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BEN GURION WELCOMED IN DETROIT; CROWD OF 10,000 CHEERS HIM IN FRONT OF CITY HALL

DETROIT, May 21. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion received the welcome of the City of Detroit today at a civic reception at the City Hall. A crowd estimated at 10,000 gave him a tremendous ovation when he was presented by Selden B. Daume, chairman of Detroit's 250th Birthday Festival, who presided at today's function.

The speakers, who included Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, and Mayor Albert Cobo of Detroit, as well as the Prime Minister, commented on the fact that the 250th anniversary of the founding of this city coincides with the third anniversary of the proclamation of Israel. Mr. Daume presented to Mr. Ben Gurion, as a memento of his visit, a special medallion on the Detroit anniversary.

The speakers welcomed the Israeli leader and expressed confidence in Israel as a democratic bulwark in the Middle East. They declared that through such leadership as Mr. Ben Gurion gave, Israel would prosper and develop as a democratic state. In a brief reply the Premier expressed thanks for the welcome and gratitude for the friendship the people of Detroit showed to the people of Israel. He declared that Israel would survive and would be a democratic center in the Middle East.

American Flag Presented by U.S. Military Color Guard

An American military color guard presented the American flag and a color guard of Israeli veterans living in Detroit presented the blue-white flag of Israel while the Detroit Fire Department Band played the Star Spangled Banner and the Hatikvah. Hundreds of people broke through the police lines to shake the Premier's hand. He smiled and shook hands with many of them.

The weather today was hot and clear in sharp contrast to the torrential rainstorm last night when the Premier flew in to Willow Run airport from Chicago. About a thousand people braved the storm to greet Ben Gurion at the airport where a United States Air Force band played the Star Spangled Banner and the Hatikvah and the Premier was welcomed to the city by Max Osnes, chairman of the Detroit bond committee. The party proceeded to a Detroit hotel in an escorted 25-car motorcade.

At a press conference last night, the Premier expressed the hope that two Detroit-style industrial centers would be established in Israel--at Elath and at Haifa. This morning Mr. Ben Gurion, escorted by Edgar Kaiser, president of the Kaiser-Frazer Company, visited the company's Willow Run plant. He expressed special interest in the mass production methods employed, particularly in the conveyor system. In the afternoon, after the civic reception, Mr. Ben Gurion went to the Ford Motor Company where he was luncheon guest of Henry Ford II.

Before Mr. Ben Gurion's arrival, the Detroit City Council adopted a resolution calling on the city's population to support the Israel Bond Issue. The Governor and Mayor issued proclamations naming today "Michigan Day for the State of Israel Independence" and "Ben Gurion Day."

STORMY DEBATE OPENS IN ISRAEL PARLIAMENT OVER ARREST OF RELIGIOUS UNDERGROUND MEMBERS

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- A stormy debate on the arrest and detention of more than a score of ultra-Orthodox members of the underground Brit Kanaim which was smashed last week as it prepared to bomb the Knesset, got under way today as the major opposition parties in the Parliament demanded the repeal of the emergency defense laws under which the arrested underground members are being held in detention camps. The first demand for repeal of the legislation was voiced by Rabbi Mordecai Murock, Religious Bloc deputy.

He was answered by Acting Premier Moshe Sharett who said that the government had applied the emergency laws "fully conscious of the gravity of its acts, and also fully conscious of the external and internal difficulties facing Israel. We were faced by a serious conspiracy against the state," he continued, "therefore we were compelled to use all the laws within our power." He vigorously denied a charge by Rabbi Murock that any of the detained men had been "tortured" by the police, asserting that the police used force "with bitterness and abhorrence."

Mapam deputy Hans Rubin, who followed the Acting Premier, seconded the motion to repeal the emergency defense laws, although he stressed that the left-wing Socialists will "vigorously fight against Religious domination" of the state. Right-wing Herut leader Menachem Beigrin, who followed Rubin, bitterly attacked Mr. Sharett, charging that he "committed an act of terror by arresting people without any proof of their guilt. You opened a detention camp in Israel," he accused the Premier, "you had no right to detain people in such a manner."

