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## STATE DEPT. HOLDS TOP-LEVEL DISCUSSION ON JERUSALEM PARADE ISSUE

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- State Department sources made known today that the United States considers the movement of heavy military equipment into Jerusalem for the tenth anniversary parade to be a violation of the general armistice agreement between Israel and Jordan. Israel Ambassador Abba Eban was informed of the United States views yesterday in a communication from Christian A. Herter, Under Secretary of State.

The State Department continued today top-level discussion of the Jerusalem parade issue. The Department, it was learned, is taking an extremely serious view of the Israel Government position on the parade and the United States is considering a public expression on the matter.

(At the United Nations headquarters in New York, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld conferred this morning with Israel Ambassador Abba Eban on the military parade in Jerusalem which is scheduled to take place Thursday. Both sides were uncommunicative after the conference.)

## Israel Attends Mixed Armistice Commission Meeting on Parade Issue

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- For the first time in nearly two years Israel today participated in the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission which she had boycotted in protest against certain decisions of the Commission. Today's participation was motivated by Israel's desire to dispute Jordan's contention that the presence of unarmed tanks in Jerusalem Thursday to participate in the Independence Day parade would violate the armistice pact.

The meeting opened yesterday without the presence of Israeli delegates. Today the Israelis called the Jordanian charges of violation of the pact "absurd" since the tanks and other heavy equipment in the parade will be unarmed. A UN Truce Supervision Organization spokesman said the Mixed Commission was trying to "find a way to smooth things over for everyone."

## KNESSET HOLDS FESTIVE SESSION; HEARS BEN GURION ON ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- The rebirth of Israel differed completely from the birth of any other new state in the past decade where the people were not cut off from their lands. Premier David Ben Gurion declared today in a special address on the occasion of Israel's 10th anniversary of independence whose celebration begins Thursday.

The Premier spoke in a flag-bedecked Parliament summoned into special session to mark the observance of a decade of freedom and development. Chief among the visitors who listened to Mr. Ben Gurion's words was Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi, whose presence in the building was signified by the flying of the Presidential flag from the mast over the building. Other notables present included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, Chief Rabbis Isaac Nissim and Isaac Herzog, and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, veteran American Zionist leader.

Mr. Ben Gurion noted that while the uprooted and scattered Jewish people--a "hopeless minority" among the nations of the world--had survived, other nations who had similarly been uprooted had vanished. "Neither exile nor unparalleled sufferings crushed the Jewish people," he said. "Their profound spiritual bonds were unbroken, while all of Israel's neighbors in the Biblical period have disappeared--their languages forgotten, their cultures vanished, their religions no longer in existence."

"Israel is the only people in the Middle East that was re-rooted, after a lapse of centuries, in the land of its fathers," he added. "This is unique in human history and is the outcome of the tremendous spiritual forces latent among our people which were revealed in the eternal creative achievements contained in the Book of Books and in Israel's unflinching refusal to surrender throughout its long wanderings."

Today, the Premier continued, the establishment of a Jewish village is an everyday event. Jews who plough, sow, build roads, work in factories and mines, sail the seas,

pilot aircraft and do every other type of work in town and country are everyday phenomena. Jewish soldiers armed with light and heavy weapons on land, sea and air have in the course of a decade become part of the landscape.

#### Replies to Khrushchev's Views on Jews; Cites Work of Jews in Israel

Referring to the settlement of Jews in Argentina and the Soviet region of Birobidjan, the two other experiments in settlement of Jews on the soil before the establishment of Israel, the Premier said only a few Jews remained in these developments because they were settled "on alien soil and lacked the devotion to the vision of Messianic redemption and the spiritual bond with their ancient homeland."

In a reference to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, Mr. Ben Gurion said that "a great Soviet expert" had expressed the opinion that Birobidjan was a failure because Jews preferred trade and avoided building and agriculture since they did not like teamwork. But, he pointed out, "those (Jews) who came to Israel had also been divorced from labor on the soil for centuries but when they settled here they worked in every branch of the economy and engaged in occupations in which Jews had not worked before."

Moreover, he went on, the Jewish people in Israel "live and work as a team, maintain economic undertakings on a cooperative basis--to which there is no parallel in the world--and these enterprises--cooperatives and collectives--have been established not by coercion and governmental injunction but in complete liberty and from free choice."

Mr. Ben Gurion pointed out that the Jewish population which was in Palestine when the State of Israel was proclaimed numbered 650,000 and had accepted 900,000 refugees from 71 different lands while at the same time building industry and agriculture. He reported that the Arab population of 120,000 in 1948 had risen to 214,000, including 30,000 re-admitted from abroad to re-join relatives who had not fled during the War of Liberation.

The Premier pledged that the Government of Israel would devote itself to seeking to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East. He urged memorialization of those who had died in battle to make possible the birth of the state. If ever the blood of Jews was not spilled in vain in 2,000 years of Jewish history, he said, it was the blood of the 5,000 young Israelis who died in the War of Liberation.

#### Israel President Greets the Jewish People on 10th Anniversary

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- Itzhak Ben Zvi, President of Israel, greeted the people of Israel and Jews throughout the world tonight in a national radio broadcast on the eve of Memorial Day, which precedes the annual Independence Day celebrations.

