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## ISRAEL OPENS 16TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; SHAZAR STRESSES PEACE, IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Fireworks lighted the Israeli skies right after sundown tonight, bursting above cities and kibbutzim, frontier posts and remote settlements, literally from Dan to Beersheba and southwards to the tip of the Negev, as Israel opened its biggest and most colorful annual observance, the celebration of Independence Day. Israel's 16th birthday is being observed by the Government and the people of Israel officially tomorrow. In accordance with Hebrew custom, a holiday opens on the previous night.

While the biggest event of the day will be centered, this year, at Beersheba, where Israel will stage a mammoth military parade, thousands of Israelis and tourists will watch President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin and other dignitaries taking the salute. There will be other festive events throughout the country.

Over Kol Israel, the Israeli radio, the celebration was launched formally tonight with a message from the President. Mr. Shazar emphasized two points of strategic importance to Israel as it faces its 17th year: Peace and immigration. He said there was no pause during the past year "in the efforts that our people and our Government made to receive our brethren as they came back from lands of dispersion, and to prepare homes and work for them." He added that, as the year ended, Israel was "entirely ready, in spirit and in strictly economic terms, to continue to welcome new waves of aliya from provenances of oppression and ease alike."

He said the thanks of the people went out "to the Defense Army and to all the security forces that stand alert to protect our land and thwart the evil designs of those who would destroy us."

Touching on Israel-Arab relations, he said that "though many political ordeals await us, though hatred of us is still thundered by those who hope to frighten us with threats, though hostility and intrigue have not ceased, the year that is ending has seen a reinforcement and an expansion of our amicable relations with other peoples, and a steady contraction of the menace of international isolation."

## ZIONIST INDEPENDENCE RALLY URGES JOHNSON TO INITIATE ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA)-- President Johnson was requested "urgently" here tonight, at a comprehensive Zionist celebration of Israel's 16th anniversary, to implement "a commitment" made by the late President Kennedy "to use all the authority of the White House to call into conference the leaders of Israel and Arab states to consider privately their common problems."

Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman of the American Zionist Council, coordinating body of all Zionist organizations in the United States, voiced that request to President Johnson at a rally in Town Hall, observing Israel's 16th birthday. He noted that the late President Kennedy had made that "commitment" at a meeting of the Zionist Organization of America, during the 1960 Presidential campaign, and called upon the present Chief Executive to "redeem" that pledge. Prior to Dr. Nussbaum's address, the rally heard a message from President Johnson, warmly greeting the meeting and Israel's anniversary.

Other addresses were delivered by Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations; and by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Cabled messages were received from Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; and Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency; Dr. Nussbaum, who is also president of the Zionist Organization of America, presented the Council's Louis D. Brandeis Award to Rabbi Irving Miller, honorary chairman of the Council "in recognition of his outstanding services to Zionism and the Jewish people." Dr. Miller recently retired as chairman of the Council after serving in the post for 10 years.

## Peace, Security, Growth Emphasized; Comay, Mrs. Halprin Stress Themes

Emphasizing the need and urgency for peace in the Middle East, Rabbi Nussbaum declared in his address: "One would indeed enhance the miracle of Israel's survival if history would record that, in the 16th year of the existence of the Jewish State, a great President of the United States responded to the challenge of history and brought peace to the war-torn Middle East. In a generation when dialogues have become fashionable and are taking place even between East and West, between synagogue and church, between the white and Negro races--a

way must be found to initiate a dialogue between two Semitic groups of the same race, Jews and Arabs, who have so much in common and mutually need one another. We believe that the President of the United States, with his acumen and skill for negotiations, is the one capable to bring about this dialogue for which millions of people, all over the globe, have been praying for so long a time."

The twin themes of Israel's desire for peace with its neighbors, while concentrating on growth, development and security, were emphasized also by Ambassador Comay and by Mrs. Halprin. Summarizing Israel's recent social and economic advances, Mrs. Halprin said: "These are signs of real growth of great encouragement. But Israel still needs help. The continuing immigration results in heavy capital outlays for housing and new industrial plants; the threat of Arab war over water makes enormous defense expenditures mandatory. But the people of Israel are happy; the government and the economy is sound; and the Jews of the world rejoice at the miracle of Statehood."

