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PASSOVER STARTS TONIGHT; SEDERS PROVIDED FOR 150,000 SERVICEMEN

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Passover, the Jewish festival of liberation, marking the emancipation of Jews from slavery in Egypt, will be ushered in tomorrow at sundown with services in synagogues and the observance of the seder in Jewish homes and by 150,000 Jews in the U.S. armed services in all parts of the world.

Tons of matzoth, wine, meat, fish and religious literature were speeded to the remotest overseas points by the American military authorities. The National Jewish Welfare Board sent 50,000 pounds of Passover supplies for Jewish servicemen in the U.S. armed forces in the Far East. Frozen packaged seder meals were shipped by the J. W. B. to camps and veteran hospitals in this country. About 250 Jewish chaplains will officiate in the U.S. at seders in camps, communities and veteran hospitals.

Synagogues and religious organizations will intensify during the Passover week their campaign for the United Jewish Appeal and for the sale of Israel bonds. In his holiday greeting to the Jews of America, Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, emphasized that Passover will have an extra significance this year to 700,00 newcomers to the State of Israel for whom "the story of Passover and the return to Israel has been literally repeated in our time and in their own experience."

U. S. Jews Urged to Work for the Cause of Freedom

The Synagogue Council of America, representing the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative religious bodies in this country, issued a Passover statement calling upon American Jewry "to rededicate itself to the cause of freedom and liberty everywhere." The statement pointed out that "only when the world is made secure for all nations and all peoples can we truly enjoy our individual freedom."

In a message issued in behalf of the American Jewish Committee, Jacob Blaustein, its president, said that "on the eve of Passover, the American Jewish Committee re-dedicates itself to achieving greater perfection in American democracy." The message called for "increasing vigilance" to maintain the cause of righteousness and freedom, expressed sympathy for those who suffer "persecution and oppression behind the Iron Curtain" and hope for the "progress being made by the young state of Israel."

Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, cited as causes for "sober thanksgiving," the indemnity talks between the Jews and the West Germans, Israel's efforts to achieve economic self-sufficiency, and the strength and vigor which Americans are displaying to preserve and strengthen civil liberties and civil

rights. He declared that despite the "great areas that require intense concern and attention" in the present-day world, "a new beat of hopefulness may be heard" this Passover.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, in his Passover message, today warned that "the sovereignty of Israel is still in jeopardy so long as Israel's economic problems remain unsolved." Pointing out that those who live in Israel have already entered the "Promised Land," he added that the "full promise of this land is yet to be realized" and cited the fact that hundreds of thousands of Jews throughout the world "still suffer the anguish of bondage in twentieth century duplicates of ancient Egypt."

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, stated: "The ancient festival takes on a larger significance in our day. A free State of Israel now opens its doors to the homeless and persecuted of the Jewish people and is engaged in the fulfillment of the Promise, with the cooperation of all Jews living in the free world. It is the duty of such Jews who live in the free world to accept the responsibilities arising out of our freedom and to help the state through its present difficulties to assure security and peace for all Israel in our day."

A similar message was issued by the Zionist Organization of America. Benjamin Browdy stressed that "Passover this year brings to the fore" Israel's battle for freedom from economic want and dependence. The Jewish National Fund, through its president, Dr. Harris J. Levine, pointed out that American Jews have become the "chief source of aid in the great historic process of the in-gathering of the exiles which to hundreds of thousands of Jews from all corners of the earth means redemption from slavery."

Hundreds of ex-Christians, men, women and children who accept themselves as members of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, will gather at the two altar compounds--one at West Olive, Michigan, the other at Wilbur, West Virginia--and offer up lambs according to the ancient Biblical customs. The new Israelites have embraced the Old Testament Mosaic faith.

Samaritans Cross into Jordan for Passover Celebration

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- Some 40 Samaritans residing in Israel passed through the Mandelbaum Gate and into Jordan territory in the Old City of Jerusalem today to travel to Mount Gerisim outside Nablus where they will celebrate their colorful Passover sacrifice.

