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ISRAEL STARTS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION; HONORS FALLEN HEROES

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- Observance of Memorial Day for those who fell in defense of Israel, which annually precedes the celebration of Israel's Independence Day, was ushered in tonight with a broadcast to the nation by Premier Levi Eshkol.

Services for Israel's war dead will be held tomorrow throughout army camps and military cemeteries. Veterans parades will be held in Israel's major cities. The closing Memorial Day rites will be held on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem and the start of celebration of Israel's 17th Independence Anniversary will begin immediately thereafter.

Five of the six major events for the celebration will be held in Jerusalem. The principal military parade, including the Air Force display, will be held in Tel Aviv. A display of fireworks, music and a 2,000-member military parade will be held in Jerusalem tomorrow night. A military review will be held in the Hebrew University stadium which will be attended by Israel's military leaders.

Hundreds of tourists today besieged the Government Tourist Office in Tel Aviv, clamoring for tickets for the parade. Four thousand grandstand tickets were snatched up by the tourists within a few hours after they were placed on sale by the Tourist Office. Many tourists left disappointed and angry. Police had to be called to bar some tourists from trying to force their way into the Tourist Office.

U.S. Anti-Aircraft Missiles Will Be Displayed at Military Parade

Officials stressed that nearly 14,000 tickets were set aside this year for tourists. They also said that, to meet the demand, additional grandstand seats might be built. To mollify disappointed visitors, officials took hundreds of them last night to watch a full-scale dress rehearsal of army units participating in the parade. Colored lights and flags decorated both cities as Tel Aviv braced for 500,000 visitors who were expected to join the area's 1,000,000 residents for the Independence Day events. About 500,000 are expected to line the Jerusalem parade route.

The Air Force display will show 300 planes, including the new French-built Mirage jets. The motorized units will include United States Hawk anti-aircraft missiles, tanks, self-propelled guns and other units. The celebration will be concluded with the kindling of a torch on Mount Herzl.

Other events will be the Second World Jewish Youth Bible quiz, awards of Israel prizes in music, agriculture and education, and an Independence Day song festival. There will be 22 contestants of high school age from 12 countries in the Bible quiz. The judges panel is headed by Deputy Premier Abba Eban. Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will open the quiz and head the presidium which will hear any appeals from the judges' decisions.

Recipients of the Israel prizes on Independence Day will include Shlomo Tsemach and the late Shlomo Dickman in Hebrew literature; Professors Amos de Shalit and Amos Talmi in nuclear research; Prof. C.R.L. Frankenstein in education; Mordechai Seter in music; Yehudit Shual in social science for a book, "Immigrants on the Threshold"; and Shmuel Stoller of Kibbutz Kinneret in agriculture.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON NOTES U.S. AID TO ISRAEL IN REPORT TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- President Johnson, in transmitting today to Congress the annual report on the U.S. Foreign Assistance Program for fiscal year 1964, noted assistance that the United States provided to Israel.

"In Israel," he said, "work was completed on the modernization of the Lod International Airport, near Tel Aviv, which is used by a dozen international airlines. A local currency loan made earlier by the United States financed the installation of American-made navigation, communications and radar equipment to improve efficiency and safety at the airport."

The Agency for International Development, summarizing the proposed program for the new fiscal year, reported that with American help the state of Israel has "reached the threshold of economic self-support."

ISRAEL WORRIED OVER GERMAN DELAY IN ANNOUNCING DIPLOMATIC TIES

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA)-- Premier Levi Eshkol, in a pointed reference to West German delay in ratifying diplomatic relations between West Germany and Israel, said today Israel "expected that Bonn would not indulge in petty dealings" in acting on the matter. He made the comment to a group of visiting West German journalists.

The Premier's office has not concealed its apprehension over the West German delay in ratification of the expected joint announcement of the establishment of relations. It was reported that Dr. Felix Shinar, retiring director of the Israel Mission of Cologne, who arrived in Bonn Monday, may meet with Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and convey Premier Eshkol's views on the eve of the West German Cabinet meeting tomorrow when the matter is scheduled for consideration.

(From Bonn, it was reported today that West German Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder told the Parliamentary group of Chancellor Erhard's Christian Democratic Union that establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel would take place soon. He said he had used the past few weeks to explain to the Arab countries the West German Middle East policy.)

BONN PARLIAMENT TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION ON NEW CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION

BONN, May 4. (JTA) -- The Bundestag, the lower house of West Germany's Parliament, will consider this month an amendment to provide individual compensation for victims of Nazism who were trapped in Iron Curtain countries and could not file claims before the 1953 deadline.

The proposed amendment to the West German compensation legislation could cost another 4,000,000,000 marks (\$1,000,000,000) and bring the total outlay for individual reparations by West Germany to 30,000,000,000 marks (\$7,500,000,000). Under the Government proposal, a special fund would be opened for the victims of the Nazi era who were able to migrate to the western world, and particularly to Israel, only after the deadline.

