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GERMAN JEW DESCRIBES 'DEATH MARCH' OF NAZI VICTIMS AT AUSCHWITZ TRIAL

FRANKFURT, March 9. (JTA) -- A young German Jew, testifying here at the trial of 21 former SS men and a trustee charged with the mass murder of hundreds of thousands of Jews at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death compound during World War II, identified two of the defendants in open court today as mass murderers.

The witness, Hans Frankenthal, told the court that 25 members of his family were sent to Auschwitz in 1943, and that only he and his young brother survived because they were used as slave laborers in the camp. During his two years at Auschwitz, Frankenthal said on the witness stand, he came often "within inches of death."

Every four to six weeks, he said, SS officers would go through the plant where he worked, picking out for death those who were too ill to continue at the labor. Twice, he said, he had become "unproductive" due to bad feet, and was about to be sent to the gas ovens, when he was hidden by a political prisoner in the plant.

He also described the death march of the remaining Auschwitz prisoners who were moved from the camp by the Nazis when the Russian army advanced to positions near the camp. He said the prisoners were marched afoot or placed in roofless freight cars where many froze to death.

When Presiding Justice Hans Hofmeyer asked Frankenthal whether he could identify any of the defendants as participants in atrocities he had personally witnessed, he hesitated at first, saying he was not sure he could spot the men now wearing civilian clothing instead of SS uniforms.

Finally, urged by the judge, he walked slowly to the defendants' section and identified two men. One was a medical corpsman, Gerhard Neubert, whom Frankenthal had previously mentioned by name. The other is co-defendant Karl Hoecker, camp adjutant. The witness said he had seen Neubert "select" victims for the death ovens, while Hoecker had beaten him.

Nazi Judge Advocate Says Auschwitz Was A 'Nightmare'

An unusually detailed description of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp activities was given the court today by another witness, a non-Jewish attorney, Konrad Morgen, of Frankfurt. He testified that, as a judge advocate for the SS in 1943, he had been assigned to investigate the theft of gold at Auschwitz, previously extracted from the teeth of dead victims.

During that probe, he said, camp officials showed him everything that was going on in the camp, from the incoming trainplatforms to the death ramps and the insides of the gas ovens. His guide on that tour, he testified, was the late Rudolph Hoess, the camp commandant.

"It was a most shattering experience," he told the court. "Thousands were being cremated every day, but the machinery, ovens and pipes were antiseptic, constantly cleaned, everything polished. Cremation squads were always cleaning and polishing." He described the methods used to make the victims believe they were being led only to disinfection chambers instead of into death ovens. "It was a nightmare," he said.

Defendant Admits Beating Prisoners; Selected Some for Death

At the opening of today's session, one of the nine judges read a pre-trial confession made by one of the defendants, Oswald Kaduk. In that statement, Kaduk had admitted participating in the selection of prisoners for death, and confessed also that he had beaten and otherwise mistreated some of the prisoners. Among those he had beaten, he had said, was Josef Cyrankiewicz, now Prime Minister of Poland.

Kaduk protested, however, that he was "only a little fish in those days," insisting that he was "only carrying out orders." He demanded to know why "the bigshots, those really guilty," were not being prosecuted. He implicated several of the present co-defendants in his crimes. One of them, Robert Mulka, shouted in the court room: "That's not true." Kaduk yelled back that his charges against Mulka were true. After a loud exchange between the two co-defendants, Justice Hofmeyer rang his bell to restore order in the court room.

ISRAELI GENERALS IN DISPUTE WITH BEN-GURION ON CONDUCT OF 1948 WAR

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- Two Israeli generals who had played prominent roles in Israel's War of Liberation retorted sharply today to a statement by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who had implied that a third general would have been much more successful in the field against the Arab forces in 1948-49.

