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ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE STRESSES COUNTRY'S DEFENSE POWER

TEL AVIV, May 6. (JTA) -- A half million spectators hailed Israel's military power displayed in the 17th Independence Day parade here today. Three hundred jet and transport planes roared overhead and 300 military vehicles rumbled along the parade route with the hundreds of marchers.

American-made Hawk anti-aircraft missiles, West German anti-aircraft guns and locally adapted American Sherman tanks, as well as French 105-mm guns, were placed on display for the first time. Thousands of tourists were among the huge crowd who watched the parade.

The event constituted a parade of military strength which emphasized the defensive aspects of Israel's military preparedness. Again the favorites of the parade watchers were the Women's Corps, the border police, the recoilless guns and the infantry troops. The observers also applauded the Israeli-manufactured 160-mm mortars. Many of the watchers had waited patiently in positions along the route all through the night to be assured of best vantage points for viewing.

The first appearance of 40-mm anti-aircraft guns was followed by 120-mm and 160-mm heavy mortars, medium and heavy self-propelled guns in the 105-mm and 155-mm class. Tank units included light French tanks, Israeli-modified Shermans and Centurions.

A forest of flags marked the start of the foot columns, led by a unit of cadets wearing white embroidered headgear, followed by the Air Cadets, the Women's Corps and the Infantry troops. Minorities units, border police units, men and women of the Nahal units, military police, Israeli police, engineers and signal units followed. The marching column ended, as usual, with paratroopers.

In a thundering flypast which was seen throughout Israel, 60 Mirages, many French Mystere and Super-Mystere jets, Vatuurs, Oragans and Fougas Magisters drew spectator cheers. Also participating were Stratocruisers, helicopters and Piper Cubs. A display of aerial acrobatics was a feature of the flypast.

On the reviewing stand with President Zalman Shazar, Premier Levi Eshkol and Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin, were Mrs. Chaim Weizmann and Mrs. Itzhak Ben-Zvi, the widows of Israel's first two Presidents.

Tribute to Israel's Achievements Paid in U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- On the occasion of Israel's anniversary, the opening prayer in the U. S. Senate today was delivered by Rabbi Joachim Prinz, of Newark. He was invited to deliver the invocation by Senator Clifford Case, Republican of New Jersey. Sen. Case addressed the Senate in tribute to Israel's achievements as did a number of other members of Congress.

Sen. Case also tendered a luncheon honoring Israel's anniversary. The luncheon, held in the United States Capitol building, was attended by Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, Sen. Ernest Gruening, Alaska Democrat, Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, and a number of Jewish leaders and other guests.

Israel's Independence Day Celebrated by Jews in New York

NEW YORK, May. 6. (JTA) -- Hundreds of leaders in all Jewish organizations here, national and local, participated today in the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the establishment of Israel. They were the guests of Ambassador Katriel Katz, Israel's Consul General, at a reception given by him in the Israeli Consulate in honor of Israel's Independence Day.

Receptions were also given by the Israel Mission to the United Nations and by the American Zionist Council, the central coordinating body of all Zionist groups in the United States. An Independence Day celebration, catered mainly for Israelis who live in New York, will be held on May 16 in the Statler Hilton Hotel under the patronage of Ambassador Katz. A program of Israeli entertainment will be given and it will be entirely in Hebrew.

Reports on celebrations of Israel's Independence Day were received by the JTA from various cities in the United States as well as from a number of countries in Europe.

ESHKOL SAYS BOURGUIBA'S CALL FOR PEACE REFLECTS TREND IN ARAB WORLD

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today that the recent statements by Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba, calling for peace talks between the Arab states and Israel on certain conditions, "certainly merits Israeli initiative, but the matter is very delicate and I think that a further statement, beyond what has already been said publicly, will not serve a useful purpose."

In an exclusive JTA interview, Mr. Eshkol said he believed the Tunisian President's expressions reflect a certain trend in the Arab world. "However," the Premier added, "a contrary trend toward war still seems far stronger." He warned that, if the Arab states proceed to implement their project of "the diversion threat" in regard to Jordan River waters, "the area's situation might become very critical indeed." Mr. Eshkol expressed the hope that "sane counsel will prevail in the Arab capitals, and the threat to the peace may be averted."

Asked whether the hopes he had voiced for improved Israeli-USSR relations have been vindicated to any degree, Mr. Eshkol replied: "I believe it is in the making, though it is a slow process. There are some small signs of improvement, but these do not as yet add up to any real change. However, we continue to hope."

Cites Difference Between Israel's and U.S. Views on Nasser

Mr. Eshkol was asked whether the Middle East policy of the United States was based on a realistic appraisal of the attitude of Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser. He replied that there are some differences between the United States and Israel regarding certain aspects of the Middle East situation, particularly regarding Nasser's aggressive intentions. But he said the basic areas of agreement between Israel and the U. S. A., and the shared assessments "far outweigh these differences."

He noted with "satisfaction" that his own recent visits to some capitals abroad showed that "today, there is great understanding for Israel's policies and security needs." Declaring that the Arab attitude of hatred toward Israel "certainly feeds on the East-West conflict," he recalled that, over the years, Israel had urged East-West initiative for ending, or at least limiting, the arms race in the Middle East, and for direct Israel-Arab negotiations. "That is also our policy today," he asserted.

