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PASSOVER STARTS TONIGHT: 50,000 JEWS IN U.S. ARMED FORCES TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- More than 50,000 Jewish servicemen on duty in the United States armed forces in various parts of the world will participate in the observance of Passover which begins at sundown tomorrow. Jewish chaplains will officiate at Seders arranged for Jews in the Army, Navy and Air Force in such far off places as Korea, Japan, Alaska, Guam and the Philippines.

The National Jewish Welfare Board said today that Passover food and supplies have been provided for all Jews in the armed forces and in veteran hospitals. Shipment of Passover supplies by the J.W.B. began last December while the last 1,000 Passover food-boxes were placed aboard ship with two infantry divisions which left for Japan shortly before the holiday.

The Joint Distribution Committee announced that it had shipped more than 700,000 pounds of matzoth and other Passover supplies to needy Jewish survivors in eleven European countries. The announcement was made by Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman, who indicated that the bulk of the supplies were purchased overseas, chiefly in Holland. Almost half of the supplies have been sent to the 45,000 Jews of Hungary who are still receiving J.D.C. aid. Many of this group, Leavitt indicated, are aged and ill, and unable to provide for their own needs.

A Passover appeal to the Jews in the United States to mark the holiday with redoubled efforts in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal was issued today by Edward M.M. Warburg, General Chairman of the U.J.A. Mr. Warburg said that the holiday season would signal the opening of 600 additional local drives, bringing to 1,100 the number of committees taking part in the U.J.A. nation-wide campaign.

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis and other rabbinical groups in the United States have proclaimed the Passover week as a season of special dedication to the 1951 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced today by Monroe Goldwater, president of the U.J.A. of Greater New York. The proclamations issued by the rabbinical organizations laid great stress on the necessity of giving cash to the U.J.A. immediately.

Jewish Agency Extends Passover Greetings to American Jewry

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, issued a Passover message to the Jews in the United States in behalf of the Agency. The message emphasized that "The Jews of America, generously giving their wealth and resources, have assumed the role of a modern Moses in helping to lead their brethren from the bondage of poverty and oppression to a life of freedom and opportunity in the new-born nation of Israel."

Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, said in his Passover message that his organization is "intensely solicitous and hopeful for the young state of Israel" and "grieves at the lot of the Jews under the iron heel of dictator-

ship." Mr. Blaustein emphasized that the American Jewish Committee will continue to aid Israel in its efforts to become a viable, self-supporting state. "We are gratified at the clarification achieved with respect to the relationship of the state of Israel to the Jews in America," the message stated.

Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, said that Jews in the United States can greet this Passover with the firm knowledge that, despite the shadows which events continue to cast upon mankind, the instruments for the achievement of human freedom are being constantly strengthened and improved. He also declared that it is gratifying to note that not only Jews but Americans of all faiths have become fully and sympathetically aware of the need for maximum support for Israel.

Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, pointed out in his message that Passover this year comes "in the midst of our great mobilization of all forces in our communities" in behalf of Jewish needs everywhere. "It is a mobilization to enrich our cultural and educational life, to strengthen democratic forces here and everywhere," he said. "It comes in the midst of a new chapter of the continuing modern Exodus. This time it is not across the Sinai Desert, but in an airlift from Baghdad to Lydda."

Passover messages were also issued by Rudolf Sonneborn, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; Benjamin Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund, and Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, president of the Synagogue Council of America which represents the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish religious bodies in this country.

U.S. MILITARY COMMANDER EMPHASIZES SIGNIFICANCE OF PASSOVER IN MESSAGE TO JEWISH TROOPS

VIENNA, April 19. (JTA) -- Gen. S. Leroy Irwin, Commanding General of the United States Forces in Austria, has issued a Passover message to the Jewish troops in his command. It reads:

"On the occasion of the Passover Festival I want to extend greetings to all personnel of Jewish faith serving with the United States Forces in Austria. This festival commemorating the ancient liberation of the children of Israel from Egyptian slavery has at all times served as a reminder that the struggle for freedom is not a new one and that only free peoples can enjoy the fullness of life. In these trying days it must be the duty of everyone to rededicate himself to the ideals of freedom and to work for their realization."

AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS IN GERMANY ISSUE PASSOVER GREETINGS TO JEWISH POPULATION

MUNICH, April 19. (JTA) -- George Shuster, American Commissioner for Bavaria, and James Newman, Commissioner for Hesse, today issued messages of congratulations to the Jewish people in their respective provinces on the occasion of the Passover holiday.

SOVIET TRANSMITTERS ARE JAMMING VOICE OF AMERICA HEBREW BROADCAST TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- Jamming, believed to be caused by Soviet transmitters, has been interfering with reception of the Voice of America Hebrew-language broadcasts beamed to Israel. The jamming has blocked reception on two of the four shortwave frequencies used to relay the programs to Israel, but the other two frequencies have been getting through.

(State Department officials in New York confirmed that two of the frequencies used for the Hebrew-language programs to Israel have been suffering interference. The broadcasts started last Sunday.)

