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DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL; ARAB ATTACKS CONTINUE

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- The armies of five Arab states were today pressing against Jewish settlements in outlying districts of Israel in the second day of their invasion of the new Jewish state. Late tonight Dr. Chaim Weizmann, aged Zionist leader, was elected President of the Provisional Government of Israel at a special session of the 37-member National Council.

Reports from other fronts revealed that Acre, Arab city across the bay from Haifa, which was not included in the Jewish area under the United Nations partition decision, was on the point of capitulating to the forces of the Haganah. On the northern front, where the Lebanese penetrated the Israel border for a distance of approximately one mile yesterday, the Jews were holding firm. Along the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv supply route, the Jews strengthened their control of the strategic highway by occupying several more Arab towns. However, Arab forces today shelled the western suburbs of Jerusalem, and unconfirmed reports stated that there was fighting in the city itself.

The Egyptian force, which occupied all-Arab Gaza yesterday, in the area of southern Palestine to the Arabs by the U.N., today fanned out in the direction of Jewish settlements in the Negev. At least five persons were killed in Nirvim when an Egyptian air squadron bombed the settlement, an Egyptian mortarized column shelled it and Egyptian regular forces closed in on foot. When last heard from the settlers were still holding out. Iraqi reports placed their troops in eastern Palestine, north of Transjordan Arab Legion positions in the vicinity of Jericho. The fifth invading army, the Syrian, was reported driving down from the northeastern shoulder of Galilee. None are believed to have penetrated far.

At least five persons were killed this afternoon in Tel Aviv, which saw its eighth air raid in two days. Two more Egyptian Spitfires were shot down by Jewish anti-aircraft guns today. The pilot of the plane downed by the Haganah yesterday was definitely identified as an Egyptian. While most of yesterday's bombs fell on the outskirts of the city, today's missiles were directed at the crowded port area.

Jewish Government Asks U.N. Nations for Recognition

Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of Israel, told a press conference that the Jewish Government will apply to the 58 member states of the U.N. for recognition. He added that other nations will also be asked to take similar action, and that the list would include Britain. It was also announced that Guatemala has already recognized the government.

The first Official Gazette, issued today, described the war against Arab invasion, immigration and building the state as the immediate triple task of the new government. All citizens were urged to rally around their government "in the hour of supreme test" and were warned that there would be "blood and tears, sacrifice of property and lives, toil and work" before success crowned the efforts of the Jewish people. However, it also declared that "we are not standing alone. We are supported by the people of the Diaspora and behind is the conscience of civilized humanity."

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ATTITUDE ON ARAB INVASION OF ISRAEL WILL BE REVEALED AT SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY

LAKE SUCCESS, May 16. (JTA) -- The attitude of the United States toward the invasion of Israel will be announced at tomorrow's meeting of the U.N. Security Council, it was learned here today. It is understood that a strong statement in condemnation of the attacks will be made by the American representative.

Meanwhile, Israel Foreign Secretary Moshe Shertok today cabled Alexandre Peri, president of the Council, urging immediate action to check and prevent Egyptian aggression against the Jews of Israel. The cable informed the Council that Egyptian planes have already raided Tel Aviv a number of times causing death and destruction.

The message also revealed that Jewish anti-aircraft guns shot down a Spitfire plane and captured its pilot, an Egyptian. The pilot's name and the specific markings of his plane were included in the cable. In addition, Shertok pointed out that the Egyptian radio boasted of the raids over Tel Aviv.

Other information concerning Egyptian aggression included attacks by air and artillery on the Negov settlement of Nirim and reports of large concentrations of Egyptian regular forces were reported moving from Gaza and other parts of southern Palestine.

Representatives of the Big Five will meet tomorrow to discuss the appointment of a mediator for the whole of Palestine, in line with a proposal adopted by the United Nations special Assembly session before it closed late Friday night.

