday of a heart attack in Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. Abram, who was chairman of the executive board of the American Jewish Committee, is currently the United States representative to the United Nations Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. In this position, he recently submitted a draft convention on the problem of racial and religious discrimination, and he has been especially active in drawing international attention to anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. He was also the first legal chief of the Peace Corps at the time of its formation.

A native of Fitzgerald, Georgia, Mr. Abram is now practicing law in New York. He has served as an attorney in crucial cases dealing with major civil rights and civil liberties issues. He was the attorney in a 1962 case before the Atlanta Federal District Court which struck down Georgia's county unit election system, and its denial of voting rights to the people of the state's more populous counties. The case was affirmed on appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, thus bringing to an end Mr. Abram's 14-year effort to outlaw this voting system.

Mr. Abram was graduated from the University of Georgia, summa cum laude, and received a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University of Chicago Law School. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he was named a Rhodes Scholar and earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees at Oxford University, England. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Force, where he rose to the rank of major, and was awarded the Legion of Merit. He was a member of the American prosecution staff at the Nuremberg trials.

STUDENT SENATE URGES BAN ON FRATERNITIES PRACTICING RELIGIOUS BIAS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The student senate of the American University in Washington last night urged the university trustees to withdraw recognition from sororities and fraternities that refuse to alter present policies of racial and religious discrimination in accepting members.

The recommendation followed a study which showed that several Greek letter societies admitted barring "non-Christian" members, while other societies refused to permit the disclosure of their attitude on this matter. The issue of discrimination against Jews at another university here, George Washington University, was aired only a few days ago when five top ranking officers of the Chi Omega Sorority resigned protesting against the refusal of the sorority's alumnae to end their national discriminatory policy.

The student senate of the American University last night asked the national organizations of the fraternities and sororities to take "immediate" action to drop any discriminatory membership criteria. Senate president Robert C. Stone said that several weeks ago a Senate member complained of discrimination and the Senate appointed a committee headed by Gary Ginsburg, to investigate. On February 7, the committee report was presented but the Senate passed a motion to accept the request from Greek letter society officials to keep their answers on membership criteria secret.

However, two fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Sigma Phi permitted publication. The first admitted discrimination against Jews but said it will be dropped next summer. The second fraternity claimed that discriminatory practices ceased several years ago. Replies from four fraternities remained secret. Also, two sororities permitted publication; both Delta Gamma and Kappa Delta admitted discriminatory practices. Replies from four other sororities were also kept secret. Mr. Ginsburg in his report noted that many societies refused to answer questions on discrimination even under the cover of secrecy.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT TO GET COMPREHENSIVE BILL OUTLAWING HATE INCITEMENT

MONTREAL, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Legislation to outlaw all forms of hate incitement in Canada will be introduced in the House of Commons this week. The private bill, termed "the most comprehensive of its kind anywhere," will be put forward by Milton Klein, Liberal Member of Parliament for Montreal Cartier.

In general terms, the proposed legislation is based on the Genocide Convention of the United Nations, which Canada ratified several years ago, and its provisions include a ban on both genocide and incitement to genocide. The provisions of the bill also include outlawing of all kinds of hate incitement--oral or written--and allow for the prosecution of the accessories, including, for example, the printers, mailers, carriers and distributors of hate literature. The bill is backed by representatives of all denominations and a number of ethnic groups in Montreal.

Canadian Jewish Congress officials commenting on the proposed bill, stated: "For the past ten years the Canadian Jewish Congress with the B'nai B'rith Organization has called upon Ministers of Justice in an almost annual pilgrimage representing that changes be made in the Criminal Code to cover the cases of distribution of such hate literature as could be defined as spreading false news and which by a newer definition in the sedition section would be prohibited. In our considered judgment based on years of study and on the consideration of learned legal opinion, the changes in the Criminal Code which we have so continuously sponsored would be most useful."

VANDALS MAKE THIRD ATTEMPT TO SET FIRE TO ISRAEL EMBASSY IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- For the third time in recent weeks, an attempt was made to set fire to the Israel Embassy here, police reported today. The unknown vandals tossed gasoline-soaked rags at the embassy but no one was hurt and the rags were quickly extinguished. Jewish sources said they suspected that Arab agents were involved in the arson attempts.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK STARTED IN 10,000 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The 30th annual observance of Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, started today throughout the country with more than 10,000 communities participating in it. President Lyndon B. Johnson is honorary chairman of the celebration.

Dedicated to the idea of respect for individuals and stressing the Judeo-Christian concept that all men are joined in kinship under the Fatherhood of God, the observance was marked by a variety of special meetings and programs all through the nation, according to Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of the Conference.

Former Congressman Brooks Hays, national chairman of the Brotherhood Week, reported that special religious services were held today in churches and synagogues emphasizing the moral and spiritual values underlying the brotherhood ideal. As part of the observance, rabbis, Protestant ministers and Catholic priests visited one another's congregations in numerous circles, delivering special Brotherhood Week sermons. In Newton, Mass., the Most Rev. Eric F. McKenzie, Catholic bishop in Boston, participated in the services at Temple Emanuel, conducted by the congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Albert I. Gordon.

One of the events connected with the observance was the posthumous award by the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Men's Club here of its annual Brotherhood citation to the late President Kennedy. Rabbi William Berkowitz, spiritual leader of the congregation, presented the award at Sabbath services yesterday to Dr. Jones. A message from President Johnson lauded the congregation for the award.

Proclamations by governors and mayors gave official sanction in many localities to support President Johnson's national call for community participation. "Brotherhood Week 1966 is a time of deep appraisal for all Americans," the President said. "Tragedy is in our land and from the darkness of our sorrow ought to come a new dedication to the ideals of love and brotherhood. Democracy cannot live in hate and fear. Prejudice and bigotry are the advance guard of failure.

"In this time, still heavy with sadness, I urge all my fellow Americans to join with me and the National Conference of Christians and Jews in this national community celebration of tolerance, truth and charity toward our neighbors, wherever they live, whoever they are," President Johnson stressed.

LORD HARLECH, EX-COLONIAL MINISTER, DEAD; INFLUENCED POLICY ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Lord Harlech, the former William G. A. Ormsby Gore, who played a very prominent role in the development of the British Government's policies toward Palestine for many years, and, as Colonial Secretary, named the famous Peel Commission which tried to find a solution to the Palestine problem, died here this weekend. He was 78.

Mr. Ormsby Gore, the father of Sir David Ormsby Gore, present British Ambassador to Washington, became an expert on the Middle East during and after World War I, and was one of the Government's political officers during the negotiations that led to the issuance of the Balfour Declaration in 1917. The late Dr. Chaim Weizmann regarded him as a supporter of Zionist aims regarding Palestine. In 1919, he was a member of the British delegation to the Paris Peace Conference, out of which grew Britain's assumption of the Mandatory Power for Palestine.

In 1933, Mr. Ormsby Gore was one of the first world statesmen to denounce Hitler's racist policies and, particularly, Hitler's "Mein Kampf," in an address before the League of Nations. After the Peel Commission had proposed division of Palestine into a Jewish State, an Arab State and a British mandate area, he advanced that plan in the House of Commons in 1937. Parliament declined to act on the proposal, forwarding it to the League of Nations. The League criticized the plan, as did organized Jewry and the Arabs. In 1938, he drafted the British White Paper on Palestine, again urging Palestine partition and proposing limitation of Jewish immigration into Palestine.

A member of Parliament for many years, he left the House in 1938 when, upon the death of his father, he became the fourth baron, Lord Harlech. The present Ambassador to Washington now inherits that title.