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## ISRAEL STARTS TONIGHT ITS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS; GREETES U. S. JEWRY

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- The celebrations of Israel's seventh anniversary of independence will begin with great public balls tomorrow night in all parts of the country.

On Thursday, the armed forces will parade in the major cities, displaying their latest weapons on the land and in the air. The number of tourists arriving from abroad to participate in and witness the Independence Day celebrations hit a record high this year, with El Al planes alone bringing in 2,000.

Israel Premier Moshe Sharett cabled today to the Zionist Organization of America a special anniversary message stating: "We look back with satisfaction and pride at our achievements whilst we look into the future and tasks ahead of us with confidence and faith. Israel has not only grown in population in these years but is immeasurably stronger than she was seven years ago. These achievements are not ours alone but represent the combined and united efforts of Jews everywhere, especially in the United States, dedicated to the historic task of Israel's statehood."

## ARABS PLEASED WITH STATEMENT ON PALESTINE ADOPTED AT BANDUNG

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Asian-African conference at Bandung, Indonesia, closed last night with the adoption of a declaration supporting the rights of the "Arab peoples of Palestine" and urging a peaceful settlement of the Palestine question. The Arab delegations are reported pleased with the statement as adopted.

While the political and propaganda victory of the Arabs at the Bandung conference is not underestimated here, its importance is nevertheless not exaggerated. It is noted that the declaration adopted by the conference on Palestine is vague in its terms and open to various interpretations.

(In New York, the American Jewish Congress said that "the high moral pretensions of the leaders who called the Bandung conference were exposed by their failure to invite Israel, because of Arab threats to boycott the conference." The statement was made by Judge Justine Wise Polier, AJC leader, addressing a luncheon attended by 600 members of the women's division of the organization.)

## JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT WORLD COMMEMORATE JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Reports from various capitals of the world reaching the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today indicated world-wide commemoration of the millions of Jews annihilated by the Nazis in concentration camps and gas chambers.

In Germany, several hundred former inmates of the notorious Nazi camp at Dachau observed the 10th anniversary of their liberation from the camp by American troops. They came to Dachau from all countries in Western Europe to walk through the camp grounds. Many later attended a memorial service at Munich.

In Israel, a forest commemorating the Jews who died in the Nazi Bergen-Belsen concentration camp was planted today in the Judean Hills on a site some 11 miles west of Jerusalem near the new settlement of Lehaghshama. The forest will eventually contain 300,000 trees. Present at the ceremony today were: Brigadier Glyn Hughes, commander of the British troops who liberated the camp ten years ago; Berl Locker, Jewish Agency co-chairman; former camp inmates who journeyed here from Germany for the ceremony, and hundreds of former inmates now living in Israel.

In France, ceremonies commemorating those who died in the Nazi concentration camps, as well as marking the liberation of the camps, were held in all Paris synagogues. Special services were also held in synagogues in other French cities.

### Non-Jews in Italy Get Gold Medals for Saving Jews from Nazis

In Italy, 23 gold medals were awarded today in Milan to Italian non-Jews who during the Nazi occupation risked, and in some cases lost, their lives to save thousands of Jews from death at the hands of the Germans. The awards, presented by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, were given at a ceremony attended by members of the Italian Government, Milan municipal officials, prominent Italians and representatives of Jewish institutions and communities. Seven of the medals were awarded in memoriam to men who were executed or who died under torture or in Nazi camps after their capture.

## NORWAY TO ACCEPT DISPLACED JEWS FROM GERMANY AS IMMIGRANTS

OSLO, April 25. (JTA) -- Up to 100 displaced persons and their dependents now living in camps in Germany and Austria will be accepted as immigrants by Norway within the next few months, under a special plan of the Norwegian Government and the Joint Distribution Committee made public here today. The agreement was reached by the Refugee Council of Norway, representing the Government, and Charles Jordan, assistant director general of the JDC.

