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BEN GURION GETS IMPRESSIVE WELCOME IN LOS ANGELES; 22,000 CROWD HOLLYWOOD BOWL

LOS ANGELES, May 24. (JTA) -- An impressive City Hall welcome was given this morning to Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion who arrived here yesterday and was met at the International Airport by hundreds of people and by a squadron of the U.S. Air Force. More than 22,000 people crowded into the Hollywood Bowl tonight to hear Mr. Ben Gurion appeal for support of the Israeli Bond Issue.

American and Israeli flags were flown side by side along the streets of the city through which the motorcade proceeded to City Hall. Stirred by the reception, Mr. Ben Gurion said that he was happy to visit California which, he pointed out, is similar to Israel in climate and other respects.

While flying over Arizona, the Israeli Premier declared that he was envious that the United States could afford to maintain such a "wonderful desert." Israel, he said, also has desert land but must concentrate on developing it into fertile soil in order to absorb the thousands of Jews who flee to the Jewish state from lands of oppression.

Millions of Dollars To Be Presented To Ben Gurion at Chicago U.J.A. Conference

CHICAGO, May 24. (JTA) -- Millions of dollars in cash will be presented to Israel's Prime Minister David Ben Gurion by hundreds of Jewish community leaders at a two-day national conference of the United Jewish Appeal which will take place this week-end at the Palmer House here, it was announced today.

It is expected that the cash presentation to Mr. Ben Gurion will turn into one of the greatest demonstrations of American Jewry's concern for the State of Israel. The contributions are to be spent in Israel for the settlement of immigrants and the development of the country.

The conference, which will open on Saturday evening, will be addressed by the Israeli Premier and by other members of the Israeli Cabinet now visiting the United States. Among the principal speakers will be Vice-President Alben W. Barkley. The conference will map plans for further steps in the United Jewish Appeal campaign and will be attended by more than 1,000 leaders from Jewish communities in 40 states.

Leading speakers at the parley will include Edward M.M. Warburg, U.J.A. general chairman; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency; William Rosenwald and Rudolf G. Sonnborn, national co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; and Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds.

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ISRAEL RESUMES DRAINAGE OF HULOH SWAMPS IN NON-DISPUTED AREA; CEASE-FIRE PACT EXPECTED

TEL AVIV, May 24. (JTA) -- Israel today resumed drainage of the Huloh swamps in the area which is not disputed by Arab landowners. Yesterday it suspended the work on seven acres of disputed land.

Meanwhile, the Israel Government was expecting Maj. Gen. William E. Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff, to notify the Syrian Government to be prepared to sign a cease-fire agreement and comply with the order of the U.N. Security Council to restore order on the Israeli-Syrian frontier. On this move will depend Israel's participation in the meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, which Gen. Riley has proposed for Monday.

Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett today received Gen. Riley in Jerusalem and discussed with him the situation on the Israeli-Syrian frontier, as well as the problem of the resumption of the activities of the Mixed Armistice Commission.

MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION TAKES STEPS TO PREVENT FURTHER ISRAEL-JORDAN CLASHES

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Israel-Jordan Armistice Commission took place today near the village of Duweita where Israel and Jordan armed forces exchanged fire yesterday for several hours. The meeting discussed the clash and decided to send members of the armistice commission to the scene and to establish higher control of the Israel-Jordan demarcation line.

Israel military authorities today denied a report from Amman, capital of Jordan, that six Israeli soldiers were killed during the fight with Jordan National Guardsmen. An official communique issued here revealed the following facts:

On May 22nd, an Israeli military patrol was fired upon by Arabs crossing into Israeli territory with their flocks near Duweita. A short time later, elements of the Jordan National Guard also crossed the border and occupied four heights inside Israeli territory. They fired at Jewish troops with small arms and mortars, but were driven off by the Israeli forces.

The next day, Jordan National Guard forces reappeared on the scene accompanied by three armored cars of the Arab Legion. They began shelling the Israeli position. Firing continued for 18 hours. During the clash two Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded while the Jordanians suffered serious losses.

HEARINGS ON JERUSALEM BOMB PLOT OPENS; COURT ORDERS LEADERS HELD ANOTHER WEEK

JERUSALEM, May 24. (JTA) -- A series of charges against four leaders of Brit Kanaim, the underground Orthodox group in Jerusalem, was presented today by the Assistant State Attorney before the Chief Magistrate here, who ordered that the four be detained for another eight days in order to enable the police authorities to complete their investigations.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet today appointed a three-man committee consisting of Ministers Pinchus Lavon, Pinchus Rosen and Moshe Shapiro to investigate the circumstances surrounding the detonation of the underground bombs. Minister of Police Bohor Shohret was instructed to investigate complaints that police mistreated some of the arrested men. A government spokesman revealed that one police sergeant has been suspended and faces disciplinary action on charges of having maltreated a prisoner.

