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1,000,000 NEW YORKERS CHEER ISRAEL'S PREMIER; 100,000 WATCH CITY HALL RECEPTION

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- At least 1,000,000 men, women and children lined New York City's streets today to greet David Ben Gurion, Premier of the state of Israel. Preliminary police estimates said a huge crowd of 100,000 persons gathered at City Hall to see Mayor Vincent R. Impallitteri present the key to the city to the leader of the Jewish state.

Over 2,000 American servicemen, contingents from the Police, Fire and Sanitation Departments and 200 sailors from Israel's two-vessel flotilla which is now in New York's port participated in the parade up Broadway to City Hall. A 60-man Sanitation Department band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Hatikvah" alternately as miles of ticker tape floated down from the windows of skyscrapers in New York's financial district.

Cheers and applause from the throngs lining the streets along the route of march rolled out in waves as the 25-car official motorcade carrying the Premier, his wife, the official party and the municipal reception committee moved slowly northward from the Battery. An escort of 60 motorcycle policemen, who had accompanied the Israeli party into the city from Idlewild Airport this morning, paced the motorcade throughout.

Mr. Ben Gurion and his party arrived at Idlewild Airport at 9.35 this morning in a special Pan-American airliner. As the plane taxied to a halt about two miles from the Administrative Building, the Fire Department Band played several selections. A crowd of about 500, held back by 50 police, cheered as he alighted from the plane and was greeted by Grover Whalen, chairman of the Mayor's committee. Among the welcomees were Lazarus Joseph, New York City Comptroller.

25 Detectives Guard Ben Gurion and His Party

Mr. Ben Gurion went from the plane to a flag-bedecked stand and stood at attention with the crowd as the band played the "Hatikvah" and the "Star Spangled Banner." He smiled and waved to several friends in the crowd as photographers took pictures of the scene. In a brief address, Mr. Ben Gurion said:

"I am glad to be here in New York although you understand I would prefer to be in my own country. But since I am here in the United States, I certainly am glad to be here in New York because this is the biggest Jewish community there ever has been in one place. It is bigger, I am sorry to say, than the whole state of Israel. And I look forward to the day when the state of Israel will be as big as this Jewish community. I am glad to be here," he continued, turning to Mrs. Ben Gurion, "because

have stands the girl I married and here my first child was born. I hope this visit will foster goodwill between our two countries, my little country and your great nation.

Twenty-five New York City Detectives and federal security agents were at the airport as an additional guard for the Israel Premier. Another 150 special police lined the route from Idlewild Airport to the Waldorf-Astoria along which the 25-car motorcade proceeded.

Ben-Gurion Says He Is Moved by New York's "Outpouring of Affection"

At the City Hall reception Mayor Impellitteri, who proclaimed the day "Ben-Gurion Day," said "New York honors today the man who captured the hearts and minds of free-thinking peoples everywhere. He has never wavered or faltered in his resolve to bring a realization to the 2,000-year-old dream of the Jewish people for the restoration of their homeland on the ancient soil of Palestine." The Mayor emphasized that "the hopes and aspirations of the United States and Israel have many parallels."

Speaking, the Israeli Premier declared that he is proud that he was able to visit New York as the representative of the Jewish state. "From the people of Israel I bring to the city of New York and to the people of New York greetings and the very deepest expression of gratitude," he said. He expressed confidence that the future will find Israel a strong and reliable fortress of democracy and freedom.

At the City Hall, the motorcade proceeded to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where the Premier was greeted by leading city, religious and organizational leaders at a luncheon given at the hotel and addressed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey. In his address at the luncheon, the Israeli Premier said he was happy to be a "guest" today in the heart of New York and that he was "greatly moved by an outpouring of affection that came to him in this city."

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ISRAEL CELEBRATES THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE TODAY; PRESIDENT ISSUES MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- Preparations for the celebration tomorrow of the third anniversary of Israel's independence were completed today throughout the country. Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other cities in Israel are beflagged and a holiday spirit is apparent everywhere.

In Jerusalem a huge platform has been erected to accommodate 2,500 invited guests, including members of parliament, diplomats, high government officials and military authorities. A quarter of all the space has been allotted to tourists.

In an Independence Day message issued here today President Weizmann recalled the "miracle" of the creation of the Jewish state three years ago, and stressed the "unceasing process of creative endeavor for the consolidations of the state and the creating of conditions for the admission and integration of the exiles." The President's message also pointed out that the country's population has doubled in the three years of Jewish statehood, while in all spheres of development and defense there has been constant progress.

Reviewing the tasks still facing the tiny Jewish state, Dr. Weizmann said that many exiles still await immigration and redemption. "We must receive and absorb them," the message declared. "Willingly and lovingly we undertook this heavy burden of responsibility and hardship, and we shall fulfill this mission. Nor have we stood alone. The faithful hand of brotherhood has been extended to us by the Jewish communities abroad, particularly the illustrious Jewish community of the United States which is now rising to new heights in its endeavor to aid the reconstruction of our people and our state."

