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COLOGNE COURT SENTENCES 3 EX-NAZIS TO JAIL; LISCHKA GETS 10 YEARS, HAGEN, 12, AND HEINRICHSOHN, 6

BONN, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- A Cologne court pronounced prison sentences of up to 12 years today on three former Gestapo officials who were closely involved in the deportation of French Jews and others to Nazi death camps during World War II. The defendants, Herbert Martin Hagen, 66, Kurt Lischka, 70 and Ernst Heinrichsohn, 59, will remain free pending the outcome of their appeals, just as they had been free during the course of the trial.

Hagen, who was the personal assistant of the SS police chief in Paris and headed a Gestapo department there, was sentenced to 12 years by Judge Heinz Fassbender. Lischka, one-time head of the Paris Gestapo, drew a 10-year sentence and Heinrichsohn, who had worked in the Gestapo's Jewish Affairs Department, received six years. A panel of three judges and two civilians found them guilty of complicity in the murders of thousands of Jews, Communists and other anti-Nazis who they deported from France.

The sentences were applauded by the several dozen French youths who were in the courtroom, members of the Union of Sons and Daughters of Deportees. Some of them wore concentration camp uniforms and badges bearing the words, "I am a Jew from France." The Organization of Former Jewish Deportees and Resistance Fighters in Paris expressed satisfaction that a German court had finally brought these war criminals to justice.

Judge Said All Must Have Known

In a two-hour statement in which he reviewed the evidence against the three men and explained the sentences, Judge Fassbender observed that all of them must have realized that death awaited many of the 73,000 men, women and children they deported from France. The main defense during the trial was that the accused were unaware of the fate that awaited their victims.

In the case of Lischka, Fassbender referred to a document entered as evidence which bore his signature and referred to the "total annihilation of Jews." The judge said that while Lischka ranked high in the Gestapo it was not he but Gen. Karl Oberg, Gestapo chief for all of France, who was primarily responsible for the deportations. However, he said, as a trained lawyer, Lischka must have been aware of the massive injustice inflicted on the deportees.

Hagen Main Culprit

Fassbender said the court considered Hagen to be the main culprit of the three because he served longest in France. Although witnesses described Heinrichsohn as especially brutal in his treatment of children, Fassbender explained that he was given the shortest sentence because, as a sergeant in the SS he was subordinate to Lischka and Hagen.

Heinrichsohn, a member of the Christian Social Union, was Mayor of Burgstadt, a small town in Bavaria at the time of his arrest. The CSU announced today that he has resigned from that post. He was the only defendant who admit-

ted "moral guilt" though he denied criminal guilt on grounds that he was unaware that the deportees faced death.

The trial is probably the last major war crimes trial to be held in West Germany. Considering the ages of the defendants, the sentences may amount to imprisonment for the rest of their lives.

BOMB INJURES 10 IN PETACH TIKVA

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- Ten persons were injured, three seriously, when a bomb exploded at a crowded bus stop in Petach-Tikva early this morning. A second bomb discovered in the immediate vicinity was safely dismantled by sappers before it detonated. Police believe that the device, a hand grenade attached to a timer, was deliberately set to explode a short time later to cause casualties among the crowds that gathered at the scene of the first explosion.

A general warning was issued to the populace today to keep clear of areas where a bomb explodes on the chance that one or more additional bombs have been planted there.

The Petach Tikva blast occurred several minutes before 6 a.m., local time when commuters were lining up to board buses for their jobs in Tel Aviv or elsewhere. All of the injured were hospitalized. Police are searching the area for clues to the identity of the perpetrators.

AUTONOMY TALKS CONTINUE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- The autonomy negotiations resume on the working group level in Cairo tomorrow with the three teams still attempting to place the powers and responsibilities of the projected autonomy into agreed categories.

The Israeli team, under Interior Ministry director general Haim Kubensky, will fly to Cairo tomorrow morning, where the talks will be held at the Mena House Hotel, near the Pyramids. Next week, the talks will transfer to the Laromme Hotel in Tel Aviv, in keeping with the recent resolution of the autonomy plenum that the working groups meet "on an accelerated and intensified schedule."

