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U.S. CONGRESS ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS GREETING ISRAEL ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- The United States Senate today adopted a resolution greeting Israel on its tenth anniversary and directing the Secretary of State to transmit the Congressional resolution of congratulations to the President of Israel. The resolution was jointly sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson and Senate Minority Leader William F. Knowland.

The resolution took note of Israel's defense of its independence, economic development and admission of 900,000 immigrants. The resolution also stated that Israel has developed democratic institutions and played a "constructive role in the family of nations." Numerous Senators joined in the sentiments expressed in the resolution, making short speeches or extending their remarks in the Congressional Record.

The House today also adopted a resolution sponsored by House Majority Leader John W. McCormack and House Minority Leader Joseph Martin congratulating Israel on its tenth anniversary. The resolution expressed the wishes of the House for continued progress and success of Israel.

The McCormack resolution said "the new state has become a responsible and respected state of the family of nations, thus advancing the cause of freedom and democracy." The Martin resolution was similar in tone. Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee led a special order of business in which individual members arose and paid tribute to Israel. He stressed the need for American-Israel friendship and pointed out the mutual interests of both countries.

The opening prayers in both the Senate and House today were delivered by rabbis in connection with the Congressional observance of the Israeli anniversary. In the Senate, the prayer was delivered by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester, N.Y. The House of Representatives was the scene of a similar prayer by Dr. Israel Goldstein of New York.

JOYOUS OBSERVANCE OF TENTH ANNIVERSARY STARTED THROUGHOUT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- A two-minute blast on sirens in cities and towns throughout Israel marked tonight the close of the national day of mourning for its war dead and ushered in the formal celebration of the tenth anniversary of Israel's independence.

Speaker of Parliament Joseph Sprinzak presided over a ceremony on Mt. Herzl where representatives of the Twelve Tribes of Israel each lighted a beacon to announce to the people of Israel the beginning of the joyous observance of a decade of liberty after 2,000 years of exile. Beacons were lighted by a representative of the pre-state yishuv and by recent immigrants from the United States, Yemen, South Africa, Poland, Abyssinia, Russia, France, North Africa, South Africa, Iraq and India. The ceremony here ended with a display of fireworks which could be seen by many thousands throughout the city and in the surrounding villages.

President Itzhak Ben Zvi today gave a reception to members of the diplomatic corps stationed in this country. Diplomats presented their felicitations to the President on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the proclamation of Israel's independence. In fluent Hebrew, French Ambassador Pierre Gilbert, the dean of the diplomatic corps, expressed his colleague's best wishes and then formally presented 34 diplomats permanently stationed in Israel and five others accredited to Israel but resident in another capital.

Fifteen members of a Parliamentary delegation from West Germany were not present. It was learned that the President refused to extend them an invitation. Yesterday, Premier David Ben Gurion received the Germans who included Prof. Carlo Schmidt, vice president of the Bundestag; Max Brauer, Mayor of Hamburg, and Hugo Scherenberg, a member of Parliament who was also named Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's personal representative to the celebrations.

All Israel paused today in its preparations for the joyous celebration of its tenth anniversary to pay low-keyed homage to the 5,000 young men and women, without whose sacrifice of life itself, the State could not have thrown back the assault of five Arab armies which invaded the nascent state in 1948.

CHAIRMAN OF U. N. BODY ABSTAINS FROM VOTING ON JERUSALEM PARADE ISSUE

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, with Israel not participating and United Nations chairman, Lt. Col. George A. Flint abstaining, voted today in support of a Jordan resolution that Israel remove within 12 hours the heavy military equipment and troops brought into Jerusalem for the Independence Day parade Thursday. Col. Flint said he was abstaining because both sides had violated the armistice agreement in the dispute.

Col. Flint, in announcing the Commission action, voted for only by the two Jordanian members, called on both countries to avoid "untoward incidents" that might arise out of the action of both sides in bringing prohibited military equipment into Jerusalem.

