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... those in power who went along with the destruction of the white race." Ball said that the jurors found defendant Jean Craig guilty of surveilling Berg before he was murdered. This charge and that of dealing in stolen property were the only crimes on Craig's list.

Colorado authorities who attended the trial said they are considering filing murder charges against Pierce. FBI agents testified at the trial that they linked Pierce to the machine-gun murder of Berg by matching bullets found at the murder scene with spent cartridges found at a home Pierce rented in Troy, Montana.

Only One Leader Remains At Large

Wilson said at the end of the trial that only one leader of The Order remains at large. He is Richard Scutari, who is on the FBI's Most Wanted List, described at the trial as head of security and a dangerous man who discussed killing members believed to be leaking information.

Fears that Scutari might launch an escape effort for his colleagues prompted the U.S. Marshall's office to spend more than \$500,000 to station more than 30 marshalls in the courtroom and throughout the downtown federal courthouse where the trial took place. Convoys of police cars escorted the prisoners' vans daily to the trial from a jail in near-by Tacoma, Washington.

WIESENTHAL CENTER SAYS GERMAN BANK BENEFITTED FROM SLAVE LABOR IN WW II

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7 (JTA) — The Simon Wiesenthal Center accused West Germany's largest bank today of having benefitted from slave labor used by leading German industries during World War II, and now refuses to pay reparations to surviving Jewish claimants.

According to the Wiesenthal Center, the Deutsche Bank, whose chairman, Wilhelm Christian has stated flatly it will not help compensate Nazi-era slave laborers, played a prominent role in advancing the economic policies and goals of the Third Reich. The bank recently acquired the Flick group of companies which include Dynamit-Nobel, a major user of Jewish concentration camp inmates during World War II.

In a related development, Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper, dean and associate dean, respectively, of the Wiesenthal Center, sent a cable to Franz-Josef Strauss, leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), a partner in the West German coalition government, demanding the "unequivocal censure of Hermann Fellner by you and the leadership of all political parties in Germany."

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The Wiesenthal Center officials told Strauss that Fellner's comments were "typical of the language heard in the streets of Germany in the '30s and '40s and more in keeping with the tactics perfected by the Nazi propaganda minister (Joseph) Goebbels and ... more appropriate for an official of the Nazi Party in 1936 than of a democratically elected one in 1986."

Hier and Cooper urged Strauss to use his influence to get the Flick companies and the Deutsche Bank to respond to requests made by former slave laborers. They said the Wiesenthal Center joined the Central Council of Jews in West Germany and other Jewish organizations in urging the payment of compensation to surviving wartime slave laborers by Flick and Deutsche Bank.

The Center pointed out that the Flick corporation collaborated with Hitler and acquired Jewish companies confiscated by the Nazis in their "aryanization" program. It employed tens of thousands of Jews and other concentration camp inmates as slave laborers during the war.

Flick's new parent company, Deutsche Bank, has been characterized by experts as the World War II economic equivalent of the Wehrmacht. In 1941 it was the principal executor of a \$250 million loan that helped build the I.G. Farben rubber complex near the Auschwitz death camp and itself benefitted from the use of slave labor, the Wiesenthal Center charged.

JDL CONDEMNS BOMBING ATTEMPT

BOSTON, Jan. 7 (JTA) — The head of the Boston chapter of the Jewish Defense League condemned the placement of a small pipe bomb-type device that was found in a trash barrel at Boston Garden here last night just prior to the beginning of an exhibition game between the Boston Bruins and a touring Soviet team, the Moscow Dynamo. The Moscow team beat the Bruins 6-4.

Last month, the JDL official, Kenneth Sidman, distributed a letter to several metropolitan area newspapers asking that the exhibition game be cancelled. Sidman warned in the letter of the "potential for massive violence inside and outside (Boston) Garden."

About 75 persons, including members of the Jewish Defense League, the local Jewish Community Relations Council Soviet Jewry Committee, and representatives from other Jewish organizations picketed outside the Garden last night protesting the exhibition match because of the Soviet Union's harsh treatment of its Jewish population.

RECORD \$505 MILLION IN ISRAEL BOND SALES IN 1985

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA) — A total of \$505,030,000 in cash proceeds were mobilized in 1985 for Israel's economic development by the State of Israel Bond Organization from sales of its various Israel securities, it has been announced by David Hermelin, national campaign chairman. The increase of more than \$91 million over the Bond Organization's results for the previous year, he said, represents the best Israel Bond campaign achievement in the 35-year history of Israel Bonds with the exception of the Yom Kippur War year of 1973.

In his statement, Hermelin declared that the outstanding response was an outcome of the "favorable atmosphere created by Israel's austerity program which reduced inflation this past year and which restored the confidence of individual and institutional purchasers of our securities in Israel's economic future."

He continued: "These record results reflect the continuing unity of Jewish communities abroad with the people of Israel who have willingly accepted budget cuts and are making many sacrifices in order to help the government of Israel stabilize the economy and achieve a speedy economic recovery."