The climax of this stepped-up activity will come on Feb. 26, in London, when the top three negotiators, U.S. envoy Sol Linowitz, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil and Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg will meet.

PALESTINIANS SHELL CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE

4 DEAD, 4 WOUNDED

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) -- The Christian enclave in south Lebanon came under heavy shelling by Palestinian terrorists today. A five-hour artillery duel left four dead and four wounded in the Christian village of Dier Memes on the slopes below the Beaufort Castle terrorist stronghold. The Christian militia returned the fire. At the peak of the battle, the terrorists blasted Dier Memes with artillery, mortars and machineguns and fired on ambulances attempting to evacuate casualties.

Armored vehicles finally brought the wounded to the "open fence" on the Israeli border from where they were flown by helicopter to a hospital. Israeli sources believe the sudden escalation of violence

in south Lebanon is part of a Syrian plan to precipitate the resumption of the civil war in Lebanon and involve Israel in it. The Israelis relate the new fighting to current Syrian troop movements in Lebanon and their apparent redeployment to positions in the eastern part of the country.

Unclear About Syrian Movements

Israeli military intelligence is aware of these movements but the reasons for them are still unclear and Israel therefore has put its forces on the alert and is prepared for any contingency. The Syrians are not planning to attack Israel but would like to draw it into the Moslem-Christian strife, Israeli circles believe. Renewed attacks on the Christians would test Israel's pledge, voiced by Premier Menachem Begin last week, to aid the Christians not only in south Lebanon but in the north as well.

According to the Israelis, the involvement of Israeli forces in Lebanon would enable the Soviet Union, Syria's chief military supplier, to accuse Israel of intervening in the internal affairs of another country and thereby divert attention from its own intervention in Afghanistan. In view of this possibility, Israel has muted its public statements about Syrian troop movements.

STATE DEPARTMENT NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT REPORTED BRITISH, FRENCH PLANNED INITIATIVES FOR MIDEAST

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (JTA) — The U.S. remained cautious and non-committal today in its reaction to developments in the Arab-Israeli situation, including reports of Anglo-French preparations for a separate European initiative aimed at a settlement of the Palestinian problem.

"We have no reaction to that," the State Department's chief spokesman Hodding Carter replied when asked about reports that an agreement has been reached between British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and French Foreign Minister Jacques François-Poncet in Paris last week and reportedly endorsed by other members of the European Common Market. According to the reports, the agreement would go into effect if President Carter's special envoy to the Middle East, Ambassador Sol Linowitz, failed to achieve a Palestinian self-rule in the near future.

The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty sets May 26 as the target date for an agreement on autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. But the U.S. has repeatedly made it understood that failure to reach it by that date would not mean a breakdown in the discussions. The State Department spokesman refused to be drawn into a discussion of the reported Carrington-Poncet strategy.

Asked if the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Donald McHenry, knew about it before he began his two-week, seven-nation tour of Middle East and North African countries last Saturday, Carter said the question should be put to McHenry.

The Ambassador's office told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the purpose of the trip was to discuss bilateral regional issues as they "bear on the Ambassador's responsibilities at the UN." McHenry is visiting Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Tunisia.

Seek Report On Hebron

Asked about the Israeli Cabinet's decision in principle yesterday that Jews can live in the

West Bank Arab town of Hebron, Carter said that American diplomats in Israel are seeking a "full report" and meanwhile he had no comment.

Questioned about Kuwait's acquisition of Soviet surface-to-surface missiles, he said the U.S. is "aware" that that Persian Gulf state is "taking delivery" of them and that "it looks like something we've known for a long while." The missiles were displayed on a Kuwaiti government special television program. The Kuwaiti Defense Minister, Sheikh Salem Sabah, said Kuwait was preparing to take part in "liberating occupied Arab lands." This was interpreted in reports from Kuwait as a "clear reference to Israel." Asked about the report, Carter said "We have no reaction to that."

KOLLEK SAYS ISRAEL 'MISERLY' IN GIVING RIGHTS TO EAST JERUSALEM ARABS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA) — Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem accused Israeli governments, past and present, yesterday of shelving the problem of the country's minorities and charged that Israel has been "miserly" in giving the Arab residents of Jerusalem their rights.