BEN GURION, SHERTOK EXPRESS HOPE WEIZMANN WILL BECOME HEAD OF STATE OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, veteran Zionist leader, today received a cable from five leading members of the Cabinet of Israel expressing the hope that he will head the Jewish state. The message, from Tel Aviv, was signed by David Ben Gurion, Moshe Shertok, Eliezer Kaplan, Goldie Meirson and David Remez. The cable stated:

"We greet you on this occasion of the establishment of the Jewish state. No man living has contributed so much toward its creation as you have done. Your stand and help in our struggle have strengthened all of us. We hope for the day when we shall see you at the head of the state established in peace."

TENS OF THOUSANDS JAM NEW YORK MEETING TO GREET ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- More than 60,000 persons tonight sought entry to Madison Square Garden here where a monster mass meeting under the auspices of the American Zionist Emergency Council was held to greet the new state of Israel. Only 5,000 were admitted into the huge auditorium, while loudspeakers were set up outside for those who could not gain entry. Among the speakers at the meeting were Drs. Abba Hillel Silver, Emanuel Neumann, and Stephen S. Wise, Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, Sen. Robert A. Taft, Mayor William O'Dwyer, Henry Morgenthau and former Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who was scheduled to deliver one of the featured addresses, was indisposed and instead sent a message to the meeting. "The recent confirmation by international judgment of our right to an equal place in the family of nations closes a two thousand year chapter of injustice, homelessness, and frustration in our history," the message said. "We remember the six million martyrs of the last and bitterest trial of our exile, as we enter the new era in a spirit of rededication to the fundamental truths expounded by our prophets and sages. With God's help we

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continue to build the state of Israel on foundations of justice and equality for all its inhabitants and with good will and brotherhood toward the neighbouring states, and indeed to all peoples of the world.

"My thoughts today are with the Yishuv whose pioneers and workers are bearing pains and heavy sacrifices in defending their homeland," the aged Zionist leader declared. "We honor those who have fallen. They have given their lives that the Jewish people may live. The road of statehood is beset with many difficulties and perils, but I am confident that we shall overcome them with tenacity and courage, and with faith in the justice of our cause."

"This is also a moment of great pride for the Jews of the United States who have contributed so much to the Jewish national revival in Palestine. I do not doubt that the full measure of their support and encouragement will be forthcoming to sustain the Jewish state in the ordeals which it now confronts. Though there have been some disappointments in recent months I feel sure that American Jews will never forget the services and the assistance which the President, the government and the people of the United States have rendered in those actions whereby the United Nations last November gave historic recognition to Jewish nationhood."

Neumann Hails American Role in Support of Israel

Dr. Neumann hailed President Truman's de facto recognition of the Provisional Government of Israel, which he said came as a reward for the courage and faith of the Jewish people who dared to reclaim their national heritage in the face of Arab aggression from all sides.

"The world acclaims this act of high statesmanship, which has stirred us to the very depths of our souls. From this rostrum we tender our profound appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to President Truman. His timely action is a long step in the direction of restoring the moral leadership of the United States in the great and dramatic struggle which has been in progress."

One implication of the recognition is "clear and inescapable," he said. "The United States cannot recognize the new-born state of Israel and then abandon it to its fate. It cannot allow it to fall a prey to ruthless international aggression. I am not asking for the dispatch of American forces. Israel asks none but its own sons to fight for it or die for it. But Israel has the right to expect - and so do we citizens of the United States - that our government shall take all other measures, and there are many, to check the aggressors and to strengthen the defense of Israel. Something tells me that before long our government will revise its arms embargo."

Speaking of the relationship of American Zionists to the Jews of Israel, the head of the Zionist Organization of America, declared: "A profound and democratic change has taken place in the relationship of American Zionists to and with the Jews of Palestine. They are citizens of Israel and we are citizens of the United States. They have taken their fate into their own hands, and the management of their affairs is henceforth their own responsibility. We cannot and will not intervene in the political life of the state of Israel."

Morgenthau told the rally that the establishment of a Jewish state was giving the Jews of the entire world, particularly those in desperate straits a constructive program on the "road to self-sustenance and self-realization." He also called for more and greater contributions to make the work of building Israel a reality. Governor Lehman urged that an effective international authority be set up in the entire Jerusalem area. (As the Bulletin went to press other speakers had not yet addressed the rally.)

