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## Israel Hushed As Nation Observes Annual Memorial Day For War Dead

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--Memorial candles were lit tonight at the home of President Zalman Shazar to mark the beginning of Memorial Day for Israel's war dead. Sirens were sounded at seven p.m. local time and all places of entertainment closed. Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Chief of Staff Haim Bar-Lev addressed the nation by radio tonight. Tomorrow, memorial services will be held in military cemeteries throughout Israel.

In his Memorial Day message, Mr. Eshkol warned that "every attempt to destroy Israel will come to nothing." He said the enemy still refused to understand this. "Daily we stand in battle, ready to repel aggressors," he said. "The struggle is long and hard and we have paid the price of precious blood. But Israel has been saved and within our hearts there is happiness mingled with sadness. Long rows of fresh graves have been added to our cemeteries. On a tray of steel and lead, they have given us our lives anew."

## Johnson, In Independence Day Message, Urges Israel To Seek A Just Peace

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--President Johnson today hailed Israel on the occasion of its 20th anniversary, as a state that has set "an outstanding example of how people of widely disparate backgrounds can achieve a thriving democratic nation." He also expressed confidence that Israel will work toward a just peace acceptable to itself and its neighbors. The words were contained in a message of congratulations to President Shazar of Israel as preparations were underway for the nationwide Independence Day celebrations on May 2. President Johnson's message read:

"I am pleased to extend to you and to the people of Israel my congratulations and those of the people of the United States on the 20th anniversary of your independence. During this brief period of time, the State of Israel has made great strides, socially, economically and politically. It has set an outstanding example of how people of widely disparate backgrounds can achieve a thriving democratic nation. But three times during these 20 years war has broken out. The Middle East remains beset by violence and hatred. These are trying times — times in which patience and cool judgment must prevail. My warm wishes to your people on this milestone of statehood therefore is accompanied by my confidence that your government will devote all its energy to the effort to reach a secure, just, and lasting peace — acceptable and beneficial both to Israel and to her neighbors."

President Shazar, in a message to the people of Israel, hailed the past year as Israel's finest, noting that "our eternal capital, Jerusalem, was unified, the Western Wall once again became the shrine of prayer for our people everywhere and the ancient holy cities, the resting places of the Patriarchs and Prophets, once more were open to them." He praised the people of Israel for their outstanding accomplishments and the Jews of the world for their unfailing support. He closed his message with a prayer for "peace, serenity and security."

## Eban Assures U Thant Jerusalem Parade Will Not Have Dire Results Predicted

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 30 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban advised Secretary General U Thant today that Israel's May 2 Independence Day parade in Jerusalem "need not and will not have the adverse effects which have been predicted in some quarters." Mr. Eban gave this assurance in a letter that was delivered to the Secretary General this morning by Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations.

The Israeli Foreign Minister said that he had given "careful attention" to Mr. Thant's cable to the Israel Government last Saturday night which formally notified Israel of the Security Council's unanimous resolution urging cancellation of the parade on the grounds that it would further aggravate Middle East tensions and have an adverse effect on a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israel conflict. Israel's intention "to hold a ceremonial parade in Jerusalem on the anniversary of Israel's independence has been a matter of public knowledge for several months," Mr. Eban wrote. "The plan evoked no spontaneous concern throughout the world. But for Jordan's recent representations to you and to the Security Council, this brief and moving ceremony would have taken its tranquil course without arousing any international anxiety."

Mr. Eban accused Jordan of raising the parade issue out of "implacable hostility" rather than for any "disinterested concern for regional peace and international harmony." The parade, he pointed out, will be held at a considerable distance from the cease-fire line. "Such a ceremony creates no new situation. It leaves the position in the area unchanged. It endangers no lives. It threatens no civic interest. And it has no remote relation to the duty of the Middle Eastern states to negotiate agreements on the establishment of a just and lasting peace." Mr. Eban noted that only today he had conferred with the Secretary General's special envoy to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring "in an effort to promote a peaceful and accepted settlement which is the Security Council's declared and cherished aim."

The Foreign Minister cited terrorist raids against Israel, many of them from Jordanian soil. The "tensions in this area spring not from peaceful ceremonies within the cease-fire lines but from terrorist acts across them," Mr. Eban declared. He re-assured the United Nations of Israel's deep concern for full freedom for all religions in Jerusalem. He requested that the Secretary General circulate his letter to all members of the United Nations' General Assembly and Security Council.

