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## ISRAEL'S MIGHT DISPLAYED AT MILITARY PARADE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- The two-day celebration of the fourth anniversary of Israel's independence was concluded today with a military parade here which demonstrated the growing military strength of the Jewish State.

Aircraft units, including light reconnaissance and communications planes, flew overhead during the parade. Among the battle planes in the formation were heavy bombers and Mosquito bombers. Also participating in the parade was a mobile column which included heavy and medium anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns and field artillery. The Army's heavy technical equipment evoked great applause from the 250,000 people who crowded the main streets of Tel Aviv and Jaffa through which the parade passed.

Five thousand infantrymen and hundreds of armored vehicles, including 50 Sherman tanks, passed the reviewing stand where Premier David Ben Gurion, who is also the Minister of Defense, and Chief of Staff Brigadier Yigal Yadin took the salute. The entire diplomatic corps, military attaches of all countries which have diplomatic representation in Israel, members of the Cabinet, and hundreds of notables, including representatives of Jewish communities from abroad, witnessed the parade from a special stand. The streets were filled hours before the parade started.

The crowd enthusiastically cheered paratroop units, sailors, air corp units, mule drivers and members of the youth battalion who carried shovels instead of rifles. Also in the line of march were special units of mine detectors and flame throwers. The military nurses were greeted by enthusiastic applause and cheers from the crowd.

### Military Parades Held in Other Israeli Towns

The soldiers in the parade, like the spectators lining the streets, came from every part of the world. In the various units were Jews who originally lived in Yemen, Iraq, Rumania and even the United States. All wore their Israeli uniforms proudly and stepped out with a quick, light step; holding their rifles high.

Military parades were also held in the various towns throughout Israel this afternoon. Exercises were held in Rehovoth, Hadera, Nathanya and Petach Tikvah. Arab notables from the Israeli territory in the vicinity of the Jordan-held "triangle" were guests of Nathanya's Mayor Oved Ben Ami on the reviewing stand. In some of these towns Arab schoolchildren joined in the Independence Day parades.

CROWDS CLASH WITH COMMUNISTS AFTER INDEPENDENCE PARADE IN HAIFA

HAIFA, April 30. (JTA) -- A clash occurred on the streets of Haifa after the military parade here ended when spectators turned on Communist demonstrators. The members of the crowd tore down May Day banners and signs carried by the Communists and trod on them. The Communist demonstration dispersed before police arrived on the scene.

JERUSALEM CELEBRATES ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY WITH TORCH CEREMONY

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- The fifth year of modern Israel's existence as an independent state was ushered in officially on Mount Herzl, overlooking Jerusalem, last night when Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak ignited the first in a nation-wide chain of torches.

For the first time since the State was proclaimed, the torch lighting ceremony was extended and 12 representatives of Jewish communities abroad each lighted his torch on behalf of his community. The Jewries of such scattered countries as Yemen, Poland, South Africa and the United States participated in the revival of the centuries-old custom of lighting torches on all holidays.

After the torches were ignited, the national flag was raised and then lowered again to half-mast in memory of those who fell in the war. Military units and representative groups of the Gadna, youth movement, saluted as the flag was raised. Three salvos were fired and then a miles-long procession of Hatikvah-singing men, women and children, preceded by torch-bearing members of the Gadna movement, paraded down Mt. Herzl and into the streets of the city. The flag-bedecked streets were soon filled with milling, dancing and singing crowds.

32,000 PERSONS CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY AT EBBETS FIELD

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- More than 32,000 persons tonight attended the fourth anniversary celebration of Israel's independence at Ebbets Field here, sponsored by the New York Committee for the State of Israel bonds. All of them, except 1,000 servicemen, had purchased Israel bonds ranging in denominations of \$50 to \$10,000 to obtain tickets of admission.

In a message to the gathering, Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion said that the rapid strides thus far made by Israel toward economic self-sufficiency constituted "only the beginning" and that "we cannot relax until we have achieved our full goal--an economy that will provide all the needs of our people."

Speakers at the huge gathering included Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt; Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Supply in the Israel Cabinet; Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of governors of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, which directs the sale of Israel bonds in the United States; and Dr. Israel Goldstein, executive chairman of the New York Committee for Israel bonds.

Churchill Declares Himself a "Zionist" in Message to Celebration

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared himself a "Zionist from the days of the Balfour Declaration" in a message of greetings cabled last night to a celebration in Carnegie Hall here of Israel's fourth year of independence. The cable, which was read by his daughter, Miss Sarah Churchill, said: "As a Zionist from the days of the Balfour Declaration, I have watched with admiration the courageous efforts of Israel to establish her independence and prosperity. May this and future anniversaries be celebrated with growing confidence and goodwill by Israel's many friends throughout the world."

SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES \$66,380,000 AID TO JEWISH REFUGEES IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 30. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today voted for an appropriation of \$66,380,000 for aid to Jewish refugees in Israel. This represented a 12.6 percent reduction in the amount requested by President Truman. The cut reflected a general across-the-board slash of the entire program.