The Commission met for two days to discuss the Jordanian complaint that Israel allegedly brought 80 tanks, 24 cannon, 12 howitzers and 900 troops to Jerusalem for the parade. Also on the agenda was the Jordan resolution asking for a United Nations order for prompt removal of the Israel troops and equipment.

Col. Flint said he regretted that Israel had not permitted UN observers to investigate the complaint. He added, however, that Jordan had reinforced troop concentrations in old Jerusalem and had armed the soldiers with heavy weapons to an extent and quantity matching Israel's parade contingents.

Col. Flint also said that Israel informed him and the Jordanian MAC members during January and February about the parade plans but did not give until April 17 any requested information on the number of troops nor the type of equipment planned, despite repeated requests. By that time, he noted, the equipment had already arrived.

Stressing that the banned Israel equipment had been brought in for the parade without ammunition, Col. Flint said there was no reason to doubt Israel's stated intentions in respect to the equipment, but he added that Jordan saw risks in the concentration and had taken counter-measures. He said the main problem now was cooperation of both sides with him to prevent incidents "while the general armistice agreement was being violated by both parties."

Says Armistice Commission Was Not Empowered to Take Decision

In a statement explaining his abstention, Col. Flint said: "I have abstained on this resolution because I do not consider that the MAC was empowered to take a decision on the Jordanian complaint. According to the established procedure of the MAC, agreement has to be reached between the parties on the investigation of a complaint or on the admissibility of evidence in lieu thereof, before such complaints can be brought for consideration.

"The Israeli delegation," he continued, "has refused to agree to an investigation of the Jordanian complaint. It has also refused to agree that the data on military equipment in the Jerusalem area given to the Jordan representative on the Subcommittee on April 21, 1958 be accepted by the MAC in lieu of an investigation. During the debate, I regretfully noted that this position of the Israeli delegation made it impossible for the MAC to proceed with the consideration of the Jordan complaint."

Emphasizing that the decision of the MAC was taken "by the affirmative vote of one party, in the absence of the other, myself abstaining," Col. Flint added: "As regards the way in which the present situation has developed, it should be noted that both the Truce Supervision Organization and Jordan have been faced by a fait accompli."

An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman said that immediately after the parade the equipment would be removed from Jerusalem. He said Israel questioned the need of holding an emergency MAC meeting on the matter.

A large fluorescent Mogen David, blazing on top of Mount Scopus for the celebration of Israel's tenth anniversary, drew the ire today of Jordan which filed a complaint of violation of the armistice agreement. The Mogen David lit up the sky last night as the tiny garrison of Israelis on isolated Mount Scopus, behind the Jordanian lines in old Jerusalem, joined in the tenth year celebration.

STATE DEPT. PREVENTS SENDING CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ISRAEL FETE

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- A proposed resolution in the House Foreign Affairs Committee that would have called for the designation of a special committee of delegates to represent the United States at Israel's tenth anniversary celebrations died because of State Department intervention, it was learned today.

The State Department expressed the view through private channels that such a resolution would weaken American diplomacy in the Middle East and embarrass American relations with the Arab states. It has been the policy of the Department to minimize official U. S. identification with the Israel anniversary celebration, according to well informed Congressional sources.

Congressmen reported they were told by State Department officials that the Executive Branch of the government sought to avoid identification with the Israel anniversary, and for that reason President Eisenhower designated the Ambassador on the scene to represent him rather than send a special delegation.

JEWS THROUGHOUT U.S. TO SALUTE ISRAEL TODAY; TRUMAN SPEAKS AT CEREMONY

NEW YORK, April 23, (JTA) -- More than 200 communities throughout the United States will start today celebrations in honor of Israel's 10th anniversary. The celebrations will be inaugurated with a ceremony at Independence Hall in Philadelphia at which former President Harry S. Truman will be the principal speaker.

