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600,000 Cheer Israel's Independence Day Military Parade in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--An estimated 600,000 persons -- about one-fourth of the country's population -- watched Israel's 20th anniversary Independence Day parade wind through the streets of a united Jerusalem under brilliant skies this morning while units of Israel's airforce put on a spectacular display of power and acrobatic skill overhead. The parade had become the subject of international controversy in recent weeks. A bitter complaint by Jordan, supported by the other Arab states, resulted in a Security Council resolution demanding that Israel cancel it. Similar advice came from many quarters abroad, including some friendly to Israel. And there was a large body of opinion at home that questioned the wisdom of a display of military might in a city so recently unified. But the parade went off without incident. Dire threats of terrorist strikes and sabotage failed to materialize. Israeli forces nonetheless took elaborate security precautions. The entire parade route was guarded by armed troops stationed on rooftops and patrolled by helicopters.

Apart from several cases of heat prostration, the only untoward incident was the breakdown of a giant Stalin tank, part of the booty captured from Egypt in last June's war, which caught fire from an overheated engine and had to be towed away. But despite the parade's success and its wildly enthusiastic reception by the crowds, it may well be Israel's last. High Government and military officials are seriously considering abolishing the annual event. Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Chaim Bar-Lev is on record as having given the matter some thought. The question has been raised in the Knesset (Parliament) and newspapers have asked editorially whether military parades are not a relic of the past, held mainly in Communist countries and military dictatorships.

Whether or not today's parade turns out to be the last, it will probably go on record as the biggest, most colorful and spectacular of its kind in Israel's history. The reviewing stand was set up on Mivtar Hill, in East Jerusalem, a spot of no ordinary significance to Israelis. It overlooks the route by which the Jordan Arab Legion entered the Old City in 1948 and by which an Israeli armored brigade recaptured it in June, 1967.

Most Diplomats Boycott Parade; East Jerusalem Arabs Watch From Windows

President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan occupied the stand. Maj. Gen. Dayan, wearing the uniform of his rank, stood when the President arrived and the national anthem was played. But he remained seated for the rest of the parade, apparently owing to the injuries he received in an archaeological cave-in six weeks ago. Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Bar-Lev took the salute of passing troops in his stead. The white mane of former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was missing from the reviewing stand for the first time in 20 years. The 82-year-old leader attended the parade but had expressed his desire to sit in the public stands. Missing, too, were the Ambassadors and other diplomats whose countries do not recognize Jerusalem's status as Israel's capital. But foreign military attaches who are considered to be non-political, were out in force. The chiefs of staff of the armies of Ecuador, Uganda and Malagasy Republic occupied the VIP stands as guests of Israel's Chief of Staff. Leaders of Israel's Moslem and Christian communities were also present on the reviewing stand, though none from the West Bank or East Jerusalem.

East Jerusalem's Arab population had been warned, in leaflets that apparently originated in Amman, to stay indoors during the parade. Arab windows were shuttered. But as the parade continued, Arabs in white headgear or in pajamas could be seen watching from balconies or from behind shrubbery in their gardens.

Militarily, the parade was a convincing display of Israel's armed prowess. A contingent from the armored brigade that recaptured East Jerusalem last June led the column of captured Arab equipment which included huge Stalin-III tanks and Soviet-made two-stage SA-2 ground-to-air missiles, all captured in the Sinai. But the strongest impression was made by the American "Long Tom" cannon captured from Jordan. It was that long-range artillery piece, bystanders noted, that shelled Tel Aviv last June from behind the now defunct armistice line. Most of the captured equipment was no novelty to the Israelis as it had been displayed and photographed many times. But there was novelty in seeing Israel's smart stepping women's army units carrying sub-machineguns. In past parades they had been permitted to carry only communications equipment.

American-Built Skyhawk Jet Fighter-Bombers on Display For First Time

Throughout most of the parade, it was impossible to talk or even hear the cheers for the deafening roar of tanks, armored half-tracks and other military vehicles which created clouds of dust as they rolled past. But heads were most often turned skywards where low-flying jets put on some aerial fireworks. On display for the first time were eight American A-4 Skyhawk fighter-bombers as well as French Mirages, Mysteres and super-Mysteres and a lone MIG-21 that was landed intact in Israel by a defecting Iraqi pilot in 1966. The planes spurted streamers of blue and white smoke -- Israel's national colors. They flew in precise formation in the form of a six-pointed Star of David, scrambled and reassembled to form the numeral 20.

