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ISAAC SHKOLNIK SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT - Harshes Penalty Since Leningrad Trials

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Isaac Shkolnik, a 37-year-old Jewish mechanic in Vinnytsa, Ukraine, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment today on charges of treason and anti-Soviet propaganda, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported. The sentence was the harshest since the 1970 Leningrad hijack trials.

Shkolnik, who had applied for a visa to emigrate to Israel, went on trial March 29 in a closed courtroom set up in a local brick factory. The trial was conducted entirely in camera. A detachment of Red Army troops was dispatched to guard the courtroom with local police. Shkolnik's wife and other relatives and friends were barred from the proceedings.

According to information reported by the NCSJ, Shkolnik's defense attorney warned him to confess to the charges or otherwise he would be sentenced to death. Shkolnik was originally accused of spying for Britain. Shortly before his trial opened the charge was changed to spying for Israel.

Maass Says No Change In Repressive Policies

Commenting on the Shkolnik trial today, Richard Maass, chairman of the NCSJ said "the outcome of the case establishes a new pattern of arrest, trial and conviction of Jews in the USSR who have committed no offense other than to request the right to emigrate. The trial was a perversion of justice and of the judicial system," he charged. Maass said the apparent intention of the Soviet authorities who have inflicted severe penalties on Jews since the 1970 Leningrad hijack trials "is to intimidate, harass and discourage Jews from applying for exit permits." He said that "these actions, conducted at the same time that the USSR is permitting limited numbers of Jews to emigrate, should be proof to the world that despite rumors circulated both in this country and abroad, there is no basic change in the repressive anti-Jewish policy."

TERRORISTS ORDERED TO LAY LOW AFTER ISRAELI COMMANDO RAIDS Diplomatic Activity Nt

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA)--No diplomatic activity was visible today in the wake of Israel's Monday night commando attack on terrorist headquarters in Beirut but El Fatah radio in Beirut has issued urgent orders to terrorist units to lay low for the time being. The orders, broadcast in Arabic and in code, were issued presumably because of Israel's capture of vital terrorist documents during the raids in which three top El Fatah leaders were slain.

The absence of reaction to the raids on the diplomatic front so far led one source to note that "the world has grown used to the way we handle the terrorist problem." He said it was now up to Lebanon whether or not to call for a Security Council meeting. (There was no indication at the United Nations today when Lebanon would call for a meeting.)

Despite the diplomatic silence, Israeli envoys abroad have been instructed by the Foreign Ministry to carry out information campaigns in their

respective countries explaining the background of the latest commando action. Biographical notes on the three terrorist leaders killed--Kamal Nasser, Mohammed Yusef Najjar and Kamal Adwan--have been circulated to all Israeli embassies.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban met yesterday with the U.S. Charge d'Affaires, Owen Zurhellen. Officials said the meeting had been arranged before this week's events and that the American diplomat did not formally raise the matter of the Beirut raids or the earlier abortive Arab terrorist assaults on the Israeli Embassy residence and an Israeli airliner in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Israeli security services meanwhile were reported to be studying the captured terrorist documents, and wide scale arrests of suspected El Fatah members are expected shortly, official sources indicated. At the same time, Israeli authorities were reportedly taking special precautionary measures at all installations in Israel and abroad against possible terrorist attempts at retaliation for the Beirut raids.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar described the raids as "most successful." He said all of the targets were pin-pointed and hit. He ridiculed as "nonsense" allegations by Lebanon that innocent civilians were killed or wounded. Addressing a fourth annual convention of the Israeli Journalists Guild in Haifa today, Elazar said Israel's policy of defensive-offensive action against the terrorists instituted last Dec. has had a cumulative effect. He said there has been a significant decline in terrorist acts since then and a noticeable drop in terrorist organization membership, from 20,000 to 10-11,000 men.

Referring to the Middle East situation in general, Elazar warned the Arabs that Israel will not accept any dictate as to the place, scope or timing of any hostile action. Should the Arab states make the mistake of opening hostilities along the borders, Israel will counter will full force.