The amount of technical cooperation assistance for the Near East, in which Israel will share, was reduced to \$48,038,000 for the area. President Truman had requested \$55,000,000. An appropriation for the relief of Arab refugees was cut from \$65,000,000 to \$56,772,000.

Chairman Tom Connally of the Foreign Relations Committee today predicted that the committee's version of the bill will be accepted by the Senate when it comes up for debate on Monday. Although the committee reduced the \$7,900,000,000 program by one billion dollars, Republicans have indicated that they will attempt to slice off as much as \$900,000,000 more when the bill is on the Senate floor.

Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, a Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee, made known today that he may ask the Senate for an amendment, which failed when presented before an executive session of the committee, to change the Point Four program of technical assistance for underdeveloped areas from grants to loans. Aid to Israel and Arab refugees is administered by the Technical Cooperation Administration as a part of the Point Four program.

Sen. Hickenlooper said his view is based on the theory that the technical know-how of this country, provided through Point Four projects, is expected to create new wealth in the aided countries. If this is true, the Senator said, the new wealth, when created, should repay the United States for the initial investment.

U. N. PALESTINE GROUP DECIDES TO DISCUSS BLOCKED ACCOUNTS WITH ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 30. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine today revealed that it has decided to establish its headquarters at the U. N. and to meet in New York, except that it has not ruled out meetings at Jerusalem or elsewhere if the situation warrants it.

This information was contained in a communique issued here after the third of a series of private meetings held at U. N. headquarters during the past ten days. The Arab states and Israel have been informed of this decision, the communique said.

The Conciliation Commission also decided to resume discussion with the Israel delegation at the U. N. to ascertain its position on blocked bank accounts, one of the problems remaining to be settled. It has also considered the Israel Government's reaffirmation of Nov. 14, 1951, that the Jewish State is ready to contribute to the settlement of the question of compensation for abandoned Arab property, and the Israelis' suggestion that concrete discussions of evaluation should be held immediately with the commission or any other U. N. body designated for the purpose.

In relation to this problem, the commission has decided to ask the land specialist attached to its refugee office to undertake such discussions on the technical level. The U. N. Secretary-General has been requested to instruct the expert to proceed to Palestine as soon as possible to enter into discussions with the Israelis, the communique stated.

ISRAELI OFFICIAL DISCUSSES ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH BRITISH TREASURY

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, director-general of Israel's Ministry of Finance, and Chancellor of the Exchequer Butler conferred here today at the British Treasury. Authoritative reports say the talks centered around Israel's dwindling oil supplies, possible British investments in Israel and the expansion of trade between the two countries.

TEL AVIV TO HAVE 10,000 TELEPHONES IN OPERATION, MINISTER SAYS

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- Some 10,000 telephones will be in operation in Tel Aviv by the end of this year, Communications Minister David Zvi Pinkas told a press conference here today. He also revealed that with the arrival of new diesel equipment and the shortening of the rail line between Haifa and Tel Aviv, before the end of the year, the trip between the two cities will take about 80 minutes.

He disclosed that French, Belgian, Swiss and Dutch railway firms have made offers to the government to construct railways and at least two other foreign companies are interested in road construction in Israel. He pointed out that the government would soon have to begin work on a southern port to which an estimated 2,000,000 tons of phosphates will be delivered annually from the Negev. This same project will require the building of a rail spur southward from Beersheba.

The Minister declared that there are several reasons for not developing Tel Aviv into a major port, but added that it would be kept as a fishing port while Jaffa will remain as the commercial harbor. The government is also considering the construction of inter-urban rail lines from Tel Aviv to Petach Tikvah and from Tel Aviv to Rehovoth, he said.

Turning to financial measures, he said the government would repay all its financial obligations and arrangements are being made to do so, with the help of American Jewry and by the execution of the new economic policy of increasing production and exports.

LEAVITT REPORTS ON GERMAN-JEWISH TALKS TO CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany heard today a report on the negotiations at The Hague from Moses A. Leavitt, chairman of the Conference delegation to the talks.

Mr. Leavitt reviewed the entire course of negotiations and explained the substance of the understandings arrived at during the discussions with the representatives of the German Government. He pointed out that an acceptance and implementation by the Bonn Government of the recommendations for an improved and more effective legislative program would prove beneficial to various categories of persecutees who were heretofore either excluded from any compensation or received no payment on claims filed under existing laws. It was stressed that the claim for \$500,000,000 in recognition of heirless Jewish assets confiscated by the Nazis was not discussed at the first stage of negotiations.

The praesidium of the Conference advised the executive committee that it remains in close contact with the representatives of the Government of Israel and the decision with respect to the resumption of negotiations will be taken in full coordination with the Government of Israel.

BRITISH LABOR ZIONISTS PARLEY SUPPORTS GERMAN-JEWISH TALKS

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- The annual conference of the British Poale Zion concluded here last night with the adoption of resolutions expressing support of the Jewish negotiations with Germany and welcoming improvement of relations between Israel and Britain.