The celebrations will underscore the community of interests which linked the United States and Israel. The ceremonies have been organized under the auspices of the American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebration, of which Senator Herbert H. Lehman is the general chairman, whose membership of 500 comprises a distinguished cross section of American leadership of all faiths.

From Independence Hall, former President Truman, the first head of state to give recognition in 1948 to the newly created State of Israel, will exchange greetings with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion in a two-way hook-up between the United States and Israel. The hook-up has been arranged by the Columbia Broadcasting Company.

More than 50,000 people are expected to attend the Salute to Freedom celebration of Israel's anniversary at the Polo Grounds in New York this Sunday. The 199th U.S. Army Band and the Band of the U.S. Navy Third District will have a place of honor at the "Salute to Freedom" program. The City of New York will be represented at the celebration by 200 members of the Police and Fire Departments and by the 80-piece band of the Department of Sanitation. Members of the Shomrim, society of Jewish policemen and the Naer Tomid, the Jewish firemen's organization, will present the American and Israeli colors at the Polo Grounds.

Sunday's program will be the biggest celebration of the tenth anniversary of Israel's independence to be held in the United States, and will feature anniversary greetings by foremost leaders of the United States and Israel. Spokesmen for Israel at the Polo Grounds will be two of her outstanding leaders, symbolizing Israel's historic achievements during her first decade. They will be General Moshe Dayan, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, who is flying here from Israel especially for the event and Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States.

Israel's achievements in establishing "a free, orderly and stable society based on social justice and a respect for human and spiritual values," was hailed today, on the eve of Israel's Tenth Anniversary, by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, in a message addressed to former Senator Lehman.

Msgr. O'Grady expressed the view that Israel has become a "significant and important member of the community of nations, willing even in the midst of its own struggle for existence to aid and cooperate with others in important ways." He mentioned specifically Israel's assistance to Ghana "whose government and peoples are being actively befriended by Israel."

New York Mayor Designates Friday as "Israel Independence Day"

NEW YORK, April 23, (JTA) -- In ceremonies in City Hall, Mayor Wagner today issued a proclamation designating this Friday as Israel Independence Day.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, accepted the proclamation from the Mayor in behalf of all the Zionist organizations in the country. Mrs. Simcha Pratt, wife of Israel's Consul General in New York, presented Mayor Wagner with blue cornflowers, symbolic of the blue and white in Israel's flag. The gift to the Mayor heralded the annual flower distribution on New York's streets this Friday.

Praising Israel on its tenth anniversary, the proclamation described it as "a bulwark of democracy for the free world against expansion by aggressive Soviet Communism." Calling upon New Yorkers to celebrate the event "in harmony and brotherhood," the Mayor's proclamation declared: "Israel has established a free commonwealth in the Middle East dedicated to those ideals and values which are the cornerstone of our democracy."

Pennsylvania Governor Proclaims "Israel Week"; Texas Declares "Israel Day"

PHILADELPHIA, April 23, (JTA) -- Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania today issued a proclamation declaring the week of April 21-28 as "Israel Week." The proclamation was issued in connection with the launching of the national phase of the American celebration of Israel's tenth anniversary which will be inaugurated here Thursday with an official luncheon given by the City of Philadelphia to be followed by ceremonies at Independence Hall.

WASHINGTON, April 23, (JTA) -- Gov. Price Daniel of Texas has declared April 26 to be "Israel Independence Day" for the State of Texas. In an official proclamation, the Governor emphasized the importance of Israel as a friend and ally of Western democracy.

CARPENTRAS, France, April 23, (JTA) -- French Jewry's celebration of the 10th anniversary of Israel's independence opened here in France's oldest synagogue, the Carpentras Synagogue, which was built in 1337. Jews, Catholics and Protestants from the surrounding area came here to hear former Premier Daladier, Israel Ambassador Yaacov Tsur and French Chief Rabbi M. Kaplan.