#### See State Department 'Inspiration' in Press Criticism of Israel on Parade

WASHINGTON, April 30 (JTA)--Leading American newspapers voiced sharp criticism today of Israel's announced intention to proceed with its Independence Day parade in Jerusalem on Thursday despite a unanimous request from the United Nations Security Council not to do so. Informed sources here said that top-ranking State Department officials may have inspired the criticism of Israel on this issue. They noted that Secretary of State Dean Rusk accepted the view of his Department's Near East Division that Israel was undermining King Hussein of Jordan by staging the parade in Jerusalem.

(King Hussein arrived unexpectedly in London today on a visit of both private and official nature, it was stated.)

Washington's two leading dailies, The Post and the Evening Star, both severely rebuked Israel for its "provocative" action in holding the parade in Jerusalem. The New York Times said the parade could "destroy the Jarring mission" and result in "a new explosion of costly and perhaps fatal conflict with the Arab states."

#### **Eshkol Says Mideast Is Nearer To Peace Than At Any Time Since June War**

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said at a press conference here today that he does not regard United Nations Ambassador Gunnar Jarring's mission as having brought peace nearer but that he believes, in general, that "we are probably nearer peace now than we have been at any time since the Six-Day War." The prime minister chided U.N. Secretary-General U Thant who is held responsible by many here for encouraging Jordan to bring its complaint against Israel's Independence Day parade in Jerusalem before the Security Council. Mr. Eshkol said the Secretary-General should not be surprised to learn that his image in Israel is now "a little tarnished."

Mr. Eshkol said there was no pressure whatsoever being brought to bear on Israel by the United States, adding that "of course, we cannot see eye to eye on every issue." Referring apparently to the Phantom jet, the most modern American supersonic plane, the prime minister said he believed that Israel will get the aircraft requested from the United States. As to the slower Skyhawks, which the United States is supplying, Mr. Eshkol said he would have preferred to receive Israel's entire order in one shipment or at least in larger monthly deliveries. But, he said, he understood that the U.S. Air Force is also pressing for deliveries.

#### **Israel Can Agree On 'Solid Position' on Occupied Territories in Week, Eban Says**

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said here tonight that Israel would require no more than one week to come up with a solid position on occupied Arab territories should an Arab state, tomorrow, announce its readiness to negotiate. Mr. Eban made the statement at a press conference here when asked about the conflicting views within the Government on the future status of the occupied territories. "For the present there is no need to be unanimous as the contingency of a peace offer has not arisen," he added. The foreign minister said that all major questions are negotiable and, in reply to a question, said that this included certain matters concerning Jerusalem. In the latter category he mentioned negotiations with Israel's Arab neighbors and other parties on the status of Moslem and Christian holy places in the city.

Earlier in the day, United Nations peace envoy, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, conferred for 90 minutes with Mr. Eban and his aides. According to diplomatic sources their discussions today, as in past meetings, centered around the question of an agreement on Israel-Arab talks under Dr. Jarring's auspices.

Mr. Eban opened his press conference with a review of the past year's events and Israel's situation on the eve of the 20th anniversary of its independence. "The past year began in agony and peril and ended with the recognition by most of the world's free countries that something new must be constructed in the Middle East," he said. "No longer is their talk of armistice demarcation lines but of secure and agreed boundaries." However, Mr. Eban said, the reconstruction of the Middle East involves juridical, political, emotional and territorial problems. He said that Israel's attitude remains firm -- that the cease-fire lines must be maintained until a negotiated agreement is achieved.

He branded Egypt as the main obstacle to peace. "Everything communicated to Israel by U.N. sources and by representatives of governments that have embassies in both Israel and Egypt is fully consistent with the public statements made by President Nasser in his recent speeches," Mr. Eban said. "They can be summed up by the Khartoum formula decided upon by the Arab heads of state -- no peace, no recognition, no negotiations." The foreign minister thought Jordan's failure to accept U.N. peace envoy Gunnar Jarring's proposal to come to the negotiating table under his auspices was a function of the Egyptian stand. "Jordan does not want to break away from a united Arab front, although objectively she should feel more urgently the need for negotiations with Israel," Mr. Eban said.

## Dayan Sees State of 'Non-Belligerency' Preceding Formal Peace in Mideast

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said today that he foresaw the possibility of "a state of non-belligerency" between Israel and its Arab neighbors rather than a formal peace. "Such a state is rather nearer now than we have ever been to it," Gen. Dayan said in an interview published in the evening newspaper Maariv.

