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Some 125,000 Marchers. Spectators Participate in Israeli Independence Day Parade

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)--About 75,000 Jewish youths and adults, many in colorful costumes, marched on Fifth Avenue under cloudy skies today in the seventh annual Salute to Israel Parade celebrating the forthcoming 23rd anniversary of Israel's independence. Spectators along the 29-block route of march--57th to 86th Streets--were estimated at 50,000, a relatively small turn-out attributed to unseasonably chilly weather. Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York headed the political figures on the reviewing stand. Israel was represented by its two senior envoys--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin who came from Washington for the occasion and Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations. Strong winds bearing a hint of lingering winter did not dampen the enthusiasm of the marchers whose theme was "Am Israel Chai." But unlike previous years' parades, the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union received equal attention and sometimes overshadowed the purely Israeli theme of the event. According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's reporter, the most elaborate floats were those of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. One of them depicted a prison cage with four men inside wearing prisoners' garb. The parade began at 11:00 a.m. when a cantor chanted the mourning prayer for six million Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II, followed by the sounding of the Shofar.

It ended about five hours later when an estimated 50,000 youths gathered in Central Park's Sheep Meadow for a musical "Be-In" for Israel sponsored by the New York Union of Jewish Students. The parade was free of incidents. The JTA reporter said police would not confirm reports that about 10 Arabs staged a demonstration at one point along the parade route and that several were arrested. They also would not confirm reports that the Arabs clashed with members of the Jewish Defense League who had a large contingent among the marchers. Premier Golda Meir of Israel sent "greetings from Jerusalem re-united" to the marchers. Her message said in part, "In all our trials and hopes we are deeply encouraged by the great wave of identification and sympathy from Jew and non-Jew alike in the great metropolis of New York...We know that they sense with us the new epoch of Jewish history now unfolding." Ambassador Tekoah declared in a speech greeting the marchers that Israel will not yield and will not move until its legitimate rights are assured. Ambassador Rabin thanked Americans for their support of Israel. The young participants in the parade represented some 300 synagogues, schools and youth groups in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area. The parade was sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

Estimated 500 Jewish Youths Part Of Anti-War Rally At Capitol

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--Several hundred Jewish youths were among the participants during the massive rally here yesterday to demand an end to U.S. involvement in Indochina. Many of those Jewish participants among the estimated 200,000 persons who arrived here were identified as members of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Radical Zionist Alliance which is an umbrella group for student activist groups, and Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair which is a Socialist-Zionist group of adults and youths. Despite the turnout of an estimated 500 Jewish youths from some 12 cities across the country, Samuel Sisen, assistant director of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, expressed disappointment at the relatively small number of Jewish youths. "It is very difficult to account for such a small number," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and added that it was difficult, in the final analysis, to ascertain who was Jewish and who was not in the vast throng that choked the city for almost 24 hours. Sisen said that many Jewish youths are expected here next weekend to participate in a number of other rallies scheduled to protest the war in Southeast Asia. A large number of Jewish youths remained in Washington today to participate in workshop sessions organized by the RZA.

Among those Jewish organizations which provided shelter, food, rest and sleeping quarters for both Jewish and non-Jewish youths were the Religious Action Center of the UAHC, B'nai B'rith, Temple Emanuel in suburban Maryland, Temple Micah and "Farbrengen," a Jewish commune in downtown Washington. At one point during the rally, a group of Jewish youths spotted several neo-Nazis carrying placards and dressed in full regalia near the Pulaski Monument. The youths started toward the neo-Nazis but were stopped by police. Rabbi Bernard Mehlman of Temple Micah, who led about 25 congregants in the rally, said he saw quite a few Jewish youths whom he had not seen before at anti-war rallies. One contingent represented the B'nai B'rith from Queens, N.Y. Another contingent carried a banner reading: "Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair For Peace." The JTA learned that a number of Jewish participants wanted to form a contingent within the rally to demonstrate on behalf of Soviet Jews but decided not to because some felt that it would be counter-productive to the main theme of the demonstration. The Washington headquarters of B'nai B'rith provided kosher food and allotted space in its building for the RZA workshop and for a medical center staffed by the Medical Committee for Human Rights, a non-sectarian, non-partisan physicians group. The Religious Action Center of the UAHC served as a clearing house for families and congregants offered their homes to participants in the peace rally, according to Sisen.