Under the plan, the JDC will provide financial aid for the expansion of rehabilitation services in Norway now used by Jewish immigrants there and which will also be used by the newcomers, in addition to other types of aid and services. Those immigrants requiring additional medical care will be placed in hospitals and sanatoria by the Norwegian Government, which will also provide vocational training for those who need such training to enable them to be integrated into the country's economic life. Processing and transportation of the Jewish migrants will be carried out by the United HIAS Service.

Marcus Levin, JDC director for Norway, accompanied by Per Aldenberg, chief of the Norwegian Department of Rehabilitation, will leave here on May 1 for a visit to the DP camps in Germany and Austria, where they will interview prospective immigrants.

## GERMAN GOVERNMENT NEVER OFFERED ANY INDEMNIFICATION TO EINSTEIN

BERLIN, April 25. (JTA) -- The late Professor Albert Einstein never received any compensation or restitution for property taken from him by the Nazis, a survey of competent sources here and in Bonn disclosed today. As a long-time university professor and director of the governmental Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, he would have been entitled to a substantial civil service pension, but he apparently disdained to ask for it and no move was made by the German Government to offer it to him.

Of the many claims he could have filed under provisions of the Indemnification Law, his attorney registered only one, a considerable time ago. So far, however, Dr. Einstein had received not one penny. Some years ago, his attorney also applied on his behalf to West Berlin authorities for reimbursement for the bank accounts, treasury certificates and stocks belonging to him and his wife, Elsa, that had been confiscated by the Nazi regime. They originally amounted to about 55,000 Reichsmarks, but because of the devaluation to which bank accounts and treasury certificates have been subjected, these assets are now believed to be worth little more than \$1,000.

This application was at first rejected because the head office of the bank where he maintained his accounts and its vaults were located in East Berlin. Some months ago the Western powers put a stop to this subterfuge insofar as former residents of West Berlin and West Germany were concerned. The scientist's attorney then renewed the claim, but, in the words of a spokesman for the West Berlin Indemnification Agency: "It is still being processed and investigated," with no decision expected before the end of this year, at the earliest.

The former country home of the great scholar at Caputh, in the lake district near Berlin, is now in the Soviet zone. In letters to a friend here, Dr. Einstein expressed the hope that he might get the property back, because he had spent many happy years there. However, no restitution legislation exists in East Germany and no Jew not actually on the spot has received back property stolen from him by the Nazis. Not wishing preferential treatment, Dr. Einstein never approached German Communist authorities. Repeated efforts in the past few years by German organizations to make Dr. Einstein an honorary member, and by municipalities to bestow the freedom of their cities on him, were rejected by the scientist, politely, but unequivocally.

### Tribute to Einstein Paid at Jewish Writers Meeting

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- A tribute to the late Dr. Albert Einstein was paid here last night by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, at a Jewish Tercentenary concert-meeting arranged by the Yiddish Writers Union.

"The shock to Jewry of Professor Einstein's passing is something that no other people can comprehend," Dr. Goldmann said. "It signifies, for Jews, somewhat of a moral crisis. The Gaon, the man of genius, was always required by Jewish tradition to be also a man of the exemplary life. The term Gaon applied only to men in whom intellectual genius and moral nobility combined, and moral nobility, in Jewish tradition, has always implied humility. The Jews have always spoken of their ranking teachers as great, humble and kind. Humility and kindness have been prerequisites for greatness among Jews, and we have always felt safest in the knowledge that a personality combining these qualities lives in our midst. Professor Albert Einstein, seemingly removed from all rabbinic tradition, fits into this classical pattern."

A panel discussion was held at the Yiddish Writers Union affair as a "Salute to the Role of Yiddish." Participants in the panel were: Dr. Goldmann; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee; Harry Rogoff, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward; S. Dingol, editor of the Day-Morning Journal; S. Niger, of the Congress for Jewish Culture; N. Chanan, of the Workmen's Circle; Louis Segal, of the Jewish National Workers Alliance; Dr. S. Margoshes, vice-president of the writers union, and Leon Crystal, president of the union.

