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## STATE DEPT. COMMUNIQUE REJECTS ISRAEL'S PROTEST AGAINST BYROADE

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- The State Department today issued an unusual communique which indicated rejection of the Israel Government's protest against the recently expressed views of Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade concerning immigration into Israel.

The communique was distributed following a meeting at the State Department today of Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, Minister Plenipotentiary Reuven Shiloah and Mr. Byroade. Mr. Eban, according to the State Department communique, "called upon Assistant Secretary Byroade today to protest officially certain remarks made by Mr. Byroade in an address at Philadelphia on May 1. The Israeli protest centered around the portion of that address on immigration into Israel."

Mr. Byroade, the State Department said, "explained to the Ambassador that he had felt impelled to speak frankly on what seemed to be some of the underlying causes of the Arab-Israeli dispute because it seemed to be increasingly affecting the security of the Middle East--and, hence, that of the United States. He said he felt the American people were entitled to such information, particularly in view of the new evidence of Russian intentions in the Middle East which had not heretofore been highlighted for the American people."

"Mr. Eban," the communique stated, "was informed by Mr. Byroade that he regretted the Israeli Government had interpreted his remarks on the subject of immigration as an intervention in Israel's internal affairs. It seemed to him that it had overlooked the basic point in that portion of the speech, which was that the Arab world does have a fear of Israeli expansionism at some future date to meet the needs of an expanded citizenry. The fact that such a fear existed reached the Department daily in its many reports from all over the Middle East and was confirmed by frequent first-hand observation in the field of visiting Department of State personnel."

The communique added that "Mr. Byroade pointed out that an analysis of his speech would reveal that the course of action Israel might choose to lay at rest this type of fear of the Arabs was not specified--and he hoped that serious attention would still be given by the Government of Israel to finding a solution to the problem raised. The address merely stated that assurances by the great powers should be supplemented by Israel herself finding some way to lay at rest this concern of her neighbors and thus remove this spectre of fear--which he had said did not seem to him

to be based upon reality--from minds in the Middle East. It called upon wise statesmanship to find a way of such accomplishment."

### Eban to Deliver Formal Protest to Secretary Dulles

Ambassador Eban made known after talking with Mr. Byroade that he will call on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles next week to pursue the matter further by delivering a formal protest on behalf of the Government of Israel. Mr. Eban said the purpose of today's 45-minute meeting with Mr. Byroade was to familiarize him with the nature and details of Israel's objections. The meeting today was regarded by the Israel Government as a preparatory move because it was not thought appropriate to meet with Secretary Dulles without first discussing the matter with Mr. Byroade.

Mr. Eban did not present a note today. He said that he did review with Mr. Byroade some phases of the Philadelphia speech and that Israel objects to certain portions of the speech.

State Department action in quickly publishing a communique reporting what Mr. Byroade said to the Ambassador was viewed by correspondents as an extremely unusual step since the normal courtesy and protocol is such that the Department allows the various Ambassadors who call at the Department to make whatever statements they see fit without such immediate rebuttal. State Department spokesman Lincoln White was asked about the Departure from the normal custom. He replied that it was caused by the "enormous publicity" surrounding the issue.

### BYROADE PREJUDICES EFFORTS TO RESCUE JEWS, DR. GOLDMANN CHARGES

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, today charged that Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade "may have gravely prejudiced efforts to rescue Jews from troubled areas by counseling Israel to put a ceiling on its immigration." The Jewish Agency, responsible for the resettlement of more than 800,000 Jews in Israel since the establishment of the State, Dr. Goldmann said, "will not be deterred by ungracious and harsh advice resulting from dubious political expediency."

Dr. Goldmann's statement, unanimously endorsed by the executive of the Jewish Agency, in session this morning, was in reply to an utterance by Mr. Byroade last Saturday in an address to the American Council for Judaism, an anti-Zionist organization. Dr. Goldmann especially took exception to Mr. Byroade's statement that "if and when the Soviets decide" to permit Jews to emigrate to Israel "it will be because of their desire to set the area aflame by fostering new and greater trouble in the Middle East."

Describing Mr. Byroade's statement as "shocking and unprecedented in the policy of this country and Government which has always held high the right to asylum," Dr. Goldmann stated that "the spokesman of the State Department, by attempting to appease the unappeasable Arabs, has written off in advance the lives of the Jews we still hope to rescue from behind the Iron Curtain."

