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## MILITARY PARADES MARK CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 27. (JTA) -- As Israel marked its seventh Independence Day today with demonstrations and parades by the Army, Navy and Air Force in Tel Aviv, Beersheba and Afula, government leaders were advising the Israel people to be of good cheer and not to be too concerned over the future. Premier Moshe Sharett told Jews throughout the world that Israel had reached the half-way mark in its struggle for economic self-sufficiency, while Defense Minister David Ben Gurion told the Israelis that they had no reason to be too upset by recent anti-Israel declarations, "since we have overcome more serious situations."

New French light tanks and new French medium artillery were the highlights of the main Army parade in Tel Aviv. While dozens of propeller-driven and jet aircraft filled the skies, jeeps flying a variety of unit flags led off the parade, followed closely by American heavy tanks, the new French armored units and scores of half-tracks carrying mobile infantry. The mobile unit with its variety of cannon was followed by infantry units, field engineers, commandos, border police and youth brigades. Navy and Air Force cadets and regular police also marched.

At Beersheba, where Development Minister Dov Joseph took the salute, the position of honor in the parade was held by the representatives of ten Negev settlements which were besieged or attacked by Arab forces and repulsed the invaders in the War of Liberation. A special liberation flag and a scroll of honor from President Ben Zvi were turned over to each of these settlements. Similar presentations were featured at the celebration in Afula, where settlements in the Galilee and Jordan and Jezreel Valleys were honored for holding off Arab armies.

Dancers who had made merry all night in Tel Aviv lined the streets to cheer the young men and women of the armed services. They were joined by many of the older citizens during the morning. With a slight breeze breaking through the heat, there was little need for first aid crews, which had been alerted. Many families poured into the countryside for picnics.

### Israelis Told of Accomplishments; 50,000 Hear Ben Gurion

In a broadcast to the nation, and to Jews in all other countries, Premier Sharett reviewed the accomplishments of seven years of statehood, comparing the young republic with a man scaling a mountain height. Israel, he said, had reached the half-way point and must continue until the pinnacle. But, he warned, the second half of the climb is always more difficult and "as long as we have not reached the summit, namely, the peak of economic stability, we may slip back."

Addressing 55,000 Israelis and tourists in Ramath Gan Stadium where the Army put on a demonstration of its latest weapons, Defense Minister Ben Gurion said that Israel's future depends not on outsiders, but on the Jews. He advised Israelis and friends of Israel not to be panicked by recent anti-Israel statements at Bandung, at the United Nations, in Moscow or elsewhere, noting that similar and much more serious crises had been weathered.

### Public and Private Anniversary Celebrations Held in U. S.

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- Public and private celebrations of the seventh anniversary of Israel's independence were held by Jewish groups throughout the country today. The cornflower, chosen by the American Zionist Council as a symbol of Israel's blue-white flag, was distributed in the streets of New York and other major cities.

The Israel Consulate in New York gave a reception for Israel citizens now in this country. Israel's anniversary was also marked at a series of United Jewish Appeal campaign meetings in New York which were attended by more than 4,000 leaders in industry and communal affairs. Israel's achievements were reviewed at these meetings by prominent speakers.

The American Zionist Council held a reception this afternoon to mark Independence Day at the Carnegie Endowment International Center. Speakers included Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, vice-chairman of the Council, Mrs. Rose Halprin, vice-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Avraham Harman, Israel consul general in New York.

# 1,500 DIGNITARIES ATTEND ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- Over 1,500 invited guests attended the seventh anniversary celebration of Israel's independence here today at a reception tendered by Ambassador Abba Eban. The event was distinguished by the largest number of guests ever to attend an Israel reception in the United States.

Leading Cabinet officers and government department heads attended with 28 U. S. Senators and 105 members of the House of Representatives. One of the outstanding personalities who accepted an invitation was Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the late President. Mrs. Wilson seldom makes public appearances. The two ballrooms of the Willard Hotel were decorated with gladioli specially flown to the United States from Israel.