## JEWISH GROUPS ISSUE STATEMENT CASTIGATING IMMIGRATION LAW

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The National Community Relations Advisory Council released today a statement of principles on American immigration and naturalization policies, castigating the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law.

The statement, subscribed to by all the constituent agencies of the NCRAC--which include the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America, and 33 Jewish community councils and community relations councils throughout the United States--denounced especially the national origins quota system.

The NCRAC memorandum of principles assailed the "bigotry and ignorance" regarding racial and ethnic qualities stipulated by the Immigration Law. "It is paradoxical," the statement observed, "that America, which prides itself on its loyalty to the dictates of scientific knowledge and discovery, should continue to base so significant a portion of its legal and legislative structure on foundations thoroughly and irrevocably exploded by scientific findings."

The statement scored the "inhumane and mediæval" use of deportation as a punishment for aliens and the unjustifiable distinctions that the law makes between native and naturalized citizens in the prescription of penalties for specified acts. Copies of the statement have been sent this week to President Eisenhower and to all members of Congress. The NCRAC has commended the President on the occasion of his State of the Union message to the Congress, for his references in that message to the need for changes in the discriminatory and inequitable features of the McCarran-Walter Law.

Bernard H. Trager of Bridgeport, Conn., NCRAC chairman, asserted that "the only real way out of the scandalous impasse into which our immigration procedures have fallen, is through a thorough and fundamental overhauling of our basic immigration and nationality policies, to bring them into conformity with the national needs of the United States and with our traditions of humaneness, justice and fair play."

The breakdown of the refugee relief act was predictable, Mr. Trager said. He recalled that the Jewish organizations comprising the NCRAC questioned the wisdom of the legislation when it was introduced - "not because of any lack of concern on their part for the tragic plight of the refugees, but because they felt that the proposed legislation would not accomplish the purpose for which it was ostensibly designed, and because they felt that debate over the measure would derail public attention and the interest of legislators from the really necessary problem of basic revision of our immigration statutes."

The constituent organizations of the NCRAC would continue, Mr. Trager said, in collaboration with other like-minded organizations, to seek to bring about the fullest possible public appreciation of the need for basic revision of American immigration and naturalization policies.

### Sen. Lehman Seeks Removal of Highest Refugee Immigration Official

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman today introduced legislation to oust Scott McLeod, State Department security chief, as administrator of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

He branded the administration of the program as a "bureaucratic nightmare" and charged that Mr. McLeod had taken the position that the fewer refugees admitted the better. He proposed that the program be taken away from Mr. McLeod and turned over to a fulltime administrator responsible only to the Secretary of State. He also denounced Edward J. Corsi's ouster as "unfortunate and regrettable" and said Secretary Dulles should be required to account for it.

### \$7,000,000 SECURED FOR EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA) -- More than \$7,000,000 has been secured to date for the construction of America's first medical school under Jewish auspices, it was announced last night at the inaugural dinner of the Society of the Founders of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University.

The Society was formally established last night at the Waldorf-Astoria to perpetuate the association of the Founders and the members of their families with the College. More than 90 of the College's 137 Founders and several hundred members of their immediate families arrived from all parts of the United States and Canada to participate in the Society's inaugural ceremonies.

It was recalled that the late Professor Albert Einstein was the guest of honor at the first gathering of the Founders held at the time of the naming of the College on the occasion of his 74th birthday. Each Founder has contributed \$25,000 or more to the \$10,000,000 building fund program of the College of Medicine. The College, now nearing completion, will admit its first class this September.

Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, in a tribute to Prof. Einstein, said "this college will be a living monument, erected by American Jewry and the American people, to the memory of one of the greatest men of our era."

## NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS MAY AS UNITED JEWISH APPEAL MONTH

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner today proclaimed May United Jewish Appeal Month in New York and accepted on behalf of the city's people seven sapling trees sent from Israel as a token of appreciation for the aid the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York has given the people of that young democracy, which this week celebrates the seventh anniversary of its independence.

