



Jewish Telegraphic Agency

# DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

360 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Reproduction only by previous arrangement

Vol XXXIV - Fiftieth Year

Monday, May 15, 1967

No. 94

## Israel Inaugurates 19th Anniversary Celebrations with Rites Atop Mount Herzl

JERUSALEM, May 14. (JTA) -- Celebrations marking the 19th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel were launched here this evening as Kaddish Luz, Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, lit a ceremonial torch atop Mount Herzl. The Mount Herzl rites formally brought to a close the observance of Remembrance Day, in which Israelis paid their respects to those who fell in the War of Independence, and also marked the beginning of the Independence Day festivities throughout the country.

From the northern limits of Galilee, where Syrian-backed El Fatah terrorists have concentrated their activity in recent months, to Israel's southernmost port of Eilat on the Red Sea, flags were raised from half-mast positions and torches were lit to signal the start of street dancing and merrymaking that was to last through the entire night.

The first of the evening's mass public events here was a military tattoo in the Hebrew University Stadium, in which 1,000 soldiers representing all branches of the Israel Defense Forces, took part in a colorful ceremony in front of 19 huge beacons -- one for each year of Israel's existence. The troops included settlers from Upper Galilee, again in the forefront of Israel's endangered borders, and veterans of the famed Palmach shock troops who liberated Galilee 19 years ago.

### Military Parade to be Held Today; Envoys of Major Powers Join in Boycott

Tomorrow morning, the traditional military parade will be held here, with some 1,500 Israeli troops passing in review before President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin and other Israeli leaders in a reviewing stand in the capital.

Despite the decision by the Israel Government to limit the Jerusalem parade to a size and strength conforming to the terms of the armistice agreement, it seemed certain this evening that for the first time in Israel's 19-year history, the ambassadors of the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, the Soviet Union and a score of other countries will boycott the event.

The military observers of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization are also expected to boycott the parade. (A United Nations spokesman in New York said yesterday that Israel's Independence Day parade in Jerusalem "will intensify the already dangerous tension" in the Middle East.)

The members of the diplomatic corps, however, are expected to attend a reception after the parade tomorrow, to be given by President Shazar. In spite of the boycott by the diplomatic corps of the parade here tomorrow, many foreign guests are expected to be on hand. These will include Gen. Pierre Koenig of France; the Chiefs of Staff of Chile and Liberia; Jacques Soustelle, exiled French opposition leader; and representatives of the French air and arms industries.

## Eshkol Warns Israel Will React to Prevent Syria's 'Popular War' Against Country

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol declared in an interview on Kol Israel on the eve of Israel's 19th Independence Day that "Israel will react to prevent continuation of waging 'popular war' against Israel." Syrian authorities have used that phrase to describe their support of Syrian-based guerrilla attacks within Israeli territory.

"There will be no such situation under which quiet and tranquility would prevail only on one side of the border," the Premier added in the latest of a series of warnings by Israeli officials to the Syrian regime. "There will be no immunity to the state that encourages and initiates such war." He cited Syria as the source of all the border troubles but warned that "it is our policy to decide on the timing, place and means to react."

Mr. Eshkol also declared that the Israeli army would prevent any diversion of the waters of the Jordan River, and that Israel would assure safe passage of shipping through the Red Sea. FLOSY, the Aden "liberation organization," has warned it will bar the tip of the Red Sea to Israeli shipping when the British withdraw from Aden later this year.

The Premier reiterated that Israel was taking from the Jordan River for its irrigation needs only the water provided for in the plan developed by the late Eric Johnston as the personal emissary of then President Eisenhower, which was approved at the technical level by both the Arab

states and Israel but rejected at the political level by the Arab rulers. There have been several clashes over Arab diversion efforts, but the issue had been dormant for several months. The Premier said any diversion of the Jordan River would be met by the Israeli army because such a diversion was a violation of Israel's sovereignty.

Mr. Eshkol also declared that the Israel army had been strengthened in recent years not only by foreign sources but also by Israeli industry. He said American Skyhawk bombers would be absorbed by the Air Force this year, while the armored corps and artillery units would be given new weapons. He reported also that the Navy would be overhauled and new equipment added.

