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FIREWORKS, DEMONSTRATIONS MARK ISRAEL'S 11TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Israel's Memorial Day for those who fell in the War of Independence, observed annually the day before Independence Day, closed tonight with a mass rally on Mount Herzl at which 12 beacons were kindled to symbolize the 12 tribes of Israel returned to Israel in the Ingathering of the Exiles.

The ceremony, at which Nahum Nir, Speaker of the Knesset, presided, also formally ushered in Israel's twelfth year. Fireworks and demonstrations touched off the celebration. This afternoon, the entire diplomatic corps paid its respects to President Ben Zvi with a visit to his home.

A memorial torch for Hagana members killed during the years before Israel's independence was lighted last night before the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv, in special ceremonies at which Hagana veterans maintained a guard of honor. Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, and Mayor Chaim Levanon spoke at a meeting in the Mann Auditorium, attended by thousands of families whose relatives were killed in the War of Independence and during the Sinai campaign.

Mrs. Meir, in her moving address, brought tears to the eyes of the listeners as she recalled the heroism of those who sacrificed their lives for statehood and the heroism of the relatives who sustained their sorrows. Similar meetings took place in Haifa, Ramleh and other cities.

ISRAEL GETS $5,000,000 FROM UNITED STATES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- A previously-announced $5,000,000 development loan to Israel was signed and implemented at a formal ceremony here today.

The loan will aid the development of Israeli industry. The agreement was signed by Dempster McIntosh, managing director of the Development Loan Fund, and Yehuda Leviatov, acting director general of the Israel Industrial Institution, Ltd.

The signature today was the formal completion of the loan, issuance of which was announced some time ago. In signing the agreement, at the offices of the Development Loan Fund here, Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Leviatov noted that today was the eve of the eleventh anniversary of the State of Israel.

SENATE BODY STARTS HEARING ON NOMINATION OF U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today started hearings on the nomination of Ogden Reid as United States Ambassador to Israel, prior to voting on confirmation of the nomination of the 33-year-old New Yorker who is acceptable to Israel.

Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, opened the hearings with a statement indicating that vigorous opposition may be anticipated to the nomination. He called for appointment of career diplomats, and questioned whether it is in the interests of the United States to assign diplomats abroad by political appointment, especially in a tense area like the Middle East.

The Middle East, he said, was "an especially troublesome area, more given to shifting political passions and outright violence than any other." He cited Iraq as a current example, and recalled the Suez attack of 1956. He told Mr. Reid: "I would be less than frank if I failed to state my conviction that our interests in the Middle East would best be served by ambassadors who have been carefully chosen from the career service."

Mr. Reid was introduced to the committee by Republican Senators Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth Keating, both of New York State. Sen. Javits said the nomination of Mr. Reid was well received in Israel. He said Mr. Reid's background qualified him for the post. Sen. Keating also urged approval of Mr. Reid's nomination, stating that both Mr. and Mrs. Reid were studying the Hebrew language, and that the nominee was otherwise qualified.

Mr. Reid expressed appreciation to the two Republican Senators for their testimony, and to President Eisenhower for nominating him. The hearing was adjourned until next Tuesday.

ISRAEL SAYS ARAB PROTEST AGAINST IMMIGRATION VIOLATES U. N. CHARTER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 12. (JTA) -- Israel took issue today with the complaint submitted yesterday by 10 Arab nations to the United Nations Secretary General against the emigration of Jews to Israel. A spokesman for the Israeli delegation to the UN said that the Arab complaint violates a clause in Article II of the United Nations Charter, which forbids interference by members in the internal affairs of other members.

"As far back as 1948, Arab representatives in the Security Council debate on the Arab invasion of Israel expressed objections to free immigration into Israel," the spokesman said. He pointed out that Israel had then rejected such objections, contending that "immigration into Israel is no business of Egypt or Iraq or the Arab League, and can form no part of any discussions with them, just as Israel claims no rights to influence the immigration laws and policies of Egypt or Iraq or the countries of the Arab League."

"This," the Israel spokesman said, "has been the Israel Government's position throughout these years, during which more than a million Jews have arrived in the country, among them at least 450,000 from Arab states.

"The allegations contained in the note from the Arab representatives do not require special attention in order to understand their utter baselessness," the Israel official added. "Suffice it to say that, ever since Israel's resurgence, the Government of Israel has repeatedly offered to conclude peace or pacts of non-aggression with the Arab states who remain adamant in their insistence on maintaining a State of War with Israel, thus violating the United Nations Charter and the principle provision of the Armistice in which the parties undertook to advance toward a final peaceful settlement."

The spokesman said that "the true motive, and possibly the origin of the Arab note's reaction to the humanitarian process of re-uniting the dispersed Jewish people with their kin in Israel are best illustrated by a statement on February 15, 1959 by the Voice of the Arabs, the official radio station in Cairo." He cited the statement as follows: "The only explanation for the increased Zionist immigration to Israel is a Zionist-imperialist plot--to face the world with a fait accompli that would make the liquidation of Israel much more difficult."