In proclaiming May "UJA Month," Mayor Wagner called upon "my fellow citizens of all faiths to join in contributing generously" to the campaign. The Mayor is chairman of the Non-Sectarian Community Committee for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

## 15,000 JEWS WELCOME ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, April 25. (JTA) -- More than 15,000 Argentine Jews turned out last night to give a rousing welcome to Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and to officially open the United Israel Campaign here for 1955.

Several choirs and bands of Jewish youth organizations greeted the Israel guest, who was escorted by Israel Ambassador Arieh Kubovy, as he passed down the central walk to the rostrum. The flags of Israel and Argentina were hoisted over the dais as the crowd cheered. Then the national anthems of both states were played and the meeting observed one minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Dr. Albert Einstein.

Mr. Eshkol, who reviewed the accomplishments of the first seven years of Israel's statehood, told his listeners that the country was already hard at work planning the giant strides it will make in the next seven years. For this purpose, he declared, Israel needs a population of 3,000,000. "That is why we ask for your money, but it is also why we ask you to send us your children." Mr. Eshkol addressed the meeting in Hebrew.

Among the other speakers at the meeting were Ambassador Kubovy, Dr. Abraham Mibashan, veteran Zionist leader who presided, and Dr. Israel Yagupsky, chairman of the United Israel Campaign, who officially opened the drive.

Yesterday Mr. Eshkol, accompanied by Ambassador Kubovy, placed a floral wreath and crown in honor of Argentina's liberator, Jose San Martin, in the Metropolitan Cathedral here, and flowers at the Confederacion General de Trabajo headquarters in memory of the late Mme. Eva Peron. The two Israel officials were also luncheon guests of the director of the National Bank. During a visit with his opposite number, Argentine Finance Minister Dr. Miguel Revestido, Mr. Eshkol found him to be well-informed on Israel economic developments and especially interested in her water and irrigation problems. He presented the Argentine Minister with a silver box. Later, Mr. Eshkol visited Foreign Minister Dr. Jeronimo Remorino, who said he was interested in a renewal of the Israel-Argentine trade pact.

## Weizmann Forest Dedicated in Argentina; Peron's Aide Attends Ceremony

BUENOS AIRES, April 25. (JTA) -- The Weizmann Forest of Argentina, located near Buenos Aires, was formally dedicated yesterday at a ceremony attended by Argentine Government leaders, including President Peron's aide de camp, Israel Ambassador Dr. Arieh Kubovy, and leaders of all major Jewish organizations.

A plaque was unveiled commemorating Israel's first President and a decree was read dedicating the forest to his memory and as a symbol of unity and friendship between the two countries. Dr. Carlos Vittone, director of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, paid tribute to Dr. Weizmann as a scientist, statesman and Jewish leader.

## PUBLISHER OF ARGENTINE JEWISH DAILY NEWSPAPER ARRIVES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Mrs. Cataline Stolar, the only woman publisher of a Jewish daily newspaper in the world, arrived here today following a visit of several months to Israel and various European countries. She is the publisher of the "Yiddische Zeitung," largest Jewish daily in Latin America.

Mrs. Stolar will remain in the United States for several weeks to study Jewish life in this country. She expressed enthusiasm over the developments she witnessed in Israel where she was received by President Hachak Ben Zvi and members of the Cabinet. She was especially impressed with the settlement of Argentine Jews which she visited. The settlement, established several years ago, is situated between Jerusalem and Ramat Gan.

## RABBI J. X. COHEN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF RABBIS, DIES

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Rev. J. X. Cohen, one-time associate rabbi of the Free Synagogue of New York and former president of the New York Board of Rabbis, died here yesterday. He was 65.

Born in New York, Rabbi Cohen received his education as an engineer and spent nearly 20 years working in the field before turning to the rabbinate. He was graduated from the Jewish Institute of Religion here and began his long association with the Free Synagogue. He was the author of "Jewish Life in South America."