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NEW GURION OPENS ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN IN NEW YORK; \$35,000,000 RAISED AT RALLY

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Advance commitments for bond purchases of \$35,000,000 in honor of Israel Premier David Ben Gurion were announced tonight in a roll call of the states at the Madison Square Garden rally which officially launched the Israel Independence Bond sales campaign in this city.

Twenty thousand people jammed the Garden which began filling as soon as its doors were opened a half-hour before the meeting. Police made preparations to handle an overflow crowd of thousands more outside Madison Square Garden.

Premier Ben Gurion, the main speaker tonight, made a strong appeal for support of the bond drive declaring that the political and military independence of Israel for which much has been sacrificed over a period of many years will be a "mere shell" if it is not set on the firm foundation of a sound economic situation.

He emphasized that he came to this country to give expression to the ties of friendship which bind Israel to the United States. "We shall never forget the long and unbroken support which the Zionist idea enjoyed in this country, and we shall always remember that it was America which was the first to recognize our status as a free and independent nation," he said.

Reviewing Israel's achievements during the three years of its existence, Mr. Ben Gurion said: "We never regarded independence as an end in itself. The Jewish people at all times rejected the idea that statehood in and for itself was the purpose of its strivings. We always maintained that State independence was merely an instrument for the achievement of Jewish immigration and settlement in Israel. We have used our independence to attain this purpose. We have not yet attained it. Our work in Israel is still incomplete. It will not be accomplished until we have created in Israel the economic conditions which assure the stability and independence of our country, and until we have absorbed into our midst those many hundreds of thousands of Jews who look to us for deliverance."

Israel Seeks No Territorial Expansion, Premier Declares

Touching upon the political situation, the Israeli Premier said: "We do not seek self-aggrandisement in territorial expansion, we do not yearn for the satisfaction that comes with the possession of the external trappings of state sovereignty. We seek a home and dignity for the Jewish people, an opportunity for them to renew their ancient traditions and express their cultural strivings. We want them to have the chance to work and earn their own bread. That is the character of our people; that is the purpose of its ambition. I believe that with this moral equipment we shall accomplish

our economic objective and with your help attain that degree of independence in the economic sphere which we have already won politically and militarily."

The funds realized from the Israel bonds, the Prime Minister described as money which can be repaid with interest, because it is money which is going to be used to create economic assets, instruments of production which will earn dollars and save dollars. "This is money which will place the tools in the hands of our people and enable them to complete the transformation of the face of Israel's land," he said.

Israel's Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, addressing the audience, emphasized that Israel is now at the turning point of its economic development. "The substantial growth of our economy proves that we have already reached the threshold of economic independence," he said. "We need the \$500,000,000 Bond Issue to increase production for home consumption as well as for export. By increasing production we can also reduce our imports. Thus, by a rise in exports and a reduction in imports, we will be in a position to improve our balance of trade. Remember, we have never defaulted on any debt."

Mayor Impellitteri, addressing the gathering, said: "This is not the first time a foreign movement has come to America for funds with which to strengthen its economy, but it is the first time that any nation has approached us for investments with which to finance the rehabilitation of 600,000 newcomers in a country which has pledged itself to create a better world for them. The State of Israel Bond Issue is designed to ensure the speedy completion of this great program."

The importance of the Israeli bond issue to the economic future of the Jewish state was also explained by Israeli Ambassador Eban, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Rudolf S. Sonneborn and Benjamin Abrams, chairman of the Greater New York Committee for the Israeli Bond Issue. Henry Montor, vice-president of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, which is directing the sale of Israeli bonds in the United States, conducted the 48-state roll call which reported the \$35,000,000 in advance commitments.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Ben Gurion made his first visit to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he laid a wreath on the grave of Col. David "Mickey" Marcus, West Point graduate and veteran of World War II, who was killed on June 10, 1948, defending the independence of Israel.