The Bundestag committee handling the issue has made estimates for such payments of from 500,000,000 marks (\$150,000,000) to 700,000,000 marks (\$175,000,000). However, Social Democrat Martin Hirsch, head of the Bundestag Indemnification Committee, favors a settlement which would provide 2,300,000,000 marks (\$575,000,000) to 2,500,000,000 marks (\$625,000,000).

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany has demanded full indemnity for these victims. It has been said that fulfillment of this demand would cost West Germany another 6,000,000,000 marks (\$1,500,000,000).

BILL OUTLAWING DISCRIMINATION PASSES SECOND READING IN COMMONS

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- A bill to outlaw racial discrimination in Britain, which would also prohibit discrimination or incitement against Jews, passed a second reading in the House of Commons last night by a majority of 12 votes for the Labor Government. The bill is Britain's first attempt at laws against such discrimination.

The legislation would outlaw discrimination for reasons of race in "places of public resort," providing fines for violation. A second section would ban speaking or writing "threatening, abusive or insulting" words intended to stir hatred against racial groups, which is intended to cover Jews.

Sir Frank Soskice, the Home Secretary, accepted, before the vote, the principle of a conciliation commission to act before criminal proceedings are taken under the measure. He did so because a number of Labor leaders agreed with Conservative deputies that the proper approach was that used in the United States--conciliation plus civil law suits if necessary, rather than exclusive reliance on criminal law.

Sir Dingle Foot, the Government Solicitor General, said that the main purpose of the bill was "to prevent a situation here in regard to the colored people which prevailed in 1935 and 1936 in regard to Jews." Sir Barnett Janner, voicing Jewish public opinion, said he welcomed the bill as a step in the right direction and as an indication of the government's position on racial friction and incitement to racial hatred.

BRITISH PREMIER ATTENDS DINNER IN LONDON FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Harold Wilson, the guest of honor at a dinner last night of the British Friends of the Hebrew University, praised British Jewry for helping to cement British-Israeli relations. He was the first British Prime Minister to be honor guest at such an occasion, marking the 40th anniversary of the university.

He told a brilliant audience of 420 persons, who included a wide range of British leaders in government, education and diplomacy, that he had long supported causes connected with Israel, such as Youth Aliyah and that he was happy to help celebrate the university's 40th anniversary. "We and the Government of Israel have reason to be satisfied with the state of our relations," he told the dinner audience. Lord Cohen, president of the Friends, presided.

JEWS TO SEEK 1,000,000 SIGNATURES TO PETITION JOHNSON ON SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- A mass meeting, sponsored by the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, a body composed of 28 local and national Jewish organizations, will be held on June 3 at Madison Square Garden here to protest the suppression of religious and cultural freedom of Soviet Jewry. It was announced today by Label Katz, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Mr. Katz said that the rally, which will be the largest single protest against Soviet Jewish discrimination to be held anywhere in the world, will initiate a drive to amass 1,000,000 signatures to petitions urging President Johnson to use his influence upon Soviet leadership to extend to Soviet Jewry those rights to pursue religious and cultural expression granted other Soviet minorities.

Preceding the mass meeting will be numerous street rallies and other events scheduled by leading labor, fraternal and civic groups in all major areas of the city to dramatize the June 3 convocation and lend their public voice condemning Soviet discriminatory practices against minorities.

SENATE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR EARLY ACTION ON RESOLUTION ON SOVIET JEWRY

WASHINGTON, May 4. (JTA) -- Sen. George Murphy, California Republican, today called on chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to help bring forth a favorable committee report on the Ribicoff resolution, condemning Soviet anti-Semitism "at the earliest possible time."

Sen. Murphy cited the new State Department position favoring adoption of the resolution. He noted that the measure was killed last year partially because of State Department opposition. He urged that the resolution be accorded "appropriate hearing" by the committee and said recent disclosures about Soviet treatment of Jews are "shocking and intolerable."

An identical resolution has been introduced in the House. Hearings are expected to begin soon in the House.

STUDENTS CONFERENCE ASKS SOVIET GOVT. FOR EQUAL TREATMENT OF JEWS

BRUSSELS, May 4. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the Soviet Union to grant full rights to Jews in the USSR, providing for the Russian Jews treatment in all fields equal to the privileges granted all other nationalities in the Soviet Union, was adopted here yesterday at the conclusion of a four-day meeting held by the World Union of Jewish Students.

The participants, including students and other intellectuals from Belgium, France, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, Britain, South Africa, Israel and other countries adopted a resolution instructing its executive to press Soviet authorities to grant to USSR Jews full religious rights and facilities, full cultural rights and opportunities, equality with other minorities in all spheres, and the right to Russian Jews to emigrate for unification with their families in Israel and elsewhere abroad.

The resolution also expressed concern over "the continuation of anti-Semitic propaganda in the Soviet press," and voiced the determinations of the World Union of Jewish Students to bring the situation of Soviet Jewry to the attention of world public opinion. Major addresses were delivered during the sessions by author and novelist Manes Sperber; Prof. Robert Mizrahi, of France, noted Jewish philosopher; and author Emanuel Litvinoff.