Addressing an Israel Independence Day dinner of the American-Israel Society last night, Ambassador Eban made an indirect criticism of some of the countries which participated in the recent conference at Bandung, Indonesia, from which Israel was barred. "The independent countries of our continent, most of which only achieved their national freedom in the same decade as we, might well learn and proclaim that men and nations are not at their best when they deny to others the privileges which they loudly claim for themselves," he said.

Declaring that Israel was entitled to the same respect and recognition as the other 59 members of the United Nations, Mr. Eban stated: "The problem is not to find new principles of cooperation for Israel and the Arab states, but rather to assimilate their relationship to the general system of international relations which prevail everywhere and does prevail in most continents of the world."

## Eban Stresses Friendship between Israel and United States

Mr. Eban told the dinner that "the friendship between Israel and America needs vigilant custodians. This friendship is too strong and broadly based to founder upon the rock of any single divergence of interest or judgment," he declared. Israel, he said, has proved its capacity to flourish amidst regional hostility. "But this is not our choice," he pointed out. "Let us never cease to reassert our will to see our region healed from the plagues of rancor and hostility. The Arab world, in its nine sovereignties extending over a continental expanse, can well afford to renounce a useless grudge against a kindred people pursuing its peaceful quest within its lawful domain."

Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Republican leader of the House of Representatives, speaking at the dinner, said: "The State of Israel has proved its permanence and its value. I can tell you that the overwhelming majority of the Congress, in my opinion, is determined to see to it that the people of Israel shall have the opportunity to build their homes and evolve their culture in peace and safety." Tracing the achievements of Israel, he pointed out that "the abnormal condition that makes the achievements of the people of Israel almost unbelievable is absence of peace in the Middle East." He said "this state of uneasy armistice is a heavy burden. It is damaging not only to Israel but to the surrounding Arab states."

## Tribute to Israel Paid in House by Congressmen

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- A number of Congressmen paid tribute today to Israel from the floor of the House on the occasion of Israel's Independence Day. They included Charles A. Boyle, of Chicago, Irwin D. Davidson of New York, Kenneth B. Keating of New York and others.

Rep. Davidson said he hoped the Chinese Communist support of the Arab anti-Israel position at the Bandung conference would not set off a "competition by our State Department and the Communists for Arab favor" at Israel's expense. Pointing out that Israel was neither invited nor permitted to attend the African-Asian conference, he said: "This discrimination is all the more unpalatable because it was practiced by a conference espousing bitter opposition to all forms of discrimination and segregation."

Rep. Davidson called attention to the final communique of the Bandung conference which contained a declaration supporting the Arab side of the Arab-Israel conflict. "It is not only inconsistent with every concept of fair play to consider a controversy in the absence of one of the principals but to take action on that controversy as was done at Bandung without hearing both sides can have no moral justification whatever," he stated. He called on the Arab states to give some evidence of their intention to settle their differences with Israel peacefully.

Rep. Victor L. Anfuso of New York warned the House the State Department policies are endangering Israel-American friendship. "Unfortunately of late our State Department has embarked upon a policy in the Middle East which is endangering this relationship," he said. "In its efforts to gain Arab favor, the State Department is going all out to appease the Arab states. Israel is being gradually isolated, its national security is threatened, and its very existence is at stake. This is an erroneous policy," he said.

(Confidence that in the State of Israel the Jews "might become a still greater and more powerful influence for good in the world," was expressed by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson in a letter to Dr. Israel Goldstein. Mr. Benson, a Mormon, wrote in response to a letter from Dr. Goldstein congratulating the Mormon Church on its 125th anniversary.)