At first the Arab Legion refused their request for safe passage through the lines, but later reversed its decision. There are approximately 180 persons in the Samaritan community, almost equally divided between Israel and Arab-held Palestine.

Jews in Czechoslovakia to Get Passover Supplies

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Communities of Czechoslovakia has announced that it will attempt to obtain enough Passover supplies for all members of the communities, it was reported here today. A month ago each community was asked to submit a list of the supplies needed by the Jews. Each Jew was informed that he would have to surrender his bread and pastry ration coupons in return for any matzoths which he desired.

Matzoth Rationed in Soviet-held Eastern Germany

BERLIN, April 8. (JTA) -- A Passover ration of five pounds of matzoths and one pound of matzoth meal has been allocated to each Jew living in Eastern Germany and the Soviet sector of Berlin, it was reported today. A larger ration will be available for Orthodox Jews.

GERMAN-JEWISH TALKS MAY NOT BE RESUMED BEFORE MIDDLE OF MAY

THE HAGUE, April 8. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation, after announcing yesterday the suspension of the reparations talks with the West German delegation, was today awaiting instructions from Tel Aviv as to whether its members should remain here or return to Israel.

The German delegation has, in the meantime, continued its sessions with the representatives of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which speaks in behalf of Jewish groups outside of Israel. The Germans announced that the question of the \$500,000,000 claimed by the Conference will not be discussed until after the Easter recess. Today's session was, therefore, devoted to working on differences still existing between the two delegations regarding legislation on restitution and indemnification to individual victims of Nazism requested by the Conference.

The length of the Easter recess has not been definitely fixed, but the German talks with the Conference delegation are scheduled to end tonight, and the Germans indicated that the resumption of discussions will coincide with the renewal of the London conference on German external debts May 19.

A spokesman for the German delegation today stated that the total cost of meeting the demands of Israel and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, together with the sums which Germany would have to pay to individuals if the legislation proposed by the Conference were adopted, would be \$3,000,000,000, one-half of which would go to the two negotiating Jewish groups and the remainder to individuals.

The general feeling here today was that there may not be any second stage to the negotiations with the German delegation unless there is a definite change of heart on the part of the Germans. The German delegation still insists on lumping Israel's claim with those of other debtor nations. The Israel delegation insists that its claim, based on crimes committed by the Nazi Government, should be considered apart from purely commercial claims of other countries against Germany.

Pro-Nazis in Germany Oppose Payment of Jewish Reparations Claims

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Pro-Nazi elements in Germany are strongly opposed to paying the claims of Jews now being negotiated at The Hague, Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee and member of the praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany, declared here today following his return from Europe where he participated in the preparations for the German-Jewish negotiations.

"The Socialist representatives in the German Parliament have pledged their support to the proposals of the negotiators," Mr. Held said. He predicted that "the month of May should see the final decisions on the amounts demanded from Germany by Israel and the Jewish groups from other countries, as well as the rate and manner of payment."

British and French Jews Included in Conference Praesidium

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany has decided to invite Barnett Janner of Britain and a person named by the Alliance and CRIF of France to participate with voting powers at all European meetings of the praesidium in Europe. Whenever any or both of these men visit the United States they may participate in praesidium meetings in the U.S.

HERUT PAPER TO GO ON TRIAL IN ISRAEL FOR "INCITEMENT TO REVOLUTION"

TEL AVIV, April 8. (JTA) -- The Attorney General of Israel today filed suit against the Herut daily newspaper "Herut" and its editor Dr. M. Rubin, charging them with incitement to revolution. The case will be heard in the Tel Aviv District Court.

The specifications filed by the government list the printing of speeches by Menachem Beigin in this city and Jerusalem against the Israeli-West German reparations talks, including threats such as Mr. Beigin's public statement that "this shame (dealing with the Germans) will not be realized in Israel."