Discussing the subject of West German-Israeli diplomatic exchanges, Mr. Eshkol said that a German proposal on that matter is "long overdue." One of the moves in that regard, he said, was the important consideration of an undebated moral nature. But Bonn's offer to exchange diplomatic relations with Israel, he said, was "a highly significant example of resistance to pressures" by the Arab states. Only time will tell, he affirmed, whether a new era in relations between the Jewish people and Germany was being inaugurated. "The future of moral and cultural relations," he declared, "will, to a great extent, depend on the attitude of the German people itself in the years and generations ahead."

Turning to the world Jewish scene, the Prime Minister recalled that he has been urging, for years, a "stronger bridge" between Israel and Jewry abroad. Asked whether, in his opinion, both Israel and Jewry outside this country are moving in the right direction in that regard, he replied: "I am satisfied they are moving in the right direction, but I should like to see everyone moving more quickly." He stressed the awareness among Israelis and Jews overseas regarding their need for closer ties and "the spirit of volunteering of Jewish people throughout the world" by extending great aid to Israel throughout her existence.

GOLDMANN URGES ISRAEL TO ENLIST WORLD JEWRY ON BOURGUIBA PROPOSAL

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann urged Israel today to enlist world Jewry in a joint effort to use "the breach in the wall of Arab policy" created by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba's "daring" statements urging the Arab states to recognize and negotiate with Israel for peace.

The World Zionist leader said the content of the Tunisian President's proposals were unimportant because the time had not yet arrived for concrete proposal. But, he added, the significance of the proposals was perhaps historical in that for the first time a recognized Arab leader had taken a stand envisaging a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict.

In urging an Israel-world Jewry joint effort, Dr. Goldmann said there was a widely organized Arab dispersion which the Arab states were trying to enlist in their anti-Israel campaign with which it might be possible to establish contacts. He also asserted that there were Arab personages who might be ready to meet Jewish leaders.

He suggested such a plan should be evolved to work in the direction set by Bourguiba's approach and to create an atmosphere that might lead to direct Israel-Arab talks. Calling Bourguiba a western statesman, Dr. Goldmann said that in World Jewish Congress contacts involving Tunisian Jewry, President Bourguiba had always displayed understanding.

HEARINGS ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM TO START MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee today made known hearings will begin Monday on Soviet anti-Semitism, when members of Congress will testify on a resolution condemning anti-Jewish acts in the Soviet Union.

The hearings will be held by a subcommittee under the chairmanship of Congresswoman Edna Kelly, New York Democrat. The scope of the hearings covers anti-religious activities in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Public testimony will be heard on Tuesday from members of the public and representatives of non-governmental groups. On Wednesday, the subcommittee will hear witnesses on aspects of bias in Eastern Europe pertaining to other religious faiths.

The resolution is similar to one introduced in the Senate by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat. The House version is supported by over 100 Congressmen.

18-NATION ASSEMBLY CALLS ON MOSCOW TO END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

STRASBOURG, May 6. (JTA) -- The Council of Europe, which serves as an unofficial European Parliament of 21 countries, called today during its regular session here on the Soviet Government to accord equal religious, cultural and communal rights to the 3,000,000 Jews in Russia.

The Council said in a resolution that "there is a European responsibility towards the Jewish people." The resolution was approved unanimously after having been proposed by the Council's Political Committee. It urged the Soviet Union to "accord to the Jewish community the religious and cultural rights guaranteed to all religious and ethnic groups by articles 123 and 124 of the Constitution of the USSR."

The 200 members of the Council, representing all the political parties in the 21 member nations, expressly mentioned the need "to permit Jews to open or reopen synagogues, publish and study Hebrew texts, distribute freely religious articles, organize as a religious community and maintain contacts with Jewish communities abroad."

The resolution also urged the Soviet authorities to permit the re-establishment of Jewish cultural institutions and appealed to them to "prevent anti-Semitic propaganda, whether in the form of books or pamphlets, and eliminate all judicial discrimination against Jews concerned in alleged economic crimes."

The Council's Political Committee stressed a paragraph in the resolution which calls for reunification of families. Thousands of Jewish families were split up during the Nazi holocaust and many Russian Jews have relatives in other countries.

Parliaments of All Nations Urged to Raise the Problem

The Council decided to bring the resolution to the attention "of all national Parliaments with a view to drawing the attention of governments to the problem of the situation of the Jewish community in the Soviet Union so that they may raise the problem with the Soviet Government." The decision marked the first time that an influential interparliamentary body decided to ask its affiliated Parliaments and Governments to take this issue up directly with the Soviet Government.

The Council also made official a document prepared by its rapporteur, which deals in detail on the subject. That document expressed the belief that "the present detente between the Soviet Union and the West provides a good opportunity to raise in an objective and dispassionate way, and with purely humanitarian considerations, the question of the situation of the Jewish community in the Soviet Union."