MAYOR BRADLEY OF L.A. SAYS THAT FARRAKHAN'S MESSAGE OF HATE HAS REVIVED BLACK-JEWISH DIALOGUE

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Jan. 7 (JTA) -- Conservative and Reform rabbis were told by Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles that the message of hate and bigotry spread across the nation by the Rev. Louis Farrakhan has revived the Black-Jewish dialogue, reporting that in his city a two-day meeting was scheduled between 20 Black and Jewish clergymen and that some individual rabbis and ministers had again started regular discussions.

Bradley addressed a joint session of the Rabbinical Assembly Western States Region and the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis last night at Temple Isaiah. Both groups are meeting at separate conventions here.

"We must never permit a message of hate to split us apart, we have so much in common historically," Bradley said. He stated that rabbis have always been in the forefront of the civil rights struggle, saying, "This must continue and go further."

Refuses To Link Jackson To Farrakhan

Bradley refused to link the Rev. Jesse Jackson to the "vile tongue" of Farrakhan, saying that Jackson had apologized to the Jewish community at the Democratic National Convention for his remarks. "I am against any individual or group that supports and believes in bigotry, anti-Semitism or racial hatred no matter who says it," he added.

Asked how the renewed Black-Jewish dialogue should handle the thorny question of affirmative action, Bradley replied, "I am aware of the strong reaction quota systems represent to members of the Jewish community. In Los Angeles, we sat together and developed a consensus to right historical inequities in achieving jobs without imposing hard, fast figures. We succeeded in developing goals and timetables acceptable to all."

The national presidents of the Conservative and Reform rabbis, here to address their respective conventions, strongly supported national and local Black-Jewish exchanges and common efforts.

First Things First

Rabbi Alexander Shapiro, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, said he felt that the renewed dialogue must first "overcome the existing hurt and suspicion within the Jewish community resulting from the bigotry of a Farrakhan, the slur of a Jackson, and the anti-Israel and pro-PLO posture of some members of the Black community."

"As spiritual leaders we must lead the way in helping to heal the wounds and returning Blacks and Jews to addressing the major issues, to a larger social agenda that demands our attention," Shapiro added.

Rabbi Jack Stern, Jr., president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), said he believes that Jews and Blacks have a mutual obligation to creating better understanding within both groups and thus eliminating any existing vestiges of anti-Black bias and anti-Semitism that may exist. "These prejudices can be overcome with dialogue, understanding and face-to-face contact," he said.

NO TRAVEL BAN TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- The State Department said today that it was not warning Americans

not to travel to Israel. "No travel advisory for Israel has been issued as a result of the recent incidents and no such travel advisory is being contemplated," Department spokesman Bernard Kalb said.

FBI director William Webster recently urged Americans to be careful about travelling in the Middle East because of a recent rash of terrorist incidents. Kalb said that Webster was probably urging that everybody keep in mind the possibilities of danger in the area.

RAS BURKA KILLER FOUND DEAD

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- Reports from Cairo today said the Egyptian soldier recently sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering seven Israeli tourists at Ras Burka in eastern Sinai last October 5 was found dead by hanging this morning in his room at the military hospital in Abbasiya, near Cairo.

The reports said a military investigation has begun into what appeared to be the suicide of 25 year-old Suleiman Khater. The former law student, doing his required military service, machinegunned a group of Israelis on the Sinai beach. The seven dead included four children.

He was sentenced by a military court on December 28 but was sent to the hospital for treatment of what was described as a blood ailment. He had 60 days to file an appeal for a reduced sentence. Family members who visited him at the hospital Sunday were quoted as saying he was in good spirits and not suicidal.

AHRNE THORNE DEAD AT 81

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA) -- Ahnre Thorne, a Yiddish writer and editor long associated with the Jewish anarchist movement, died here December 13 just 13 days short of his 81st birthday.

Thorne's 40-year involvement with the Freie Arbeiter Stimme (Free Voice of Labor), the Jewish anarchist journal, began with his contribution of articles in the 1930's, continued with his assumption of the position of assistant editor in 1952 and editor in 1975, and ended when the paper closed in 1977 after 87 years of publication.

Born to a Hasidic family in Lodz, Poland, Thorne became involved with anarchism in Paris and then emigrated to Toronto, where he became a comrade of anarchist Emma Goldman.

After moving to New York in 1940, he worked as a printer for Yiddish publications before assuming editorial positions at the Freie Arbeiter Stimme. He also wrote for the Jewish Daily Forward and several Yiddish and English-language periodicals here and abroad, including Dos Freie Wort, an anarchist paper in Buenos Aires, and Problemen, its counterpart in Tel Aviv.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- An annual award of two grants for Jewish and Arab educators has been established by the Jewish-Arab Council for Peace Education. The Jewish-Arab Council for Peace Education, which comprises 1,500 Jewish and Arab educators, trains teachers and youth movement leaders. The award was announced last month at the annual meeting of the Trustees of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East. Chairman of the Board of Trustees is former Justice Minister Haim Zadok.