## AUSTRIA DOES NOT INTEND TO POSTPONE TALKS ON RESTITUTION

VIENNA, April 27. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government has no thought of postponing the May 5-11 talks on restitution for Nazi victims, despite the impending conference of Big Four Ambassadors on an Austrian state treaty, State Secretary Bruno Kreisky, a spokesman for the government, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Herr Kreisky, a Social Democrat, said that in the event the Soviet Union returns to Austria property confiscated by the Nazis from Jews and now held by the USSR as German assets, the Austrian Government would not seek to benefit from such assets. It would "certainly" turn over such property to the former Jewish owners, he asserted.

Informed circles here stated today that the Austrian Government views the May talks as preliminary and does not expect to get all problems connected with restitution settled with the representatives of various groups seeking restitution. It chiefly wants clarification of their views, these sources said.

Meanwhile a government spokesman has confirmed Austria's willingness to reach an early settlement. The atmosphere here is frankly optimistic.

## MUNICH PROSECUTOR FILES APPEAL AGAINST ACQUITTAL OF RABBI OHRENSTEIN

MUNICH, April 27. (JTA) -- The public prosecutor filed an appeal today against the acquittal of Rabbi Aron Ohrenstein Monday of charges of blackmarket activities and smuggling. Dr. Ohrenstein's vindication in a Munich court came after several years of investigation and prosecution.

At his trial, Rabbi Ohrenstein testified that he had not known that an organization in whose behalf he had intervened was in fact a phony charity group covering the bringing into Germany in 1949-50 of huge quantities of food, nylon stockings and other hard-to-obtain goods. There were ten other defendants, some of whom fled the country before the trial, and some of whom received suspended sentences.

## ITALIAN JEWS TO VISIT SITES OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN GERMANY

ROME, April 27. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities is organizing a tour of the former major Nazi concentration camps for former inmates or other Jews who are interested, it was announced here today. During the ten-day tour, the sites of the Dachau, Mathausen and Oswiecim camps will be visited and the remains of the Warsaw Ghetto.

The Union has made special arrangements with the Italian authorities to grant visas for this journey. Normally, it is very difficult to obtain visas for travel in Communist countries.

## EISENHOWER TO SUPPORT MOVE FOR LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower made known at his press conference today that he is not satisfied with the present operation of the Refugee Relief Act under which 214,000 immigrants are to enter this country and that he would support legislation introduced in the Senate to effect liberalization.

When asked if he was satisfied with the operation of the Act, the President replied in the negative. He said "yes" when asked whether he would support legislation introduced in the Senate to facilitate the program. It was not specified in the questions and answers what legislation specifically was in reference. Earlier this week Sen. Herbert H. Lehman introduced a measure to overhaul current immigration procedures.

## ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OPENS CONVENTION TODAY; LAUDED BY EISENHOWER

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- The activities of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League were praised today by President Eisenhower in a message to the organization in connection with its 42nd annual convention which opens tomorrow at the Waldorf-Astoria.

"All of us," the President said in his message to Henry Edward Schultz, ADL national chairman, "must strive to uphold the principle of the value of the individual, to further understanding of minority groups, to help make the vision of brotherhood a reality in our land. Such efforts, good in themselves, are critical in the world struggle in which we are engaged. On the service which your organization has given in these endeavors since the early years of this century, I congratulate all of you."

More than 700 Jewish communal leaders will participate in the four-day convention, at which important aspects of the fight against anti-Semitism and the protection of civil rights will be discussed. The controversial issues that have arisen over the Federal loyalty-security program and its effect on civil liberties will be among the major topics of discussion, as will the problems of segregation, intergroup education and religion in public schools.

## VALIDITY OF ISRAEL DIVORCE UPHELD BY CANADIAN COURT

MONTREAL, April 27. (JTA) -- Justice Arthur I. Smith of the Superior Court here has handed down a ruling establishing the validity in Canada of a divorce issued by a rabbinical court in Israel.

## PLAN ON MIDDLE EAST PRESENTED BY TRUMAN TO JEWS AND ARABS

CHICAGO, April 27 (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman revealed today at a press conference here that he had met recently in Kansas City with both Jewish and Arab leaders and presented them with a plan for tranquility and economic survival and inter-dependence in the Middle East. He refused to go into details of the plan.

