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## ISRAEL DETERMINED TO REMOVE ARAB FORCES FROM DEMILITARIZED ZONE, SHARETT SAYS

JERUSALEM, May 14. (JTA) -- Although Israel has accepted the cease-fire order issued by the U.N. Security Council in connection with the Israeli-Syrian conflict, two problems still cause the Israeli authorities anxiety, Acting Premier Moshe Sharett told Parliament here today. These problems are: The security of the Jewish settlements in the demilitarized zone and the presence of Syrian para-military forces in that zone.

"The Government is resolved to do its utmost -- primarily with the assistance of the United Nations -- to remove such forces," Mr. Sharett said. He pointed out that the Israel-Syrian conflict which seemingly broke out over the drainage of the Huleh marshes by Israel "has its real roots in the unclear terms of the Israel-Syrian armistice agreement and especially in Syria's exaggerated demands regarding certain Huleh areas -- demands which Israel has always rejected and finally rejects today."

Reviewing the military developments, Mr. Sharett praised the Israel army unit which repelled the Syrian invaders under most difficult conditions, and expressed the sympathy of Parliament to the bereaved families who lost sons, husbands and fathers during the fighting. The Israel-Syrian dispute, he reported, was caused solely by Syria's territorial ambitions which could not and would not be satisfied, he said.

"Israel's forces" he continued, "occupied large areas across the border during the battle, but withdrew from those areas to which Israel has no claim. Although not bent on expansion at Syrian expense, Israel is resolved to defend its resources and every inch of Israeli soil against Syrian aggression," he concluded.

An informal meeting of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission was held here today to discuss cooperation between the authorities on both sides of the border to prevent infiltration and looting by Bedouins from Jordan territory and to return property stolen from Israelis which has been recovered by the Jordan authorities.

The Jordanians also made a complaint that during the Independence Day celebration last Thursday Israeli planes violated Jordan air space. The Commission, however, accepted Israel's explanation that the violation was unintentional.

## ARAB LEADERS ATTEND ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE PARTY TENDERED BY PRESIDENT WEIZMANN

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- Several hundred guests representing all elements of Israel's population attended a garden party at Rahobot given by President Chaim Weizmann on the occasion of the third anniversary of Israel's independence.

Among those present were members of the diplomatic corps, of the Cabinet, and of Parliament, high ranking army officers, representatives of various Arab communities, dignitaries of different churches and noted foreign visitors.

BEN GURION GREET'S DIGNITARIES AT WASHINGTON RECEPTION ON ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

WASHINGTON, May 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion tonight greeted more than 1,000 dignitaries here at a reception tendered in his honor, and on the occasion of the third anniversary of Israel's independence, by Ambassador and Mrs. Abba Eban.

Because of the austerity in Israel, there was no display of lavishness at the reception. The decorations included blue and white gladiolas flown from Israel. Among the guests were ambassadors of many countries, military officials, cabinet members, leaders of Congress. The refreshments included wine, chocolates and cigarettes made in Israel.

Mr. Ben Gurion arrived here in the afternoon from Baltimore where he was honored in the morning by the Mayor and civic officials who welcomed him to the city. He is proceeding tomorrow to Boston where he will be given a civic reception and will address a mass rally at the Boston Garden.

PREMIER BEN GURION WILL ADDRESS NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at the United Jewish Appeal's extraordinary National Action Conference to be held in Chicago on May 26 and 27, it was announced today by Edward M.M. Warburg, U.J.A. general chairman.

The two-day conference will serve as a national third anniversary celebration of Israel's independence, as a tribute by American Jewry to Mr. Ben Gurion's leadership of the Jewish state, and as an emergency effort to plan the next steps for the rescue and transfer to Israel of tens of thousands of Jews from Rumania, Iraq, Libya and other parts of the world.

Determined to make the conference in Chicago the scene of one of the greatest tributes ever paid to a Jewish statesman, Jewish communities from coast-to-coast are assembling many millions of dollars in cash for presentation to Mr. Ben Gurion, it was revealed by Mr. Warburg. He said that on the basis of reports submitted by communities, the U.J.A.'s national leadership held high hopes that the cash gift to be made to Mr. Ben Gurion would be one of the most notable ever presented to a leading Israeli figure.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, U.J.A. executive vice-president, today made public a report showing that 30,202 Jews were moved from various countries to Israel during the month of April with the help of funds raised through the United Jewish Appeal. Of them, 21,472 were flown out of Iraq. A total of 80,000 Jews have been brought to Israel since the beginning of this year.

DR. SILVER RETURNS FROM ISRAEL TO U.S.; HONORED IN JERUSALEM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE

JERUSALEM, May 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist leader, was honored by the Jerusalem municipality last night prior to his boarding a plane for the United States today. At a reception in his honor, following a four-day stay in the city and a tour of the surrounding area, Dr. Silver called for unity among the various political parties.

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JEWS COMMUNITY IN MUNICH DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ACTION ON BAVARIAN RESTITUTION PROGRAM.

MUNICH, May 14. (JTA) -- The General Assembly of the Jewish community of this city this week-end demanded that the Bavarian restitution program be immediately put into operation again.

The Assembly, at a formal meeting, accused the Bavarian authorities of anti-Jewish bias in the manner in which they publicized the Auerbach case, pointing out that many similar scandals were given either little publicity or were actually kept from the public. It appealed to Jewish organizations throughout the world to help draw attention to anti-Jewish developments in Germany.