B'NAI B'RITH WARNS AGAINST SECTARIAN INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

KILMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 4. (JTA) -- Delegates to the 113th convention of District 1 of B'nai B'rith called on local school boards today to guard against "sectarian influences upon public school students" under the Federal aid program. In a resolution adopted at the closing session of the convention, the delegates declared that "the public schools have always been and must remain a unifying influence in America's pluralistic society." In another resolution, the delegates recommended the establishment of a commission for "service to the aged."

A. Solomon Menter, a Syracuse attorney, was elected president of District 1. He succeeds Moses L. Kove. Mrs. Phineas Gordon of Brookline, Mass., was elected president of the District's women's group. More than 2,000 delegates, representing 500 B'nai B'rith lodges and chapters from New York and the New England states, attended the four-day convention.

JEWISH CHAPLAIN ARRIVES IN SANTO DOMINGO TO PROVIDE SERVICES

SANTO DOMINGO, May 4. (JTA) -- A Jewish chaplain arrived here today to provide religious services to the Jewish personnel with the United States forces here. He is Capt. Howard Graber, a career chaplain, who came here from Fort Bragg, N. C., where he is post chaplain with the 15th Field Hospital.

EFFORT TO REVIVE RIGHTIST PARTY IN CANADA REPORTED; JEWS ON ALERT

MONTREAL, May 4. (JTA) -- An effort to revive a rightist party active in Canada during the 1930's and early 1940's, known as L'Unité Nationale, is being made in rural areas by the former leader of that group, Adrien Arcand, according to reports received here by the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith.

The reports indicate that Arcand has been propagandizing in favor of establishing a party with a platform he calls "Federalist, Christian, Corporatist, Monarchist and Pro-Western." In his talks, according to the reports, he stated he is "not anti-Semitic, but pro-Gentile," and asserted he is "not opposed to Jews but to international Jewry."

Officials of the Joint Community Relations Committee said today they will evaluate the reports about Arcand's new activities at a meeting early next month.

SAUL BELLOW, AMERICAN JEWISH AUTHOR, WINS INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR NOVEL

PARIS, May 4. (JTA) -- The Prix International de Literature, a \$10,000 prize which is among the most coveted honors in the world, was awarded last night to Saul Bellow, American Jewish author, for his latest novel, "Herzog."

The seven-man jury, meeting at San Raphael, split four-to-three in voting the award to Mr. Bellow on the third ballot, the runner-up being the Argentinian writer, Vitolz Gombrowicz. The citation to Mr. Bellow lauded "Herzog" as the outstanding work of fiction published in the last three years likely to have the most significant influence on the literature of the present era.

DR. IRWIN UNGER IS WINNER OF PULITZER PRIZE FOR BOOK ON HISTORY

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Irwin Unger, a Brooklyn-born graduate of the City College of New York, was the winner today of the Pulitzer Prize in history for his book, "The Greenback Era," which had won high critical praise for original research into the post-Civil War period.

Dr. Unger teaches at the University of California, at Davis, Calif. He is 38. The Pulitzer Prize for history carries an award of \$500, but the prestige value of the prize is very high.

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY INITIATES NEW SERIES OF JUDAICA BOOKS

PHILADELPHIA, May 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish Publication Society announced here today the publication of a famous, 15th century Jewish work, "Consolation for the Tribulations of Israel," by Samuel Usque, in an English translation by Dr. Martin A. Cohen, of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The work inaugurates the resumption by the Jewish Publication Society of making important Judaica available to the American reading public.

Samuel Usque's "Consolation" is a long prose poem written in Italy in 1552, designed to encourage Marranos to keep the Jewish faith and not to yield to apostasy. A historian as well as a poet, Usque, scion of a distinguished family, moved later to Palestine, where he died at Safed.

The JPS had discontinued publication of Hebrew classical works after publishing a number of such books in the 1920's. The effort was revived five years ago under a committee headed by Prof. Salo W. Baron, including a group of noted scholars, among them Professors Alexander Altmann, Moses Hadas, Abraham J. Heschel, M. M. Kaplan, Shalom Spiegel and Harry A. Wolfson.

The series, called "Judaica: Texts and Translations," is to consist of three different types of classical works. Some of these will include the original Hebrew or Aramaic texts; others, like the Usque book, will be put out only in translation; and a third series would include more modern texts, especially those dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. One volume in the general series is expected to be issued each year. Before the end of this year, the JPS announced, it will publish the "Sefer ha-Kabbalah," by Abraham Ibn Daud, with original text, edited by Gerson D. Cohen.

QUEEN JULIANA CONFERS HIGH HONORS ON PROMINENT JEWS IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, May 4. (JTA) -- Queen Juliana of The Netherlands today conferred high honors on a number of prominent Dutch Jews. in celebration of her 57th birthday, when she honored other citizens of this country.

The Knighthood in the Order of the Dutch Lion was conferred upon Prof. J. A. van Praag, of the Amsterdam Community University, a scholar in Spanish literature. An officership in the Order of Nassau Orange was awarded to Dr. Abel Herzberg, lawyer, author, and former president of the Dutch Zionist Organization. Similar honors were conferred upon Max Tak, Jewish journalist; actress Caro van Eyk; H. A. Compert, Jewish journalist and literary figure; and several well-known Jewish attorneys.