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JEWS OF WORLD CELEBRATE FIRST SEDER TONIGHT; LEADERS GREET PEOPLE

NEW YORK, April 3. (JTA) -- America's 5,000,000 Jews will join their co-religionists throughout the nations of the world tomorrow night in celebrating, at the first Seder, the age-old tale of Jewish redemption from slavery in Egypt, secure in the knowledge that the Jewish State of Israel, founded after centuries of travail and suffering, is about to mark its tenth anniversary.

As the heads of households in every city in the land recite the benediction, thoughts will go out to missing family members--the 150,000 Jewish servicemen on duty at 650 American land, sea, air and space bases on every continent.

However, from bleak radar installations in the Arctic to missile launching centers in Florida, the National Jewish Welfare Board has provided chaplains and made preparations for military Seders. In service installations near Jewish population centers, arrangements have also been made for soldiers, airmen and sailors to spend the Seders in private homes. A corps of 370 full and part-time chaplains will officiate at services on battle-ships at sea, at Caribbean ports and airfields, at Korean battle stations.

Israel's Welcoming of Million Modern-Day Refugees Stressed

In a Passover message to the American Jewish community, Morris W. Bernstein, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, bade the Jews of America be proud of the major help they had provided to the people of Israel in welcoming nearly a million refugees in Israel's first decade who reached freedom from "lands of persecution, uncertainty or despair." At the same time, Mr. Bernstein called upon American Jews to make this Passover season a time "for renewed dedication" to the task of aiding the scores of thousands who still wait their chance to "start new lives in Israel and other free lands."

In his Passover message, Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization noted that the observance of Passover "strikes a particularly responsive chord today, when mankind's struggle for freedom is still a major international concern. The defense of freedom, which is basic in the American heritage, is reflected this year in the ten-year record of sacrifice and achievement of the Republic of Israel, which stands on the threshold of its second decade of independence." Israel bonds, the "key" to Israel's economic growth, he said, can most appropriately be called "bonds of freedom, as contrasted with the bonds of slavery which we recall in the Passover observance."

Irving M. Engel, American Jewish Committee president, in a holiday statement, urged the free nations to open their doors to refugees throughout the world fleeing from political, racial and religious persecution. "Aggressive anti-Jewish policies of the Nasser regime and anti-Semitism in the Communist orbit are responsible for the present plight of tens of thousands of Jewish refugees in Europe and the Middle East," he said.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress and a world Zionist leader, pointed out in his Passover message that "for Jews throughout the world, Passover this year will have an unusually moving dimension. The spring of 1958 marks the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, and Jews everywhere will join in heartfelt and joyous celebration of this milestone of Jewish history. The State of Israel truly reflects the Jewish people's 3,000 year devotion to the cause of freedom."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, underlined that "the never-ending struggle between the forces of tyranny and freedom is once again symbolized by the evil designs of Israel's enemies seeking her destruction, and Israel's heroic stand in defense of its independence and way of life. For those possessed of a sense of history, the final outcome is not in doubt--Israel will succeed in safeguarding her hard-won freedom. However, this will require great courage, determination and readiness for sacrifice on the part of the Jewish people everywhere.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, president of the Synagogue Council of America, declared: "The history of the Jewish people and the history of mankind's endeavor to achieve peace and freedom are inextricably intertwined. The lessons of Passover for men everywhere

and at all times are that freedom is neither automatic nor guaranteed, and that there has never been a society in which freedom for the majority was safe when any minority group in that society was oppressed."

Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, representing 750 Orthodox rabbis, stated that "Passover celebrates man's yearning for freedom and its achievement. It is most significant that Israel was reborn ten years ago during this same season of freedom."

Hadassah president Dr. Miriam K. Freund, in her message, urged the United States Government to make every effort to insure that neither use nor threat of the use of force be allowed to disturb the Middle East, in which the historic battle between freedom and slavery continues today. Moses H. Hoenig, president of the National Council of Young Israel, called United Arab Republic President Nasser "the latest representative of a long line of dynastic Egyptian pharaohs who have repudiated the sacred rights of man and the revered standards of human dignity, honor and elevation."

In a Passover message to the 74th annual Seder held in the shelter of United Hias Service, Carlos L. Israels, president of the organization, assured the celebrants, many of them recent immigrants, that United Hias "will continue to maintain a strong immigrant aid apparatus throughout the world so long as there are Jewish refugees, escapees, ex-pellees, and persecutees who need our help."

U. A. R. RECEIVES THREE NEW SUBMARINES FROM SOVIET BLOC

WASHINGTON, April 3. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic has received three additional submarines from the Soviet bloc, according to information received by United States officials.

The new submarines reportedly arrived in Alexandria on Tuesday after a trip from Gdynia, Poland, under radio silence and off the regular sea lanes. The Soviet bloc previously provided three submarines to Egypt following the Sinai war. At that time President Eisenhower expressed a view that the submarines would not contribute toward regional peace.

According to information received here the three new undersea craft were manned by Egyptian crews. They were believed to have been constructed in either the Gdynia naval yard or at Leningrad.

