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New Spy Trial Under Way In Iraq; 13 Jews Said To Be Among The Defendants

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 28 (JTA) -- New spy trials were reported under way yesterday in Iraq, where 14 men--nine Jews among them--were hanged Monday on charges of espionage for Israel. Charges against the new defendants involved alleged spying for the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). It was reported here that 35 persons--13 of them Jews--would be tried on charges of espionage and sabotage.

A number of foreign nations have appealed to Israel to forego reprisals out of fear that another Mideast war would result. It appeared that expectation of reprisal--possibly against Iraqi troops based in Jordan--stemmed from remarks by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol in the Knesset (Parliament) on Monday. As he read the names of the Jews hanged in Baghdad and Basra, Mr. Eshkol used the Hebrew phrase that is spoken after the name of someone who has fallen in battle or has been murdered. He also said, "the Lord shall avenge their blood." Some observers took this to mean Israel was bent on revenge. But informed sources said yesterday Israel made no threat but was trying by every possible means to save the 2,500 Jews left in Iraq and to avert further death sentences. Israel has charged that 65 persons face trial and possible execution.

The new and still secret spy trials were announced Tuesday in Baghdad by Information Minister Abdullah Salum but the defendants were not identified. He denounced Israel earlier for what he called a propaganda campaign against Iraq in connection with the trials and said it was the forerunner of military aggression against Arab countries, Iraq in particular. Salum charged Israel with atrocities and said that the revolutionary court trying the alleged spies disregarded their religion. He asserted that Iraqi Jews enjoy full rights and that those arrested during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war had been released.

Anger, Indignation Mount Over Executions; Pontiff Sees Racism Involved

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 29 (JTA) -- Anger and indignation over Iraq's secret trial and execution Monday of 14 persons continued to mount today. According to reports reaching here, the following developments have taken place:

In Vatican City, Pope Paul deplored the executions before a general audience of some 5,000, saying the hangings gave rise "to the suspicion that a part has been played by racist prejudice." He said they had aroused "great dismay and execration" in the world. He said the executions "can perilously exasperate the very delicate situation" in the Mideast, and in a remark taken by some as an appeal to Israel not to retaliate, he asked for renunciation of a "spirit of vengeance." The Pontiff had appealed in vain to Baghdad to spare the condemned men.

In Belgium, the League for Human Rights published a resolution calling the "murders" a travesty of justice and denouncing the "cruel practice of political trials which mostly serve as a means of eliminating adversaries." The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, based in Brussels, appealed to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant in a cable to "take all appropriate action to ensure that such shameful deeds are not repeated."

The Ashkenazi, Sephardic and Liberal communities of The Netherlands cabled the Dutch Government asking the UN to protect the Iraqi Jewish community and to appeal for visas for them to go to Israel or The Netherlands. A solidarity demonstration was scheduled in Amsterdam.

In London, Jewish businessman Issy Rondel was stabbed in the stomach by a member of the Iraqi Embassy during a scuffle after he planted two Israeli flags on the roof. The incident took place during a demonstration as 5,000 persons cheered his climb to the roof. He was hospitalized and was not in serious condition. Onlookers heard shots ring out as Iraqis dragged the flags down.

Members of Parliament headed by Sir Barnett Janner, placed a motion before the House of Commons expressing shock at the "medieval cruelty" and calling upon the Government to take immediate steps through the UN and other channels to safeguard the remaining Jews in Iraq and other Arab countries. A group of pro-Arab members of Commons organized by Laborite Will Griffiths sent a protest cable to Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr. Mr. Griffiths said he will make representations to save other prisoners.

In Geneva, Sean MacBride of Ireland, secretary-general of the International Commission of Jurists, said that the commission was "very perturbed" over the executions.

Iraq Events Stir Momentum Against Paris' Pro-Arab, Anti-Israel Policies

PARIS, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- Widespread opposition to President Charles de Gaulle's pro-Arab, anti-Israel policies gained momentum among Frenchmen of virtually all political affiliations today in the aftermath of the Iraq public executions, which set off a wave of revulsion in France. This may have major political consequences for the de Gaulle regime which is negotiating to sell arms to Iraq and other Arab countries while maintaining a total embargo on arms shipments to Israel, JTA correspondent Edwin Eytan reports. The climate is such that the Government has reportedly post-

poned an official statement on Defense Minister Pierre Messmer's recent arms sales mission to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. According to unofficial sources, M. Messmer concluded a number of deals which provide for Kuwaiti and Arabian financing of French arms deliveries to Lebanon and Jordan.