Meanwhile, rightist opposition deputies in the Bavarian Parliament have accused Minister-President Hans Ehard of unwillingness to prosecute Dr. Auerbach, former head of the Restitution Office, who is under arrest on charges of fraud. One deputy, Ernst Haussleiter, of the Deutsche Gemeinschaft, charged that Dr. Auerbach fears to prosecute Dr. Auerbach because the latter has documentary proof of the former's record of collaboration with the Nazis.

From Frankfurt it was reported that the sum of 5,000,000 Deutschmarks will be paid out over a period of four years to the brothers George and Hermann Tiets, Jewish owners of pre-Hitler Germany's largest department store chain, by "West Deutsche Kaufhof Aktiengesellschaft." This sum will be paid in settlement of a claim of 11,000,000 marks asked as restitution by the brothers, who left Germany for the United States in 1938.

TOSCANINI REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO CONDUCT AT SALZBURG FETE BECAUSE OF ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS

VIENNA, May 14. (JTA) -- Arturo Toscanini and Bruno Walter, world famous conductors, are believed to have cancelled their engagements to conduct at the 1951 Salzburg Music Festival because of the recent anti-Jewish excesses by police and neo-Nazis in Salzburg, it was learned here today.

Austrian officials are quite concerned over the unfavorable reaction the incidents caused overseas. The head of the provincial government, Dr. E. Klaus, told the Salzburg council that the incidents have done the province much harm and will affect adversely attendance at the Salzburg festival because many American and British tourists have already cancelled reservations for the event.

FRENCH MILITARY COURT GRANTS AMNESTY TO ANTI-SEMITES WHO COLLABORATED WITH NAZIS

PARIS, May 14. (JTA) -- A French military court today granted amnesty to Louis Ferdinand Celine, novelist and anti-Semitic Nazi collaborator during the occupation of France. Celine, who was sentenced to a prison term and confiscation of his property in absentia, is now free to return from Holland to which he fled after the liberation.

His anti-Semitic ravings were considered by some to be worse than those of Julius Streicher, Hitler's top Jew hater. Celine worked under Otto Abetz, Nazi envoy to Vichy France, and preached the extermination of the Jews.

TWO GERMANS SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR FOR MURDERING JEWS DURING NAZI REGIME

BERLIN, May 14. (JTA) -- Erwin Benkenhoff and Willi Boehme, assassins who were found guilty of murdering Jews in Germany in 1944, were sentenced by a jury here to 12 and 15 years at hard labor, respectively.

JEH COMMUNITY IN BOSTON CALLS FOR POLICE ACTION TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITIC GANGS

BOSTON, May 14. (JTA) -- The Mayor's Committee on Civic Improvement has been set upon by the Jewish Community Council here to take immediate action following a report during the past few days of reports of new incidents involving Jewish youths attacking hoodlums in the Dorchester and Roxbury area.

A public meeting which had been planned in Dorchester for tomorrow has been called by the Community Council pending the action of the Mayor's Committee. In the meantime, new disturbances were reported to have taken place at a terminal, resulting in injuries to at least two Jewish boys and one bystander, a non-Jew, who came to the assistance of one of the Jewish youngsters and was himself set upon by the attackers.

Quick action by Sergeant Abraham Morse, detailed by Police Commissioner Thomas Sullivan to handle incidents of this kind, has brought police reinforcements to the troubled area. Over the past week-end, reports of four separate incidents, all turning on the use of anti-Semitic remarks and involving physical injury, were received by the local offices of the Anti-Defamation League.

MONTREAL EXCEEDS ITS 1951 GOAL FOR UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL; CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN HONORED

MONTREAL, May 14. (JTA) -- The local 1951 United Israel Appeal--the first launched under the auspices of the National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation--exceeded its objective, according to an announcement by Moe Levitt, the campaign chairman.

The sum of \$1,837,992 has been raised. The objective was \$1,837,500. Of this amount \$617,500 had previously been contributed to the United Jewish Relief Campaign while in the past month, the United Israel Appeal canvassers raised \$1,220,492. A moving tribute to Mr. Levitt was paid by Samuel E. Schwisberg, co-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

ISRAEL WILL HAVE 4,000,000 PEOPLE WITHIN 25 YEARS, DR. GOLDSTEIN PREDICTS AT MEETING

MONTREAL, May 14. (JTA) -- "No nation can be compared to Israel as a good investment," Dr. Israel Goldstein of New York, chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, told an audience of about 2,000 people at a celebration here last night marking the third anniversary of Israel's independence.

The meeting, held at His Majesty's Theatre, was arranged by the United Zionist Council of Canada. Dr. Goldstein, who was the principal speaker, predicted that "in 25 years Israel will have 4,000,000 people and will be a harbinger of peace and prosperity to the entire Middle East."

LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL ART GALLERY MARKS THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE

LOS ANGELES, May 14. (JTA) -- The Municipal Art Gallery today began a display of art work by leading Jewish artists, in celebration of the third anniversary of the state of Israel.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION SELLS SURPLUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO JEWISH STATE

GENEVA, May 14. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization has sold to Israel \$100,000 worth of medical supplies and equipment which it has declared surplus because of its imminent closing. The negotiations were carried on by the Joint Distribution Committee in behalf of the Israel Government.

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