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HUGE MILITARY PARADE MARKS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 6. (JTA) -- Half a million Israelis lined the main streets of Tel Aviv today to cheer a five-mile-long military parade as the State of Israel entered its tenth year with pride in its past, confidence in its present and hope for the future.

The parade marking Israel's ninth Independence Day was the largest ever held. The spectators, likewise, were the most numerous in the short history of the state.

President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Premier David Ben Gurion and Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan stood on the reviewing stand to take the salute of the marching units. Gen. Dayan was easily the hero of the day and spectators shouted themselves hoarse with cheers of "Moshe, Moshe" whenever they caught sight of him.

Several thousand notables occupied a special bank of seats near the reviewing stand. Among them were diplomats, members of the government and Parliament, religious leaders, a delegation from the Israel Bond Organization and large numbers of tourists. Among the diplomats present were military attaches and representatives of almost every country with which Israel has diplomatic relations. The Soviet representative and several other Communist envoys were conspicuously absent, although Hungary, Yugoslavia and Poland were represented.

Crowds Cheer Israel's Military Strength; French Arms Predominate

The roaring jets overhead and the armor and artillery on the ground brought home vividly to the Israelis the story of French military assistance to the Jewish State. It quickly became obvious to the civilian that Israel's armed forces had standardized their equipment by replacing most of their old heavy weapons, including those bought from the United States, by items of French manufacture. Although propeller-driven Mustangs had carried the burden of the air force contribution in the brief Sinai campaign, two of the three squadrons of jets maneuvering over the parade were French-made and the third were British Meteors.

Although every unit of the Israeli forces was cheered mightily as it strode past, particularly the women's companies, the crowd went wild as a special section of tanks, armored cars and artillery captured from the Egyptians in the Sinai battles rolled into view. The "booty column" was led off by Soviet-made tanks of all classes, Russian troop carriers and other vehicles. Most of the captured artillery was Czech or British-manufactured. Among the captured armor were eight American Sherman tanks.

Israeli armor also included medium Shermans as well as the French artillery and tanks. Scores of tanks and armored vehicles spearheaded the parade through Tel Aviv. They were followed by an infantry column in which cadet officers were the first contingent.

Next came ground units of the air force, seamen who participated in the capture of an Egyptian destroyer off Haifa, paratroopers who had captured Mitleh Pass in the Sinai, youth units, women's contingents and green-hatted border police. The infantrymen carried semi-automatic rifles, while their noncoms and the paratroopers sported the Israeli-made Uzzi, believed by Israeli military men to be the world's best submachine gun.

Naval Exercises Held at Haifa and Elath

Observers were struck by the overall impression of youth in the marching ranks. Enlisted men, non-commissioned officers and line officers from lieutenant through major were uniformly 30 years old or less. Most of the top brass were no older.

The high spirits of the soldiers was infectious and civilians joined in as the uniformed ranks broke into song at various points along the five-mile hike. As the first French tanks showed up along Ben Yehuda Street, a large thoroughfare. Israelis of all ages spontaneously began singing the Marseillaise, the French national anthem.

Naval exercises marked Independence Day at Haifa and Elath, Israel's two ports. At Haifa a task force of destroyers, including the captured former Ibrahim el Awel, went through complicated maneuvers and then led the combined fleet in formation southward toward Tel Aviv. Thousands lined the shore to watch.

The celebration in Haifa was opened by several hundred dancers who performed along a one-mile path through the center of the city. Immigrant centers in Western Galilee and at Acre and Nahariya participated in colorful ceremonies lighted by huge bonfires and featuring folk dancing and singing.

ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED BY JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

PHILADELPHIA, May 6. (JTA) -- Independence Hall, historic citadel of America's successful struggle for freedom, was the scene today of a symbolic ceremony climaxing the observance of the ninth anniversary of the independence of Israel in this country. In the presence of a distinguished assembly, Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, accompanied by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, tapped the Liberty Bell nine times, once for each year of Israel's independence, as he recited in Hebrew and English the Biblical quotation from Leviticus engraved on the bell: "Proclaim Liberty Through the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof."