Meanwhile, Herut sources indicate that the right-wing party will attempt to stage a huge political show in the courtroom. The defense plans to call as its witnesses Premier David Ben Gurion and all other members of the Israel Cabinet. Dr. Rubin will participate in his own defense.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES AGENDA OF ITS MAY SESSION

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The praesidium of the Zionist Actions Committee today published the provisional agenda for the forthcoming plenary session of the Committee which will open here May 7. The agenda includes discussion of the following points:

The situation of the Zionist movement and its structure; the legal status in Israel for the Zionist Organization; a debate on the report of the Zionist executive; election of a comptroller for the Zionist Organization; funds and drives; conversion of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund into Israeli corporations; approval of proposals for the elections of the directorates of the two funds; and, Actions Committee regulations.

TIBERIAS HOT SPRINGS RADIOACTIVE, U.S. SCIENTIST ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The hot springs of Tiberias, Israel's spa, were found to be radioactive by David B. Rosenblatt, American nuclear physicist, it was announced here today. Mr. Rosenblatt established that the hot springs contain a relatively high concentration of the radioactive gas radon, the announcement said.

The announcement was made by Col. J.R. Elyachar, president of the American Technion Society. The research conducted by Mr. Rosenblatt was carried on, as a Technion project, during the last two years through a grant provided by the Fohs Foundation of Houston, headed by F. Julius Fohs, geologist and expert.

LARGE CLASS OF CADETS GRADUATED FROM ISRAEL'S MILITARY SCHOOL

TEL AVIV, April 8. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today attended the commencement exercises of one of the largest officer classes graduated by the Israel Army training school. The Premier told the cadets that in addition to guarding the country's security, the army had an important role in the program of "gathering in the exiles." The Premier, members of the Cabinet, Army staff officers and other guests witnessed the military show put on by the graduating class.

ISRAEL MINISTER ESCAPES FROM FLAMING PLANE AT PARIS AIRFIELD

PARIS, April 8. (JTA) -- Theodore Kollek, Israel Minister Plenipotentiary attached to the Embassy in Washington, today escaped from a flaming plane when it swerved from a runway on a take-off from Le Bourget airport and piled up in flames. The plane was taking off for London with Kollek and 17 other passengers who jumped through the flames to safety.

CATHOLIC CHANCERY DISAPPROVES OF "GOOD FRIDAY" THREAT AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- A statement issued here last night by the chancery office of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese indicates disapproval of the campaign to force Jewish businessmen in New York to close their shops for three hours on Good Friday. The statement reads:

"The chancery office of the Archdiocese of New York had no previous knowledge of the solicitation of non-Catholic business people to close their establishments on Good Friday nor of the distribution of placards to those indicating compliance. If approval of this plan had been sought this would not have been granted."

A.D.L. CHAIRMAN DENIED ACCOMMODATIONS IN ATLANTIC CITY HOTEL

NEWARK, N.J., April 8. (JTA) -- Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, today filed a formal complaint with the New Jersey Division Against Discrimination charging that he was denied accommodations by the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City because of his "Jewish creed"

The incident which prompted the action by the recently retired New York Supreme Court judge occurred on March 5, 1952, when he attempted to make a reservation for a double room through the Chalfonte's New York office. The request was made via telephone by the judge's secretary in his name. Later that same day the hotel's New York representative called back to say that no accommodations were available for the desired dates, March 25th to April 1st.

"Suspecting that the refusal of accommodations was due to my Jewish name," Justice Steinbrink stated, "I immediately arranged for a telephone call to be made to the New York office of the respondent hotel under the name of John Elliot." This reservation, the judge asserted, which was for the same accommodations originally requested by him, was granted by the hotel and subsequently confirmed by letter.