Expressing confidence in the ability of Israel to carry out its responsibility to welcome every Jew, the President's message emphasized "we have not yet attained the longed for peace with our neighbors. But we still stretch forth to them the hand of peace, without relaxing our military preparedness."

GENERAL ZIONISTS AND MIZRACHI THREATEN TO BOYCOTT THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JTA) -- The General Zionist and Mizrahi parties today threatened to boycott the forthcoming World Zionist Congress unless the meeting is postponed and a qualified list of voters is established.

In a joint message, the two parties told the Jewish Agency executive that they challenge the "integrity" of the shekel system of representation at the Congress because, the cable charged, large quantities of shekelism have been bought by various political parties for purely political ends thereby "distorting the true picture of ultimate Congress representation."

The World Zionist Congress will probably open in Jerusalem on August 14. The postponement was decided upon by the Jewish Agency executive because the Israel general elections will be held July 30, one day before the Congress was due to open. Agency members feel that the Congress should not be held in an "election atmosphere." Elections for delegates to the Zionist Congress will be held in Israel on May 29.

A national conference of the Herut Party of Israel, held in Petach Tikvah, adopted a resolution calling upon the government to reconvene the Knesset immediately for consideration of the current Syrian conflict. The parley also urged the Israel Government to begin military operations against Syrian territory.

ISRAELI DEMAND OF U.N. TRUCE CHIEF TO WITHDRAW FROM DEMARCATION LINE

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- The demand of Acting United Nations Truce Chief Colonel Bennet de Ridder that both Israel and Syria withdraw a distance of one-half a kilometer from the demarcation lines of the demilitarized zone has been received with bitter comment in Israeli political circles here.

A government spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the de Ridder demand "robs" Israel of the strategic heights in the Tel Metulla area re-taken by Israel after some very hard fighting. While it would take from Israel the heights, possession of which will guarantee that Syrian troops will not re-enter Israeli territory, the de Ridder call does not guarantee that the Syrians will not re-enter the region, the spokesman said.

It was pointed out that the Syrians have nothing to lose by acceding to the de Ridder proposal, and would make a tactical and strategic gain from its acceptance. Acting Premier Moshe Sharett's reply, rejecting the de Ridder proposal, it was stated, must be considered a call for the re-establishment of the authority of the armistice agreement and of the mixed armistice commission, whose powers to deal with the situation are ample enough, if used.

BIG POWERS WILL SEEK INDIVIDUALLY TO INFLUENCE SYRIA AND ISRAEL TO CEASE HOSTILITIES

BALE SOUSSIS, May 9. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council was in session today to reconvene promptly and take further steps to stifle hostilities between Israel and Syria if its cease-fire order adopted unanimously last night broke down.

Reports from U.N. observation machinery in the field were expected to keep the Council continuously informed on the results of its action, and it was learned that Britain, France and the United States would seek individually to influence the two parties to make the cease-fire effective.

In the most dramatic session of the Council since it dropped the Korean case last Fall, the Council voted 10 to nothing, with the Soviet Union abstaining on technical grounds, to demand an immediate end to the fighting and called upon both sides to observe the provisions of the armistice agreement, which implied a withdrawal of Syrian forces from Israeli territory and the demilitarized zone.

The resolution submitted by the United States, Britain, France and Turkey, was carefully couched, however, not to prejudge the Syrian claim that only local Arab partisans and not Syrian Army troops were involved in the fighting. Although both sides agreed to the cease-fire order, Abba Hava of Israel, backed by a wealth of evidence supplied directly to the Council by Jordanian Minister Moshe Sharett, led into Syria in the debate and pressed the Council to name Syria an aggressor.

The Israeli representative pointed out that both U.N. observers and American and British military attaches in the area had confirmed the discovery of Syrian soldiers fully armed in Syrian Army uniforms on the battlefield along with large quantities of equipment and material used by the regular Syrian Army. In the face of this and other items of evidence he blasted the idea that there was any question as to a Syrian invasion and therefore whose responsibility for the hostilities lay.

In presenting the resolution however, spokesmen for the four sponsoring powers avoided fixing any such responsibility and in using the phrase "parties or persons involved" in the resolution avoided the identification of Syria as one of the parties.



HOUSE PASSES BILL EXTENDING DP IMMIGRATION ACT FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- The House this afternoon passed by a vote of 310 to 63 a bill which extends for six months the period in which visas may be issued to displaced persons under the jurisdiction of the International Refugee Organization. The bill was introduced by chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Immigration Subcommittee.