Mr. Truman said that while he was President of the United States he did everything to help both the State of Israel and the Arab countries. He advocated the idea that there should be an equality of arms in the Middle East and that Israel should be part of a military defense set-up for the region.

## PERON RECEIVES ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER; LAUDS JEWISH UNITY

BUENOS AIRES, April 27. (JTA) -- President Juan Peron follows "with great interest" what Argentine Jews who have settled in Israel are doing, he told Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol in the course of a 45-minute audience here today. He added that he was "certain" that what these Jews were doing was of great value to the Middle East.

The President made these remarks after Mr. Eshkol had presented him with a large map of Israel on which miniature Argentine flags marked the location of settlements inhabited by Argentine Jews. Speaking of the Gaza situation, Gen. Peron expressed regret that no understanding had been reached by the peoples of the two countries involved. He also remarked that he was "constantly telling Argentinians that they should accept the Jews as an example of a people who had maintained their solidarity, despite 2,000 years "without even a country."

When Mr. Eshkol described the irrigation work done in Israel and expressed admiration for agricultural and colonization training being given recent Italian immigrants to Argentina, the President replied: "I am afraid that the Jews cannot learn much from us, considering what you have already done."

After the audience, Mr. Eshkol conferred at length with four Argentine Ministers responsible for Finance, Economics, Industry and Commerce. He will meet later with Foreign Ministry officials.

In a statement on Israel, the DAIA, central representative organization of Argentine Jews, called on all Jews to fly Israel and Argentine flags side-by-side over their homes. It noted that the Argentine authorities had given permission for such a demonstration. All the major Jewish women's groups in this city jointly sponsored a reception for Mrs. Eshkol, who accompanied her husband here.

## OFFICERS OF ISRAEL BOND DRIVE HONORED FOR RAISING \$150,000,000

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- Four officers and founders of the Israel Bond organization were honored tonight for leading the bond campaign and raising \$150,000,000 for Israel's economic development during the past four years. The four were Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president; Samuel Rothberg, national chairman; Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee, and Henry Montor, chief executive officer.

In a message to the dinner, which took place at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, David Ben Gurion, Israel's Minister of Defense, said: "There is hardly anyone who is more appreciative of the invaluable services rendered by Sonneborn, Montor, Rothberg and Venezky. I do not know of any Jew in the United States who has done more for the State of Israel before its establishment or since. I owe a special debt of gratitude to Sonneborn and Montor for their unceasing efforts since 1945, which contributed to the preservation and well-being of our state."

## AMERICAN LABOR INTERESTED IN ISRAEL'S FUTURE, A. F. L. PRESIDENT SAYS

CHICAGO, April 27. (JTA) -- "The American Federation of Labor has a deep concern of the future of Israel," George Meany, AFL president said here tonight, addressing a testimonial dinner tendered by the Jewish Labor Committee of Chicago to William A. Lee, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Mr. Meany said that the Soviets were playing with the Arabs in siding with them so that tension could be continued in the Middle East in order that the Soviets might then be able to step in and take over Israel. He drew attention to the fact that the AFL had made a firm declaration on easing the tension in the Middle East and he asserted that the American Government should step in and bring about a solution of those tensions so that Israel might be secure. "No real peace in the Middle East is possible without Israel," he said. He praised the Jewish Labor Committee for playing a leading role in the fight for human rights.

## ISRAEL VESSEL "YEHUDA" ARRIVES IN NEW YORK ON FIRST VOYAGE

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- The Israeli motorship "Yehuda" docked today in Brooklyn on her first voyage to the United States. She was built in Germany for the Zim-Israel Navigation Company under the German-Israel reparations pact. Commanded by Capt. Bernard Berkowitz and represented in this country by the American-Israeli Shipping Co., the vessel is designed to carry cargo and has quarters for twelve passengers.