### Israel's Ambassador to U.N. Blames Syria's 'Irrational Conduct' for Tensions

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Syria's state of mind and "irrational conduct" endanger the peace of the Middle East and are "at the very root of all the turmoil and backwardness" in the Mid-East region, Israel's Ambassador Gideon Rafael warned here tonight at a celebration observing the 19th anniversary of Israel's Independence Day. Mr. Rafael, Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations, spoke before 2,000 delegates of the fraternal and benevolent societies affiliated with the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

The observance was opened with the lighting by Jewish communal leaders of 19 large candles, one for each year of Israel's independence. Speakers at the event included Ambassador Gideon Rafael; Benjamin Duhl, a general chairman of the UJA of Greater New York; and Jonah J. Goldstein, chairman of the Council of Organizations.

"Three days ago," Ambassador Rafael noted, "I notified the Secretary General of the United Nations of the gravity of the situation and of the responsibilities which rests squarely upon the Government of Syria for this alarming state of affairs. The Secretary General of the U.N. himself has publicly denounced that type of activity as 'insidious and contrary to the letter and spirit of the armistice agreement, menacing the peace of the area.' He has called upon the governments concerned 'in the interests of peace to take every measure within their means to put an end to such hostility.'"

"The Government of Syria has sufficient opportunity to give proof of its patriotic zeal in its own country. It is not our affair to advise it how to cope with its tasks,"

### Harman Informs State Department of Israel's 'Grave' View of Terrorism Near Syria

WASHINGTON, May 14. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman met here this weekend with Lucius Battle, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and conveyed the feeling of gravity which Israel attaches to the most recent developments involving terrorist attacks along the Syrian border. The Ambassador clarified the Israeli position and policies with respect to the Syrian provocations. He was accompanied by Ephraim Evron, Minister of the Embassy.

### Syria Complains Against U Thant's Rejection of Terrorism by Arab Saboteurs

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 14. (JTA) -- Syria this weekend complained to Secretary General U Thant that the latter's remarks last Thursday, condemning Damascus-backed El Fatah terrorists, had encouraged Israel to threaten the use of force against Syria.

Ambassador George J. Tomeh, Syrian permanent representative at the United Nations, during a 50-minute meeting with Mr. Thant, cited the Secretary General's remarks at a luncheon of the United Nations Correspondents Association, in which Mr. Thant described the El Fatah terrorists as "insidious, contrary to armistice agreements." The Syrian envoy complained to Mr. Thant that statements by Israeli leaders since May 1 "contain a very clear threat of the use of force against Syria." Mr. Tomeh said today that his meeting with the Secretary General followed conferences with representatives of other Arab states, and might be followed by a call for a meeting of the Security Council.

Commenting on the Syrian complaint, a United Nations spokesman said that the Secretary General's remarks last Thursday, describing the El Fatah activities in Israel as "very deplorable," could not be interpreted as condoning force by any party. He noted Mr. Thant's appeal to all parties to observe the armistice agreements.

### Mass Rally Marks Israel Birthday in Mexico; President Diaz Ordaz Greets Shazar

MEXICO CITY, May 14. (JTA) -- A mass rally marking the 19th anniversary of Israel's independence was held by the Mexican Zionist Federation today at the Jewish Sports Center. The program included Israeli songs and dances around a bonfire and addresses by leading personalities. Yesterday, special prayers were recited in honor of Israel's anniversary in synagogues throughout the country.

Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz cabled a greeting to Israeli President Zalman Shazar, congratulating Israel on behalf of the Mexican Government and people on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish State. A number of Mexican newspapers featured special articles on Israel in honor of the event.

## Brazil Reportedly Free of Anti-Semitism; Stangl Action by High Court Predicted

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- "Brazil is a country nearly without any prejudice -- religious or racial," the Chief Rabbi of Rio de Janeiro said here this weekend. Furthermore, he predicted that the Brazilian Supreme Court would "deal fairly" with Franz Stangl, the accused Nazi war criminal now in prison there, whose extradition has been requested by Austria, West Germany and Poland.