Mr. Ben-Gurion sparked the dispute in an interview in Haboker, a morning newspaper here, in which he stated that, had Moshe Dayan been Israel's chief of staff during the 1948-49 defensive war against the Arabs, Israel's borders would have been "different" and its military achievements "greater." (During that war, Mr. Dayan was in charge of a commando unit that had scored great successes. He became chief of staff of Israel's armed forces in 1953, and was the general in charge when Israel defeated the Egyptians in the Sinai campaign in 1956-57. He is now Minister of Agriculture.)

By making that statement, Mr. Ben-Gurion was seen as having downgraded the military achievements of three former generals -- Gen. Yaacov Dori, now president of Technion, who was chief of staff in 1948; Gen. Yigael Yadin, chief of operations under Dori, later chief of staff, now a prominent archeologist; and Maj. Gen. Yigal Allon, who commanded several important fronts in 1948, now Israel's Minister of Labor. Gen. Dori has declined thus far to be drawn into the controversy. But Yadin and Allon have replied tartly.

General Yadin counter-charged with an assertion that Mr. Ben-Gurion himself, as Premier and Minister of Defense, was responsible for political decisions which resulted in withdrawal of successful Israeli forces from some of the conquered areas. Conceding that some of Mr. Ben-Gurion's political decisions may have been partly justified at the time, he insisted, nevertheless, that Mr. Ben-Gurion's "wrongful intrusions into tactical matters" had also caused some military setbacks for the Israeli army.

Gen. Yadin went further. Referring to Mr. Ben-Gurion, he said today: "When the Premier-Defense Minister ordered a halt in our army's advance, the Israeli army was at the height of its military victories, all the way from Lebanon in the north to the Sinai in Egypt. In a few more days, Israel could have completed the destruction of the invading forces and the freeing of the whole of Israel."

ISRAELI RELIGIOUS MINISTERS RESENT 'INTERFERENCE' OF U.S. JEWISH GROUPS

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro today described as an "unwarranted interference" in Israeli affairs, a cable sent last week by leaders of seven major American Jewish organizations calling on Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to resist pressure by "extremist religious groups" in the United States supporting legislation that would abridge religious freedom in Israel.

Asserting that laws regarding religious matters in Israel are established by a majority of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, according to the will of the people, Mr. Shapiro said that American religious Jewish organizations never interfered in matters of religion and the laws of Israel. He noted that an exception was the issue of the projected non kosher kitchen aboard the liner Shalom, adding that "this stemmed from the assumption that the Shalom was chiefly intended for Jewish travelers from America."

Charging that the message from the Jewish groups was inspired rather than spontaneous, Mr. Shapiro said that if they wished to "say something against U.S. rabbis" they should have addressed the protest to the latter rather than to Premier Eshkol. In another comment on the cabled protest, Religious Affairs Minister Zorach Warhaftig said "there is only one way to influence legislation in Israel and that is by settling here and participating in the Knesset elections."

(In New York, the Agudah Labor Organization today issued a protest against the seven major Jewish organizations for sending their cable to Premier Eshkol. The extreme Orthodox labor group announced that it will leave the ranks of the American Jewish Congress with which it is affiliated. The AJCongress is one of the seven central Jewish bodies which signed the cable to Premier Eshkol. The other six are: The American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the United Synagogue of America.)

RABBI UNTERMAN AGREES TO RUN FOR OFFICE OF CHIEF RABBI IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- Rabbi Isser Unterman, of this city, agreed today to run for the office of Chief Rabbi of Israel for the Ashkenazi community, it was announced here today. Another candidate for that post in the elections scheduled to be held March 17 will be Rabbi Shlomo Goren, chief chaplain of Israel's armed forces.

Israel has had no chief Ashkenazi rabbi since the death of the late Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, who died in 1959. Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim is Chief Sephardic Rabbi. He is expected to be re-elected without opposition.