Considering the throngs that jammed into Jerusalem for the parade, the traffic problem was fairly well-handled. Police estimated that some 30,000 vehicles entered the city last night, 50 percent more than had been expected. But police were ready. Most streets were made one-way for the day — inbound. Drivers who had pre-arranged parking spaces averaged about 90 minutes getting from the outskirts of the city to the car parks. The worst traffic jams occurred after the parade when street directions were reversed and the mass of vehicles attempted almost simultaneously to leave the city. What is normally a 20-minute drive took the better part of three hours.

Security Council Members Argue Over Measures To Punish Israel For Defiance

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 2 (JTA)--The Security Council, scheduled to meet this afternoon to take action on Israel's refusal to call off today's military parade in Jerusalem, as ordered by the Council last Saturday, was tied up in efforts to decide what action to take. Secretary-General U Thant reported to the Council that Israel had held the military parade in Jerusalem. Two members of the Council, India and Algeria, immediately drafted a resolution which would have condemned Israel sharply. However, after nearly three hours of wrangling in informal discussions, no agreement had been reached on an acceptable text, but the Algerian and Indian sponsors expressed willingness to drop their call for sanctions. They insisted however, that Israel be sharply condemned for refusing to heed last Saturday's anti-parade resolution. The western powers, under the leadership of Lord Caradon, Council President, insisted that the resolution must only "deplore" Israel's negation of Saturday's resolution and must call upon the Arab States and Israel to give closer cooperation to the Jarring peace mission.

In his report, Mr. Thant stressed that Israel had conducted its Independence Day ceremony "east of the armistice demarcation line," but made no mention of the fact that Israel had conducted its parade, as it has contended, entirely inside the cease-fire line between the Israeli and Jordanian forces set up under the Council's cease-fire resolution of last June.

Both Houses of Congress Vote Congratulations To Israel on Anniversary

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Both houses of the U.S. Congress adopted nearly identical resolutions today congratulating Israel on the 20th anniversary of its independence and expressing hope that Israel and its Arab neighbors will meet soon to reach a peaceful settlement of their conflict. The Senate resolution was introduced jointly by the Democratic Majority Leader, Sen. Mike Mansfield, of Montana and Republican Minority Leader, Sen. Everett Dirksen, of Illinois. The House resolution was offered by Thomas Morgan, Pennsylvania Democrat who is chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Francis Bolton, Ohio Republican and a ranking member of the committee.

Both resolutions recalled that the American people had supported the creation of Israel 20 years ago. The House resolution noted that since its establishment, Israel has defended its right to exist while establishing democratic institutions serving the cause of freedom and human advancement.

In New York, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, head of the Israel mission to the United Nations, and Consul General Michael Arnon tendered an Independence Day reception to members of the diplomatic corps, United Nations officials, the press and communal leaders.

In London tonight, Ambassador Aharon Remez, of Israel held a gala Independence Day reception at the Embassy attended by a member of the royal family, a dozen Cabinet members and the diplomatic chiefs of mission of 50 countries. The Government contingent was headed by Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart and Lord President of the Council, Richard H. S. Crossman. The royal family was represented by Prince Michael of Kent.

In Brussels, Ambassador Amiel E. Najjar gave an Independence Day reception attended by the presidents of the Chamber of Representatives and of the Senate, members of the diplomatic corps, officials of the European Economic Community, the Apostolic Nuncio and leaders of Belgium's Jewish community.

Argentine Government officials, Israeli diplomats and local businessmen attended an Independence Day reception in Buenos Aires aboard the Israeli freighter, Sabracore while the vessel was loading Argentine products that will go on display at the 11th International Trade Fair in Tel Aviv next month. More elaborate celebrations were to be held ashore there tonight.

Members of Ghana's National Liberation Council and an array of ranking government officials, army officers and tribal chiefs attended an Independence Day reception in Accra given by Israel's Ambassador A. Cohen. Lt. Gen. J. A. Ankrafi, chairman of the National Liberation Council, sent a message of congratulations to President Zalman Shazar of Israel in which he congratulated the people of Israel and expressed good wishes for their peace, prosperity and progress.

Rusk Tells Congress Phantom Jets Withheld To 'Limit' Mideast Arms Flow

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Secretary of State Dean Rusk, testifying today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told Congressmen that the United States has not sold F-4 Phantom jets to Israel because this country is trying to limit the flow of arms to the Middle East. Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, asked Mr. Rusk to explain why the United States had not agreed to sell Israel the Phantoms when the Soviet Union has supplied the Arabs with the latest sophisticated aircraft.