Dr. Goldmann's statement reads:

A series of statements by Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade, issued with the imprimatur of his superiors, has aroused grave misgivings among friends of Israel. We, of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, are primarily concerned with statements which Mr. Byroade made last week on the subject of immigration to Palestine. Mr. Byroade advised the Israel Government to put a ceiling on immigration into Israel as a means of allaying legendary Arab fears of alleged Israel expansion. He claimed that the Jews have already been removed from all trouble areas except

the Soviet region. With regard to the possible emigration of Jews from the Soviet areas, Mr. Byroade said that "if and when the Soviets decide to do so, it will be because of their desire to set the area aflame by fostering new and greater trouble in the Middle East."

#### Chides Byroade's Views on Possible Emigration of Jews from Soviets

Mr. Byroade deliberately ignores apposite realities. There still are sizeable trouble areas outside the Soviet zone whose Jews live precariously on simmering volcanos. Suffice it to mention the Arab lands and some of the other Muslim countries. Large numbers of these Jews have no greater desire than to leave for Israel. We are still hoping that arrangements might be made for their speedy emigration.

Mr. Byroade's statement about possible future emigration of Jews from the Soviet zone is shocking and unprecedented in U.S. policy which has always held high the right to asylum. It comes with particular ill grace at a time when reports from Rumania and Czechoslovakia reveal a new tide of anti-Jewish persecutions; the sentencing by military courts, in camera, of Rumanian-Jewish leadership, and the sentencing of non-Jews in Prague on charges that they had conspired with "imperialist Jewish-Zionist organizations."

It is certainly the policy of the United States Government to assist all refugees from behind the Iron Curtain. Is this policy to stop at the Eastern shores of the Mediterranean? We recall that in the days of the British Mandate, when the Jewish Agency for Palestine fought for the right to bring into Palestine Jewish survivors of Nazism in Rumania, Hungary and Poland, a British Foreign Secretary charged that these hapless fugitives from two types of totalitarianisms were "Communist agents."

Mr. Byroade's statement about possible future emigration from behind the Iron Curtain seems to be cut of the same pattern, and in one respect it is even more lamentable because he is already prejudging future developments. It is all good and well for Mr. Byroade to state that if the Soviets ever permitted their Jews to leave, "the magnitude of the problem would be such that the whole free world--not just Israel--would have to concern itself with the resettlement of Jewish immigrants from behind the Iron Curtain."

#### Calls Byroade's Advice "Ungracious"; Explains Jewish Agency Status

We, of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who shouldered the primary responsibility for rescuing Jews from Nazi-occupied Europe and of vacating the DP camps, recall that many pre-war and war-time opportunities to rescue Jews from Nazi clutches were stalemated because too few countries were ready to admit them. Jewish Palestine's inordinate effort to provide rescue and shelter for these Jews, despite restrictions by the Mandatory Government, helped to reduce somewhat the unparalleled Nazi decimation of European Jewry. Fortunately, Israel is ready to admit any future refugees and Mr. Byroade has no right to urge her to ring down the curtain on them. His advice was both ungracious and harsh.

The platform from which Mr. Byroade delivered his address was that of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism. Other speeches, and resolutions adopted by the Council, gave currency to innumerable misstatements about the Jewish Agency for Palestine. A resolution passed by that meeting charged that the Jewish Agency "is an agent of the Israel Government properly registered as such with the Government of the United States." This is a deliberate, willful and malicious distortion of the truth. The Jewish Agency in this country is registered as a branch of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem, a non-governmental humanitarian organization. Nowhere does that registration state or imply that the Jewish Agency for Palestine is--nor is it in fact--an agent of, or spokesman for, the Israel Government.

The Jewish Agency's status was recognized in Article IV of the British Palestine Mandate which stated that "an appropriate Jewish agency shall be recognized as a

public body to assist and take part in the development of the country... It shall take steps in consultations with His Britannic Majesty's Government to secure the co-operation of all Jews who are willing to assist in the establishment of the Jewish national home."