The ceremonies were highlighted by a reception at City Hall by Mayor Richardson Dilworth in honor of Ambassador Eban and Dr. Neumann, a review of an Army honor patrol by the Ambassador followed by a public meeting at Independence Square Park featuring the Philadelphia Naval Base band, and a color guard of U.S. Marines. Speaking from a bunting-draped grandstand erected by the city, Ambassador Eban voiced high optimism in regard to Israel's future. Dr. Neumann compared Israel's struggle for independence with that of America.

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador and Mrs. Eliahu Elath were hosts at an Independence Day reception last night aboard Israel's newest passenger vessel, the German-built "Theodor Herzl" which stopped here on her maiden voyage to her home port of Haifa. Present at the reception were diplomats of many Eastern and Western countries, leaders of Britain's major parties, senior government officials, representatives of the arts and sciences and leading members of the Jewish community.

PARIS, May 6. (JTA) -- One of the largest Jewish audiences in years crowded the Palais de Chaillot last night to attend a Zionist Federation rally opening French Jewry's celebration of Israel Independence Day. The program included a dramatic presentation, an Israeli documentary film, dancing, music and speeches.

SYDNEY, Australia, May 6. (JTA) -- An unprecedented crowd of 8,000 people jammed into the West Melbourne Stadium yesterday to hear Moshe Sharett, former Premier of Israel, address a rally marking Israel's ninth Independence Day. Mr. Sharett who arrived here this week-end for a three-week visit, was cheered wildly. Another Independence Rally, held here, heard Israel's Minister to Australia, Max Nurock.

STOCKHOLM, May 6. (JTA) -- An Israel Independence Day rally was held at Stockholm's City Hall last night under the auspices of the Swedish-Israel Society and the Zionist Federation. An audience of 1,000 persons, including many cultural and civic leaders, attended.

JOHANNESBURG, May 6. (JTA) -- Four thousand Johannesburg Jews braved the coldest night of the year last night to sit huddled in their overcoats in the Wembly Stadium here while leaders of South African Jewry hailed the accomplishments of the State of Israel on the occasion of its ninth birthday. Gabriel Doron, Israel consul general in the Union, told them that interference with Israeli flagships in the Suez Canal would be regarded by Israel as a violation of its territory.

BUENOS AIRES, May 6. (JTA) -- More than 12,000 Argentine Jews turned out today for a mass rally in honor of Israel's ninth anniversary. Featured speakers were Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, and Dr. Arie L. Kubovy, Israel Ambassador to Buenos Aires.

FRANCE WILL AID ISRAEL TO FIGHT FOR HER RIGHTS, FRENCH PREMIER SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- French Premier Guy Mollet today said that Israel "can count upon the aid of France" to ensure that her right is respected. He stressed "the warm friendship uniting Israel and France" in a message to the national convention of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress now taking place here.

The message, which was read to the 650 delegates at the convention by French Ambassador M. Herve Alphand, said: "It is important for all the free peoples caring for justice and democracy to show their solidarity with Israel. It is important that world opinion realize that the very principles of international law are involved in the settlement of the problems facing Israel, be it that of the free passage of its ships through the Suez Canal, the free navigation in the Straits of Tiran and in the Gulf of Akaba, or, even more so, of the general peace settlement in the Near East to which it is entitled."

The convention was also addressed by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress; and Senator Jacob K. Javits, Ambassador Alphand, addressing the delegates, said that he is "pleased to think that France has contributed both in Washington and at the United Nations to the defense of Israel's rights" in the Suez and Akaba zones.

EAST EUROPEAN EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL DEPICTED BY DR. GOLDMANN

BUENOS AIRES, May 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the world Zionist movement, today told Argentine Jewry that Israel is now facing a great financial strain not only because of its security needs but also because of the need to absorb a great number of Jews who are now permitted to leave East European countries.