Meeting with the Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee presently convening here, Kollek said it would be absurd for 100,000 East Jerusalem Arabs to be excluded from the political rights to be granted other West Bank residents under the projected autonomy scheme. "Another solution must be found" for them, he said. He deplored the fact that the rights of Jerusalem Arabs are, to this day, not enshrined in law but -- as with the right to teach Jordanian school curricula -- were a matter of administrative practice that could easily be reversed.

Kollek has long been advocating a "borough" system for Jerusalem in which the Arab areas would enjoy a measure of local self-government. A municipal delegation is presently in London studying the borough system.

Two Sovereignties Rejected

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has proposed two sovereignties in an undivided Jerusalem. Yitzhak Unna, an advisor to Kollek, rejected that idea. Speaking to an Israel Bonds labor delegation from the U.S. West Coast tonight he said it was a logical contradiction that could lead only to a "Berlin wall."

Earlier, the A.J.C. committee leaders were told by Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem that the Palestine Liberation Organization would soon publicly recognize Israel's right to exist. He said PLO chief Yasir Arafat was becoming more moderate and that the consensus among PLO leaders favored a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip to live in peaceful coexistence with Israel. Under questioning, Freij contended that despite the "Palestine Covenant," the PLO is not bent on the destruction of Israel.

RUMANIAN DEFECTS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) — Ivanov Roland, a masseur attached to a visiting Rumanian soccer team, apparently has defected. The Rumanian Embassy was informed by the team's manager, Francis Kovacs, that Roland has been missing since Saturday night. He was last seen in Netanya where he reportedly borrowed IL 500 and \$100 from team mates and, carrying a valise, boarded a taxi for Tel Aviv. The Rumanian team, Polytechnica Timisoara, is visiting Israel as guest of the Netanya Maccabis, the top team in the Israel League.

BEGIN DECLARES ISRAEL WILL NOT BE 'SACRIFICE' IN POLICY OF APPEASEMENT TO ARABS ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin forcefully took issue with recent policy statements by U.S. officials at a session with the American Jewish Committee's Board of Governors here today. He used the term "appeasement" to describe the American approach that a Palestinian solution would help American strategic deployment in the entire region.

Israel would not be "the sacrifice" in a policy of appeasement towards the Arabs, Begin declared. He did not refer to Administration officials, by name but he left no doubt that he was referring especially to recent statements by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that a resolution of the Palestinian problem would boost American influence with Moslem and Arab states and ease the strategic position against Soviet advances in the Middle East.

A Committee officials said later they clearly understood the Premier's message to them to be a call to resist this line of policy thinking on the part of the American Administration. Begin said Israel for its part would "resist voices which remind us of the thirties . . . of appeasing a strong combination of states at the expense of a little country, perhaps sealing its fate." He reasserted Israel's rights to live anywhere in "Eretz Israel." "A right exists in order to be used, not to remain unused," he said. The settlements were "part of our national security in the most absolute sense of the word. How can we give them up?"

ISRAEL ASKS U.S. RAISE IMPORT CEILING

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA) — Israel is asking the U.S. to raise the ceiling on a variety of goods that Israel exports to that country to help reduce the widening gap in the balance of trade between them. The request was put to President Carter's special trade envoy, Reubin Askew today by Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt.

The limitations apply mainly to jewelry. Israel exports \$40 million worth of jewelry to the U.S. annually and Patt observed to reporters after his meeting with Askew that "this is a very small sum considering the price of gold in the last few months." He said Israel is seeking to have the ceiling on these exports changed so that each category of jewelry would have its own limit. He said the American envoy promised a reply by April 1. "I would say, from impressions only, that our request was favorably understood," Patt said.

Askew will visit Egypt on what was described as an exploratory mission to expand trade between the U.S. and that country. The visit was seen here as an expression of President Carter's interest in expanding trade between Israel, Egypt and the U.S. as a result of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. However, Patt said today that nothing has been decided yet about possible Israeli-Egyptian-American joint ventures. He said he would be better able to judge the prospects after his visit to Egypt next week.