W. Bankers See New Terrorist Leadership Emerging

Spokesmen for West Bank Arabs told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the consensus there was that yesterday's Israeli commando raids on terrorist headquarters in Beirut will not eliminate the terrorists from Lebanon. The spokesmen said the general belief among West Bank leaders was that a new and more radical generation of terrorist leaders will come to the fore.

SCOTLAND YARD ALERTS BRITISH JEWS ON POSSIBLE NEW LETTERBOMB WAVE

LONDON, April 11 (JTA)--Scotland Yard has repeated its warning to prominent British Jews and Jewish organizations to be on their guard when opening their mail because of the possibility of a new wave of letter bombs addressed to targets in Britain. This latest warning follows this week's attacks by Arab terrorists on the Israeli Ambassador's residence in Nicosia, Cyprus and an Israeli airliner at Nicosia Airport.

3 TERRORISTS KILLED WHEN OWN BOMB EXPLODES

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA)--Three Arab terrorists were killed in an explosion last night after infiltrating from Syria into the southern Golan Heights. The three are believed to have been about to plant an explosive device in Kfar Elma village when it detonated prematurely. There were no Israeli casualties. Several bazookas and demolition charges were found at the scene.

PRESIDENT KATCHALSKI VIEWS HIS TASK AS UNIFYING NATION

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA)--"I am not sure I am the best man for this position but I shall do the best I can to justify your belief in me." In those words, Prof. Ephraim Katchalski, Israel's new President, acknowledged his election by the Knesset yesterday. He spoke to a delegation of MKs who visited his home on the Weizmann Institute of Science campus in Rehovot to inform him officially of his victory.

Dr. Katchalski had warm words for the man he had defeated, Prof. Ephraim Uhrbach of the Hebrew University. "I am sure Prof. Uhrbach will continue his contributions to his people as a teacher and educator and will add to the spiritual life of the nation," he said. Referring to other men who had been mentioned for the office of President during the recent campaign, the Weizmann Institute biophysicist said "Israel could be blessed with such candidates."

The Katchalski home, close to the grave of Israel's first President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, was a festive scene as family and friends gathered to congratulate the new President and messages poured in from well wishers all over Israel and from countries overseas.

Dr. Katchalski received the first word of his election in a telephone call from Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili minutes after the ballots were counted. Almost immediately afterwards, he had the official word from Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, and shortly after that the Knesset's official delegation arrived to congratulate him and drink a toast.

Dr. Katchalski reiterated his view of the task of the President of Israel in more or less the same words with which he had acknowledged his nomination by the Labor Party last month. "The task of the President is to safeguard the unity of the nation, to narrow the gaps and to prevent social polarization while raising the moral standards of the country," Prof. Katchalski said. "To me it is clear that the scientist belongs to his people and country and whoever wants to deal with science must be involved in the life of his nation."

U.S. PROTESTS TO ALGERIA OVER BROADCAST URGING ARABS TO KILL AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, April 11 (JTA)--The State Department said today that it has protested to the government of Algeria for permitting the Voice of Palestine Radio there to exhort Arabs to kill Americans. State Department spokesman Charles Bray said the U.S. would make similar representations to other governments allowing such broadcasts.

Bray said the VOP radio called on "Arab masses to strike everywhere at United States interests and embassies and kill and assassinate everyone who is American." He said "We obviously must take a most serious view of broadcasts of this kind which he called 'irresponsible.' They followed yesterday's commando raid by Israel on terrorist headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon and charges by the Palestine Liberation Organization that the U.S. had assisted Israel in carrying out the action.

Bray reiterated the State Department's denial yesterday of U.S. complicity in the raids. He said the allegations were "totally without foundation, totally false and totally irresponsible."

The State Department said today it had no official information on press reports that Libya was preparing to turn over 60 French Mirage jet fighter-bombers it has purchased from France, to Egypt. He suggested to reporters however that they might question the French government on the legalities of such a transfer.

AMBASSADOR DINITZ SAYS ISRAEL WOULD WELCOME INCREASED U.S. INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Israel's new Ambassador, Simcha Dinitz, vigorously defended his nation against charges of militarism here last night, said yesterday's commando raids on El-Fatah headquarters in Beirut were intended to teach the terrorists that they are not safe even in Arab countries, and said Israel would welcome increased American interest in the Middle East now that its military role in Vietnam has ended.