Since the establishment of Israel, Article IV of the Mandate, which set forth the relationship of the British mandatory and the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been replaced by the Israel Parliament's Bill on Status under which the Jewish Agency for Palestine "shall continue to work in the State of Israel for the development and the colonization of the country, for the absorption of immigrants from the Diaspora and for the coordination of the activities in Israel of Jewish institutions and associations operating in these fields."

The Jewish Agency has worked and will always work toward this end, with the continued support of American Jewry whose efforts have brought about the unparalleled resettlement in Israel of hundreds of thousands of victims of totalitarianism. We are confident that this great undertaking will continue to enjoy the wholehearted endorsement of Americans of all faiths.

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS STARTED IN ISRAEL; HEROES HONORED

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA) -- Sirens blasted the morning quiet in all inhabited parts of Israel today, announcing the beginning of Memorial Day, the day on which the entire nation pays tribute to its sons and daughters who fell in the War of Liberation. All activity ceased as the nation stood in a two-minute tribute of silence.

Shortly afterwards, flags over all public buildings and in all public squares were raised to half-mast, memorial services were held in synagogues and remembrance candles were lit in public places and in the cemeteries. Atop Mt. Zion, President Ben Zvi inscribed the last verse on a special scroll commemorating the nation's war dead.

In army encampments special parades were held and army chaplains held services. The military cemeteries were crowded with members of the families of the fallen heroes and special ceremonies were held in front of monuments to the unknown soldier in various cemeteries.

In his order of the day, the Army's Chief of Staff, Brigadier Moshe Dayan, paid tribute to those who "with their lives and blood" made up for the shortages in arms and munitions during the war of liberation. He called upon the entire nation to remember those "who with their bodies paved the way for our liberation."

Sirens at the end of the day signified the end of Memorial Day and the beginning of Independence Day. Flags were hauled down and festivities began replacing memorial services as the youth of Israel commenced celebrating tonight.

Independence Day celebrations were officially started tonight by Speaker of the Parliament Joseph Sprinzak who lighted the first torch on Mt. Herzl, northeast of Jerusalem, which was the signal for lighting of 12 torches to symbolize the 12 tribes of ancient Israel.

At his residence here, President Ben Zvi gave a formal reception for the diplomatic corps. Afterwards, the President distributed medals to a number of Israeli veterans and then made a broadcast in which he greeted the "nation and our brethren throughout the world."

The President told his listeners that the destiny and future of the State is "indissolubly bound up with the future of the Jewish people, wherever they are. There is place for the millions who might come to join the ranks of those who are struggling and laboring. Though immigration is on the decline we are confident it will yet grow and increase and bring new blood and strength for building up the country."

JEWS IN U.S. CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S SIXTH ANNIVERSARY TODAY

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- Celebration of the sixth anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel will start tomorrow in all major Jewish communities in the United States and will culminate on Saturday night with Israel Independence Day balls held simultaneously in 111 cities under the sponsorship of the Zionist Organization of America.

In commemoration of Israel's anniversary, the Hadassah today announced a new \$500,000 project aimed at the education and rehabilitation of underprivileged youth in the Jewish State.

The American Zionist Council, which represents all Zionist groups in this country, has produced a special half-hour dramatic radio program which will be used throughout the United States as part of the anniversary program. A 15-minute documentary film "This Is Israel" will be shown on many television stations.

Statements saluting Israel on her sixth birthday and emphasizing Israel's achievements during the six years of her existence were issued today by Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Samuel Rothberg, chairman of the Israel Bond Organization; Rudolf Sonneborn, chairman of the United Israel Appeal; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress; Dr. James Heller, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Sara Feder, president of Pioneer Women, and leaders of numerous other Jewish organizations.

A message voicing solidarity with the people of Israel in their "heroic struggle for security and freedom against the aggressive attacks by your enemies" was cabled today to President Itzhak Ben Zvi over the signatures of more than 5,000 ZOA key workers and leaders from all parts of the country. Rabbi Irving Miller, ZOA president, in a statement, noted with profound satisfaction the "great advances that have been made by Israel during the past six years, notwithstanding the most severe political tensions and economic pressures."

Details of Hadassah \$500,000 Project for Israel Announced

In announcing the new Hadassah \$500,000 project, Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, president of the organization, said the new undertaking--tentatively called "Operation Maabarot Youth"--would involve a combined sociological and psychiatric-vocational education-recreation program for the estimated 50,000 youngsters between the ages of 12 and 17 still living in immigrant camps in various parts of Israel.