Dr. Henrique Lemle, head of the Associacao Religiosa Israelita, and a prominent leader of the Brazilian Jewish community, addressed a reception in his honor at the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations headquarters in New York. Richard Maass, AJC foreign affairs committee chairman, was host to the event, which was also attended by Gregorio Shapiro, president of the Comite Central Israelita of Mexico City.

Dr. Lemle, who was ordained at the Jewish Seminary of Berlin and is a survivor of Buchenwald, is co-founder of the Christian-Jewish Brotherhood of Brazil, Jewish chaplain to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Brazil, and professor of Hebrew Civilization at the University of Brazil. In addition to his own congregation, he serves six others in the interior and northern states, where there are no rabbis. Instead of a horse, the "circuit-riding" rabbi travels by jet to the outlying areas two to three hours from Rio de Janeiro.

"This is the hour of transition, not only for Brazilian Jewry but for all Jews," Dr. Lemle said. "It is a transition of generations from the immigrant to the native-born; a transition in belief and in identity; and a transition in the relations between Jews and Christians. The chance for ecumenical dialogue is finally here."

Mr. Shapiro gave a brief sketch of the background and life of the Mexican Jewish community. "The Government," he said, "is friendly to all people -- and to Israel. While the great majority of Jewish children attend Jewish schools, the Jewish community has liberally supported education of all children and has built two schools which provide for 2,500 non-Jewish Mexican children."

### Sen. Robert F. Kennedy Urges Brazil to Extradite Franz Stangl

WASHINGTON, May 14. (JTA) -- Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, New York Democrat, urged Brazil this weekend to extradite Franz Stangl to one of the three countries seeking him for a war crimes trial. Stangl, wartime commandant of the Treblinka and Sobibor death camps in occupied Poland, has been under arrest in Sao Paulo since March 2. Austria, West Germany and Poland have asked his extradition.

The Senator, in a statement issued from his office here, said he would "respectfully urge that one of the extradition requests be granted." The Brazilian Supreme Court had originally been scheduled to rule on the extradition question on May 2, but postponed the ruling, which is now expected to be issued on May 17.

"Documents before the Brazil court indicate Stangl's involvement in the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Jews, Poles and other Eastern European people at Treblinka and Sobibor," the Senator said. "He should therefore be extradited and tried so that justice may be done. Poland, where the death camps were located, would appear to be the most logical place for the trial to take place."

## Two Nazi War Criminals Given Life Terms in Separate Trials in West Germany

BONN, May 14. (JTA) -- Life imprisonment at hard labor was imposed on former SS leader Anton Ipsling by a Nuremberg court yesterday for his role in murdering at least 15 Jews at Camp Skarzysko Kamienna in Poland, of which he was the commander. He denied the accusation, but the presiding judge asserted that, as head of the camp, Ipsling had changed from "a harmless citizen to a brutal murderer."

Fritz Hildebrand, 64, a former SS lieutenant, was sentenced by a Bremen court this weekend to life imprisonment for murder and complicity in the wartime murder of more than 2,000 Jewish men, women and children in three forced labor camps in occupied Poland.

More than 220 witnesses were heard during the 11-month trial, his second on war crimes charges. He was convicted of having supervised the shooting of 2,000 Jews, including children in the Galicia district. He also was found guilty of having arranged for the shooting, as "examples," of three Jews who tried to escape from the Boryslaw forced labor camp, of which he was commandant.

He was first arrested in 1953 and sentenced to eight years in prison on conviction in four cases of murder and one of manslaughter. He was released after serving two years. He was arrested a second time in March 1965, when new evidence was found against him.

## Another Prominent Member Quits West German Neo-Nazi National Democratic Party

BONN, May 14. (JTA) -- Another prominent member of the National Democratic Party (NPD) has resigned from the strife-torn neo-Nazi organization. Justus Buehlow, a Wiesbaden attorney, in parting company with the party, complained of its unwillingness to dissociate itself from "persons like Adolf von Thadden and Otto Hess."

## Thousands Jam Philharmonic Hall as Jewish Daily Forward Marks 70th Anniversary

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jews filled Philharmonic Hall at Lincoln Center here today to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the existence of the Jewish Daily Forward, the largest Yiddish newspaper in the world. Many others were unable to secure entrance into the hall because the tickets for the affair had been sold out weeks in advance.