The Israeli Premier was welcomed to the Military Academy by its superintendent, Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving, whose guest he was later at luncheon. A color guard stood at attention as Mr. Ben Gurion laid a floral reproduction of the Blue-White Star of David on Col. Marcus' grave. He later presented a medal, the Order of Independence, awarded posthumously to Col. Marcus, to Mrs. Marcus.

ISRAEL SAILORS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN NEW YORK AT U.S. NAVY PIER; RECEIVE MEDALS

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel's Independence Day was celebrated here today by the 200 men and officers of the two Israeli warships--the *Misgav* and the *Ezra*--with a full dress parade and memorial services at U.S. Navy pier 26.

Col. Vivian Herzog, Naval Attache of the Israel Embassy, reviewed the formation and presented medals to 24 officers and sailors. The medals were awarded upon instructions from the military headquarters at Haifa to "men who had seen active service in Israel's War of Independence." In presenting the decorations, Col. Herzog also paid tribute to those of Israel's armed forces who were killed in action during the war of 1948.

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100,000 WATCH JERUSALEM PARADE OF ISRAEL'S ARMED FORCES ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Nearly 100,000 persons--almost the entire population of Jerusalem--today watched a gigantic parade of Israel's armed forces and an aerial show put on by a squadron of Air Force planes in honor of the third anniversary of the Jewish state's independence.

The parade was preceded by Army Chief of Staff Yisrael Yadin reading his order of the day to the troops and by an address by Acting Premier Moshe Sharett. Then a lone fighter plane zoomed out of the sky in a hair raising dive at the end of which the pilot released a parachute which carried a message of greeting from the armed forces to President Chaim Weizmann. The message was picked up and rushed to Gen. Yadin who presented it to the President. Then the General gave the command that started thousands of men and women down Jerusalem's main streets.

Contingents of colorfully clad Bedouins and Druzes marched with their Jewish brothers-in-arms. The parade was started by infantry units, followed by artillery and tank outfits, air force troops and marine and women's corps groups. Overhead a squadron of planes flew in massed formation. The parade passed a special reviewing stand on which military and political leaders and some 2,500 guests watched the various units give the salute. An estimated 10,000 persons gathered in the hills above the city also watched the parade.

In the pre-parade exercises the flag was lowered to half-mast in memory of the men and women who died in defense of the Jewish homeland. Among the guests at the celebration, foreign diplomats were conspicuous by their absence. They boycotted the parade in the capital and attended the one in Tel Aviv. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist leader, when he arrived here from Tel Aviv was met by an honor guard of Maccabi members and a crowd of other Israel well-wishers.

The World Zionist executive issued an Independence Day manifesto, signed by Berl Locker, calling upon the Zionist movement to continue to mobilize maximum aid for Israel, and "fulfill the Zionist mission and destiny" until the work of "ingathering of exiles" is completed and "until the people of Israel dwell safely in their country."

Impressive Parades Throughout Israel Mark Independence Day Celebrations

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel's Independence Day was marked here today with parades throughout the country. One of the largest was the Army sports parade at Ramat Gan stadium where 50,000 spectators saw Acting Premier Moshe Sharett and Yisrael Yadin, Israel's Chief of Staff, take the salute. Later, both General Yadin and Mr. Sharett proceeded to Jerusalem to participate in the capital's celebration.

The achievements of the Jewish State were emphasized in a special parade of hundreds of vehicles--including Kaiser-Frazer cars assembled in Israel. Decorated with Israeli flags, the motorized procession started in the early morning hours from Nahariya and proceeded through towns and villages on the main road until it reached Tel Aviv at about noon, joining the general parade here. Israel's achievements during the three years of its independence were also reviewed last night by Mr. Sharett in a nation-wide broadcast.

At Rehovot, residence of Dr. Weizmann, members of the diplomatic corps, of the Israel Cabinet and of the Parliament called upon President Weizmann. Solemn prayers for the health of the President were offered by Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog at a ceremony in the Yeshurun Synagogue in Jerusalem attended by Cabinet members.