SOVIET RADIO OMITTS KHRUSHCHEV REMARK ON JEWISH WIVES OF SOVIET LEADERS

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- The Soviet radio and newspapers have omitted all reference to remarks by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to the fact that "half the members of the presidium" of the Communist Party of the USSR have Jewish wives, it was reported by the American Committee for Liberation, which monitors Soviet radio broadcasts.

Mr. Khrushchev made his remarks extemporaneously at a Polish Legation reception where he spied the Israeli Ambassador, Joseph Avidar. The Premier said that the Dowager Queen Elizabeth of Belgium had raised the question of a special Russian attitude toward the Jews with Soviet President Klementi Vorshilov and had been told by the President that he had a Jewish wife. At this point in his tale, Mr. Khrushchev added the comment that half the members of the Communist Party presidium were married to Jews.

THIRTEEN NETUREI KARTA MEMBERS SENTENCED FOR JERUSALEM DISTURBANCES

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- Thirteen members of the Neturei Karta sect were sentenced today to terms of up to five months on charges of wilful disturbances growing out of the opposition by the Ultra-Orthodox group to a projected swimming pool here in which mixed bathing will be permitted.

Eleven of those sentenced, including sect leader Rabbi Amram Blau and his son, Uri, had previous convictions. One member was given a sentence of only two weeks' imprisonment when he promised at the last minute to respect law and order in the future. Another factor was his impending marriage. Five defendants were given five-month terms, two were given three months and each of the other five, two months. They were ordered to post 250 pound bonds to guarantee a year's good behavior or serve an additional month each.

Before passing sentence, Magistrate Morenu Levy said that throughout the trial, the defendants had demonstrated their "alienation" from governments and institutions. He said they formed the nucleus of a "disorderly, undisciplined group" responsible for repeated disturbances in Jerusalem. Rabbi Blau and his son, whose new convictions will begin after completion of their initial sentences, broke into song, in which the other defendants joined, after sentences were pronounced.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT URGED TO PROBE ARAB STUDENT ACTIVITIES IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 23 (JTA) -- Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, today urged the Justice Department to investigate propaganda activities of Arab students in the United States.

Addressing the House of Representatives, Rep. Keating charged that the Arab League has established a coast-to-coast "propaganda network" in this country through Arab student groups. He said there is evidence these activities are directed and financed by foreign governments and that the students should therefore be required to desist or be registered as foreign propaganda agents.

Rep. Keating reported to the House that there has been "a constant drum fire of anti-Jewish propaganda" and that the Arab students activities were "often anti-American." He said "the taxpayers of America should no longer be forced to shell out for the sub rosa agents of foreign governments who enter this country under the guise of academic endeavors."

TABLET ON NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE TO HONOR MEMORY OF AUTHOR OF "HATIKVAH"

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- A memorial bronze tablet honoring Naftali Herz Imber, author of the Hatikvah, the Israel national anthem, will be unveiled Friday morning on the building where the Hebrew poet died, on New York's Lower East Side. Top civic and Jewish communal leaders will participate in the ceremony.

Mr. Imber, who died in 1909, spent the last 17 years of his life in the United States after years of wandering in Eastern Europe, England and the Middle East. The poem, which was adopted as Israel's national anthem following its re-establishment as an independent nation in 1948, was written by Imber at the age of twenty-two. For more than a generation before the founding of Israel, Hatikvah was the official anthem of the World Zionist movement.

Consul-General Simcha Pratt of the State of Israel will be one of the leading participants in the ceremony honoring Imber, whose "Hatikvah" will be sung at the Polo Grounds Sunday in celebration of Israel's tenth anniversary. The anthem written by Imber will be played at the Polo Grounds by the 199th Army Band and the Band of the Third Naval District.

TWO DENVER SYNAGOGUES DESECRATED; WINDOWS BROKEN, SWASTIKAS PAINTED

DENVER, April 23. (JTA) -- Two Denver synagogues have been targets of window-breaking and swastika-painting within the past two weeks, it was disclosed today. Similarity of the desecrations indicated that one person committed both outrages, officials said.