MOSCOW JEW CHARGED WITH 'ECONOMIC CRIMES'; DEATH SENTENCE SCOUT

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- A Moscow Jew arrested early in 1962 on a charge of having been "in touch with Israeli diplomats" was convicted in a Moscow court yesterday for alleged complicity in "economic crimes," and the prosecution demanded that he be sentenced to death, according to highly authentic information from the Soviet capital received here today.

The man was listed as Mr. Greenberg, without a first name. He is known to have been a member of the Central Synagogue of Moscow. During the more than two years since his arrest, the charge against him had been changed from a political offense to a criminal category.

Mr. Greenberg, and others tried with him in a mass "economic" trial are scheduled to receive their sentences in Moscow tomorrow. In the trial, where Mr. Greenberg was the principal defendant, a number of other Soviet citizens, the majority of them Jews, were also found guilty.

GERMAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE OPPOSES AMNESTY FOR NAZI WAR CRIMES

BERLIN, March 9. (JTA) -- Ewald Bucher, Minister of Justice, stated here last night that he is opposed to a general amnesty for Nazi war crimes. At the same time, however, he reiterated his opposition to an extension of the war crimes statute of limitations beyond 1965. Under that statute, war criminals not arrested within 20 years of the official end of World War II could no longer be prosecuted unless they had been arrested prior to the 1965 deadline or charged specifically with murder.

At the same time, Germany's former Attorney General, Max Guede, predicted that, within the next five to eight years, 500 more Nazi war-crime trials will be held in this country. He said these trials must be held "not only because of legal requirements but also to satisfy an inner duty." Both Mr. Bucher and Mr. Guede made their statements on a radio program broadcast from Frankfurt.

GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN BRUSSELS; WILL DISCUSS LINK TO EUROMARKET

BRUSSELS, March 9. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir arrived here from London this morning for a visit to Belgium during which she will meet with Government officials and will continue her conferences with officials of the European Economic Community over Israel's efforts to conclude a satisfactory trade agreement with the Common Market countries.

Addressing a luncheon in Mrs. Meir's honor, Professor Walter Hallstein, president of the Common Market Commission, said that, like Israel, the EEC was trying to build a state but until now Israel has been more successful.

After the luncheon, Mrs. Meir had a 35-minute talk with Jean Rey, the member of the EEC Commission in charge of external affairs. They discussed organization of a third round of negotiations between Israel and the Common Market which will be discussed by the EEC Council of Ministers tomorrow. Later in the day, Mrs. Meir was received by Prime Minister Theo de Fevre. She was accompanied by Israel Ambassador Amiel Najjar.

ARAB LEAGUE AGENT CHARGED WITH ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, March 9. (JTA) -- A leading Argentine daily newspaper, El Siglo, denounced today an Arab League agent, Hussein Triki, and charged that he was working closely with key anti-Semitic and nationalist groups in the country.

At the same time, the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, sent a letter to Interior Minister Juan Palmero, charging Triki with using the canards of the notorious Protocols of the Elders of Zion in his anti-Jewish campaign in Argentina. The letter also declared that Arab League agents were seeking to convert Argentina into "a battlefield for Middle East problems and trying to impose the Arab League boycott on Argentine firms."

El Siglo asserted that recent statements made by Triki in reply to charges that he sponsored anti-Semitic terrorism in Argentina had provoked a "great impact" in all newspapers and news agencies. The daily reported that Argentine Foreign Ministry sources indicated that the Ministry was worried about the Arab League representative's activities.

INSTITUTE FOR BLIND BUILT BY GERMAN YOUTHS DEDICATED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- An Institute for the Blind, built with the aid of members of a German youth organization, "Symbol of Repentance," was dedicated here today. The Germans had contributed labor and nearly \$70,000 for the building. Eighteen young Germans had worked on the building. The ceremonies were attended by a West Berlin clergyman, the Rev. Johannes Miller.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT GETS BILL BANNING USE OF MAIL FOR ANTI-SEMITISM

OTTAWA, March 9. (JTA) -- A bill prohibiting the mail distribution of hate materials was introduced in the House of Commons here today by David Orlikow, a New Democrat member of Parliament from Winnipeg. The bill, an amendment to the Post Office Act, would add to criminal offenders those who use the mails "for the purpose of delivering anything that is calculated to bring into hatred, ridicule or contempt, any person or group of persons by reason of race, national origin, color or religion."