In Cairo, naval authorities of the United Arab Republic confirmed the arrival at Alexandria on Tuesday of three new submarines provided to the UAR navy by the Soviet bloc.

The newspaper Al Ahram today reported that the United Arab Republic is planning a worldwide airline using Russian TU-104 jet airliners. The Soviet Union agreed to sell the planes to the UAR on favorable terms, according to the report. UAR pilots are in Russia being trained to fly the TU-104's.)

SEN. WILEY WARNS U. S. TO "KEEP POWDER DRY" IN DEALING WITH NASSER

WASHINGTON, April 3. (JTA) -- Sen. Alexander Wiley, ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned on the Senate floor today that "we must keep our powder dry when dealing with Nasser."

The Wisconsin Senator charged that "Nasser has been trying to play both ends against the middle." He said the American position toward Nasser's United Arab Republic "should be one of friendship but caution. We must be alert."

Sen. Wiley took note of Nasser's forthcoming visit to Moscow. He told the Senate that the Egyptian official radio had broadcast "inflammatory propaganda" against not only England and France but also the United States.

U. N. SURVEYORS COMPLETE LAKE HULEH CHECK; REPORT DUE TODAY

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- Three United Nations observers, Canadian officers who are professional engineers, completed their survey last night of the strife-torn Huleh Lake area on the Syrian border and submitted a report today to Maj. Gen. Carl C. Von Horn, UN Truce Supervisory Organization Chief. Gen. von Horn was scheduled to submit the report to Israel and Syria within the next 24 hours.

Israel officials, awaiting the report, noted that previous UN surveys had showed that there were at least 15 feet of Israeli soil between the disputed drainage canal and the demilitarized zone. Syria on each occasion appealed the survey findings.

As a tense quiet prevailed in the area, where Israel suspended work pending the completion of the survey, the Syrians submitted a complaint to the Syrian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission charging Israel had caused four casualties in the fighting that followed Syrian attacks on Huleh drainage workers.

Despite the Syrian-created border tensions, the people of Israel went busily about preparations for Passover and the first Seder Friday night. Thousands of tourists were streaming into Israel by air and sea and filling hotels. As shoppers poured into stores, buying heavily, prices were reported remaining at normal levels while no shortages developed in supplies of food.

FINAL ACTION DUE ON LAW GUARANTEEING ISRAEL ACCESS TO ELATH

GENEVA, April 3. (JTA) -- The new principle of international law, approved by the 87-nation international maritime conference in committee here yesterday, which confirms Israel's right of innocent passage in the Gulf of Akaba, must achieve a two-thirds majority at the conference plenary session next week for final approval, officials reported today.

The resolution, which makes no reference to Israel's use of the Gulf and the Strait of Tiran which connects the Gulf with the Red Sea, was approved by a committee vote under United States urging, 32 to 31 with five abstentions. The committee on territorial seas rejected a definition which would have made the right of innocent passage through such waterways conditional on the "interests" as well as "security" of the coastal state on the affected waterway. The United States delegation objected to the inclusion of "interests" as being too vague.

The committee-approved definition applies the right of innocent passage to any ship traveling through the territorial seas of one country across the territorial waters of another state. Israel has contended that its ships, sailing from the port of Elath at the head of the Akaba Gulf, have the right of passage to open seas through territorial waters adjacent to the Egyptian coast at the Strait of Tiran.

The approved definition holds that passage of ships is innocent as long as it is "not prejudicial to the peace, good order or security of the coastal state."

HAMMARSKJOLD CITES VALUE OF "PRIVATE" DIPLOMACY IN MID-EAST SITUATION

LONDON, April 3. (JTA) -- Quiet or "private" diplomacy is needed to supplement open debate in the organs of the United Nations in efforts directed at "lowering the temperature" in the Middle East, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold declared here prior to leaving for Geneva to confer to day with United Arab Republic Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi.

Delivered to a joint meeting of both Houses of Parliament, Mr. Hammarskjold's address cited the Arab-Israel situation as an example of his use of the techniques of classical diplomacy. He also noted that formation of the UN Emergency Force, which has brought a relaxation of tension along the Gaza Strip frontier, was preceded by private talks.

ROME ASKS NASSER TO POSTPONE VISIT; UPROAR RISES IN ITALY

ROME, April 3. (JTA) -- The Italian Government has requested that United Arab Republic President Nasser postpone his scheduled visit to Italy until after the forthcoming national elections and the formation of a new government, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today. He denied a statement issued in Cairo that President Nasser would come to Italy in June.

Mean while, the chorus of protests against Nasser's visit has swelled among the press and political leaders, many of whom fear that Nasser's visit to Moscow will prove highly embarrassing to Italy. Republican Party Leader Rinaldo Ossola has become the latest political personality to warn that Nasser is "the most dangerous Russian tool in the Middle East."

In Cairo, UAR Ambassador to Rome M. Okasha conferred with President Nasser on hostile statements in Italy and its significance as far as Col. Nasser's projected visit is concerned. The Ambassador said he reassured the President and the visit will take place.