The bill represented an amendment to the DP Act of 1950 and extends to January 1, 1952 the time limit for the issuance of visas to I.R.O. DP's. Present legislation is slated to expire June 30 of this year, after which time no more visas would be issued to DP's under I.R.O. care. It is expected, however, that the amendment passed today will be enacted into law in the next few weeks. Under the new amendment no more assurances for DP's will be accepted after July 31, 1951.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASKS U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION ON IRAQ'S TREATMENT OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, yesterday met with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs George C. McGhee and asked that the United States Government take "the firmest position it can" with regard to the Iraqi Government's violation of the rights of the Jews of Iraq. In a memorandum from the Committee, the U.S. Government was urged "not to stand by idly in the face of such a dangerous situation in so important a part of the world today."

Mr. Blaustein protested Iraq's "disregard for human rights and simple decency" in its treatment of emigrating Jews and some Jews who were not leaving for Israel. Referring to the recent Iraqi law freezing the property of emigrating Jews, Mr. Blaustein said it was "a racist law conforming to the spirit and letter of the Nazi Nuremberg laws" and charged that by passage of this measure the Iraq Government had violated its "pledges as a member of the United Nations."

"We do not find fault with the Iraq Government's decision to freeze the property of those of its citizens who have expressed their intention to leave the country for good," the A.J.C. memorandum said. "We do feel, however, that: 1. Iraq's procedure of using the assets to pay the cost of administering them can lead to virtual confiscation; 2. Those assets belonging to Jews who are already in Israel should remain their property, even though frozen in Iraq, and should be at their disposal for domestic transactions within Iraq; 3. Those Jews still in Iraq but awaiting transportation to Israel should be permitted to retain and use their assets while they remain in Iraq, as freely as any other citizen of Iraq. The payment of administration expenses out of frozen assets," the memorandum added, "opens the door to abuses which can easily transform a law for the freezing of property into one permitting its confiscation."

JEWISH CONGRESS URGES EARLY INVESTIGATION OF NAZI RESURGENCE IN WESTERN GERMANY

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- A Senate investigation of the resurgence of Nazism in Western Germany along the lines of the present one on the struggle in Korea, was urged by Rabbi Irwin Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, as a result of the record vote rolled up by the Socialist Reich Party, an undisguised Nazi group, in the recent elections for parliament in Lower Saxony.

At the same time, he wrote to Secretary of State Dean Acheson urging a thorough re-evaluation and revision of policies in and toward Germany and for the consideration of measures "which will more effectively strengthen democratic forces in that country and halt the rise to power and influence of those groups which have twice brought war and destruction upon all mankind."

ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS PRINTED IN SWEDEN APPEAR IN MEXICO, JEWISH GROUP REPORTS

MEXICO CITY, May 9. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic leaflets in the Spanish language, printed in Sweden, have made their appearance in Mexico, it was reported today by the local Anti-Defamation Committee, which is composed of representatives of the B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Central Committee.

JEWISH FARMERS IN U.S. ARE MAKING STEADY PROGRESS; GET LOANS FROM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agricultural Society has granted about \$11,500,000 in loans to Jewish farmers in the United States since its founding in 1900, it is revealed by Dr. Gabriel Davidson, managing director, in the Society's annual report, which was issued today.

The report shows that Jewish farmers in the United States are making steady progress. It stresses the Society's efforts to establish on farms ex-servicemen, displaced Jewish immigrants to the United States, workers, white-collar men and others who look to farming both as a means of livelihood and a more desirable way of life.

SEMI-CRITICIZES DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF JEWISH CAMPAIGN FUNDS IN SOUTH AFRICA

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- "The Jews of the Union of South Africa are greatly interested in the development of the health work of the OSE in Israel and will continue to support this endeavor within the means at their disposal," Abel Staban, South African Jewish leader, reported to the executive board of the American OSE at a dinner tendered in his honor last night.

Analyzing the campaign efforts among Jews in South American countries which he visited recently, Mr. Staban criticized the way in which campaign funds are distributed among the international Jewish relief agencies and demanded a radical change in the system of distribution.

CHIEF RABBI OF TUNISIA DECORATED BY SWISS; TUNISIAN JEWISH LEADER HONORED BY FRENCH

GENEVA, May 9. (JTA) -- Lamine Bey, ruler of Tunisia, has awarded the Honorary Order of the Lion of Tunis to Tunisian Chief Rabbi David Benbaron. Another Tunisian Jewish leader, Felix Samama, was awarded the Legion of Honor by the French Government.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE URGES MERGER OF TWO COMPETING ISRAELI OLYMPIC GROUPS

VIENNA, May 9. (JTA) -- The International Olympic Committee has accepted "in principle" the application of Israel for membership in the organization but said that the two competing Israeli Olympic committees merge and become one group whose application for membership will be accepted automatically. A representative of the second Israeli group save the International Olympic Committee assurances that there would be no discrimination against Arabs or other non-Jews in participation on Israel Olympic teams.

WASSERMAN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF B'NEI B'RITH ORGANIZATION OF MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, (JTA) -- R. Wasserman, director of the B'nai B'rith of Mexico, was re-elected president of the Zionist Organization of Mexico at the 25th annual conference of the organization.

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