It is difficult to find an era in the life of the Jewish people throughout its long history that has been as "rich in deeds and changes as this past decade," the President declared. He cited the gigantic strides made in Israel as a result of the great migratory waves which have swept upon Israel in the last ten years.

The writing of a "Book of Independence" as a postscript to the Jewish Scriptures, to be read in the synagogues on every Israel Independence Day, was proposed today by Chief Rabbi I. M. Toledano of Tel Aviv. Rabbi Toledano said similar books, including the Book of Esther, have been written to mark victories over Israel's enemies. He urged that the proposed Book be written in Biblical Hebrew and be ready for next year's celebrations.

#### JORDANIAN VESSEL ATTACKS ISRAEL BOAT IN AKABA GULF; TWO KILLED

TEL AVIV, April 22. (JTA) -- Two Israelis died on the Gulf of Akaba today, victims of Jordanian bullets fired from an Arab gunboat.

The two Israelis set out in a small motorboat to catch an empty skiff which had drifted away from the port of Elath. When the motorboat was several miles from shore on the "open seas" of the Gulf, a Jordanian patrol boat sped up and opened fire with a machinegun.

Later, an Israeli naval patrol craft found the civilian boat drifting with one bullet-riddled body crumpled on the bottom and the second one apparently knocked out of the craft by the impact of the steel-jacketed bullets.

#### ARABS FAIL IN ANTI-ISRAEL MOVE AT AFRICAN STATES PARLEY AT GHANA

ACCRA, Ghana, April 22. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic delegation to the first conference of independent African states has suffered a political setback in its failure to push through an anti-Israel resolution, it was noted here today at the conclusion of the conference. The UAR delegation is headed by Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi who has rarely failed in recent years to obtain a "Palestine" resolution scolding Israel at any conference where Arab states have been represented to any substantial extent.

The meeting here includes the representatives of three Arab and five Negro states. Ghana, the host country, has been forthright in its friendship for Israel, having entered into a number of technical and economic arrangements with the Jewish State. Ghana only recently gave Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir one of the most triumphal visits an Israeli statesman has ever had abroad.

# JEWISH LEADERS CONFER WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS ON FATE OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews has conferred with Britain's Ambassador to Moscow and with top officials at the Foreign Office over the position of Jews in the Soviet Union, Barnett Janner, Board president, reported today.

Noting that the Board kept the situation of Russian Jewry in mind at all times, Mr. Janner expressed concern over Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's recent statements about Jews which, Mr. Janner said, "clearly indicates that Khrushchev has no understanding of the aspirations of Jews everywhere, including the Jews of Russia, and he has fallen a victim to certain anti-Jewish cliches which in the past had been applied by anti-Semites, namely that Jews were incapable of working collectively in a community."

# HALF THE MEMBERS OF SOVIET PRESIDUM HAVE JEWISH WIVES, KHRUSHCHEV SAYS

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- Soviet President Klementi Vorshilov and half the members of the Soviet Communist Party Presidium have Jewish wives, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said last night, according to reports here today from Moscow. Mr. Khrushchev made this known in the course of remarks he was delivering at a Polish Embassy reception.

Noting Israeli Ambassador Joseph Avidar among the guests, the Soviet Premier remarked that Dowager Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, on a recent visit to Moscow, had raised the question of a special Soviet attitude toward Jews. He reported that President Vorshilov had told the Queen that the Russians did have a special attitude toward Jews and that he had a Jewish wife. Relating this exchange, Mr. Khrushchev added: "Half the members of the Presidium have Jewish wives."

# AUSTRIA SETTLES LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF BY NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, April 22. (JTA) -- Nearly 77 percent of the applications for relief funds for Austrian political persecutees now living abroad have already been processed and settled, the Austrian relief fund office announced here today.

More than 23,000 applications have been dealt with and another 7,000 are in the works and moving toward a final settlement, the announcement said.

# OFFENBURG STATE ATTORNEY ASKS FOR STRICTER PUNISHMENT OF JEW-BAITER

OFFENBURG, Germany, April 22. (JTA) -- The state attorney of this city has filed an appeal against the district court's sentence of one year's imprisonment for Ludwig Zind, local anti-Semitic high school teacher who was convicted of insulting the Jewish community of Germany and defaming the memory of Jews murdered by the Nazis. The prosecutor believes the verdict is too light.

Zind's attorneys, meanwhile, have filed an appeal against the conviction and sentence. Pending a final determination in the higher courts, the school authorities have suspended Zind. If the conviction is allowed to stand, he will be dismissed.

Both the court and the state's attorney have received a rash of anonymous letters threatening and abusing them. A few letters have arrived expressing approval of the prosecution and the court's decision.

# BONN AUTHORITIES REPORTED CONCERNED OVER LATEST ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

BONN, April 22. (JTA) -- Responsible German authorities here are concerned over the latest series of anti-Semitic incidents to be reported from various parts of West Germany, it was learned today.