Mr. Rusk said that "this is a matter about which our two countries have been in contact. We ourselves do not want to see a sharp increase in the supply of arms into the area." He said that "such an increase is too dangerous." The Secretary told the Congressmen that he preferred not to comment further at a public committee hearing on the question of selling arms to Israel. He appeared before the committee to ask Congressional support for the Foreign Aid Bill and was asked by members to comment on various aspects of the world situation.

Earlier, Walt W. Rostow, White House adviser on international security, informed Rep. John J. Rhodes of Arizona, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, that President Johnson had moved no closer to approval of the sale of the Phantom plane to Israel than he had been last January when he met Prime Minister Levi Eshkol in Texas. Rep. Rhodes had urged the President to correct the altered power balance in the Middle East by sale of "fighter aircraft of a quality to enable the Israeli armed forces to compete with those of their neighbors, and other military equipment."

Meanwhile, 44 members of the House joined in co-sponsoring a proposed House resolution urging the Administration to sell the Phantom aircraft to Israel to preserve the military power balance. Additional members of both parties are adding their names daily to the list.

Kiesinger Says Bonn Will Support Israel Interests But Wants Relations With Arabs

BONN, May 2 (JTA)--West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger said in an interview today that he was prepared to support Israel's interests but hoped that the Arab States would resume diplomatic relations with Bonn in the not too distant future. Ambassador Asher Ben Nathan of Israel wrote in an article published in the Hamburg newspaper "Die Welt" today that the people of Israel were watching with deep concern the rise of neo-Nazi elements in West Germany. However, he expressed satisfaction with the way official German-Israel relations had developed in the three years since both countries agreed to exchange ambassadors. Diplomatic relations have made possible a continuing dialogue between the two countries, he said, but he added that this does not mean there is complete agreement on all matters at all times.

Commons Told NPD Victory Should Spur British Signing of Genocide Convention

LONDON, May 2 (JTA)--Britain's speedy ratification of the United Nations' anti-genocide convention was urged in the House of Commons by Sir Barnett Janner and other Laborite MPs today "in view of the shocking rise of neo-Nazism in Germany and the fact that Human Rights year is in effect."

Sir Barnett raised the question during a session on next week's agenda. He asked the House leader, Fred Peart, if he would "reconsider introducing as speedily as possible, legislation so that we can accede to the convention on genocide." Mr. Peart said "I am afraid it will not be on next week's business, but I know your strong feelings on this point and I will bear it in mind."

The Board of Deputies of British Jews said today that it viewed "with the gravest concern, the continued progress and success of the National Democratic Party in the elections in Baden-Wurtemberg." The NPD polled nearly 10 percent of the popular vote in the state election last Sunday. The Board noted that it had "repeatedly conveyed to the Federal German Government its view that firm action was essential to curtail the dangerous influences of the NPD."

Rademacher, Eichmann Aide, Is Sentenced To Five Years' Imprisonment

BONN, May 2 (JTA)--Sixty-two year-old Franz Rademacher, a former aide to the notorious Adolf Eichmann, was sentenced to five years in prison at hard labor by a Bamberg court after being convicted of participating in the murder of at least 1,300 Serbian Jews in 1941 and organizing the deportation of some 2,000 Rumanian Jews from France in 1942. But Rademacher's sentence was temporarily suspended for reasons of health and his attorney will enter an appeal.

The prosecution had asked for a 15-year prison term for the defendant who was head of the section for Jewish affairs in the Nazi foreign office from 1938 to 1943. During that time, he made a number of trips to Belgrade to assist Eichmann in organizing the deportation of Jews to concentration camps. In 1942, he did the same in France where Jews who fled Rumania were rounded up for deportation. Today's sentence was the second to be pronounced on Rademacher. The first was in 1952 when he fled the country. He was found and arrested in 1966.

The West German Supreme Court has ordered a retrial of 65-year-old Hans-Joachim Rehse, a former Nazi judge who was sentenced to five years at hard labor last year for abetting murder in passing illegal death sentences under the Nazi regime. The new trial will determine whether former Nazi judges who passed death sentences in Nazi courts can legally be tried for murder.

Pope Paul Declares Old Testament Is 'Our Common Heritage'

ROME, May 2 (JTA)--Pope Paul VI described the Old Testament today as "our common heritage" and declared that it was "honored by all of us." His comments were made during an audience for 150 participants in the Sixth International Congress on the Old Testament, which brought together Roman Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Greek Orthodox. "What prayer can be more profoundly devout, more universal and more moving than the recital of the Psalms?" he asked, adding that "in this sense, we can all pray together."