Several speakers at the session described the problem as "an obstacle in the way of an East-West detente" and urged the various national Parliaments to do their utmost to pave the way for better understanding. Finne Moe, the Norwegian delegate, speaking on behalf of his colleagues, said that the resolution, voted on Israel's 17th independence day, came "at a fitting moment."

100 JEWISH MIGRANTS LEAVE ROME FOR U. S.; SPONSORED BY UNITED HIAS

ROME, May 6. (JTA) -- A group of 100 United Hias Service-sponsored migrants for resettlement in the United States left here today on a chartered jet flight to Kennedy Airport in New York. James P. Rice, executive director of the worldwide Jewish migration agency, who is here on an inspection trip of its overseas operations, said this is the largest group of United Hias migrants ever to fly to the United States on one plane.

The 100 Jewish men, women and children from Eastern Europe are joining relatives in the U. S. from whom they have been separated for many years--in some cases since the beginning of World War II. The newcomers will be resettled with the aid of local Jewish communities in New York City, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Memphis, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS HEARS REPORT ON SPAIN

BRUSSELS, May 6. (JTA) -- A prediction that the Spanish Government would soon follow its recognition of the Madrid Jewish community with similar legal status for the Jews of other Jewish communities in Spain was made here today by Max Mazin, president of the Madrid community.

He made the prediction at the closing session of a two-day meeting of the Standing Conference of European Jewish Community Services. The meeting was attended by representatives of Jewish communities of 13 countries and directors of major Jewish international welfare organizations.

Dr. Astorre Mayer, president of the Milan Jewish Community and chairman of the Conference, announced that Mazin would henceforth be the representative of the Council of Spanish Jewish Communities. The Council is comprised of Jewries of Madrid, Barcelona, Ceuta and Melilla. It will shortly include a community being formed in Malaga.

Dr. Mayer also announced important Conference changes, including the fact that with two new members, the Conference now represents Jewish communities of all western European nations, and Yugoslavia. He noted that the Jewish community of Portugal was officially represented at the Conference through Dr. M. B. Amzalak and that H. M. Kornitzinsky of Oslo, president of the Mosaiske Troessamfund of Norway had announced the intention of Norway's Jewry to join the Conference.

Mr. Mazin said that the new status of the Jews of Madrid was not expected to lead to any great changes in community life. He reported that for the past ten years, the Jews in Spain had been treated with complete tolerance. He paid tribute to the moral and financial support of the Joint Distribution Committee to the Madrid community, explaining that the synagogue and community center built in Madrid with JDC help was serving as a focal point for revitalizing community life.

Parley Discusses Heirless Jewish Property in Swedish Banks

Conference delegates also heard reports on recent developments in Jewish communities in Portugal, on heirless property treatment in Sweden and Switzerland and on fund-raising, social services and personnel. A special welcome was given to Leo Fischer, the new president of the Copenhagen Jewish community, and to Dr. Lavoslav Kadelburg, the newly elected president of the Federation of Yugoslav Jewish communities, as delegates present for the first time.

Fritz Hollander, head of the Swedish Jewish community, reported the progress of negotiations on heirless property left in Sweden by victims of the Nazis. Noting that a group of Swedish banks had proposed creating of a fund, using the deposits of such victims, to be used for Jewish survivors, he said he hoped that the offer would be backed up by appropriate legislation if that was necessary.

He reported also that efforts were being made to widen the bankers' proposals to include other agents holding such property. He explained that the feeling in Sweden was that such assets were not "Swedish money" and that therefore it was anticipated that the funds would be made available for Jewish needs. He added that the funds were estimated to total about \$500,000 and that these would be turned over for use by international Jewish welfare organizations. He expressed the hope that the Swedish arrangement would set an example for other countries where assets were left on deposit by Jews later murdered by the Nazis.

The Conference accepted with regret the resignation of Murray M. Sklar, community organization consultant for the JDC who served as Conference executive secretary since its creation in 1960 and who had a vital role in the first years of the Conference. The resignation is effective in July. He is returning to the United States after six years of service in Europe.

FIVE-DAY WORLD CONFERENCE ON JEWISH EDUCATION OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- A world conference for Yiddish and Yiddish-Hebrew Education was opened in New York today with numerous delegates from the United States and 10 other countries. Among the delegates are representatives from Israel, Latin America, Australia, South Africa and European lands.

The conference, which will hold its deliberations five days, concluding Monday, is being held under the auspices of the World Congress for Jewish Culture and three American, national organizations of Yiddish language schools--the Workmen's Circle, Farband-Labor Zionist Order and the Sholem Aleichem Folk Institute. Among the items on the agenda are recruitment of teachers for Yiddish and Yiddish-Hebrew schools; publication of suitable textbooks for such schools; and the relation between these schools and the Jewish community funds.

HISTADRUT WOMEN HONOR WIFE OF JUSTICE GOLDBERG; ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The Women's League for Histadrut Scholarships announced the establishment today of a perpetual scholarship in Israel in honor of Mrs. Arthur J. Goldberg, wife of U. S. Supreme Court Justice Goldberg. The scholarship provides for a \$2,500 endowment within the framework of the Histadrut Scholarship Fund to aid needy youngsters in Israeli vocational high schools.