"We hope and pray," she told the rally, "that the United Nations, and the Great Powers of the world, will insure peace in the Middle East so that Israel can prosper as an outpost of democracy, as an example of what modern western civilization can do for a hitherto backward area. As American Jews, and as Zionists, we can take pride over past accomplishments, even as we plan for new and greater achievements in the near future."

The need for American Jewish interest in Israel's development, on the eve of its 17th year, was also emphasized here today in a statement by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization. He noted that, by achieving the organization's goal of the sale of \$85,000,000 of Israel bonds this year, Americans can help advance the large-scale Israeli developments already launched, seeing those projects as "vital to Israel's future."

#### ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED IN U.S. SENATE; CELEBRATIONS HELD AROUND WORLD

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi William Berkowitz, spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, of New York, will deliver the opening prayer before the U.S. Senate tomorrow. He will devote his prayer to the observance of the 16th anniversary of the State of Israel.

At the Israeli Embassy here, where a special reception will be held tomorrow in honor of Israel's birthday, a selection of paintings by gifted Israeli children was opened today as part of the observance in the capital. More than 1,000 Washington school children are expected to view the exhibit. Many of the local school pupils have organized special choirs to sing Israeli songs. Hosts at the festivities at the Embassy will be Ambassador Avraham Harman and his wife, Mrs. Zena Harman.

NICOSIA, Cyprus, April 15. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador Tuvia Arazi announced here today that, instead of spending his mission's funds on a gala celebration of Israel's 16th anniversary tomorrow, he will donate the money to accredited organizations aiding Cypriote victims of the civil war here between the Greek and Turkish communities. The Ambassador, however, will be ready to receive at his home all who may wish to offer congratulations on Israel's anniversary.

BUENOS AIRES, April 15. (JTA) -- The Buenos Aires Provincial Senate, at La Plata, officially observed Israel's 16th anniversary today. Israel Ambassador Joseph Avidar was a guest of the Senate, and was accompanied to the chamber by a special honor guard. An address lauding Israel and its achievements was delivered by Sen. Ernesto Berner.

MELBOURNE, April 15. (JTA) -- Yigal Allon, Israel's Labor Minister, urged today that Zionists stop complaining about Israel's attitude toward the movement and reorganize with special stress on youth and intellectuals for its historic mission. He spoke at a festive Israel Independence Day rally, attended by a crowd of 6,000, including 2,000 youth in a colorful pageant. He also said, in a reference to West German scientists working on weapons systems for Egypt that "it looks like they have not had enough Jewish blood." He will meet tomorrow with Federal Government Ministers in talks at Australia's capital, at Canberra.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, April 15. (JTA) -- Costa Rican President Francisco Orlich was among the Government officials, diplomats and civic and Jewish communal leaders who took part here today in ceremonies inaugurating a new school bearing the name of the State of Israel, on the eve of Israel's 16th anniversary. President Orlich hailed the cooperation and the joint destiny of Costa Rica and Israel, noting that they were both linked with the "strongest ties of friendship."

GUATEMALA CITY, April 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Alberto Herrate Gonzalez, Foreign Minister of Guatemala, joined other Federal and city officials here as well as members of the diplomatic corps today in attending ceremonies opening an exhibition entitled "The Presence of Israel." The exhibition, arranged by the Guatemalan-Israeli Cultural Institute, honors Israel's 16th anniversary.

## ISRAEL OBSERVES TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY WITH SOLEMN COUNTRY-WIDE RITES

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Sirens sounded throughout Israel this morning and flags were lowered to half-mast as the Jews of Israel mourned those who had fallen in Israel's wars. The Memorial Day observance began last night with prayers in synagogues throughout the country. All places of entertainment were closed. Special services were held at military cemeteries and memorial parades were held in all schools. The nation's annual Memorial Day is traditionally observed just prior to the celebration of Israel's birth anniversary.