GUY MOLLET ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WELCOMED BY BEN GURION AT LYDDA AIRPORT

TEL AVIV, May 12. (JTA) -- Guy Mollet, the man who headed the Government of France in 1956, when Israel carried out its successful Sinai campaign, came here last night for a State visit and received an unusually warm reception from Israel's highest government leaders.

As M. Mollet's plane landed at Lydda airport, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion came forward to welcome the French statesman who is considered the architect of Franco-Israeli rapprochement. Participating in the formal welcome were also Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, other members of the Cabinet, and members of Parliament's committee on foreign affairs. M. Mollet is being praised by all here as the man whose aid to Israel in 1956 placed him very high among Israel's foreign friends.

KHRUSHCHEV SAYS SOVIET JEWS HELPED DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev told a delegation of American veterans of World War II that "many Jews are finding themselves in difficulties in Israel," and that "many of them are asking for visas to return," it was reported today by the New York Times in a cable from Moscow. The delegation was received by Mr. Khrushchev in the Kremlin last Saturday.

The Soviet Premier said that a great number of Soviet Jews were craftsmen and intellectuals who would "find it difficult living in Israel as farmers." He added that "many thought that they would try to find the promised land and they did not find it" and asserted that "among the intellectual Jews in the country, a great majority are critical about going to Palestine."

"There are no restrictions here for their talents," Mr. Khrushchev stated. "A large percentage of the intellectuals in the Soviet Union are Jews, many in responsible positions. They are doing everything, including work on the atomic bomb. They played an important role in the development of nuclear weapons. They have everything they wish."

The Premier said that before World War II there were 4,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union and the latest census taken last January indicated that there were now about 2,000,000. "The rest were killed during the war," he declared. "Bodies of many Jews were found in mass graves by the advancing Soviet armies," he said, "and the retreating Germans did not have time to burn them."

(The Times cable confirmed a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report from Paris yesterday, stating that, when the American war veterans delegation asked Mr. Khrushchev whether Soviet Jews would be permitted to emigrate to Israel if they wanted to, he replied that the Soviet Government is now "toying with the idea" that "in some future time" it will allow any person of any nationality to leave the country.)

ANTI-SEMITISM STILL EXISTS IN SOVIET UNION, ILYA EHRENBURG REPORTS

PARIS, May 12. (JTA) -- Ilya Ehrenburg, well-known Soviet novelist who is now visiting Paris, was reported here today as admitting that anti-Semitism still exists in the Soviet Union. He said that he considers himself a Jew only because there is still anti-Semitism in his country. Once anti-Jewish feelings disappeared in the USSR he would see no reason to call himself a Jew, he stated.

Discussing the possibility of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, Mr. Ehrenburg is reported to have said that the USSR will not allow its citizens to depart for countries with capitalist regimes. He expressed the belief that the great masses of Russian Jews had no wish to emigrate, and estimated that of the more than two million Jews in the Soviet Union, only 100,000 would be willing to emigrate if permitted to do so.

The 100,000 Russian Jews who do not want to stay, according to Mr. Ehrenburg, would emigrate to Israel only as a pretext, having the United States, France or other countries as their ultimate goal. Departure from the Soviet Union of 100,000 Jews, Mr. Ehrenburg contended, would prove harmful to Soviet Jewry because it would contribute to the growth of anti-Semitism in the USSR.

FRENCH SENATOR EXPELLED FROM SOCIALIST PARTY FOR ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, May 12. (JTA) -- Ferdinand Auberger, a member of the French Senate, and Mayor of Belle Rive-sur-Allier, near Vichy, was expelled from the Socialist Party today on charges that he used anti-Semitic materials in his recent municipal election campaign.

According to the charges, M. Auberger inserted into the municipal journal of his town some violent, anti-Semitic attacks against one of the opposing candidates for the mayoralty, M. Ben Hamou, who is a Jew. M. Auberger will appear in court on formal charges probing into the validity of his election as Mayor of Belle Rive-sur-Allier. However, his senatorship is not in question.

FRENCH JEWS EXPELLED FROM EGYPT FORM BODY TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS

PARIS, May 12. (JTA) -- French Jews who were expelled from Egypt during the intense, Egyptian, anti-Jewish campaign of 1956, formed an organization here today to seek greater protection of their rights and better treatment from the French Government.

The Jews who formerly lived in Egypt complain they are being discriminated against because they cannot return to Egypt to liquidate their assets there. These Jews claim they are protected by the pact which France and the United Arab Republic signed at Zurich last summer, in settlement of grievances that arose after the Suez Canal campaign of 1956. Under that pact, expelled French nationals are to be allowed to return to Egypt to liquidate their assets.

To date, however, only two Jews from France have been permitted to return. The rest have been refused visas. The expellees in the new organization contend that the French Government is aware of discriminations against them, and is failing to take proper action to protect its French Jewish citizens.

JEW FORCED TO LEAVE GERMAN TOWN; FAMILY TERRORIZED BY ANTI-SEMITES

FRANKFURT, May 12. (JTA) -- In the face of constant and repeated anti-Semitic persecutions, directed against his wife, his child, himself and his business, Kurt Sumpf, 33, a restaurant owner at Koeppern, near this city, has decided to leave the town.