The charges presented thus far claim that the Brit Kanaim group planned to break into the Ministry of Defense and destroy all material concerning the mobilization of religious women. The four leaders of the underground organization are also charged with conspiracy against the state by planning to prevent a discussion in Parliament on the mobilization bill by throwing a bomb into the Parliament building.

The indictment contains nine other charges, including one of possession of arms and of training with arms. The four leaders are: Mordecai Alichu Salman, Eliahu Rafel, Yehuda Ridder and Noah Wormesser. They are between 20 and 25 years of age. Four members of the Agudath Israel youth organization who had been held as suspects were released last night by the police.

Leibele Weissfish, leader of the extreme Orthodox Neturei Karta group which does not recognize the Jewish State on the grounds that the Messiah alone can re-establish the Jewish state, was today sentenced to six months' imprisonment for crossing into Jordan in order to avoid conscription into the Israel Army.

Government Has More Evidence Than It Presented, Spokesman Says

The Israel Government has more evidence against the members of Brit Kanaim, the underground movement which planned to blow up the Parliament building, than it cares to make public, a government spokesman today said. Answering Parliamentary and other critics of the government's handling of the case, the spokesman said that today's open court hearings of charges against some of the leaders of the group had "proved that the government had not 'exaggerated' the activities of the religious underground."

He denied that either the government or the Mapai Party had identified the members of Brit Kanaim with the entire religious movement. He asserted, however, that the constant attempts by Religious Bloc leaders to "whitewash this small fanatical group might create the impression that the Orthodox leaders identify themselves with the members of Brit Kanaim." The spokesman lashed out against the "unholy alliance" of the five parties ranging from the Communist left to the Hrut right--which formed during the Parliamentary debate on the issue, insisting that this only proves that "pro-election motives have gained the upper hand over national responsibility."

The spokesman asserted that the government was "not happy" to have had to use the British-enacted emergency defense regulations against the religious underground, but that it had no choice since the substitute legislation which it planned to have enacted by this time had been blocked by inter-party "machinations." Because of this state of affairs the government used the emergency measures in only exceptional circumstances such as the murder of U.N. Mediator Count Folke Bernadotte and the recent bombing plot. If the British laws were repealed and there were no substitute legislation, he said, the government would be hampered in combatting such problems as Arab infiltration and the administration of military control in certain areas.

LEGAL EXPERT OF BAVARIAN RESTITUTION OFFICE ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH TAKING BRIBES

MUNICH, May 24. (JTA) -- Borthold Konrisc, legal consultant to the Bavarian State Restitution Office, was arrested today on charges of bribery and alleged participation in illegal transactions in connection with compensation payments made to victims of the Nazi regime.

Meanwhile, Dr. Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian State Restitution Office who is now under arrest on similar charges, today filed libel action against Justice Minister Josef Mueller in connection with the latter's statement in the parliament and to the press with regard to Auerbach's case. Dr. Auerbach accuses the Minister of making "untrue allegations" incriminating him. A libel suit against the Minister would require the waiver of his parliamentary immunity, which is unlikely to be granted.

The prosecutor's office today reopened the study of charges brought against Dr. Auerbach by five Jews who were held in Gross-Rosen concentration camp where Dr. Auerbach was also one of the prisoners. The five testified that Dr. Auerbach, while himself an inmate of the camp, had mistreated Jewish prisoners there. The prosecutor seeks to charge Dr. Auerbach with committing crimes against humanity on the basis of the five Jewish witnesses.

OFFICIALS OF U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INVITED FOR TALKS BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT

BONN, May 24. (JTA) -- Two high officials of the United Nations Human Rights Commission were invited today by the West German Federal Government to come to Bonn to discuss compensation for the victims of "medical experiments" in Nazi concentration camps.

A memorial to over 5,000 Leipzig Jews annihilated during the Nazi regime was dedicated at the Jewish cemetery in Leipzig this week. Present at the ceremony were representatives of the Central Council of Jews of Germany, of the Berlin Jewish community and of the Leipzig city administration.