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THOUSANDS ATTEND CELEBRATIONS FOR ISRAEL IN BRITAIN, FRANCE, GERMANY, AUSTRIA, ITALY

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 persons attended a mass meeting today called by the Zionist Federation to celebrate the proclamation of the state of Israel. An additional 1,000 were turned away because there was no room for them in the auditorium.

Prof. Selig Brodetzky, member of the Jewish Agency executive, expressed the hope that the British Government would follow the lead of the United States and recognize the new state. He also said that he was certain that Jews throughout the world would give the same support to the Provisional Government of David Ben Gurion which they had given the Agency, a body which now loses its official status.

Berl Locker, another member of the Agency executive, stressing that the Jews of Palestine were accepting the Arab League's challenge to their independence, nevertheless insisted that the Arabs could have peace for the asking. Other speakers emphasized the ability of Israel to defend itself against the four-pronged invasion which was launched yesterday.

VIENNA, May 16. (JTA) -- Many celebrations and services to mark the establishment of Israel were held in Vienna and other cities and in the DP camps this week-end. A special service was held by the Vienna Jewish Community on Saturday and the Zionist Federation sponsored a political rally today.

In the DP camps, there was little in the way of festivities, but speakers at all the rallies stressed that the time for celebration had not yet arrived. They pointed out that the Arab invasion remained a great threat and expressed their willingness to go to Israel immediately to fight and, if need be, die for their new country. A special pilgrimage will be made tomorrow to the grave of Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism.

FRANKFURT, May 16. (JTA) -- A zone-wide celebration of the establishment of the new state of Israel was held here today throughout DP camps, with Jewish and American flags bedecking institutions and buildings.

There has been a tremendous rise in morale throughout the DP camps, where the refugees have identified their fate with that of the Jewish community of Palestine. A preponderant majority are determined to leave for Israel as soon as possible.

PARIS, May 16. (JTA) -- A mass meeting to mark the birth of Israel was held here today. It was addressed by many French Jewish leaders and attended by thousands of persons.

ROME, May 16. (JTA) -- Celebrations marking the birth of the new Jewish state were held over the week-end in all Italian Jewish communities. In a palatial villa, near here, where Hermann Goering once held gay parties, and which now is a convalescent home for refugees, 48 Jews who outlived the Nazi leader celebrated the proclamation of the Jewish Republic of Israel.

STOCKHOLM, May 16. (JTA) -- Swedish Jews today held celebrations marking the birth of the new state of Israel. Forty prominent non-Jewish writers issued a statement pledging wholehearted solidarity of the Jewish people in their struggle for human rights and independence. They also called for the founding of a Swedish-Palestinian society.

POLESH JEWS MARK ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL; SIMILAR CELEBRATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

WARSAW, May 16. (JTA) -- Special services were held in the synagogues of all Jewish communities in Poland this week-end as Jews of all factions united in solemn commemoration of the establishment of Israel. Prayers were also recited for the millions of Jews killed in Poland during the Nazi regime.

Prime Minister Josef Cyrankiewicz received a delegation of the Jewish Central Committee, headed by Dr. Adolph Berman, noted partisan leader, and assured the Jews that the Polish Government will continue to give full support to the cause of Jewish independence. The Polish national radio devoted a special broadcast to the new state and mass meetings in various parts of the country were addressed by Jewish leaders of all political philosophies.

BUCHAREST, May 16. (JTA) -- Establishment of the state of Israel in Tel Aviv touched off a wave of rejoicing and celebrations throughout the Jewish community of Rumania. Following the hoisting of a Jewish flag Friday at midnight, crowds gathered and danced and cheered in the streets of Bucharest and other cities. The festivities continued all the next day and today.

SOFIA, May 16. (JTA) -- All Jewish organizations in Sofia, including the Communists, joined in celebrating the establishment of the new Jewish state this week-end. Jewish shops were closed and blue-and-white flags were draped over many Jewish homes.

PRAGUE, May 16. (JTA) -- The Prague municipality today joined the Jews of the city in celebrating the proclamation of the state of Israel. Prague's mayor, Dr. L.J. Vacek, cabled Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokach congratulating him and the people of Israel on obtaining their freedom and independence.

