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ISRAEL CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY; CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS STRESSED

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA) -- Israel started celebrating tonight the ninth anniversary of its independent existence with a proclamation by President Itzhak Ben Zvi reviewing the achievement of the year and expressing the hope that the tenth year of the State of Israel would bring peace to the country.

At the same time, Premier David Ben Gurion emphasized that Israel is entering its tenth year with pride and satisfaction in the year that has passed. He expressed hope that in the year ahead endeavors for the absorption of new immigrants and an effort to bring new life to the desert would be placed in the forefront. "This," he said, "is a heavy burden which will demand from each of us and from the Jews outside of Israel constant unremitting effort."

At an Independence Day reception given by President Ben Zvi to the diplomatic corps, the French Ambassador Pierre Gilbert, dean of the corps, delivered greetings in perfect Hebrew. He hailed Israel's independence and paid personal tribute to the President for his achievements in cementing ties of friendship between Israel and other countries. Among the diplomats present were the representatives of: France, United States, USSR, Argentina, Britain, Switzerland, Brazil, Denmark, Australia, Belgium, Uruguay, Sweden, Mexico, Yugoslavia, Holland, Hungary, Finland, Burma, Austria, Greece, Canada, Italy and Czechoslovakia.

Soviet Russia Assailed for Supplying Arms to Nasser

Foreign Minister Golda Meir told an Independence Day rally that Israel today faces danger, not from Nasser, but from "those who continue to supply Nasser with arms." In view of the continued threat to the nation, Mrs. Meir said, Israel must undertake a heavy burden to insure maximum preparedness. The Foreign Minister stressed that as long as the Arab rulers are unwilling to accept Israel's hand, extended in peace, the Jewish State's security problem is not solved.

The traditional Memorial Day, which precedes Independence Day, was observed today all over Israel. Homage was paid to the dead of the War of Liberation and the Sinai campaign. In synagogues and at military cemeteries, the relatives and friends of Israeli war dead prayed and wept for those who had paid the supreme sacrifice to guarantee the safety of the Jewish State. Special services were held at the site of all battles.

In Tel Aviv sirens signalled a two-minute period of silence today. As their wails died away, buses drew to a halt and passengers alighted to stand at attention, all traffic halted and all work ceased. All public buildings flew the national flag at half mast.

In Jerusalem, where government buildings were also half masted, schoolchildren visited the national military cemetery on Mt. Zion to decorate the graves of soldiers. In Haifa, Mayor Abba Hushi dedicated a statue to the city's war dead.

In his Independence Day message to the people of Israel, President Ben Zvi emphasized that "the outgoing year will remain engraved in our memories, and in the memories of those to come after us, as a year both of growth and of struggle." The growth, he said, came in the wake of immigration and settlement, while the great struggle was for the security and the very existence of the State.

ISRAEL DEMANDS "IMMEDIATE CESSATION" OF SYRIAN ATTACKS; WARNS U.N.

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir today summoned the Acting Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization and demanded the immediate cessation of attacks by Syrian soldiers on Israeli fishermen on Lake Tiberias.

The discussion followed a midnight attack by Syrians using rifles and machineguns on a fishing boat on Lake Tiberias. Four Israeli fishermen were wounded. (See page 3 for details.) Mrs. Meir reportedly warned the truce officer that the Israel Government will not countenance further unprovoked aggression by Syria.

40,000 NEW YORKERS CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY IN OPEN AIR FETE

NEW YORK, May 5, (JTA) -- A record shattering crowd, estimated at some 40,000 persons, overflowed the Mall in Central Park here today to participate in a huge open air festival in a salute to the State of Israel on its ninth Independence Day. They enthusiastically applauded the speakers who hailed Israel as a bastion of democracy in the Middle East and called for adequate safeguards of its security.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner, addressing the huge audience, vowed that "this brave little nation is there to stay and we will back it with all the resources at our command." Vice President Richard Nixon, in a message to the celebration, announced that President Eisenhower has conveyed to President Ben Zvi of Israel "the good wishes of the American people on the occasion of the anniversary of the founding of Israel." The celebration was sponsored by the American Zionist Council representing all Zionist groups in this country, in cooperation with the New York Board of Rabbis and the Jewish War Veterans of America.

"United States interest in the development of the new state has been given tangible form through technical cooperation and economic matters. We have a continuing interest in the far-reaching efforts of the Israel Government and people to create conditions of stability and progress," Vice President Nixon said in his message. Speakers included, in addition to Mayor Wagner, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, Jacob Glatstein, noted Yiddish publicist and poet, and Paul L. Goldman, chairman of the anniversary committee.

Highlighting the celebration were bi-partisan pronouncements by top leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties in the United States Congress, as well as the Governors of many states pledging, in messages, wholehearted support to the State of Israel in its struggle for permanent security and peace and stressing the need of greater aid for its economic development.

Generous U.S. Aid to Israel Stressed by New York Mayor

In his address, extending the greetings of the City of New York to the State of Israel, Mayor Wagner cited the "phenomenal development" recorded by Israel since its inception. "In the short span of less than a decade, Israel has trebled her population, providing a home for more than a million people who sought and received refuge," he said.