For the first time since the current Franco-Israeli crisis began, a number of prominent Gaullist leaders have openly expressed opposition to their chief's embargo on military equipment and spare parts to Israel. They and other Gaullists and members of other political factions attended a meeting of the "Franco-Israeli Parliamentary Group" which unanimously demanded an end to the embargo and denounced the "Baghdad killings." A Centrist deputy, Pierre Abelin, asked Foreign Minister Michel Debre for "a public condemnation by France of the . . . murders" and demanded a reversal of the embargo "in view of this new and tragic development."

The Iraqi Embassy has been flooded with protests from a broad spectrum of French leaders and organizations. Among them are 1968 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rene Cassin, the League for the Rights of Man and the Council of Europe.

14 Senators Sign Statement Urging Iraq To Permit Remaining Jews to Emigrate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- Fourteen Senators representing both parties today signed a joint statement calling on Iraq to allow the remainder of its Jews to emigrate. They described the hanging of Jews as "the culmination of bitter persecution of some 2,500 Iraqi citizens of Jewish faith." The Senators said that the "conscience of mankind demanded that Iraq cease its present persecution." The Senators were: Walter Mondale, Minnesota Dem.; Jacob K. Javits, New York Rep.; Peter Dominick, Colorado Rep.; Charles Goodell, New York Rep.; George Murphy, California Rep.; William Saxbe, Ohio Rep.; Hugh Scott, Penna. Rep.; Philip Hart, Mich. Dem.; William Proxmire, Wisconsin Dem.; Abraham Ribicoff, Conn. Dem.; Joseph Tydings, Maryland Dem.; Steven Young, Ohio Dem.; Charles Mathias, Maryland Rep.; and Alan Cranston, Calif. Dem. The legislators welcomed late yesterday a statement by Israel Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan that there would be no reprisals against Arab countries.

Rabbis throughout the New York metropolitan area were urged to memorialize the executed Jews and to offer prayers for the surviving Iraqi Jews during Sabbath services Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, as Jewish organizations in New York and throughout the country held protest demonstrations and demanded that the United States and United Nations take action to prevent further slayings. Jewish communities throughout the U.S., frequently in association with non-Jewish groups and organizations, organized memorial and protest meetings. In a statement today, Jordan C. Band, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, warned, "We must not and will not cease to call on our Government and world public opinion" to "stay the commission of further acts of barbarism by the Iraqi regime."

The Brooklyn Citizens For Israel Committee announced that it would hold a second "night of vigil and protest" tonight in front of the UN, in Philadelphia, nearly 1,000 braved cold, sleet and biting winds to gather at the Memorial for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs today to protest the slayings and to recite the traditional prayer for the dead. The event was sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia. The crowd marched to the French Consulate where it protested President de Gaulle's embargo on arms and military material to Israel. A JCRC spokesman said that in coming weeks, the JCRC would maintain a vigil at the Consulate so that all Philadelphians "will become aware of de Gaulle's perfidy" in halting aid to Israel.

In New York, Mayor John V. Lindsay denounced the mass executions as "morally outrageous" and said "it is time for the civilized world to reject such barbarous behavior." The American section of the World Jewish Congress urged all religions and governments to call on the Iraqi regime "to cease holding its Jews as hostages and to remove all the existing obstacles to their emigration." The Workmen's Circle asked Secretary of State William P. Rogers to urge UN Secretary-General U Thant to go to Iraq or send a special envoy "to intervene to stop the genocide against the Jewish community."

National Security Council Confers, Mideast Considered Likely Topic

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- White House officials indicated today that President Nixon may have discussed the Middle East crisis at today's National Security Council meeting although it was not on the agenda. A full-dress council meeting on the Middle East was scheduled for Saturday.

UN Ambassador Charles W. Yost conferred with special Middle East peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, at UN headquarters today. He was also scheduled to confer with Secretary-General U Thant. Dr. Jarring was expected to confer later with the envoys of the Soviet Union and France. He met with a British envoy. The French Government has urged an immediate Big Four conference to take up the Middle East crisis. Diplomatic sources said that Mr. Yost could not clarify U.S. policy on the Middle East until after Saturday's meeting. Britain has reportedly given an oral reply to France on its Four Power proposal which has been endorsed by Moscow. Mr. Yost also delivered to this month's Security Council president, Max Jakobson of Finland--a Jew--a letter deploring mass executions in Iraq.

Speculation on the course the Nixon administration will take in the Middle East has brought no response from Government officials. State Department officials have emphasized that the Nixon Administration does not consider itself bound by principles laid down by the Johnson Administration.