In a special address to the nation, President Shazar analyzed the present situation and said that "the supreme task also facing Jews throughout the world is the fight against the ravages of assimilation and the strengthening of Israel." He also stressed that it was vital to defend vigorously Jewish educational, cultural and religious life in countries where this was denied to Jews and the right of such Jews to emigrate to Israel, a clear reference to the situation of Soviet Jewry.

He hailed the bravery of those who gave their lives "so that we can live" and he called for a better understanding and tolerance between all communities and minorities in Israel. Two minutes of silence was observed throughout Israel in honor of the war dead. Fresh flowers were placed on War of Independence relics on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway.

Several thousand survivors of Nazi concentration camps made a pilgrimage to the shrine on Mount Zion last night to mark the 19th anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen camp. The pilgrims, members of the Sheerit Hapleita (surviving remnants), recited chapters from the Mishna, kindled memorial lights and recited Kaddish. An earlier meeting to commemorate the camp liberation anniversary was held in Tel Aviv and attended by 3,000 persons.

A tribute to the memory of Izhak Ben-Zvi, Israel's second President, was paid yesterday at a memorial meeting on the first anniversary of his death in the presence of President Shazar, Mrs. Ben-Zvi, Premier Eshkol, Speaker Kaddish Luz, Cabinet Members, the Chief Rabbis and diplomats. The ceremony was held in Jerusalem's Communal Hall.

Just before sundown today, the official memorials were concluded. Israel turned to celebration of its 16th anniversary with zest and gaiety.

## HUSSEIN CHARGES ISRAEL WITH ATOMIC ARMING, REJECTS JOHNSTON WATER PLAN

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Israel, with "substantial technical and financial assistance from abroad" is engaged in the development of "atomic power and other media of mass destruction," Jordan's King Hussein declared in a speech here today at a luncheon in his honor by the anti-Israel Citizen's Committee for American Policy in the Near East. He charged that Israel's alleged action is "opening the floodgates of the Middle East" before an accelerated arms race, both in quantity and quality.

In justifying Arab opposition to Israel's Jordan River water project, Hussein cited international law. He said Israel's irrigation project would enable it to bring in masses of new immigrants, thereby increasing "the mortal danger to Arabs created by Israel's very existence."

The King urged the United States to "take a fresh look" at its Middle East policies, and claimed that Arab policy was not anti-Semitic, only anti-Israeli. Hussein called upon American Jews "to make an agonizing reappraisal" of their attitude toward Zionism and Israel.

At a press conference yesterday, following his first talk with President Johnson at the White House, the King said that it was "too late" to accept the 1955 Eric Johnston plan for division of the Jordan River waters on a regional basis between Israel and the Arab states. He also said there was no possibility of compromise on the issue between the Arabs and Israel. He added that Israel's plans to divert a portion of the river for a huge Negev irrigation project was "a violation of international law."

He said that Arab farmers were suffering from "damage" caused by Israel's present limited use of the river waters, and that this would continue until "we succeed in getting back part of the water that goes out." Asked how the Arabs proposed to repair the alleged damage, he said only the Arabs want to "make sure that water denied to us will come back to us."

Asked about the Arab refugees, the young King said that they insisted on a right to make a choice between a return to their former homes and other alternatives.

He made an indirect but unmistakable threat that, unless the West provided him with more military equipment he would look "elsewhere." Asked whether he meant the Soviet Union, he replied he hoped that would not become necessary.

## MOSCOW'S MAY DAY PARADE TO BID FOR FRIENDSHIP OF EGYPT AND ALGERIA

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Egypt and Algeria were singled out for greetings among the hundreds of slogans issued by the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party for the May Day parade, according to Moscow Radio, monitored here. Some of the slogans are: "warm greetings to the peoples of the Arab countries"; "warm greetings to the heroic people of Algeria"; "warm greetings to the peoples of the United Arab Republic; May friendly relations develop between the Soviet Union and the United Arab Republic."

# PRIEST PREDICTS ECUMENICAL COUNCIL WILL ABSOLVE JEWS OF DEICIDE CHARGE

MIAMI BEACH, April 15. (JTA) -- A prominent Catholic spokesman predicted to the American Jewish Congress national biennial convention here tonight that the Ecumenical Council would adopt a clear and specific condemnation of anti-Semitism at its meeting in Rome next fall.