AMERICAN AGUDATH ISRAEL APPEALS FOR RELEASE OF AGUDISTS ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM PLOT

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The Agudath Israel Organization of America today cabled President Chaim Weizmann of Israel and Acting Premier Moshe Sharett asking for the release of three leaders of the Agudist youth organization in Jerusalem arrested last week in connection with the alleged plot to bomb the building of the Israeli Parliament.

The three men arrested are: Rabbi Shlomo Lorentz, Israel Shafai and Shimon Siroka. They have pleaded innocent, but are nevertheless denied the right to be visited by an attorney, the Agudath Israel cable claimed. The Orthodox organization termed the detention of the three Agudists "a frame-up" aimed at discrediting religious Jews in advance of the forthcoming parliamentary elections in Israel.

DAVID NILES, ADVISER TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, RESIGNS WHITE HOUSE POST; MAY VISIT ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 21. (JTA) -- David R. Niles, who served in the White House for 15 years, today announced his resignation as administrative assistant to President Truman and said that he is anxious to visit the State of Israel as a private citizen. The resignation, effective May 31, was due to the fact that Mr. Niles is "physically very tired."

Mr. Niles served as White House specialist on minority problems and advised the President on matters pertaining to Jews and other minorities. In accepting the resignation, President Truman told Mr. Niles in a letter: "You have been a tower of strength to me during the past six years and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it. I regret very much that conditions are such that you feel you must have a free lay-off--that is the only reason in the world why I am accepting your resignation."

TRIAL OF FORMER HEAD OF RESTITUTION OFFICE IN BAVARIA WILL OPEN THIS MONTH

MUNICH, May 21. (JTA) -- The trial of Dr. Philip Auerbach, former head of the Restitution Office of Bavaria, will open here at the end of this month, it was announced today by Bavarian Premier Hans Ehard.

Dr. Auerbach, who was arrested several months ago after coming under attack by political opponents in the provincial parliament, is being held on charges of fraud in the operation of his office, the acceptance of bribes, and mistreatment of fellow prisoners in the Oswelcim camp during the Nazi regime. The manner in which his case has been publicized--to the detriment of the Jewish community--has been protested by German Jews and German liberals.

Dr. George Shuster, American High Commissioner for Bavaria, last Friday called for a speedy trial for Dr. Auerbach, so that Auerbach could be given an opportunity to defend himself. The present situation, the U.S. Commissioner said, is giving rise to all sorts of rumors and provides ammunition for anti-democratic elements. The public, he said, was entitled to know the facts and the results of judicial investigations into the restitution office. The American official said that while Auerbach's conduct of the restitution office had left much to be desired, what Auerbach had done in the nature of restitution and indemnification for Nazi persecutees should not be underestimated.

Immediately after Dr. Shuster's statement, the public prosecutor's office released the second part of the accusation against Auerbach. This charged him with fraud, trickery and faithlessness to his office, accused him of preferential treatment to personal friends in extending credits and of maintaining bookkeeping and administrative methods not in accordance with State regulations.

BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES IN LONDON SEEKS TO ESTABLISH UNITY IN COMMUNAL LIFE

LONDON, May 21. (JTA) -- Progress toward healing a two-year-old split within the Board of Deputies of British Jews by the withdrawal of the Sephardic and Reform communities was revealed here today when the Board ratified an agreement providing for the return of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogues.

Action on the agreement with the Liberal Reform movement was held up, pending clarification of several religious principles. Dr. Abraham Cohen, who became president of the Board following the resignation of Prof. Solis Brodetsky who went to Israel to head the Hebrew University, has been active in bringing about a healing of the breach. He pleaded for unity today, pointing out that the resurgence of Nazism in Germany must be met by the strongest possible Jewish front.

A report by the Board's foreign affairs committee revealed that the British Government has pledged not to force the emigration of any Iraqi Jews now in Britain as long as present conditions continue in Iraq. With regard to Germany, the Board adopted the following resolution:

"The Board of Deputies of British Jews notes with concern the widespread and deep-rooted character of Nazism in Germany, as demonstrated by the success in the recent Lower Saxony Parliamentary elections of the Socialist Reichspartei, which is modelled on the methods and spirit of Hitler's Nazi party. The Board urges His Majesty's Government to take immediate steps in view of the outlawing of parties and movements in Germany which aim to destroy the democratic way of life, and which are likely to initiate a new wave of religious and racial discrimination and prove a menace to the peace of the world."