ARAB-ISRAELI COOPERATION URGED BY MRS. ROOSEVELT; LAUDS ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Arab-Israel cooperation was urged here last night by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at a dinner of the Israel Bond drive at which she was one of the principal speakers. Reporting on her recent visit to the Arab countries and the Jewish state, Mrs. Roosevelt pointed out that Israel has much to contribute to the development of the Arab countries, while the Arab countries have much of what Israel needs today.

"The one thing that inspired me most in Israel," Mrs. Roosevelt said, "was the complete dedication of all the people working in the government. It seemed to me that I had never been with people who had such absolute devotion to the work they were doing, and that they were doing it very well. I came away feeling that here was a nation which was having a desperate struggle financially, yet doing for its people things that we here in the United States would not dare to do because we would not think we could afford them."

LORD SAMUEL LEAVES U.S.; PLEADS FOR AID TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Viscount Herbert Samuel today returned to London after spending several weeks in the United States during which he visited a number of Jewish communities on behalf of the Hebrew University.

At a send-off party tendered in his honor last night by James N. Rosenberg at the Lotus Club, Lord Samuel urged the audience, composed of distinguished American Jewish leaders, to give financial aid to the Hebrew University. Other speakers included Prof. Norman Bentwich and Arthur Lourie, Israel Minister in New York.

JEWISH AGENCY ANNOUNCES SUMMER SEMINAR FOR U.S. HEBREW TEACHERS

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- A two-week orientation seminar on the latest developments in the Hebrew language, literature and culture will be open to qualified American Hebrew teachers here this summer under the sponsorship of the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization, it was announced today by the Jewish Agency here.

The seminar, conducted in Hebrew, will consist of two-week courses and a series of twelve lectures over the week-ends. Emphasis will be placed on the many grammatical and vocabulary changes in the Hebrew language since its emergence as the every-day spoken tongue of a modern nation.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE ESTABLISHES OFFICE IN LATIN AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, April 8. (JTA) -- A Latin-American office of the Weizmann Institute of Science will be established here, it was announced today Dr. Abraham Mibashan, noted Zionist leader, following his return from New York where he participated in conferences dealing with problems concerning the Institute.

Dr. Mibashan, who will direct the work of the Latin American office, told a press conference that he intends to develop a program of activities in various Latin American countries to keep the Jewish population there informed about the significance and the work of the Institute. Members of the Institute's staff, he said, will visit Latin American countries from time to time to lecture on the work of the Institute and to establish contact with scientists there.

CLEVELAND GROUP SEEKS TO HELP COMBAT TUBERCULOSIS IN ISRAEL

CLEVELAND, April 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Consumptive Relief Society has presented the Hadassah national headquarters with \$12,500 to help combat tuberculosis among newcomers in Israel. The money will be used for the establishment of a tubercular surgery department in one of the Hadassah hospitals in Jerusalem.

MIZRACHI'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the founding of the World Mizrachi Organization of Orthodox Zionists was celebrated here today. The celebration was held on the hill where the Israel Parliament held its first session. Members of the Cabinet, Jewish Agency executive and the Chief Rabbinate were among the guests attending the celebration at which Rabbi J. L. Maimon and Rabbi Zvi Gold were honored as the founders.

ISRAEL'S FIRST MINISTER TO BRAZIL ARRIVES IN RIO DE JANEIRO

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 8. (JTA) -- David Shaltiel, first Israel Minister to Brazil, arrived here and was met by more than 1,000 people at the airport. He was greeted by representatives of the Brazilian Foreign Office and by leaders of all major Jewish organizations.

DAVID BERNSTEIN TO DIRECT JEWISH TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- David Bernstein has been appointed executive director of the American Jewish Tercentenary Committee, it was announced today by Ralph E. Samuel, chairman. The committee will organize the nationwide celebration in 1954 of the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the United States. Mr. Bernstein, who is assuming his new duties immediately, resigned last month after more than two years as assistant to the Administrator of the Federal Security Agency. Oscar R. Ewing.

BECAUSE OF PASSOVER THE NEXT ISSUE WILL APPEAR ON FRIDAY