In Bratislava a special radio program, sponsored by the Zionists, greeted the establishment of the new state. The homes and communal buildings of the Jews of the Slovak provincial capital were bedecked with blue-white flags.

BUDAPEST, May 16. (JTA) -- The flag-bedecked headquarters of the Zionist Federation of Hungary this week-end became the center for celebrations by local Jews honoring the new state of Israel. A Jewish Agency source stated that Israel would soon open a consulate in Budapest.

JOHANNESBURG, May 16. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation today sent a message to the Jews of Israel pledging the maximum support of South African Jewry, and looking forward to South African recognition of Israel, it was reported here today.

The statement urged "friendly relations between the South African Government and the government of the new state in economic as well as political spheres." Special services were held in the synagogues, together with mass rallies in Johannesburg and elsewhere.

BUENOS AIRES, May 16. (JTA) -- Argentine Jews celebrated the establishment of a Jewish state throughout the week-end, jamming streets, institutions and restaurants. Special ceremonies, organized by the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, Zionist and other groups, hailed the rebirth of the Jewish nation. News of the recognition of Israel by the United States provoked great joy. Jewish shops were closed and prayers of thanksgiving were voiced in all synagogues.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HAILS ISRAEL, URGES U.N. TO PROTECT PEACE IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Declaring that "the very first duty of the American Government and every other democratic nation is to see that the Security Council forthwith brings into action every power that it has under the Charter to suppress violence leading to a breach of the peace in Palestine," former Judge Joseph M. Skakauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, Jacob Blaustein, chairman of its executive committee, and Irving M. Engel, chairman of the administrative committee, in a statement issued today on behalf of the Committee, welcomed the recognition of the new state of Israel by President Truman.

The statement declared that in the face of aggression by Egypt and other Arab states, the "need of the hour" is for the restoration of "the reign of international law and order" by the Security Council of the United Nations. Following suppression of violence, the statement said, "every aid and assistance must be rendered to the Government of Israel and every endeavor made to bring to its citizens a full realization of the need of cooperation and brotherhood under a democratic system of government that will recognize no distinctions of race or of creed."

The statement also said that "at this critical time, it is important to define the relations of American Jews to this new government. The Jews of America are of the very essence of the body politic of our country. We Jews in America must entertain for this new government the warmest feeling of fraternity and extend to it unmis- takeable evidences of good will. But politically, we have not and cannot have any attachment to the Government of Israel. We are brethren of the citizens of Israel. We are citizens of America alone."

Meanwhile, a statement by Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of The American Council for Judaism, commenting on the proclamation by the Jewish provisional government of its independence, said that "it must be clearly understood that the provisional government can be the government of its inhabitants and citizens only; and that it can have no claims upon the national attachments of those of Jewish faith who are citizens of other lands." He added that "those of Jewish faith who are citizens of various countries and regard these countries as their homes and homelands, do not have and cannot have, any national attachment or obligation to this provisional government."

ABRAHAM MAZER CONTRIBUTES \$250,000 TO U.J.A. TO MARK ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- A \$250,000 gift to mark the establishment of the new state of Israel was made to The United Jewish Appeal by Abraham Mazer, New York paper manufacturer and communal leader, it was announced here today by the U.J.A.

In a letter to the U.J.A. Mazer wrote that "it is for me a source of the deepest personal satisfaction that this great moment has come within my own lifetime. On this occasion we pay tribute to the pioneers who even today are building this state on their own bodies. On this occasion I am impelled to express my gratitude to God who has brought us to this day and to our people who have been thus rewarded."

AMERICAN BIROBIDJAN COMMITTEE GREETES NEW JEWISH STATE; PLEDGES FULLEST SUPPORT

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Professor Albert Einstein, the honorary president of the American Birobidjan Committee, announced this week-end that the organization has sent a message of brotherly greetings and best wishes to the state of Israel. This message pledged "wholehearted support for your attaining of speedy recognition by the United States, and all the other members of the United Nations."

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