Ambassador Dinitz, who presented his credentials to President Nixon Monday, replied to questions put to him by members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations after addressing that group at a special meeting. It was his first appearance before an American-Jewish audience since arriving in the U.S. as Israel's Ambassador.

Dinitz defended his country's decision to hold a military parade in Jerusalem on Independence Day marking Israel's 25th anniversary. He said an overwhelming majority of the cabinet voted for the parade. He denied that the parade was planned to encourage tourism and said it would be "unnatural" to exclude Israel's defense forces from the 25th anniversary celebrations devoted to marking Israel's achievements in all areas of endeavor. Dinitz added that the parade would not create an image of Israel as a militaristic society. He noted that Israel's Army is a civilian army, 80 percent of which is made up of reservists.

Dinitz said the commando raid on Beirut was aimed against terrorists known to be preparing new outrages. He said the results might have been accomplished by sending Israeli bombers over the Lebanese capital instead of foot soldiers, but Israel was determined not to endanger civilians.

The Israeli envoy said his government was not opposed to the U.S. interesting itself in the Middle East. "If America has more time now to devote itself to Middle East problems, so much the better," he said. He added, however, that the proper role of the U.S. is to get the parties to the conflict together. "An accommodation in the Middle East can be reached only among the countries of the Middle East," he said, observing that Israel "did not need to be convinced to enter direct or indirect negotiations."

REPORT REP. MILLS CONFIDENT SOVIETS WILL END EXIT RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, April 11 (JTA)--Rep. Wilbur Mills (D Ark.) chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, reportedly expressed confidence today that the Soviet Union would terminate its emigration restrictions during the next two months. Mills, co-sponsor with Rep. Charles Vanik (D. Ohio) of legislation denying Moscow-U.S. trade benefits as long as restrictive measures are applied, was quoted as saying that Congress would deny the Soviet most favored nation treatment unless the restrictions were removed.

(There will be no JTA Daily News Bulletin dated Wednesday, April 18 owing to the Passover holidays.)

NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CHARGES ISRAEL TORTURED-SPY TRIAL DEFENDANTS, FRENCH LAWYER REPORTS

PARIS, April 11 (JTA)--A French attorney, Michel Blum, said today that a week-long investigation he conducted in Israel has not furnished him with proof that the defendants in the recent trial of Arab and Jewish members of a Syrian-directed spy ring had been tortured.

Blum, who carried out his investigation on behalf of the Catholic organization "Pax Romana" and the International Federation for the Rights of Man, said "I have not found a single proof that torture has been used on any of the defendants." He said that only the lawyer of one of the defendants Soki Katim, an Arab, had charged that his client had been subjected to electric shocks, beatings, and "the bathtub treatment" but that a doctor had found no traces of these tortures. The lawyer of Daoud Turki, the Arab ringleader of the gang, said his client was subjected to moral pressures but no physical tortures. Dan Vered, a Jewish defendant, was injured during a fist-fight with a prison guard.

Another French lawyer, Christian Revon, told a press conference on April 5th that "Both the Jewish and Arab defendants had been tortured" and called upon the Israeli Government to permit an international commission to investigate the charges.

Israeli Accuses Countrymen Of Torture

(An Israeli who identified himself as chairman of the Israel League for Human and Civil Rights, accused Israel before a United Nations body Monday of mistreatment and torture of Arabs in the administered territories. The witness, Dr. Israel Shak, appeared before the General Assembly's special committee to investigate Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the population of the occupied territories.

He alleged that Israelis tortured Druze on the Golan Heights who were accused of spying for Syria and that they forcibly separated mixed Arab-Jewish families. He claimed that the establishment of settlements in the territories was a violation of human rights.

The special committee, consisting of Yugoslavia, Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and Somalia, none of which have diplomatic relations with Israel, conducted hearings during 1971 in several Middle Eastern countries on alleged Israeli practices in violation of the Geneva Convention on the treatment of civilians in occupied territories. The committee was denied admittance to Israeli-held territories on grounds that it had refused to conduct hearings into the treatment of Jews in Arab lands.)