These incidents are viewed as signs which must put Germans of goodwill on their guard. Germans close to the situation believe this is not necessarily attributable to a revival of Nazism, but may be a periodic outbreak of anti-Semitism such as has plagued Central Europe for centuries and flared occasionally into pogroms. Among these latest manifestations has been a rash of threatening letters addressed to prominent members of the tiny Jewish community.

# BELGIAN NAZI VICTIMS URGED TO REGISTER CLAIMS FOR CONFISCATED PROPERTY

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- All former residents of Belgium whose movable property was confiscated during the Hitlerite occupation were advised today by the World Jewish Congress in New York to file claims against the Federal Republic of Germany as soon as possible. Similar claims are now being registered by Nazi victims who were in France and Holland.

The World Jewish Congress estimates that a few thousand former Belgian residents are now living in the United States and other countries of the American continent. The West German Federal Restitution Law of 1957 applies to such confiscations provided that the property was carried off to the area of the Federal Republic of Germany or to Berlin. Claimant in this category should contact the Aide Aux Israelites Victimes de la Guerre, 121 a, chaussée de Charleroi, Bruxelles, from whom the forms necessary for filing claims may be obtained.

#### U. J. A. RECEIVES \$1,000,000 IN GIFTS AT JEWISH CONGRESS DINNER

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York received \$1,000,000 in contributions at a dinner tonight at which composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein was honored by the American Jewish Congress for his "unique contributions to the enhancement of the musical arts." More than 450 guests were present.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt presented the American Jewish Congress Award to Mr. Bernstein, the director of the New York Philharmonic Symphony. The award consisted of a silver-banded shofar, the ram's horn traditionally used in Jewish religious ceremonies, accompanied by a citation signed by Charles Revson, the dinner chairman, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, who was the principal speaker of the evening.

Dr. Goldstein, in appealing for added support for the United Jewish Appeal, hailed the generosity of the Jews of America in supporting refugee immigration to Israel and relief programs all over the world but said that the situation today demands even more. Israel's people, he said, are "overburdened." "The Israeli taxpayer has all he can do to provide the budget for the country's ordinary needs and for its extraordinary military budget. No taxpayer anywhere is more heavily burdened." Dr. Goldstein called on all contributors to the United Jewish Appeal to take the added burden of immigration costs off their hands.

#### THREE-DAY "AMERICA-ISRAEL" FORUM TO BE HELD; 60 PAPERS TO BE READ

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- A three-day forum on "America-Israel: New Worlds in the Making" will be presented in a special observance of Israel's Tenth Anniversary at the Theodor Herzl Institute here from Monday, April 28, through Wednesday, April 30, it was announced today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the foundation.

A total of 60 papers will be delivered at the forum dealing extensively with parallels, differences and interactions in the development of the two countries. Panel sessions will cover political foundations and structures; sociological perspectives; relationships between church, state and school; economic patterns; the status of minorities, and the party system in both countries.

The Theodor Herzl Institute, sponsored by the Jewish Agency, is a center for Zionist adult education gearing its program to a review of contemporary problems on the Jewish scene here and abroad, to the study of modern Israel, and to Jewish social research, with particular consideration to the history and impact of Zionism.

In commenting on the projected forum, Dr. Neumann declared: "This is an undertaking of unusual scope and design, attempting to relate the American and Israeli experience within the framework of scholarly efforts and yet presenting these manifold relationships on a popular level. I feel sure that the proceedings at this Forum will not only be a special contribution to the observance of Israel's 10th anniversary, but may also mark the starting point for a series of basic research projects on parallels, differences and interactions of developments in the history of America's and Israel's nationhood."

#### B'NAI B'RITH VOTES TO HOLD ITS CONVENTION IN ISRAEL NEXT SPRING

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith will hold its triennial convention in Israel next Spring, president Philip M. Klutznick, announced today after approval was voted for the undertaking by the National Administrative Committee.

An estimated 1,000 to 1,200 delegates and guests are expected to attend. Charter flights will be arranged to transport those who will participate in what will be the largest convention of an American Jewish group yet held in Israel. The convention will mark the conclusion of the celebration of Israel's 10th anniversary year.

#### FLOWERS FROM ALL OVER WORLD ARRIVE IN ISRAEL FOR EXHIBITION

HAIFA, April 22. (JTA) -- A special cargo plane landed at Tel Aviv today with flowers from countries all over the world for exhibition at a flower show on Mt. Carmel here on Independence Day. The flower show is expected to be one of the most spectacular events of Thursday's celebrations in this city. Among the countries which have already sent specimens of their floral life are: the United States, Britain, France, Italy, Argentina and Holland.

#### RABBI RUBEL OF GEORGIA DELIVERS OPENING PRAYER AT U.S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Charles M. Rubel of Congregation Sherah Israel, Macon, Georgia, delivered the opening prayer when the U.S. Senate met today. Rabbi Rubel was invited by Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia to pronounce the invocation. Sen. Richard Russell, also of Georgia, joined in introducing the Rabbi.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING OBSERVED IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, April 22. (JTA) -- The 15th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was observed here at a meeting attended by more than 1,200 people present. The commemoration was sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Labor Zionist Movement. Dr. Isaac Schwartzbart was the chief speaker.