The Forward jubilee was marked by the appearance of a special edition of the newspaper comprising 136 pages, with 80 writers participating in the six sections, which included a special 16-page section in English reviewing the history and achievements of the Forward.

The important part played by the Forward in the development of Jewish life in the United States was emphasized by President Johnson in a message read at the gathering. A message was also read from President Shazar of Israel, stressing the services rendered by the Forward to Jewish Palestine before the establishment of Israel and, later, when the Jewish State was established.

### Johnson Lauds Newspaper's Aid to Immigrants; Shazar Sends Yiddish Message

In his message, written in Yiddish, President Shazar pointed out the fact that the Forward celebration was taking place on the eve of Israel's Independence Day observance. He lauded especially Abe Cahan, late first editor-in-chief of the Forward and the aid he had given to the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor, following his first visit to Palestine.

President Johnson said in his message that he believed that "all Americans have been beneficiaries" of the past accomplishments of the Forward. "Historically, your publication has played a huge role in helping millions of immigrants adjust to new customs in a strange land," the White House message said. "It was in the pages of your publication that many a new American first encountered the ideals and the traditions which are the real basis of our American democracy," President Johnson stated. "They are Jewish ideals and traditions as well; for your paper represents a tradition of 5,000 years of struggle for human freedom and human dignity."

Principal speakers at the celebration, which was held under the chairmanship of Adolf Held, general manager of the Forward, included: Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations; Israel's Ambassador Avraham Harman, and Dr. L. Fogelman, editor-in-chief of the Forward.

Among those who delivered greetings were David Dubinsky and other prominent leaders of labor unions which the Forward had helped to build and strengthen. All major Jewish organizations inserted greetings in the anniversary issue of the Forward.

Five choruses of the Workmen's Circle and the Zimrah Chorus of the Educational Alliance participated in the concert program that was part of the celebration. Israeli violinist Itzhak Perlman and the famous Jewish operastar Jan Peerce also performed during the musical program.

## Five Yiddish Writers Awarded Annual Prizes by Congress for Jewish Culture

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Five prominent Yiddish writers were named as winners today of the annual prizes in Yiddish literature given by the Congress for Jewish Culture. Three of the prizes, named in memory of Lonia and Fischel Bimko, were endowed by the estate of the late Mr. Bimko, the late Yiddish playwright and author.

Winner of the Bimko prizes are: Hertz Bergner, of Melbourne, Australia, who received \$300 for a book of short stories; Freed Weininger, of Buffalo, who also received \$300 for a book of poems; and Benjamin Shlevin, of Paris, who received \$100 for a short story. The two other prizewinners, who were awarded \$200 each, were: Moshe Gurin, of Tel Aviv, for a book of poems; and Israel Emiot of Rochester, for a book of poems.

## Israel Awards Ben-Zvi Prizes; New Citation in Law to Honor Ex-Justice Minister

JERUSALEM, May 14. (JTA) -- The annual Ben-Zvi Prizes, the fourth awarded since the death of the late Israeli President, were presented last night in ceremonies attended by President Zalman Shazar. The prizes, cash awards of 3,000 pounds (\$1,000) each, were given to Avraham Yaari and Shmuel Avitzur in the field of agriculture, and to Zvi Even-Shoshan for his work in the history of the labor movement in Israel.

The establishment of an annual Pinhas Rosen Prize of 5,000 pounds (\$1,667) to mark the 80th birthday of Israel's former Minister of Justice, and to be presented for the best research work on Israel law, was announced here today by Justice Minister Yaakov Shapiro.

## Coveted French Award Given to Authors of Book on Nazi Round-Up of Wartime Jews

PARIS, May 14. (JTA) -- The Prix Aujourd'hui, a literary prize given by a panel of French journalists, has been awarded to "The Great Raid of Velodrome d'Hiver," a book by Claude Levy and Paul Tillard, that depicts the full story of the July 1942 operation in which French Jews were rounded up and deported. The book is the first to describe the role of the French people in rounding up Jews for deportation to death camps.