Eshkol Tells Knesset That U.S. Has Not Made Nuclear Treaty Signing An Aid Condition

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told the Knesset (Parliament) yesterday that the United States has not made Israel's signing of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty a prior condition for aid. The U.S. has been urging Israel's signature on the pact however but Israel 'had indicated' that it needs more time to study the ramifications of the treaty, particularly with respect to the country's security. Mr. Eshkol also informed the Parliament that the Government was still considering whether or not to ask France for a refund for 50 embargoed Mirage V jets and other military equipment paid for by Israel.

Prominent Catholic Cleric Hits U.S. Christian Community For Attitude On Israel

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- A priest active in inter-religious relations was on record today as critical of the American Christian community for "a generalized indifference to the welfare of Israel that shades off into hostility toward Israel." The charge was made by Rev. Edward H. Flannery, executive secretary of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Christian-Jewish Relations, during a conference on the Middle East crisis and its effect on inter-religious relations held Monday under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. A summary of the discussion was made public today. Participants in the conference subsequently signed a telegram to President Nixon calling for condemnation of Iraq for the hanging of 14 alleged spies, denouncing the action as "a matter for men of conscience of all creeds and beliefs to decry."

Father Flannery told the participating clergymen that the central issue in the Arab-Israeli confrontation was "whether the State of Israel has a right to exist and grow." Commenting on the "fragility of Jewish-Christian relations," the priest noted an "over-expectation" in the Jewish community of what to expect from dialogue held thus far and complained that some Jewish spokesmen "tend to over-charge the Christian community in these crises."

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of the commission on interfaith activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told the conference that the Jewish community was driven "toward a posture of withdrawal and disagreement" because of "growing animosity between blacks and Jews and the apparently continuing Christian inability to understand the Israeli plea." He warned that "if the voices of Christianity treat the anti-Semitic invectives of the blacks with the same dispassionate aloofness with which the Jewish community feels the Christian community has responded to Jewish cries of support for Israel, it may discover - hopefully not too late - that it has unwittingly and inadvertently aided the growth of a more generalized anti-Semitism, crippled the cause of black progress and indirectly contributed to the souring of the American mood."

Speaking critically of the Christian attitude on the Middle East situation, Rabbi Brickner said that Christians had failed to distinguish between tactics, the question involved in the Israeli raid on Beirut, and the fundamental morality of Israel's right to exist.

"Had the voices of Christendom made even this elemental distinction between tactic and morality," the rabbi asserted, "Jewish-Christian relations would not be as badly bruised as they are now. Had the voices of Christendom made even this elemental distinction between tactic and morality," the rabbi asserted, "Jewish-Christian relations would not be as badly bruised as they are now. Had the voices of Christian conscience been raised even in recognition of Israel's feeling of international isolation or in sympathy with the nation's need to respond to the growing frustrated anger of her beleaguered populace, American Jewry would have better understood all the advice Christians have to share regarding the plight of the Arab refugees or the city of Jerusalem."

Montreal Leaders Dispute Reported Flight Of Jews, Capital From Quebec

MONTREAL, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- Jewish leaders of this community discounted today a report prominently featured in the Montreal Star purportedly describing a flight of Jewish people and capital from Quebec because of its allegedly unhealthy political climate. The article, by Peter Regenstreif, Canadian pollster and researcher, asserted that a flight from the province of Jews and Jewish capital reflected the sensitivity of Jews to "eventual political upheavals, separation and racism." The flight of the Jews, the report indicated, was because of their concern over the rise of French separatism and French-Canadian nationalism.

Jewish leaders here, in denying "flight" of Jews from the province, pointed out that the Jewish community was actually investing millions of dollars in capital investment here. They cited the new headquarters being erected for the Canadian Jewish Congress, the extension of the Jewish General Hospital and of the facilities of the Hebrew Y as indications of the permanency of Jewish life here. They also noted that a number of Jewish-owned firms, particularly in the clothing industry, were engaged in expanding plant and machinery here. They also pointed out that added United States investments in the province were bringing here a number of Jewish executives and skilled personnel.

A community spokesman pointed out, "Jews are not afraid of French-Canadian nationalism. They sympathize with it as, in many aspects, it repeats the pattern of Jewish survival in many countries where Jews have been subjected to assimilation. What the Jews don't like," this official explained, "is the special brand of nationalism which shows an extremist character and is nothing else but chauvinism, exclusivism and self-interest. But the Jewish community is convinced that despite certain excesses and violence that might occur, Quebec's nationalism will never lose its civilized character." He added that the Jewish community would follow political events in the province closely but he stressed that "Montreal will never cease to be the capital of Jewish life in Canada."