A number of Communist countries, he told several hundred delegates at the opening session of the annual convention of the United Jewish Appeal here, have opened their doors for the emigration of Jews. Only two years ago this was unthinkable, he said. The East European Jews were considered lost to world Jewry. Today, during the month of May, about 12,000 immigrants will enter Israel and 80 percent of them will come from East European countries, Dr. Goldmann revealed.

Most of these Jews, he reported, are professionals and highly skilled workers and technicians, for whom housing must be built. They cannot be sent to kibbutzim. It is estimated settlement costs will come to about \$3,000 for each during the first year. The Jewish Agency has set a budget of 250,000,000 Israeli pounds for their absorption, and world Jewry must provide this sum otherwise this extraordinary immigration may have to be reduced. The danger exists that another chance for such immigration may never present itself, the Jewish Agency president warned.

Dr. Goldmann stressed that despite the fact that the Israeli citizens are already overburdened with taxes, a new tax of 30,000,000 Israeli pounds will be imposed upon them for the sole purpose of financing the settlement of the new immigrants. "The people of Israel are accepting these immigrants cheerfully, although this may mean a reduction in their standard of living," Dr. Goldmann pointed out. He appealed to the Jews or Argentine to increase their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and to set a new standard of giving. The session was also addressed by Dr. Arie Kubovy, Israel Ambassador to Argentina.

U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK LIFTING OF BAN ON JEWS IN SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- The State Department today informed 15 New York Democratic Congressmen that the United States would continue efforts to persuade Saudi Arabia to lift its ban against U.S. air force personnel of Jewish faith at the Dhahran airbase.

Robert C. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State, said in a letter on behalf of Secretary Dulles that the text of the U.S. agreement with Saudi Arabia was not an issue. Rather, said Mr. Hill, "the problem of the admission of persons of the Jewish faith into Saudi Arabia is one related to the visa regulations of that country." Such visa regulations were "an attribute of sovereignty," the Assistant Secretary stated.

Mr. Hill said, however, that American concern has been set forth to Saudi Arabia and that this government does not condone religious discrimination by foreign governments against American citizens. The Hill letter came in reply to a communication by the 15 New Yorkers to President Eisenhower.

YESHIVA STUDENTS IN EGYPT RECEIVE AMERICAN VISAS; WILL STUDY IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- A party of 21 Egyptian Jewish boys are preparing to come to the United States to attend the Mirrer Yeshiva in Brooklyn, New York, Rabbi Abraham Kalmanowitz, president of the institution, announced today.

Rabbi Kalmanowitz said he had received a cable from the Chief Rabbinate of Cairo telling him that the youths had been granted visas to attend the yeshiva and asked that passage and accommodations be provided. The granting of the visas culminated months of activities in Washington and Cairo by Rabbi Kalmanowitz and representatives of the yeshiva.

The 21 had been students at Yeshiva Ahava Ve Ahva which was closed last November when the Nasser regime began its persecution of the Egyptian Jewish community. The Mirrer Yeshiva, 141 years old, was originally located in Poland whence its faculty and students fled during the Nazi occupation.

INTERNATIONAL BODY GETS DATA ON NAZI DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM ITALY

ROME, May 6. (JTA) -- Documentation proving the deportation of 8,105 Jews from Italy during the Nazi-Fascist persecutions has been turned over to the International Tracing Service at Arolsen, Germany, by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities. The documents will facilitate the issuance of various documents required by claimants under West German compensation legislation.

The documents, transferred by Col. Adolfo Vitale, head of the Union's committee searching for deported Jews, includes information on a limited number of non-Jews and Jews of other than Italian nationality who were also deported. The major portion of the list, however, deals with Italian Jews.

AMERICAN LEGION URGES U. S. GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT ISRAEL; BLASTS NASSER

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 6. (JTA) -- The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans' organization, made public a resolution today adopted by its national executive committee accusing Egyptian President Nasser of serving world Communism and calling upon the U. S. Government to support Israel's rights in the Suez Canal and Gulf of Akaba as vital to basic American interests.