ADL CHARGES JAPANESE FIRMS LIED ABOUT SUPPORT OF ARAB BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--The B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League charged three major Japanese manufacturers today with "concealing their long-time participation in the Arab economic boycott of Israel from American consumers because they fear the effect of the truth on their sales." The charges were made against Toyota and Nissan, manufacturers of Datsun cars and trucks and Hitachi, an electronics and industrial firm. The ADL said the charges were based on investigations dating back to 1964.

Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the ADL's

national civil rights committee, said the answers given by the three firms to American inquiries were "patently false." He said "They are obviously afraid of American reaction. Despite their denials and insistence that they are willing to do business with Israel, ADL has documentation from these manufacturers or their agents that they have given in to the boycott." The ADL's investigations, under the direction of its general counsel, Arnold Forster, include correspondence and meetings with representatives of the Japanese companies.

ARAB PROTESTS MOUNT OVER DUKE'S APPEARANCE AT JNF DINNER

LONDON, April 11 (JTA)--Minister of State Julian Amery accepted an invitation today to address the Jewish National Fund Guildhall dinner May 7. Arab protests mounted meanwhile against the appearance of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, at the affair. Prince Philip will speak and will be presented with a volume recording the planting of a million-tree forest near Nazareth in honor of his and Queen Elizabeth II's 25th wedding anniversary.

Ahmed Anis, director of the Arab League Office here, warned at a press conference that the presentation would put a severe strain on Anglo-Arab relations. "It is of course natural that British Jews should wish to pay tribute to the Royal Family," he said, "but it would have been even more appropriate if the million trees were planted in Britain. The Arabs' real misgivings is that the land on which the forest is being planted is Arab land, unjustly expropriated. The legislation under which the land was taken away can only be described as legalized robbery," he said.

Anis claimed that there had been widespread disapproval in diplomatic circles. He said a protest to the Palace has been organized by Arab students in London. "The Crown should decline acceptance of this forest because of the significance to the Arabs," he said.

5 MORE ISRAEL PRIZE RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA)--The final five winners of the Israel Prize, Israel's most prestigious award, were announced by the Ministry of Education and Culture today. The names of 12 other winners were announced several weeks ago.

According to today's announcement, the recipients are Dr. Pinhas Rosen, in the field of law; Prof. Shmuel N. Risenstadt, social sciences; Prof. Richard Stein, medicine; Shaul Avigur, special contributions to the advancement of the State; and the Yad Vashem's registry of communities for research work on the Holocaust. The Ministry said that 15 of this year's 17 prizes are in the categories of the arts and sciences.

YIVO ASSOCIATE SHARES AWARD FOR BOOK ON JEWS UNDER NAZI RULE

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Isaiah Trunk, a research associate at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York City, was co-winner of the 1973 National Book Award in History for his book "Judenrat: The Jewish Councils in Eastern Europe Under Nazi Occupation," yesterday. The awards were announced at a press conference yesterday. Trunk will share the history prize of \$1,000 with Robert M. Myers for his book "The Children of Pride."

Eugene Rosenberg and David Gutnick, Tel Aviv University scientists, have developed a new technique utilizing bacteria to treat pollution currently caused by routine dumping of an annual 20 million tons of oil from tankers at sea.

VISITING ISRAELI SCHOLARS SAY THEIR VIEW OF AMERICAN JEWS IS MORE POSITIVE

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Sixteen Israeli scholars and journalists, who spent two weeks each at 16 American cities as "scholars in residence," have reported a changed and more positive view on their part of the American Jewish community and the feeling that American Jews and Israelis have more similarities than divergences.

The Israelis reported their findings recently in a dialogue with 16 American Jewish intellectuals in an all-day session at the Carnegie International Center here. The gathering was sponsored by the Zionist Council of the Arts and Sciences, the academic arm of the American Zionist Federation. The Zionist Council and the American Zionist Youth Foundation, sponsored the "scholars in residence" project.

The Israelis who had visited the United States before said they had found positive changes among American Jews since their prior visit. Hanoch Bar-Tov, a novelist, who was resident in Buffalo and Rochester, meeting mainly with university faculty members and students, said since his visit in the late 1950s he had found "a larger percentage of people with a knowledge of Hebrew, with a better knowledge of Israel, people who ask questions, who are interested."