The bill, according to Mr. Orlikow, would implement the Canadian Bill of Rights, which guarantees that human rights and fundamental freedoms "exist without discrimination against any group of people" in the Dominion.

At the same time, Marvin Gelber, another member of Parliament, representing the Liberal Party from a constituency in metropolitan Toronto, told the House that the criminal code must be amended so that the "spread of disaffection between races and classes" be outlawed in Canada.

A number of leading Canadian cities--including Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, and Winnipeg--have been flooded of late with anti-Semitic and other hate materials. Hatemongers in the United States are believed to have originated these materials. The Canadian Jewish Congress announced today that a CJC delegation will meet Thursday with several Cabinet ministers to discuss the situation. Expected to participate in that parley on behalf of the Government will be the Ministers of Justice and Internal Revenue and the Postmaster-General of Canada.

Toronto Bishop Denounces Dissemination of Hate Materials

TORONTO, March 9. (JTA) -- The flood of anti-Semitic and anti-Negro mail which has hit the Toronto area was denounced today by the Rev. F.H. Wilkinson, the Anglican (Episcopal) Bishop of the Toronto Diocese.

He said in a statement that he "strongly" resented and protested "the crude and vicious attacks against Jews, Negroes and other minority groups that are being distributed through the mails."

"It is an affront to Christianity that these attacks insinuate that hatred of minority groups is in the defense of Christianity," he added. "Christians fought and died to wipe out the disease of hatred engendered by the Nazi philosophy. It is intolerable that this hatred should be allowed to incite in a country where the price of freedom from it came so high."

The Bishop expressed the hope that "the present investigation into this matter will be pursued and that those responsible will be prosecuted under the present law, but unfortunately it may well be that existing legislation is inadequate."

KANSAS SUPREME COURT RULES SUNDAY CLOSING LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

TOPEKA, Kansas, March 9. (JTA) -- The Kansas Supreme Court ruled the state's Sunday closing law unconstitutional on the grounds it was vague and discriminatory.

The court unanimously ruled that the law passed by the 1963 legislature, was "repugnant to the Kansas constitution, which guarantees equal rights to all persons." The law was the second attempt by the Kansas legislature to pass a valid Sunday-closing act. The first act, passed by the 1961 legislature, also was held unconstitutional.

HABIMAH DECIDES TO GIVE PERFORMANCES IN BOSTON, MONTREAL AND HARTFORD

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- The cross-country tour of Habimah, National Theater of Israel, which had been canceled, has been resumed on a limited basis, it was announced today by the management of the Little Theater Inc., sponsors of the current visit of the Israeli troupe.

On March 11 and 12, the Habimah will present its production of "Children of the Shadows" in Hartford, Connecticut. "The Dybbuk" will be on view at Boston's New England Life Auditorium from March 23 through March 27. In Montreal's Palace Des Artistes, "The Dybbuk" will be seen on March 21, while "Each Had Six Wings" will play there on April 1.

The management of the Little Theater Inc. stated that if the necessary support for the Hebrew speaking actors is forthcoming in other communities, the tour will be extended.

ISRAEL AND BRAZIL SIGN CULTURAL PACT; RATIFIED BY BRAZILIAN SENATE

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 9. (JTA) -- A cultural agreement between Israel and Brazil was formally signed today after the Brazilian Senate ratified the treaty last week. Brazilian Foreign Minister Araujo Castro signed for this country while Ambassador Arieh Eshel signed on behalf of Israel. Following the signing ceremony, the Foreign Minister was host at a luncheon in honor of Ambassador Eshel who is leaving this country next week.