Mrs. Shulman emphasized that "the presence in camps for immigrants of approximately 50,000 youths, many of them with too much time on their hands, constitutes a potential threat to the welfare of the nation and should be eradicated if these children are to become healthy, productive citizens."

The latest Hadassah undertaking--a sixth anniversary gift to Israel--will be inaugurated immediately in Talpote, Hartuv and Castel, three immigrant camps in the Jerusalem corridor, and will be extended by August 1st to cover other maabarot in the country, Mrs. Shulman said. Hadassah teams composed of psychiatric workers, vocational training instructors and youth rehabilitation counsellors will establish headquarters in each of the camps to implement the program.

Mr. Warburg emphasized that the funds made available by American Jewry to the United Jewish Appeal have helped Israel's people transform both their ancient landscape and their own life. Calling for further support from all Americans, the UJA leader said: "Israel's sixth anniversary is an appropriate time for the friends of freedom to renew their support of the free people of Israel--for what is involved is the fate of hundreds of thousands of free men, women and children, and the vitality of the free cause itself."

U.S. NAVY AGREES TO RECONSIDER DISMISSAL OF CHASANOW

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- The Navy made known yesterday that it has agreed to reconsider the dismissal of Abraham Chasanow, of Greenbelt, Md., who was fired as a "security risk" from the Navy Hydrographic Office amidst circumstances which led major Jewish organizations to believe anti-Semitism might have been involved.

A Navy spokesman said Mr. Chasanow will be given an opportunity to present evidence to the Security Appeal Board so that he might try to prove himself innocent of charges. The decision to re-open the case followed the introduction of new evidence by Mr. Chasanow's counsel.

CONVENTION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS DISCUSSES JEWISH ETHICS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 4. (JTA) -- The need to apply Jewish ethical standards to daily life was stressed by Rabbi Ben Zion Bokser and Rabbi Simon Noveck, both of New York, in addresses delivered at the Silver Anniversary Convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, currently being held here.

The Federation comprises over 200 clubs, affiliated with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. More than 25,000 members of these clubs throughout the United States and Canada are dedicated to the program of Conservative Judaism.

MRS. WEIZMANN ARRIVES IN ARGENTINA; MET BY CROWD IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, May 5. (JTA) -- A huge crowd gathered last night to greet Mrs. Vera Weizmann, widow of the late President of Israel, when she arrived at the airport here on the first stage of her visit to Latin America.

She was greeted by delegations from all Jewish women's groups, by Israel diplomats, headed by Minister Ariele Kubovi and his wife, and by representatives of the Argentine Foreign Ministry. Cheers greeted Mrs. Weizmann as she alighted from the plane and many bouquets of flowers were presented to her before she was taken to Buenos Aires in a motorcade.

CORNERSTONE FOR EINSTEIN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL LAID IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 5. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the Elsa and Albert Einstein Agricultural School was laid today at a ceremony at the Ben Shemen youth village. A message of greeting was received from Prof. Einstein. Minister of Agriculture Peretz Naphtali, who presided at the ceremony, said that the youth village, which has a population of 400 youngsters, was honored that Prof. Einstein had permitted the use of his name on the school.

SERVICES FOR JEWISH MARTYRS HELD IN HOLLAND, TURKEY, MEXICO

THE HAGUE, May 5. (JTA) -- Netherlands Chief Rabbi Justus Tal was the principal speaker at national commemoration services for victims of World War II and martyrs of the resistance movement today. Rabbi Tal eulogized the 100,000 Dutch Jews murdered by the Nazis. A representative of Queen Juliana attended the meeting, as did members of the Cabinet and of the diplomatic corps.

ISTANBUL, May 5. (JTA) -- Synagogues throughout this city held special memorial services for the Jews who died in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising 11 years ago. The Jewish press devoted lengthy articles to the event.

MEXICO CITY, May 5. (JTA) -- Memorial services for the Warsaw Ghetto fighters were held at the Jewish cemetery here and at a meeting sponsored by the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico which organized the observance of the 11th anniversary of the ghetto revolt.