Better Informed About Israel

He and others said they had found a "quest for religion" among some American Jewish youth. Bar-Tov called it "a serious quest," adding there was also "a search for new directions" among the young Jews.

The visitors agreed that while American Jews seemed better informed about Israel, there also was a great deal of misinformation, particularly concerning Israel's political and social situation. A number of the Israelis commented critically about the low level of Jewish education they found among Jewish young people.

Prof. Shlomo Avineri of Hebrew University said that for the first time in the Jewish experience in America, "there is an economically and educationally deprived people," the American Blacks, "which has a wrong view of the Jews because of the social situation in America and sees the Jews standing between it and what it wants." He said the upward movement of the American Jew had not only not stopped anti-Semitism "but had somehow enhanced its chances for gaining."

Several of the Israeli scholars said they had found that American Jews wanted Israeli Jews "to be more moral" than other people. The 16 Israelis agreed that the degree of American Jewish involvement in Israel's destiny was "very high" and that they had all received a new and more positive viewpoint about American Jewry.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES TO AFFILIATE WITH WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

By Sam Goldsmith, JTA London Bureau Chief

LONDON, April 11 (JTA)--The Board of Deputies of British Jews, the representative body of British Jewry founded here in 1760, will shortly affiliate with the World Jewish Congress as a "participant member" with complete autonomy. A recommendation to that effect will be placed before the outgoing executive of the Board

at its final meeting April 29. Elections of a new Board will be held during May and June and while the recommendation leaves it to the incoming Board to take a formal decision, affiliation with the WJC appears assured barring a major upset in the elections.

The move will bring to an end a long standing argument that has been going on since the World Jewish Congress was established in 1936. The Board of Deputies for many years considered itself dedicated to Zion and the Jewish people, but organizationally apart. Membership in the Conference of Jewish Organizations (Cojo) was as far as it was prepared to go in international cooperation. But now the Empire has gone, Britain is in the Common Market and the Board is prepared to join the World Jewish Congress alongside other Jewish communities across the globe.

The initiative was taken by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president who wrote to Board president Michael M. Fidler following some verbal negotiations. Goldmann guaranteed the Board autonomy and freedom of action. "In the event of the Board of Deputies joining the Congress," he wrote, "the Board's constitution shall prevail where it is at variance with the constitution of the Congress. The Board shall continue to make approaches to Her Majesty's Government; the Board shall have the right to make representations in the name of British Jewry to the European Economic Community, independently of the Congress and even when at variance with it; the Board shall have the right to represent British Jewry at the religious level, and also the right to be at variance on this with Congress should it feel impelled to do so."

Dr. Goldmann said he would recommend that the term "constituent member" be changed to "participant member." This is a delicate distinction on which some members of the Board, still unable to overcome isolationist tendencies, feel strongly. A special subcommittee of the Board dealt with Dr. Goldmann's letter and the implications of his invitation. It recommended "favorable consideration as early as possible after the elections."

JDC PARTICIPATING IN U.S. GRANTS TO ASSIST EMIGRATING SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Samuel L. Haber, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, said today that the JDC will receive a substantial portion of the \$500,000 being made available by the U.S. Government for the current fiscal year to care for Soviet Jewish emigrants enroute to countries other than Israel. Haber said that the JDC is presently providing care and maintenance for close to 500 transmigrants in Vienna and Rome, most of them from the USSR, while they wait to complete their journey to Western countries.

Last week, the U.S. State Department presented \$31 million to the United Israel Appeal toward the resettlement of Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel. Another half million dollars was made available to other voluntary agencies, including the JDC, the United Hias Service and the International Rescue Committee which assist migrants who are not bound for Israel.

Haber said the devaluation of the U.S. dollar has cut into the amount of services originally provided for in the JDC 1973 budget. He reported that the number of Soviet transmigrants has more than tripled since last Dec. and said he expected the JDC would have to provide an additional \$300,000 to cover the costs of housing, feeding and other basic necessities for them. He said the U.S. funds "come at a very opportune time."