Windows in Sumpf's restaurant have been smashed several times in the last few months; he has been shot at; his wife was punched in the nose. His son was harassed so much at school that the child had to be withdrawn from school. Last January, 12 men were accused by police of being the ring leaders in the neighborhood's anti-Semitic attacks against Sumpf. But none of the men has as yet been placed on trial. Now Sumpf is leaving Koeppern.

NO SERIOUS THREAT OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN BRITAIN, LEADER REPORTS

LONDON, May 12. (JTA) -- There is no serious threat of anti-Semitism in Britain, R.N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, stated at a meeting of the Association's council here tonight.

Mr. Carvalho disagreed with some British Jews who, he said, "discuss the problem as though there was really serious anti-Semitism." "Is it wise," he asked, "to rake up trouble, real or imaginary, when anti-Jewish feeling is so low?"

Mr. Carvalho also took issue with some who insist that no synagogues should be built in expanding suburbs, holding that the money should, instead, be sent to Israel. "The future," he said, "would be more endangered if there were no synagogues in the new suburban areas, to which large number of Jews have moved, and where the patients want their children to receive Hebrew education."

CONGRESS GETS BILL TO ADMIT REFUGEES ESCAPING RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- Sixty thousand escapees from religious, racial and political persecution would be admitted annually to the United States under terms of new legislation offered in Congress today.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, introduced a bill, co-sponsored by other Senators, to provide admission to this country for refugees escaping religious, racial, or political persecution by Communist or other totalitarian states. A similar bill was simultaneously introduced in the House by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican.

If the proposed legislation were adopted, the first refugees would be given sanctuary in the United States beginning July 1, 1959, thus officially recognizing the formal start of "World Refugee Year." The measure was described as a fitting American contribution to the Refugee Year observance, and an attempt to relieve the world refugee burden.

$500,000 PLEDGED FOR U. J. A. AT AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DINNER

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- More than $500,000 in contributions to the 1959 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York were announced at a dinner held last night in the Hotel Pierre under the sponsorship of the American Jewish Congress and in honor of its president, Dr. Joachim Prinz.

A former rabbi in Berlin who was expelled by the Hitler regime in 1937, Dr. Prinz told the 200 guests that the "shocking ignorance" of German youth about the evils of Nazism constitutes the most alarming news out of Germany since the end of World War II. He cited the results of a survey in German high schools, published last week, that indicated nine out of ten students were of the opininn the Nazi era was not as bad as it was made out to be and that in reality Hitler's achievements were greater than his failings.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS "ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR CITY

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner issued a proclamation today, designating tomorrow as "Israel Independence Day." In his proclamation, the Mayor called on all New Yorkers to join in the celebration of the eleventh anniversary of Israel's independence.

Tonight, the American Zionist Council observed the independence anniversary of Israel at a reception here, attended by more than 400 Zionist leaders from the New York area. The reception served, at the same time, as a farewell to Israel's Ambassador, Abba Eban. Speakers at the reception included Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Council; Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency; Michael Field, chairman of the Zionist Youth Council; and Mr. Eban.

DR. TOV RESIGNS AS HEAD OF LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION IN ISRAEL MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Moshe Tov, head of the Foreign Ministry's Latin American divisinn since the State was established and for years a member of Israel's delegation to the United Nations with the rank of full Ambassador, has resigned. The reason for his quitting was given as "personal."

Dr. Tov, who was born in Buenos Aires, was a practicing physician for a number of years. Four years before Statehood, he joined the political department of the Jewish Agency. Last winter, an announcement was made that Dr. Tov had been appointed Israel Ambassador to Mexico. However, he had not assumed the Mexican post when his resignation was announced.

TRUMAN PRESENTED WITH ALBUM REFLECTING HIS RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

KANSAS CITY, May 12. (JTA) -- The Consul General of Israel in Chicago, David S. Tescher, today presented to former President Harry S. Truman an album of Israeli newspapers of May 15-19, 1948, reporting and editorializing on United States recognition of the new State of Israel 11 years ago. The album also contained photographs of a village in Israel, and a street in Ramat Gan, named after President Truman.

BEN TOUSTER, U.S. JEWISH LEADER, HONORED IN ISRAEL; STUDIES WELFARE

TEL AVIV, May 12. (JTA) -- A reception was given here today for Ben Touster, American Jewish leader and treasurer of CARE, who arrived here to review social welfare activities. A former president of the United Hias Service, Mr. Touster will discuss here plans for CARE activities in Israel, and will study the activities of the Israel branch of Hias.

ISRAEL FIRM WINS CONTRACTS FOR BUILDING ROADS IN ETHIOPIA

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- The Solel Boneh, an affiliate of the Histadrut, has won out among dozens of international competitors to get a contract for the construction of two roads in Ethiopia, it was announced here today. The construction for the $5,000,000 project will be done according to plans of an American engineering firm.