The Rev. Robert F. Drinan, dean of the Boston College Law School, said that past delays in approving the statement would help insure the schema as adopted would provide even "greater clarity" and be "even more specific" in repudiating "any type of anti-Semitism based on the calumny that the Jewish people were responsible for the crucifixion."

In a panel discussion on Christian-Jewish relations in the United States, Father Drinan urged that Catholic and Jewish groups "cease to be divided over the constitutionality or the wisdom of the residue of a once pan-Protestant culture in America." Noting that Catholics and Jews shared similar experiences in achieving religious equality in the United States, he declared: "Let Catholics and Jews seek the fullness of religious freedom for all persons - those with faith and those with no faith."

Another speaker at the convention, the Rev. David R. Hunter, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches, called for a common approach among the three major faiths on the question of religion in public education. He opposed school prayer and Bible reading as examples of what he termed "the corporate practice of religion." But, he added, learning "about religion" and its role in history was "an integral part of liberal education." He said it would take "some doing" by Protestants, Catholics and Jews to achieve agreement on religion in the schools and added: The doing will depend chiefly on the will-to-do."

Howard M. Squadron, American Jewish Congress vice-president, and panel moderator, said that cooperation on civil rights among Catholics, Protestants and Jews had served to strengthen relationships and increase understanding among the three faiths. He emphasized, however, that "we must be on guard that, in the interests of religious harmony, we do not sacrifice social justice for all the constitutional principles to which we are dedicated."

# WOLF TELLS JWB PARLEY JEWISH INTELLECTUALS OFTEN FLEE FROM JEWISHNESS

BOSTON, April 15. (JTA) -- A noted American Jewish historian and communal leader advised delegates to the National Jewish Welfare Board convention here tonight to help close the gap between the Jewish intellectual and his Jewishness, and warned American Jews not to forget their Jewishness in the matter of civil rights. The convention opened Wednesday and will close Sunday. The speaker was Edwin Wolf 2nd, president of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, author and curator of the Library Company of Philadelphia.

"We have the paradox," he said, "of more Jews active in cultural and intellectual activities, and at the same time more Jews accepting the worst of anti-intellectual materialism. Free access to academic positions, a wide reading public for books of Jewish content, and a respect for Jewish learning have been gained. Yet there is still a chasm between the great majority of the intellectuals who were born Jews - and Jewishness in any religious, philosophical, cultural or social sense. I blame the gulf on the intellectual who has failed to find for himself the values in his heritage, and on the Jewish organization man who has scorned matters of the mind."

"I can say that Jewish Community Centers are better attuned to the coming cultured world than most other Jewish organizations. They have brought Jewish intellectuals into their programs. Yet they, also, have not succeeded in making these men and women part of the Jewish life the Centers represent. To be sure, there are exceptions, but I am speaking in generalities."

"I believe that the raising of the level of education is creating a great new potential for you. I also believe that if we can only get together the Jewish intellectuals who have fled from Jewishness with the young seekers, who are looking for a synthesis of their psychological need to belong and their intellectual desire to expand, we shall go far towards solving one of the most difficult problems of our time."

The National Jewish Welfare Board is the National Association of YM & YWHA's and Jewish Community Centers. It is also accredited by the Department of Defense as the agency to serve the religious, welfare and morale needs of Jewish military personnel and their dependents.

Mr. Wolf called upon JWB and its affiliated Centers and YMHAs to promote "a frame of mind, a way of life, which is Jewish in that it devotes itself to things of the intellect, not exclusively religious. The working-out of a philosophy of American Jewish life, which is American, Jewish and of the 20th century, should be enough of a problem to keep our best brains as busy as the Talmudic scholar kept his."

Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University, Walter D. Heller, San Francisco civic leader, and Arthur S. Kling, a one-time candidate for mayor of Louisville and Jewish communal leader, were announced as the winners of the three 1964 Frank L. Weil Awards of JWB.