The Defense Minister was optimistic about the prospects of co-existence between Israel and the population of the occupied Arab territories. The experience of the past 11 months has been better than expected, he said. He added that co-existence was possible under two conditions — that the Arabs in the occupied territories be allowed to maintain their family, social and cultural ties with the Arab states and that they be permitted to maintain their own way of life. Gen. Dayan repeated his warning that the cease-fire lines will not be a one-way street, open to saboteurs but closed to Israel.

## Peace Is Important 'But Survival Is Paramount,' Ambassador Rabin Declares

PHILADELPHIA, April 30 (JTA)--Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel Ambassador to the United States, declared in an Independence Day speech here last evening that for Israel "peace is important but survival is paramount." The ambassador, who was formerly Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, addressed a mass public meeting at the Palestra of the University of Pennsylvania in his first appearance in this city since taking up his duties in Washington. The meeting was organized by the Philadelphia Committee for Israel's 20th Anniversary comprising 50 local and national Jewish organizations.

Ambassador Rabin was greeted by Mayor James H. J. Tate at Philadelphia International Airport where crowds estimated in the thousands were on hand to see him. At a reception in City Hall that followed, the Ambassador received greetings on behalf of Philadelphia's Jewish community from Sylvan M. Cohen, president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia. In his address, before an audience estimated at 10,000, Gen. Rabin stressed Israel's quest for peace, but, he insisted, it must be a genuine peace which would bring about a basic change in the relations between Israel and its neighbors. "However much we want peace, we cannot be sure that it will be achieved in the near future," he said. "If the Arabs do not want a genuine peace, why should we give up a single inch of territory? With all our might we long for peace. But our survival and development must be paramount."

## JTA Opens New Radioprinter Circuit To Carry News From Israel To World

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--The Jewish Telegraphic Agency began operation today of its own leased radioprinter circuits between Jerusalem and London for speedy transmission of news from Israel to all parts of the world. The circuits use leased landlines and transmitter facilities of the Israel Postoffice and landline and reception facilities of the British Postoffice. News transmitted on these circuits is relayed from London to New York over cables leased from Press Wireless, Inc.

The new transmission center is in the JTA office in the Jerusalem Post building in Jerusalem. A private teleprinter line links this office with Tel Aviv for reception of news from the JTA correspondent there, and a direct line ties into the Postoffice transmitters assigned to the JTA service. A JTA radio operator in Jerusalem transmits the news copy which is automatically sent out over short-wave transmitters and antennas beamed on London. The radioprinter signal is intercepted by the British Postoffice and automatically relayed to receiving equipment in the JTA Fleet Street office. The perforated tape is then transferred to the cable machine for relay to New York. Reception in London is almost instantaneous.

Operation of this circuit will permit JTA to triple the volume of its service from Israel without additional cost and will shorten the time required for delivery of news copy.

## Finance Minister Calls On Israelis For Voluntary Security Loan

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir today explained the need for a new voluntary security loan to permit Israel to keep pace with Arab rearmament. In an interview published in the evening newspaper, Yediot Achronot, Mr. Sapir said "our people must recognize the fact that the war is not yet over and it costs a lot of money. Israel cannot permit itself to lag behind." He said the security budget for the current fiscal year has been set at IL 2.2 billion (\$628.5 million). Last June's Six-Day War cost Israel IL 3 billion (\$857 million) which must be paid up within three years, Mr. Sapir said.

## Ben-Gurion Says Israel Needs Population of Five Million

PARIS, April 30 (JTA)--Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said in an interview published here that Israel must have "five million Jews before the end of this century, not for security reasons but in order to build the civilization we want." According to the interview, published in the weekly L'Express, Ben-Gurion said, "I think that the Jews can develop a civilization which will bring new principles to humanity."

## Cleveland Pioneer Women Sponsor Immigrants' Community Center in Lod

TEL AVIV, April 30 (JTA)--Ground-breaking ceremonies were held today for a new \$60,000 community center in the immigrants quarter at Lod, sponsored by the Cleveland branch of Pioneer Women, the women's Labor Zionist Organization of America. The center will contain a day nursery for the children of working mothers, a community hall and classrooms. It will be operated by Moetzet Hapaolet, the Pioneer Women's sister organization, which will contribute to its support.