Julius Moyer, chairman of the Union of Jewish Communities of Eastern Germany, who dedicated the memorial, said that there were only some 300 Jews left in Leipzig, of a pre-Hitler population of 12,000. The monument bears the inscription: "May present and future generations always remember that racial hatred plunges humanity into the deepest misery. From 1933 to 1945 over 5,000 Jews of this city--men, women and children--fell victims to the murderous instincts of the Nazi fiends."

ITALIAN PREMIER EXPLAINS HIS ANTI-JEWISH REMARKS; SAYS HE IS FRIENDLY TO JEWS

ROME, May 24. (JTA) -- Premier de Gasperi today assured Dr. Rafael Cantoni, president of the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy, that he is "friendly to all Jewish problems" and that there is no ground to consider him as unfriendly to Jews.

The statement was made in view of the concern expressed in Jewish circles over the Premier's remarks during an election speech in Florence, in which he denounced "persons professing other religions, particularly the Israelites who insist on preaching to us the true meaning of Christian gospel." The Premier also had said during his Florence speech: "We Christians never dream of interpreting Jewish law in its relation to the political and social attitudes of those professing the Jewish faith."

In his statement to Mr. Cantoni, Premier de Gasperi emphasized that his remarks in Florence were addressed "only to Jewish members of Parliament who are in the opposition (Independent Republicans and Communists)" who tried to prove that the policy of the Christian Democrats was in contradiction to the Gospel.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS OPENS CONVENTION; DISCUSSES VARIOUS PROBLEMS

PARKSVILLE, N.Y., May 24. (JTA) -- Problems of adult Jewish education, changes in ritual, synagogue attendance and youth activities will be discussed at the 22nd annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs which opened here today. The delegates, representing over 150 Conservative congregations, will continue their deliberations through May 27.

Addressing the opening session, Rabbi Jacob B. Agus of Baltimore said that the present generation must meet the challenge of lending guidance and stimulation to the progressive reassertion of Judaism. "We need Chazutim in America," he declared, stating that Judaism needs lay men and women who are willing to serve as pioneers of "a full-blooded and truly spiritual pattern of life." He pointed to the State of Israel as an example of the Jewish will to live and create a new culture "in the noble spirit of our heritage."

POLICE DISCONTINUE PUBLICIZING RELIGIOUS FAITH OF CRIMINALS IN "WANTED" CIRCULARS

NEW YORK, May 24. (JTA) -- A request by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that police departments discontinue publicizing the religious faith of criminal fugitives in "wanted" circulars is meeting with the wholehearted cooperation of the nation's police chiefs, Benjamin R. Epstein, A.D.L. national director, reported here.

Within three weeks after the League had circularized some 2,500 police chiefs, here and abroad, more than 500 replies were received. Without a single exception, they agreed that use of the description "Jewish" or "Christian" to identify a fugitive's nationality or physical characteristics was not only of little value in police work but poor policy as well. The League had approached the police chiefs after it had received many complaints about the use of such phrases as "Jewish appearance" and "looks Jewish" in "wanted" notices posted in public places.

CONNECTICUT SENATE ADOPTS BILL PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN ADMISSIONS TO COLLEGES

HARTFORD, May 24. (JTA) -- The State Senate yesterday approved unanimously a bill forbidding racial and religious discrimination in admission to colleges in Connecticut. The bill now goes to the house.

TURIN UNIVERSITY HONORS PROF. BERNARD ZONDEK OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

ROME, May 24. (JTA) -- Prof. Bernard Zondek, world famous gynecologist of the Hebrew University, has been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Turin University, it was announced here today. The degree will be conferred during the International Congress of Surgery and Gynecology which will be held here next month.

WILMINGTON CONGREGATION CELEBRATES SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS EXISTENCE

WILMINGTON, May 24. (JTA) -- The 60th anniversary of the Orthodox Congregation Adas Kodesh was celebrated here at a ceremony addressed by Dr. Solomon Grayzel, editor of the Jewish Publication Society of America, who spoke of the function of the synagogue in Jewish life. Rabbi Leonard B. Gwirtz, spiritual leader of the Congregation, told the audience that "the neglect of the soul is one of the crises of our age."

MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS DEPORTED TO DEATH BY NAZIS UNVEILED IN MILAN

MILAN, May 24. (JTA) -- A memorial to Jewish teachers and students deported to their death during the Nazi occupation of Italy late in the second World War was unveiled here today at the Milan Jewish School. Present at the ceremony were leaders of the Jewish community and representatives of the municipality.

NOTICE: ON AND AFTER MAY 25, THE OFFICES OF THE JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY WILL BE AT WEST 58TH STREET, NEW YORK 19, N.Y. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS: COLUMBUS 5-3850