GEN. RILEY LEAVES FOR JERUSALEM; BELIEVES HE CAN RESTORE PEACE BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL

LAKE SUCCESS, May 10. (JTA) -- Major General William E. Riley, Chief of Staff of the United Nations truce supervision organization for Palestine, will return from New York to Jerusalem by air on Sunday, it was announced today. In a statement issued here, Gen. Riley said:

"I believe it is possible to find a solution to the difficult problem that faces Syria and Israel in connection with the fighting that has broken out in the demilitarized zone established under the General Armistice Agreement of July 1949. Information in hand at the present time indicates that both parties have accepted the Security Council's cease-fire resolution and are awaiting an opportunity to discuss the questions at issue.

"If both sides are amenable to accepting a proposal that the chief of staff might make, there is no question in my mind that this situation, as well as other situations, can be ironed out, and peace restored between the two parties. Of course, in any situation of this kind, both parties have opinions based on their own interpretations of the General Armistice Agreement as a whole, and therefore understanding must be established between them, which would permit the restoration of normal life to the Israelis as well as the Arab refugees who are inhabitants of the demilitarized zone."

OIL POSSIBILITIES IN ISRAEL REPORTED BY AMERICAN EXPERT; EXPLORATIONS CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is considering legal aspects of leasing concessions for oil explorations following a report by Max W. Ball, a leading American oil consultant, that possibilities of finding oil in Israel are good enough to warrant exploration.

Mr. Ball surveyed Israel and reported each of the "geologic provinces has oil possibilities" and that "the most promising are the Negev, the foothill belt of Judea, the coastal plain, and the Dead Sea-Wadi Araba rift valley."

The U.S. Government is watching Israel's oil possibilities with great interest because of the recent seizure of British oil properties by the people of Iran and also of trouble in other Arab states. Ways of meeting the oil shortage which might be caused by the loss of Iranian or Arab oil was discussed at an emergency meeting here recently.

It was estimated by Mr. Ball that further exploration will cost a minimum of \$10,000,000 and that it will take about 18 months to determine further geologic and geophysical facts. Before oil may be actually pumped, if it is found, it may be anywhere from three to five years, Mr. Ball estimated. He said that as in the U.S., it is probable that three or four wells might be drilled in Israel and found dry before oil is actually struck.

OUTLOOK FOR SUCCESS OF ISRAEL'S BOND ISSUE IS "BRIGHTER THAN EXPECTED," CABINET IS TOLD

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- The outlook for the success of Israel's Independent Bonds drive now under way in the United States is "brighter than expected," David Horowitz, Director General of the Minister of Finance, reported to the Cabinet today.

Mr. Horowitz also reported on the steps taken by the Israel Government in Washington, London and Paris in connection with its request for compensation from many for Nazi-looted Jewish property. The Cabinet meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Moshe Sharett, Israel's Foreign Minister, who is serving as Acting Premier in the absence of Premier David Ben Gurion.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT DECIDES TO ASK U.S. TO TURN OVER RESTITUTION PROGRAM TO GERMANS

MUNICH, May 10. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Provincial Parliament today unanimously adopted a Christian Socialist motion calling on the Bonn Government to urge the American High Commission to turn over responsibility for the entire restitution program to the Germans. In Jewish circles this action was considered the first step in a campaign to destroy the entire restitution program.

In defending the motion, various deputies in the Parliament charged that the High Commission refused to consider German interests or the German viewpoint in restitution matters. Dr. Franz Zdravsek, newly-appointed head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, charged during the debate that many of the restitution claims constituted frauds and worked hardships on the German possessors of "aryanized" property.

Bavarian Minister-President Hans Ehard, Justice Minister Josef Mueller, Finance Minister Rudolf Zorn and Restitution Director Dr. Zdravsek today held a joint press conference to report on the progress of the case of Dr. Philip Auerbach, former head of the Restitution Office who is under arrest on charges of fraud. There appeared to be little unity among the Bavarian Ministers.

Dr. Zdravsek, Dr. Auerbach's successor, said that he had already submitted plans for running the restitution program, but was restricted by a lack of funds. He was immediately countered by Finance Minister Zorn who said that he had made 5,000,000 Deutschemarks available for restitution claims and was, furthermore, eager to liquidate some 200,000,000 Deutschemarks worth of property seized by Bavaria during the denazification program in order to provide more funds.