The Mayor referred to "the generous financial and technical aid extended Israel by our own government--which was the first to recognize the new State," and which, he said, has been "in a considerable measure responsible for much of Israel's phenomenal development." At the same time he voiced disappointment that "this assistance has not, in recent years, been accompanied by an awareness of any corresponding moral commitment on our part to strengthen the hand of the only democracy in the Middle East." He criticized what he termed "the failure of our State Department to bring about a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

"In view of the position taken by Egypt that it will not renounce its state of belligerence with Israel--a belligerency shared by other Arab states--and in view of the reluctance of the United Nations to take effective action, we feel that Israel is entitled to some responsible guarantee that her citizens can live in the same security and that her shipping will have the same rights as those enjoyed by all other nations," he said.

American Zionist Leaders Emphasize U.S.-Israel Ties

Rabbi Irving Miller, in his address, said that "In a world torn between the forces of oppression and freedom, Israel has introduced a democratic way of life into an autocratic, feudal Middle East." The Zionist leader then addressed a call to "our own United States, which has traditionally espoused Israel's right to live in peace and security and has time and again extended the hand of friendship to its sister democracy in the Middle East, to recognize and support Israel's right to a continued existence and, what is more to the right to further develop the country so that its own population and the people of the entire Middle East may enjoy the fruits of peace, freedom and democracy."

Mrs. Halprin, in her address, declared that "Israel, the youngest democracy looks with confidence and a sense of kinship to the United States, the oldest democracy, for understanding of its precarious position." She pointed out that "there are many ties that bind Israel to the United States. The American Republic was founded on political and social principles laid down in the Bible. This alone creates a community of ideas and ideals between Israel and America," she said.

A 30-minute film on "Ben Gurion--Builder of a Nation" was shown on television in the New York area and some 20 other key cities tonight. The interview program was recorded and filmed in Israel by Drew Pearson, noted American commentator. It was directed by Baruch Dinar, who produced "Tent City," the film about Israeli immigrants which won a first prize at the Venice Film Festival.

ISRAEL CABINET TO DISCUSS ADHERENCE TO EISENHOWER DOCTRINE THIS WEEK

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet will not discuss before Tuesday whether the Jewish State will adhere to the Eisenhower Doctrine as outlined here last week by James P. Richards, President Eisenhower's special envoy, it was indicated here today. The Cabinet decision on the Eisenhower Doctrine will be transmitted to Washington through normal diplomatic channels, as will all subsequent discussions on the matter, it was stated.

Although no formal joint communique was issued after Mr. Richards' talks with top Israeli Ministers Friday, he told newsmen that he felt "very good" after his talks with Premier David Ben Gurion and other Cabinet members. He noted the approach of Sabbath had prevented Cabinet action on Israel's attitude toward the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Mr. Richards said that some countries might adhere to the Doctrine without making a public announcement to that effect. He asserted that American pledges of assistance against Communist or Communist-dominated countries which aggressed against a Middle East country would be honored by subsequent administrations, whether Republican or Democratic. He declined to state whether military aid to Israel had been discussed. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the discussions had centered chiefly on political matters and only slightly on economic affairs.

SYRIANS OPEN FIRE ON ISRAELI FISHERMEN AT LAKE TIBERIAS; FOUR WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, May 5. (JTA) -- Four Israeli fishermen were wounded, one seriously, when Syrian troops on the east bank of Lake Tiberias opened fire on them some time past midnight this morning. A police boat which hurried to the aid of the fishermen was also fired on by the Syrians.

According to reports from the scene of the incident, the fishermen, working by lantern, were fired on with rifles and machineguns. Other boats on the scene and the police boat pulled the boat on which the wounded men were, back to the settlement of Ginnosar. Their nets were abandoned.

2,600 IMMIGRANTS LAND IN ISRAEL IN ONE DAY; LARGEST NUMBER SINCE 1951

HAIFA, May 5. (JTA) -- A total of 2,600 immigrants--the largest number to arrive in Israel in one day since 1951--disembarked here today from four vessels. Four hundred of them came from Egypt.

Their arrival brought to 71,400 the number to arrive since last Independence Day, a jump of over 28,000 more than came in the year before. Present plans call for the arrival of 100,000 immigrants during 1955.

STATE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT BILL FOR ADMISSION OF 5,000 EGYPTIAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- The State Department has agreed to support legislation by Senators Irving M. Ives and Jacob K. Javits, both of New York, and Clifford P. Case of New Jersey designed to admit up to 5,000 Egyptian Jewish refugees to the United States, the Senators said this week-end.

They announced receipt of a letter from Assistant Secretary of State Robert C. Hill calling their suggestion for such legislation "indeed a worthy one" and stating that the State Department "supports such a recommendation." The Senators, all Republicans, will introduce a measure to expand the Hungarian refugee program to admit 68,000 refugees from Communist-dominated lands annually and 5,000 refugees from non-Communist areas. This would give President Eisenhower the power to admit the Egyptian Jews.