ADL, Archdiocese Preparing TV Programs on Jews, Judaism for Catholic Schools

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--The New York Archdiocese and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith announced today that closed circuit television programs on Judaism and the Jew in literature are now being taped to be shown, starting next fall, to some 8,000 teachers in New York Catholic schools. The announcement was made in connection with the opening here of the 55th annual meeting of the ADL here which will continue through next Tuesday.

The joint announcement, describing the project as the first in inter-religious relations, said that more than 250,000 Catholic parochial school children will eventually be exposed to the data in the tapes and in published resource aids. It also indicated that plans were being made to transfer the tapes to film for distribution to Catholic schools throughout the country. Taping has been taking place for the past two months in studios in Yonkers, maintained by the Archdiocese for an on-going closed circuit TV program. The five one-hour programs on the Jew in literature and six half-hour programs on Judaism will become part of the diocesan TV activity. Both series are using scholars recruited by the ADL.

Msgr. Edward M. Connors, associate superintendent of Archdiocese schools, said that "a gap existed" and "in general, we simply were not teaching as much as we should about Jews and Judaism." He described the TV effort in teacher-training as "the most significant way we know to fill the gap by exploring that world."

The five programs on the Jew in literature are designed for teachers of English. Dore Schary, ADL chairman, explained that the attempt to "counter the negative stereotype of the Jew" was being made, not by censoring the literature, "but by helping the teacher to question the premise of such stereotyping, deal with author motivation and so forth."

The TV series on Judaism is designed to acquaint both teachers and pupils with aspects of Jewish custom, law, ritual, practices, traditions and beliefs, and the Archdiocese is preparing a resource unit for this phase of the TV programs. The announcement indicated that the programs will help to make clear that the definition of the Jew includes more than religion, to point out the inter-relationship between Jews, tradition and the land of Israel and "show the wide variations in Judaic practice."

Rabbi Israel Miller Named To Major New Administrative Post at Yeshiva University

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--Yeshiva University announced yesterday creation of a major new administration post, the appointment of two new deans and other changes related to its current expansion programs. Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, said that Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry and of the American Zionist Council, had been appointed to fill the new position of assistant to the president for student affairs. It was indicated from other sources that Rabbi Miller plans to resign all of his organizational posts, as well as his pulpit at the Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center, to devote himself entirely to his Yeshiva University position. He will assume his new duties formally on September 1, it was understood.

Professor David Mirsky, now dean of admissions and professor of English, was named dean of Stern College for Women, the university's undergraduate liberal arts and science school for women. He succeeded Dr. Norman E. Frimer, who resigned to return to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

Rabbi Jacob M. Rabinowitz, dean of students, was named dean of the Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies, an undergraduate school now developing a tuition-free, four-year bachelor's degree program for students planning to enter the field of Jewish education. Rabbi Rabinowitz succeeds Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, who will retire next month after serving 24 years as director of the school, but will continue at the university as professor of American Jewish History.

Dr. Belkin said Rabbi Miller's position was created in recognition of the "enormous growth and changing needs of our student population" which require strengthening "the links of communication" between students and the university.

As dean of Stern College, Prof. Mirsky will be involved in a \$10 million expansion program, which includes building a \$4.5 million building with 38 classrooms for 1,200 students, to be attached to the existing facility which is undergoing a \$1.5 million dollar renovation. The Erna Michael college has been under change toward a tuition-free school since the university received a \$1,250,000 gift from Jakob Michael in 1966. It will offer experimental approaches aimed at meeting the critical shortage of qualified teachers for Jewish education.

All-Day Jewish-Christian Dialogue Held at Pennsylvania Lutheran College

PHILADELPHIA, May 2 (JTA)--An all-day Jewish-Christian dialogue was held today at the Thiel College in Greenville, a Lutheran school, which was sponsored by the college, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Chautauqua Society and the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Co. The goal of the dialogue, the first at Thiel College, was to discuss the history of relations between Christians and Jews into the present, as well as problems and religious differences and similarities.

Dr. John Reumann, professor of New Testament at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Mount Airy, in Philadelphia, and Dr. Samuel Sandmel, professor of Bible and Hellenistic Literature of the Hebrew Union College, the Reform rabbinical seminary, led two of the sessions. A series of workshops were held on Christian beliefs and anti-Semitism, Christianity and Israel, law in Hebrew scriptures and theology after Auschwitz.