## United HIAS Offers Services, Financial Aid to Jews Seeking to Leave Poland

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Jews who leave Poland for resettlement in Western countries can turn to United HIAS Service for financial and technical assistance. Gaynor I. Jacobson, its executive vice president said today. He announced that United HIAS was prepared to assume, if necessary, responsibility for travel arrangements, processing expenses and auxiliary costs for Polish Jewish families who wish to rejoin their relatives in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Australia or other Western countries.

"Many of the 30,000 Jews left in Poland -- the pitiful remnant of the pre-war Jewish community of 3-1/2 million -- want desperately to be reunited with their families. We trust that the Polish government will allow them to leave," Mr. Jacobson said. He pointed out that if a Polish applicant is able to obtain a travel document and exit permit, then immigration to the United States is possible.

"United HIAS urges U.S. relatives of Jews in Poland to communicate immediately either with our office or with one of our cooperating resettlement agencies to discuss immigration plans and obtain necessary technical assistance. Relatives -- mainly in the United States -- of about 1,500 Jews in Poland have already turned to United HIAS to assist in effecting family reunion," Mr. Jacobson said.

## Anti-Semitism Must Never Find Place in Catholic Religion, Archbishop Cooke Declares

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Archbishop Terence J. Cooke, of New York, said here today that "we Roman Catholics are more than ever convinced that anti-Semitism should never find a basis in the Catholic religion and must never find a place in any Catholic's life." The Archbishop spoke at a luncheon tendered him by the American Jewish Committee. It was his first appearance at a public event arranged in his honor by a Jewish group since his investiture.

Archbishop Cooke noted that "the pursuit of justice in civil rights and the resolution of our serious urban problems" are areas in which the cooperation of Jews and Roman Catholics "can bear rich fruit." He paid tribute to the American Jewish Committee as an organization that "has always given distinguished service to the cause of all brotherhood and has worked earnestly to promote the welfare of all God's children on earth."

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, honorary president of the AJC, presented Archbishop Cooke with a silver-covered Bible. He referred to the Jewish declaration adopted at the second Vatican Council as "the Magna Carta of human fraternity."

## Broyhill Calls For Probe of Extremist Threats Against Washington Merchants

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 30 (JTA)--Representative Joel T. Broyhill, Virginia Republican, announced in a House speech today that he has asked the U.S. Attorney-General to investigate and prosecute any conspiracy by Black Power advocates to harass Jewish and non-Jewish white minorities in the District of Columbia. Rep. Broyhill, who is a key member of the House Committee on District Affairs, charged that business life here is "under a pall of fear because of hoodlumism and racial chauvinism somewhat similar to that advanced by the Nazis in the Germany of the 1930s."

The Congressman charged specifically that Black Power militants are trying to harass local Jewish merchants out of business by accusing them of running "Jew stores" and other accusations. "Black Power has unleashed a segregationist, racist, discriminatory and even anti-Semitic campaign against individuals in the District of Columbia solely because of their race or religion," Rep. Broyhill said. He added that there was evidence of "coercive and conspiratorial activity to deprive white businessmen of the right to engage in legitimate and free trade."

## Synagogue Council Head Urges Implementation of Kerner Commission Report

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Rabbi Jacob Philip Rudin, president of the Synagogue Council of America, said today that "the only meaningful response" to the legitimate demands of the Poor Peoples March was the adoption of legislation to implement the report of the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (the Kerner report). He pointed out that the Synagogue Council of America had endorsed the report and had urged its implementation even if that meant imposition of additional taxes.

Rabbi Rudin was one of the delegation headed by Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which visited Cabinet members and other Government officials in Washington yesterday to present the Poor People's Campaign demands.

## Brandeis Committee To Set Up Programs for Negro Students on Campus

WALTHAM, Mass., April 30 (JTA)--Brandeis University announced today that it has established a permanent 20-member advisory committee to formulate long-range plans to improve the position of black students on campus. The committee, to be known as the University Advisory Committee on Afro-American Affairs, will be composed of seven black students, three white students, five faculty members and five key administrators. Brandeis has 47 Negro students. Commenting on the new committee, President Abram Sachar observed that "members of the joint committee feel there is a great need for planning and implementing realistic programs which will get to the core of the problems confronting black students and staff." He said the university will conduct a tutorial program this summer for the substantial number of "high-risk" Negro students who have been accepted for September.