JAPANESE BANK OFFERS ISRAEL CREDIT TO PURCHASE INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- The Industrial Bank of Japan has offered Israel five year credits for the purchase of industrial equipment at better term than those prevailing on world markets, Pinchas Saphir, Israel Trade Minister, reported today on his return from an eastern world tour.

The Minister, who said a Japanese trade delegation was expected here in the near future, said he completed arrangements for the construction of a 50,000-ton Japanese tanker for Israel and signed an agreement for another tanker of similar size. He said chances were good for an increase of Israel exports to eastern countries of around \$20,000,000.

ISRAEL, U. A. R. TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Sigvard Eklund, Secretary General of the Second United Nations Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, announced today that Israel and the United Arab Republic were among the 55 governments which have accepted invitations to attend. The conference will be held in Geneva September 1-13.

Dr. Eklund also announced that countries which have informed him they will not participate include Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CHIDES ISRAELI LAWYERS ON BIBLICAL IGNORANCE

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- Leading Israel attorneys who are candidates for appointments as judges have no familiarity with Jewish Scripture and some do not even remember names of the minor prophets, a Supreme Court Justice told a group of 73 lawyers newly admitted to the bar today.

Justice S. Z. Cheshin told the attorneys he was ashamed by the fact that many candidates for the bar were unable to name any Hebrew book read in the past ten years or any Hebrew writer earlier than Bialik "although they are most familiar with Greek mythology." The Justice criticized many of Israel's attorneys for their "indifferent" attitude to the nation's cultural heritage.

Zalman Shazar, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, said that while the Bible was basic study in Israel, in Jewish communities abroad "it is only of limited interest." In an address to the concluding session of the Israel Bible Research Society conference here, he said every child in Israel receives a "thorough grounding" in Jewish Scripture while abroad only a small minority studies it and an even smaller minority studies it in Hebrew.

Woman Named District Court Judge in Israel; Is First to Hold Post

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- Mrs. Miriam Ben Porat was today named a judge of the District Court, the highest bench post ever held by a woman in Israel. Mrs. Ben Porat who will sit on the Jerusalem bench, is currently an assistant state's attorney.

10TH ANNUAL "JERUSALEM EXAMINATIONS" TO BE OFFERED IN 16 CITIES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, April, April 3. (JTA) -- The tenth annual "Jerusalem Examinations" will be held on April 20, 1958, it was announced here today by the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency.

The examinations, which test the candidates proficiency in Hebrew language, Bible, Mishnah, as well as classic and modern Hebrew literature, are prepared by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and administered in a number of countries throughout the world. In the United States and Canada, the examinations are sponsored by the Agency in cooperation with the American Friends of the Hebrew University and the National Council for Jewish Education. They will be offered at:

New York, Herzl Institute; Chicago, Jewish Academy; Pittsburgh, Hebrew Institute; Philadelphia and Detroit, United Hebrew Schools and Yeshivos; Newark and Rochester, N. Y., Jewish Education Association; Miami, Louisville, Buffalo, N. Y., New Haven, Conn., Providence, R. I., and Cleveland, Bureau of Jewish Education; Cincinnati, Hebrew Union College, Natchez, Mo., Jewish Center, and Montreal, Hebrew Culture Organization

BERLIN TO DEMOLISH RUIN OF FAMOUS SYNAGOGUE GUTTED BY NAZIS

BERLIN, April 3. (JTA) -- West Berlin officials have decided to demolish the ruins of the Prinze Regenten Strasse synagogue, which was dedicated in 1714 in the presence of the King of Prussia, to make room for a home for the blind. During the Nazi "Kristallnacht," when thousands of Jewish synagogues, schools and homes were looted and burned, the Nazis set fire to the famous synagogue and only a shell was left when the fire burned out.

NEW ISRAEL-ARGENTINE PACT BROADENS TRADE, FINANCIAL DEALINGS

BUENOS AIRES, April 3. (JTA) -- A new trade and financial agreement between Israel and Argentina was signed here today at a short ceremony attended by several members of the Argentine Cabinet and Israel Ambassador Arieh L. Kubovi. The pact opens the way to a broader exchange of goods and services between the two states.

TORAH PRESENTED TO ISRAELI MINISTER TO MARK RECOVERY FROM WOUNDS

TEL AVIV, April 3. (JTA) -- A special inscribed Torah was presented today to Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Religious Affairs, to mark his recovery from wounds suffered last October when Moshe Douek, young Iraqi immigrant, hurled a hand grenade in the Knesset. The presentation ceremony was attended by Chief Rabbis Isaac Halevi Herzog, Yitzhak Nissim, Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak and other lay and religious leaders at the Minister's home in Jerusalem.

SONNEBORN RE-JOINS GREATER NEW YORK ISRAEL BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, April 3. (JTA) -- Rudolph G. Sonneborn, industrialist and communal leader, has assumed a major role in the New York Israel bond drive, it was announced here today. Mr. Sonneborn will join Benjamin Abrams and William Mazer as honorary chairman in New York.

A leader in the United Jewish Appeal, Mr. Sonneborn also served as president of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel which launched the sale of Israel bonds in this country.