Other resolutions called for strengthening of contact between the British and Israeli labor movements, expressed concern over the re-armament of the Arab states, expressed sympathy for the Arab refugees and welcomed projects for their resettlement, and insisted that the Soviet Union withdraw its opposition to the emigration of Russian Jews bound for Israel.

GERMAN COURT SEEKS CLARITY ON RIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS

BONN, April 30. (JTA) -- The president of the Federal Constitutional court at Karlsruhe has asked the Federal Minister of Justice and the various provincial Ministers of Justice in West Germany for an opinion on whether the German constitution legally protects the rights of members of religious groups to absent themselves from legal proceedings during their holy days, it was learned here today.

The question was occasioned by a plea filed with the court in behalf of Philip Auerbach, former head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, who is now on trial in Munich on charges of fraud in office. His attorneys are appealing a ruling of the Munich court that forced him to go to trial during Passover.

The West German Federal Court at Karlsruhe today ordered the re-trial of two former Nazi Party members on charges of having ordered the destruction of Jewish property during the Nazi pogroms of November 9-10, 1938. The men were previously acquitted by a German court at Stuttgart.

Meanwhile, the court feud of Veit Harlan, anti-Semitic producer of films for the Nazis, and Erich Lueth, West German official and initiator of the "peace with Israel" movement, reached a new point today. A local court granted Lueth's plea and ordered Harlan to refrain from making public allegations that Lueth committed high treason and that he had written songs honoring Hitler.

FRENCHMAN SENTENCED TO YEAR IMPRISONMENT FOR JUSTIFYING GENOCIDE

PARIS, April 30. (JTA) -- The French Court of Appeals has confirmed a sentence of one year's imprisonment and a fine of 50,000 francs on Maurice Bardeche, who was found guilty of seeking to justify the crime of genocide in his book, "Nuremberg or the Promised Land." The Court also awarded token damages to the Comite d'Action de la Resistance and to the Federation of Jewish Volunteer Ex-Servicemen's Associations.

BRITISH JEWS DRIFT AWAY FROM ORTHODOXY; STUDY OF SITUATION SOUGHT

LONDON, April 30. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing concern over the drift away from Orthodoxy among British Jews was adopted here today at the concluding session of the 50th annual convention of the Mizrahi Organization of Britain. The delegates also asked the Chief Rabbinate to appoint a committee to review the religious situation.

## CONGRESSMEN DRAFT BILL TO BROADEN "GROUP LIBEL" LAW ON GOITRY

WASHINGTON, April 30. (JTA) -- A group of Congressmen joined today in the preparation of a bill to broaden the application of the principle established in the ruling issued by the U. S. Supreme Court this week upholding the right of Illinois to pass a "group libel" law prohibiting the distribution of lithographs, movies, sketches or other material deriding citizens of any race, creed, or color.

Representatives Jacob K. Javits, Arthur G. Klein, Adam C. Powell, and Eugene J. Keogh are drafting a bill to safeguard against group libel by banning the inter-state shipment, importation into the United States, or the mailing of printed material containing false statements against any racial or religious group. The bill will be submitted in the near future.

## NEW ENGLAND ZIONISTS NAME DEWEY STONE CANDIDATE FOR Z.O.A. PRESIDENT

BOSTON, April 30. (JTA) -- The administrative committee of the New England Zionist Region last night named Dr. Dewey D. Stone, national Z. O. A. vice-president, as the region's choice for president of the Zionist Organization of America.

At a meeting at Zionist House here the leaders of the New England region voted to urge Dr. Stone to accept the presidential nomination, declaring that he is "most eminently qualified at the present time to lead the Z. O. A. as a unifying force to cement the various segments and points of view in Zionist life today."

## AMERICAN ZIONIST HOUSE TO OPEN IN TEL AVIV; WILL BE MODERN CENTER

TEL AVIV, April 30. (JTA) -- Daniel Frisch House, the American Zionist House in this city, will be opened formally May 13 at ceremonies attended by Cabinet Ministers, Z. O. A. officials and leading figures in all walks of Israeli life. The Israel Government will commemorate the occasion by issuing a special postage stamp.

The center, the most modern of its kind in the East, will contain an auditorium, meeting rooms, a library and a rest and recreation room for American Zionists visiting Israel. Fred Monosson, chairman of the House, will supervise final preparations for the opening ceremonies.

## AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE WINS EDUCATIONAL AWARD IN TELEVISION

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee was informed today by Ohio State University that it had won the most important educational award in television and radio for its series of animated cartoons with a brotherhood theme in rhyme and rhythm. The award was voted at the 16th American exhibition of Educational Radio and Television Programs sponsored by the University's Institute for Education by Radio and Television.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said that the prize-winning programs have appeared on all major television networks and on 77 of the 108 TV stations in the United States. During last year's World Series, one of the A. J. C. spots with a baseball background was repeated many times during the Series broadcasts.

## Baltimore Jewish Federation to Sponsor Television Program

BALTIMORE, April 30. (JTA) -- The Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund of Baltimore has assumed sponsorship of a regular 25-minute television program to be presented Sunday evenings over a local station. This is believed to be the first regularly programmed year-round television project of any Jewish federation in this country.