The Legion said the United States should "face the Arab-Israeli conflict, directly and boldly, the root of which is that some countries in the area have refused to reconcile themselves to the existence of the Israeli democracy." It charged that Soviet success in the Middle East "is generally the doing of one man--the Egyptian dictator, Nasser--who has played the Soviet game and has become an open accomplice of world Communism."

The Legion found it "disturbing" to observe "our own government treating this dictator as if he were a respected member of the world community, appeasing him as he violates international law and decency, particularly his outrageous disregard" of the right of Israel and all nations to use the Suez international waterway. It emphasized that it was at a loss to understand why the same pressure brought against Israel, Britain, and France "has not been applied to the dictator who has violated every law of human decency and peace."

As long as the Suez Canal remains under "Soviet-Egyptian domination," the Legion said this country must explore alternative oil routes from the Red Sea to Western Europe as imperative for Western defense. It was recommended that "we should push plans under private sponsorship for a pipeline from the Gulf of Akaba to the Mediterranean, for with such an alternative route we will no longer be subject to Nasser's domination."

The Legion called for a solution of the Arab refugee problem, describing the refugees as "political pawns to Nasser's game." It recommended that "a first step should be to put the Gaza Strip under UN rule so that this area would no longer be used as a base for aggression."

HEARST HONORED FOR HIS "KEEN INTEREST" IN THE YOUTH OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador to the United States Abba Eban paid tribute yesterday to William Randolph Hearst Jr., editor-in-chief of the Hearst Newspapers, for the "understanding and warm friendship" he has given to Israel. The Ambassador was the principal speaker at a reception given to Mr. Hearst at the Commodore Hotel honoring him for his "interest and assistance" to the youth of Israel. He was specifically cited for his assistance to the cross-continent tour last February of the Israel Olympic basketball team.

A personal scroll from Israel's Prime Minister David Ben Gurion was presented to Mr. Hearst by Ambassador Eban. It read: "Presented to William Randolph Hearst Jr., great American--humanitarian and distinguished newspaperman in recognition of his keen interest in the youth of Israel."

ISRAEL HELPS UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JEWS AND NON-JEWS, PUBLISHER SAYS

TORONTO, May 6. (JTA) -- The struggle of Israel for survival and for rehabilitation of its desert areas has done "as much as anything else, perhaps more than anything else, to build an area of common ground and understanding between Jews and non-Jews in Canada and the rest of the free world," John Bassett, Jr., publisher of the Toronto Telegram, one of Canada's most influential newspapers, said here last night.

Addressing a B'nai B'rith banquet where he was presented with the organization's Humanitarian Award, Mr. Bassett asserted that thousands of Canadian non-Jews had been "thrilled and exhilarated by the national history of Israel during the past ten years and, of course, more particularly during the past ten months." The world, he continued, had been "treated to the example of a tiny nation struggling for survival, the inhabitants of which have found depths of strength within their own souls and have drawn from their own reserves of faith "to turn the desert into a wasteland and, when necessary, dropped the hoe and picked up the rifle to defend their life and country."

TWO AMERICAN YIDDISH AUTHORS WIN PRIZES IN ARGENTINE FOR THEIR WORKS

BUENOS AIRES, May 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Shlomo Simon of New York and S. Miller of Los Angeles were the winners today of the annual award for the best literary works in Yiddish established by the Yiddish Zeitung, largest Jewish daily newspaper in Latin America, in memory of its founder Mordecai Stoliar. The award, consisting of 10,000 pesos, will be divided equally between the two authors.

RABBI KAUFMAN NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF UNION OF REFORM CONGREGATIONS

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Rabbi Jay Kaufman of New York was elected last night vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in an historic action by its national executive board making him the first to hold this office in the UAHC's 84-year history as the patron institution of American Reform Judaism. Rabbi Kaufman will serve as second to Dr. Maurice R. Eisendrath, president of the UAHC.