SECRET APPOINTED ACTING PREMIER OF ISRAEL TO REPLACE BEN GURION DURING VISIT TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today appointed Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett Acting Premier during Premier David Ben Gurion's visit to the United States. Mr. Sharett will also replace Mr. Ben Gurion in the post of Minister for Defense. Premier Ben Gurion will leave for the United States during the first week of May.

The Cabinet heard a report by Minister Sharett on the Israeli-Syrian conflict and on developments at the United Nations Security Council in connection with it. It was reported at the Cabinet session that the work of draining the Huleh swamps--which precipitated the Israeli-Syrian dispute--continues without further incident.

ISRAEL AND JORDAN EXTEND AGREEMENT AIMED AT ELIMINATING FRONTIER INCIDENTS

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Committee today agreed to extend to June 1 a temporary agreement between the two states calling for direct contact between local commanders on both sides of the border to prevent infiltration and unlawful border crossings.

The meeting, which was conducted in a cordial atmosphere, according to the official communique issued after the session, agreed to the elimination of 15 specific complaints. During the session, the U.N. chairman of the commission declared that he personally had seen Arab owned flocks of sheep grazing on Israel territory and had seen Arabs from Jordan territory tending plots of land inside Israel.

The Israeli spokesman urged the Jordanians to implement a clause in the agreement for local contact which provides for regular troops rather than militia units to guard the frontiers. The Jordanians on the commission stressed that occasional border incidents do not affect the basic good relations existing between the two countries.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY AND MIZRACHI LABORITES FACE SERIOUS DISSENTION IN THEIR RANKS

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- A split within the Progressive Party here was revealed today when a group of dissidents called a national conference for party members who favor a merger with the General Zionists. The conference will be held on May 5.

Lamifneh, the dissident faction within Hapoel Hamizrachi which opposes the party's participation in the United Religious Bloc during the forthcoming elections, today notified the labor Mizrachi party that it was prepared to enter the elections on a separate slate or attempt to create a religious united labor front. In a formal note, reiterating its opposition to joining the other religious parties in a common bloc, the Lamifneh group asked the party executive to work for a union of religious laborites instead.

TEL AVIV POLICE DISCOVER \$700,000 IN GOLD COINS DURING RAID; SEVERAL MEN ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- Following up the recent government measures banning free trading in gold, police last night carried out a large-scale raiding operation and uncovered about \$700,000 in gold coins illegally held by numerous unauthorized dealers. Several of the dealers were arrested and the coins were impounded pending legal proceedings.

TOP UNITED NATIONS OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO CONFER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- A.H. Feller, top United Nations official and assistant to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, arrived here today on a special U.N. plane from Athens. He will proceed to Tel Aviv tomorrow to confer with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett before leaving for Turkey. He will return to Israel with Mr. Lie next week.

JEWS THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF WARSAW GHETTO

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- The eighth anniversary of the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto, in which 60,000 poorly armed Jews revolted against a vastly superior German force, was observed today in numerous American cities, according to reports received by the World Jewish Cultural Congress here. The revolt which started on April 19, 1943, lasted about six weeks.

Memorial meetings commemorating the fallen heroes were held in Jewish institutions in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Miami and other cities. In New York memorial meetings were held in more than 70 Jewish schools and in many synagogues. A special memorial session, addressed by Dr. Israel Goldstein and Dr. I. Schwarzbart, was held by the World Jewish Congress.

AMERICAN EDUCATOR NAMED U.N. DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

GENEVA, April 19. (JTA) -- James Read, an American educator currently attached to the office of the United States High Commissioner for Germany, was today named Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees by U.N. High Commissioner G.J. van Heuven Goedhart.

Among the other members of the High Commissioner's staff named in today's announcement were: Gustave Kullman, formerly Deputy High Commissioner of the League of Nations Refugee Organization, chief of the Division of Protection; John Alexander of Britain, executive director for all other operations; and, Ugo Carusi, former U.S. Commissioner of Immigration, High Commissioner's representative in the United States.

CONVENTION OF DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION DEMANDS IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, April 19. (JTA) -- The Daughters of the American Revolution, assembled here in convention, today resolved to urge the investigation of "about 3,000, - 000 aliens" who they said entered the United States illegally, and went on record for the limiting of immigration. The convention condemned "pressure groups" which the delegates said advocated liberalization of immigration and spent "millions of dollars" for propaganda for that purpose.

HEBREW NORMAL SCHOOL OPENED IN CASABLANCA; WILL TRAIN TEACHERS FOR NORTH AFRICA

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- A new Hebrew Normal School of the Alliance Israelite Universelle was dedicated in Casablanca last Sunday by R' Hsi S. Danan, the highest Jewish religious authority in Morocco, it was reported here today by Jules Braunschwig, vice-president of the Alliance, upon his arrival from Paris.

The school will train teachers of Hebrew and other Jewish subjects for all the Alliance schools in North Africa. It is hoped that it will also provide Jewish teachers for schools in the Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America.

ISRAEL UNITED APPEAL OPENS IN AUSTRALIA; ISRAELI MINISTER ADDRESSES DINNER

SYDNEY, April 19. (JTA) -- The Israel United Appeal of Australia was opened here with a dinner at which Jewish communal, cultural and religious leaders were present. Israeli Minister I. Linton was the featured speaker.

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