Head Of N.Y. Rabbis Board Assails Lindsay On Growing Negro Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- A bitter attack on Mayor John V. Lindsay and his administration for alleged failure to stem growing manifestations of Negro anti-Semitism in New York City was made today by Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman, re-elected president of the New York Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Klapperman made his charges in his acceptance speech at the Board of Rabbis' 88th annual meeting. He also made demands of Mayor Lindsay, the city administration, and Federal Communications Commission to deal with what he called the "many serious manifestations of anti-Semitism both in the public school system and elsewhere in the city."

Rabbi Klapperman charged that in meetings on the problem between Mayor Lindsay and local Jewish leaders, the Mayor "was unable to recognize the validity of our observations" with the result that "by acts of commission and omission on the part of the city government, there was generated a permissive atmosphere that ignited a fire of hate and violence which now threatens the entire city."

Rabbi Klapperman demanded that: the Board of Education discharge Albert Vann and Leslie Campbell, two Negro school teachers who have publicly made anti-Semitic remarks; the Mayor not re-appoint Human Rights Commissioner William H. Booth who allegedly showed "singular insensitivity" to anti-Semitic incidents; the Mayor and City Council withhold funds from the Metropolitan Museum of Art until it withdraws a catalogue for the "Harlem on My Mind" exhibit containing anti-Semitic remarks; New York State Commissioner of Education, Dr. James E. Allen, Jr. re-organize the Board of Education "so that its members will represent educational excellence, rather than being selected because of other considerations"; and the Federal Communications Commission rescind the license of radio station WBAI-FM which has broadcast anti-Semitic remarks by Negro militants.

Rabbi Klapperman told the organization, which represents some 900 Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbis, that "the guilt for Negro disenfranchisement should be laid at the doorstep of those who brought it into being. It was not the Jews who brought African Negroes to America to enslave them; it was not the Jews who denied them the vote or equal opportunity or who engaged in lynchings. It was not the Jews who had segregated churches and segregated schools and segregated buses.

"It was not the Jews who denied them employment in insurance companies -- which still do not employ Jews who qualify, or banks or in the utility companies. The Negro is not living in a Jewish society, but in the midst of an overwhelmingly large white community, of which the Jew is just a small part; and if the Negro is deprived, it is the community at large that must accept the guilt and work for its atonement. The Jewish community cannot undo what it did not create, and we cannot assume guilt for what is not our doing."

Representatives of two religious schools and one synagogue that were recently burned by arsonists were presented with checks to be used for the institution's restoration. These included Rabbi Meilech Silber, director of the Eastern Parkway Yeshiva, Brooklyn; Rabbi Saul Wolf, director of the Yeshiva Ahiezer, Brooklyn; and Rabbi Isaac Liebes, spiritual leader of the Torei Zonov Synagogue, The Bronx.

Dr. Max Weinreich Dies At 74; Was One Of World's Leading Yiddish Linguists

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- Dr. Max Weinreich, one of the world's leading Yiddish linguists, died at his home here today from a heart attack. He was 74 years old. Funeral services will be held here Friday. Dr. Weinreich had just completed a definitive five-volume history of the Yiddish language in his capacity of vice-chairman of the executive committee of YIVO, which he founded in Vilna in 1925 and which he continued to lead after he moved the Yiddish research organization to the United States in 1940. A YIVO spokesman said the organization planned to publish the first volume this year.

Born in Kuldiga, Latvia, Dr. Weinreich attended the University of St. Petersburg before entering the University of Berlin. He received his doctorate at the University of Marburg. When World War II broke out, Dr. Weinreich was in Stockholm attending a linguistics conference and went from there to the United States. He served as professor in charge of Yiddish studies at City College of New York from 1947 to 1964. He also served as a research fellow in social sciences at the Rockefeller Foundation, and was a member of an international seminar on culture and personality at Yale University. He was a member of the International Congress of Linguists, the Linguistic Society of America, the Yiddish Writers Union, and the Workmen's Circle. He was the author of more than a dozen books in Yiddish and a translator of many major works into Yiddish, including Freud's works in psychoanalysis.

Services Set For Moshe Elbaum, Dead At 66; City Editor Of 'Daily Forward'

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Moshe Elbaum, city editor of the Jewish Daily Forward, who died yesterday at the age of 66. Mr. Elbaum was secretary of the Yiddish Writers Union. He was born in Warsaw and was one of the last Jews to flee that city when the Nazis captured it in 1939. Two years later he fled from the Nazis in Vilna and made his way to Shanghai where he was assistant editor of a weekly published for Jewish refugees. He came to the United States in 1948 and joined the staff of the Jewish Morning Journal. He joined the Forward staff in 1954.