W. J. C. TO SEEK CONTACT WITH JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN COMMUNIST LANDS

LONDON, May 5. (JTA) -- A recommendation for the immediate action to establish contact with Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, a criticism of the United Nations role in the situation relating to Egyptian Jews and a pledge of solidarity with Israel, were among the resolutions adopted at the close this week-end of the meeting of the World Jewish Congress Executive.

The delegates from Jewish organizations from 20 countries called it a matter of "immediate urgency" to restore contact between Jews in the Communist countries and those of the rest of the world. They recorded their "deep distress" that the UN and the international community had refrained from action when the Nasser regime persecuted the Jews and drove thousands out of the land.

The session pledged to support Israel's effort to maintain its right to live in peace and security, and hoped that Israel's Arab neighbors would respond to appeals for cooperation and peace. It further recommended the establishment of a commission on education to study the problems of Jewish life in science and industry. The delegates authorized the officers of the Congress to negotiate with other Jewish bodies for the establishment of a representative world Jewish organization.

50 % AMERICANS APPROVE U.S. HANDLING OF ISRAEL-ARAB DISPUTE, POLL SHOWS

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- Americans approve Eisenhower Administration handling of the Israel-Arab dispute by two to one and believe that if an Israel-Egyptian war breaks out again, Egypt is more likely to start it, the Gallup poll reported today.

The nation-wide survey found that 50 percent were satisfied with the way the Administration has dealt with the Middle East conflict, 23 were dissatisfied and 27 percent had no opinion. Opinion was evenly divided on the question of whether new hostilities might break out between Israel and Egypt, with 36 percent considering it likely, 34 percent believing peace will be worked out and 30 percent having no opinion.

Thirty-three percent felt Egypt was more likely to start a new war, with 26 percent feeling Israel would take such action and 41 percent expressing no opinion.

U.S. GROUP TO SEEK \$3,000,000 FOR DEVELOPING BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- A five-year \$3,000,000 development plan for Bar-Ilan University, the American-sponsored institution of higher learning in Israel, was announced today by Robert Dolins, executive director of the American Committee for Bar-Ilan University. The development program, to be completed by October, 1962, will provide facilities for 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students in the liberal arts and sciences on a 40-acre campus in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv.

Originally launched by the American Mizrahi movement, Bar-Ilan University now functions as an independent institution drawing support from all sections of the American community. It was opened in September, 1955 with an organization, physical plant, program and curriculum planned by American academic personnel. President of the University is Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, who served formerly as Dean of the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University in New York City.

\$700,000 RAISED FOR U. J. A. AT DINNER HONORING ORT LEADERS

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- More than \$700,000 was raised for the United Jewish Appeal at a dinner here arranged by the ORT in honor of George J. Minzer and Isaac Siegmeister, impartial chairmen between labor and management in a number of industries. More than 600 guests attended the dinner. The two guests of honor were presented with illuminated scrolls and with tapestries from Israel woven by Iraqi students at the ORT carpet-weaving school in Tel Aviv.

Dr. William Haber, president of ORT, told of its work of training tens of thousands of handicapped, disabled, disoriented, homeless and skillless Jewish refugees and immigrants for constructive and worthwhile careers in industry and in their new communities and called attention to the increasing need for such re-training in view of today's refugee situation. Abraham Hyman, assistant executive vice president of the national United Jewish Appeal, presented the case for maximum participation in UJA's 1957 rescue and relief campaign and special \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund.

ISRAELI SHIPS INAUGURATE DIRECT FREIGHT SERVICE FROM GREAT LAKES

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- The inauguration of the first direct freight service from the Great Lakes to Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Israel and ports in other Eastern Mediterranean countries was announced here today by the American-Israeli Shipping Company which represents the Zim Navigation Company of Israel.

The Zim Lines Great Lakes service will call regularly at Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo, Toronto and Montreal to load cargo for Piraeus, Iskenderun, Haifa, Tel Aviv and other Mediterranean ports as cargo offers. The Zim Lines contemplate regular service between the Great Lakes and the Levant with 7,000 ton freighters now being built for this purpose and expected to be ready for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. For the time being, Zim will employ chartered vessels of shallow draft. The first, the steamer "Askholm," sails from Chicago in mid-June, via Milwaukee, Toledo and Detroit for Piraeus, Iskenderun, Haifa and Tel Aviv.

AMERICAN HASSIDIM LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TODAY TO STUDY AND TO SETTLE

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- A group of nine American Hassidim, members of an ultra-Orthodox sect, will leave for Israel tomorrow on an El Al plane. Kalman A. Pataki, a Canadian-born member of the sect, and Solomon Brillich, intend to settle permanently in Israel. The seven teen-agers in the group will continue their religious studies in the Yeshiva established in Israel by Rabbi Y. Halberstam of Williamsburg, Brooklyn known as the Klausenberg Rebbe.

Klausenberg disciples have decided to build a township, Kiryat Sanz, in Nathanya, on a coastal point midway between Tel Aviv and Haifa. A community of 600 families is planned. Eighty families are now established at Kiryat Sanz, foundations for which were laid by Rabbi Halberstam on a visit last summer. The Rabbi expects that he and his followers will settle at Kiryat Sanz soon.