B'NAI B'RITH URGES ISRAEL NOT TO CHANGE 'LAW OF RETURN'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (JTA) — B'nai B'rith has called on Israel to reject any legislative attempts to limit the Law of Return solely to

Orthodox Jews, terming such a move ill-considered and a denial of those rights that "Israel has properly recognized for the Jewish people as a whole."

In a resolution adopted unanimously by the organization's board of governors at its annual winter meeting here, B'nai B'rith urged the Begin government and Knesset to defeat a new drive that would deny automatic Israeli citizenship — past, present and future — to Jews converted by Reform and Conservative rabbis.

The board declared that limiting the Law of Return would, in effect, brand as illegitimate two major branches of Judaism, the Reform and Conservative. "It would ultimately sap Israel's centrality in world Jewish life," the board said, inevitably weakening both world Jewry, "including Orthodox communities," and Israel itself.

"This regrettable proposal is related to the rejection in Israel of the legitimacy of non-Orthodox rabbis which we similarly deplore," the B'nai B'rith leaders added.

'DREAM COME TRUE' — EGYPTIAN JEW SAYS IN ISRAEL

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (JTA) — "A dream come true." That was how Isaac de Picciotto, vice president of the Alexandria Jewish community, described his experience Sunday morning planting a sapling in the Jewish National Fund's Peace Forest overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem.

With mud on their shoes and ecstasy on their faces, de Picciotto and the other members of the Alexandria group visiting Israel toiled with shovels and hoes to sink their roots into the soil of the Holy City. JNF chairman Moshe Rivlin presented each of them with a certificate bearing his or her name, testifying to their participation in the event.

Particularly moving was the recitation of the "Planter's Prayer" by former Alexandrian Mordechai Ruah, who left Egypt in 1949 and is now director of afforestation at the JNF. Rivlin explained in English that the Peace Forest had been planted since 1967 on what was formerly no-man's land between Israel and Jordan.

NAVON WARNS ON ASSIMILATION

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (JTA) — President Yitzhak Navon warned that unless immediate steps are taken to check assimilation, the Jewish people may lose three million of its members by the end of this century. He singled out university campuses around the world as the places "where the Jewish boy comes in contact with the wide world" and "it is there that assimilation begins."

Navon made his remarks at ceremonies here Friday marking the 25th anniversary of Bar Ilan University. He praised the Orthodox-sponsored institution for combining Jewishness, religion and tradition with general knowledge, thereby fighting assimilation. He called on the Jewish academic world to dedicate itself to the existence of Judaism and check the phenomenon of assimilation.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Burton S. Levinson, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and David Hyatt, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews have called for the remembrance of three Soviet Prisoners of Conscience during Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week, Feb. 17-24. The three POCs — Iosif Mendelevich, a religious Jew, Yuri Federov and Aleksei Murzhenko, two Christians — are the only remaining prisoners from the 1970 Leningrad trial.

ADL URGES CARTER TO REJECT LINKING OIL, PALESTINIANS

PALEM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 11 (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith yesterday called on President Carter to recognize Israel's importance "as a key strategic ally of the U.S." and to reject any linkage of the Palestinian question with lower oil prices. An ADL resolution on Israel's security was made public at the closing session of the agency's national executive committee meeting at the Breakers Hotel here.

The resolution, which had been adopted by the agency's policy-making body, declared that "A strong and secure Israel" was crucial to American interests in the Middle East. On the Palestinian issue, the document stated that a successful solution to the problem could only be reached through negotiations between Israel and the people of the region, and that "Israel should not be pressured by the U.S. or others to make concessions which endanger her security." According to the ADL, the flow of Mideast oil does not depend on "further constriction of Israel's borders or recognition of a Palestinian state."

Other Resolutions

Kenneth J. Bialkin, chairman of the ADL's national executive committee, made public the statement on Israeli security and five other resolutions at the closing session yesterday. The ADL urged the Carter Administration and Congress to quickly adopt a national military budget that would "qualitatively and quantitatively" improve the ability of American forces to counter any threat posed by "conventional military constellations" in the next decade.