Justice Minister Mueller explained that there were charges against Dr. Auerbach that he had mistreated Jewish fellow prisoners at the Oswiecim death camp, but that there was insufficient evidence to support prosecution on these charges. He added that other crimes of a "minor" nature of which Dr. Auerbach was accused had either lapsed under a statute of limitations or were covered by amnesty.

GERMAN COURT ACQUITS FORMER NAZI OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH DESTRUCTION OF SYNAGOGUE

FRANKFURT, May 10. (JTA) -- A German court at Munich Gladbach acquitted two former Nazi Party officials of responsibility for the destruction of the local synagogue and the destruction of other Jewish property during the nationwide pogroms of November 1948, it was learned here.

The reasons given by the court for the acquittal of the two, who were the only members of a group of ten persons implicated in the crime to be brought to trial, has aroused Jews and progressive circles in Germany. The court decided that the two men, Hans Krechel, a leader of the local Nazi organization, and H. Wernecke, a lawyer who was at the time supreme Nazi Party judge for the district, "because of their prominent positions" were not likely to have taken part in the actual firing of the synagogues and Jewish homes.

In arriving at this decision, the court disregarded the testimony of several witnesses who placed Krechel at the synagogue during the fire and Wernecke in the house of a man whose furniture was thrown out the window and then set on fire. Wernecke pleaded that, in his capacity as party judge, he had only entered the house to help the Jews.

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CONFERENCE OF SWISS JEWISH COMMUNITIES PROTESTS PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN IRAQ

GENEVA, May 10. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting the persecution of the Jews of Iraq was unanimously adopted at the annual conference of the Federation of Swiss Jewish communities. Twenty-four communities were represented at the parley.

A resolution was also adopted setting a goal of \$100,000 to be raised this year by the Jewish community for the support of refugees now living in Switzerland. An appeal was also voiced for a boycott of German business.

SACRAMENTO ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE APPROVES BILL BANNING RACIAL PREJUDICE IN EDUCATION

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 10. (JTA) -- A bill making it illegal to refuse enrollment to anyone in a public or private vocational, business or professional school because of race won approval of the Assembly Education Committee here.

STATE DEPARTMENT SIGNS PACT WITH UNITARIANS FOR SENDING MEDICAL MISSION TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- The Department of State and the Unitarian Service Committee today signed a Point Four agreement, under which the Committee will send a 14-man medical mission to Israel for a six-week period. The project, which grew out of a request by the government of Israel, is jointly financed by the World Health Organization and by Point Four grant.

The mission will consist of outstanding American and European physicians who will contribute their services in order to share modern medical techniques with the doctors of Israel. The Unitarian Service Committee has recently sponsored similar projects in Germany at the request of the United States Government.

HILLEL BUILDING OFFERED TO JEWISH STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

STORRS, Conn., May 10. (JTA) -- A brand new Hillel Building, one of the largest in the East, was opened to Jewish students at the University of Connecticut here when the Moses A. Savin House of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations was officially dedicated before 500 guests from all parts of the State. The new building was erected on land deeded to Hillel by the University.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF COUNCIL TO GUIDE ITS PROJECTED MEDICAL SCHOOL

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Formation of an 11-man Council of Medical Education to guide the development of the projected Medical School at Yeshiva University, was announced yesterday by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University. Dr. Harry L. Zimmerman, Chief Pathologist and head of the Laboratory Division at Montefiore Hospital and Professor of Pathology at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been elected chairman of the Council.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES 1951 ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America, which for the past 6 years has conducted the largest awards program of scholarships to American students for study in Israel, will again this year make such scholarships available, according to an announcement issued today by its president, Benjamin G. Brody. Some of the scholarships will be under the direction of the Z.O.A. National Commission on Educational Activities of which Professor Abraham I. Katsh is chairman. The scholarships will carry college credits.

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