The ADL's national executive also expressed support for a U.S. boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympic Games in Moscow as "a clear, forceful and appropriate response by the United States to blatant Soviet aggression in Afghanistan."

In another resolution, the ADL cautioned the Carter Administration about military sales to Arab countries that would "tip the power balance in the Middle East against Israel. The ADL resolution urged that priority for military assistance be given to those Arab countries which demonstrate "a clear understanding" that the aid is intended "solely" to combat the Soviet Union's threat to them.

The ADL also declared its "gratitude and appreciation" to the Canadian government and its Ambassador to Iran, Bruce Taylor, "for their successful efforts in protecting American diplomats inside the Canadian Embassy in Teheran and securing their safe passage." The ADL was referring to the recent escape of six American diplomatic personnel from Teheran, which was planned and carried out by members of the Canadian Embassy there.

The final ADL resolution urged support for President Carter's call for the registration of all youths aged 18-20 for compulsory military service.

Warns Of Energy Costs

Earlier, Robert Nathan, a Washington economic consultant, addressing the national executive committee, predicted that rising energy costs will cause the United States to "suffer severely" during the rest of 1980.

Nathan said that the nation's dependence on imported oil — "especially oil from the somewhat unstable Middle East" — will continue to fuel double-digit inflation.

Nathan, an advisor to U.S. presidents since

Franklin Roosevelt, warned ADL leaders that the discouraging outlook for the national economy could cause domestic social instability. He urged the ADL to continue its efforts at improving intergroup relations.

PLAN PROPOSED TO W. GERMAN TEACHERS FOR TEACHING ABOUT NAZI PERIOD

By David Kantor

BONN, Feb. 11 (JTA) — A detailed list of recommendations on how to deal with the Nazi period in West German schools has been prepared by the Central Organization of Jews in West Germany and the trade union representing educators and scientific workers. The documents were presented to Peter Glotz, a member of the West Berlin Senate and minister in charge of the education system in the city.

The recommendations are intended as guidelines for high school teachers. They include an index of textbooks, documents, films and other sources of information on the Nazi era. Glotz, who is also president of the Conference of Cultural Ministers of the various federal states in West Germany, said they will soon be published in booklet form. About 20,000 copies will be distributed to school administrators and other groups dealing with education.

The guidelines emphasize the persecution of Jews, the ideological bias of education in the Third Reich, German occupation policy and the organized resistance against the Nazis. Werner Nachmann, chairman of the Central Organization of Jews, said the recommendations also stress the special character of the Third Reich compared to other periods of history. Until recently, the Nazi period was taboo in West German schools because many of the older teachers had played a role in it and the younger teachers had failed to inform themselves.

NORTH AMERICAN ALIYA WAS 3289 IN 1979

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (JTA) — Last year 3289 American and Canadian Jews immigrated to Israel, a three percent increase over 1978, it was announced here today by Dr. Aharon Kfir, director of the Israel Aliyah Center for North America. They augment an American Jewish community of more than 40,000 who have settled in Israel in previous years.

"We Israelis are very encouraged that our homeland has been enriched by the idealism and professional skills of these new olim," said Kfir, "and we hope that an even greater number will make aliya in 1980, despite the tough economic realities facing the people of Israel."

"Worldwide, 1979 saw an enormous increase in aliya, 36,979 newcomers to Israel, a 42 percent rise above 1978. Our North American new olim comprise 9 percent of the total aliya," Kfir noted.

"The majority of new American olim are young people and young families," Kfir stated. "A statistical study we made shows that 57 percent of the immigrants are under 30 years old." The hundreds of young families who made aliya included more than 600 children under the age of 12. The majority of them were observant or traditional Jewish families.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's Davis Cup hopes faded over the weekend when its team suffered two straight defeats at the hands of Swiss players, effectively eliminating it from the tournament. Israel lost the first set by a 4-1 score. Former American star Steve Kruevitz, Israel's great hope, disappointed his fans when he was beaten 3-1 by 20-year-old Roland Stödler of Switzerland in a three-hour match.