Rogers' Visit To Israel Marred By Sharp Differences Between U.S., Israel

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers is expected here on May 7 or 8 at the wind-up of his Middle East visit that will take him to four Arab capitals before he lands in Israel. While his visit is welcomed, the atmosphere of cordiality may be severely strained by the sharply divergent views that have developed in recent weeks between Washington and Jerusalem over an interim arrangement to reopen the Suez Canal and other matters, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency

learned. Some quarters here scarcely conceal their resentment of the fact that Rogers selected Israel for the final stop on what is his first visit to the Middle East. The JTA learned from very reliable sources today that Rogers' meeting with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon in Washington a week ago was marked by anything but mutual understanding. The sources said reports received here from Washington described the meeting as "unpleasant." Allon's remark when he emerged from it that "I am wiser now than when I came" was called an understatement. The sources said that Rogers was "very tough" and "virtually told Allon off." He was quoted as having said, "I cannot understand you Israelis. I am getting the impression that you are doing all you can to frustrate an agreement with Egypt." According to the source, Rogers expressed the opinion that the Soviet Union and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt were sincerely interested in preventing a renewal of fighting. When Allon said that Israel's position served American interests in the region, Rogers reportedly replied sharply, "Please let us judge what America's best interests are just as Israel claims the right to decide what serves her own interests."

Rogers will encounter still another diplomatic problem when he arrives here. He will have to decide whether or not to receive a deputation of West Bank Arab notables. The Israeli government has no objection but the Jordanian government does. If Rogers receives the Arabs, King Hussein will feel hurt and if he doesn't he will offend the West Bank Arabs, Israeli sources said. The group that wants to see Rogers is headed by Aziz Shihadeh, a Nabulus attorney who is one of the prime movers of the anti-Hussein movement on the West Bank. Apparently they want to discuss their demands for a Palestinian state with Rogers. The group applied for an audience with the U.S. Consul in Jerusalem and their request has been forwarded to Washington. In the past, local Arabs have met with Western diplomats visiting Israel. One was Gov. William Scranton who came here late in 1968 on a fact-finding mission for President-elect Nixon; the other was the then British Foreign Secretary George Brown. In both instances the Amman government disapproved. Foreign Minister Abba Eban reviewed political developments at today's Cabinet meeting, according to an official communiqué. The JTA learned from reliable sources that Israel is still waiting for the clarifications it requested from the U.S. regarding the proposed interim arrangement with Egypt on the Suez Canal.

Board Of Deputies Criticize Immigration Bill For Racially Discriminatory Provisions

LONDON, April 25 (JTA)--The Immigration Bill now before Parliament was the subject of a debate at today's meeting of the Board of Deputies. Victor Mishcon, vice-president of the Board and chairman of the Jewish Defense Committee who introduced the debate, said that influential circles within British society, including such groups as the British Council of Churches and the Young Conservatives, considered this bill a "racial measure, harmful to race relations in this country." He noted that particularly repugnant was the introduction for the first time of a division between those referred to as patrials and non-patrials. Patrials are those whose parents or grandparents had been British citizens. The Board of Deputies adopted an official position with regard to the Immigration Bill stating that it views "many of the bill's provisions as racially discriminatory and is of the opinion that it will impede the work of those who, like the Board, are endeavoring to promote good race relations in this country." While expressing critical views on other aspects of the bill, the Board expressed particular "apprehension as to the creation of a patrial and non-patrial status, the inclusion of the members of an immigrant's family in a deportation order, and the lack of rights of appeal against a deportation order where no such rights are given in the bill."

The Board expressed a hope that "immigration officers will carry out their duty without regard to the race, color or religion of people seeking to enter the United Kingdom." Non-patrials of any race or color are restricted by the new bill governing immigration, if and when adopted. This last point is of relevance to Jews because many Australian, South African and Canadian Jews are non-patrials in the sense of this bill and could not come here with the same ease as their fellow citizens of British origin. In answer to a question, Alderman Michael M. Fidler, Board president pointed out that he had made it clear that he was supporting the Immigration Bill as a member of Parliament and not as president of the Board. He had made this clear both to the Board and in the House of Commons where it was recorded in the official report. Fidler announced that a delegation of the Board would visit the Home Secretary next Thursday to discuss the Immigration Bill.

Soviet Government Protests Attack On Soviet Offices; Bray, Bush Condemn Bombing

WASHINGTON, April 25 (JTA)--The Soviet government lodged a strong protest with the United States yesterday against attacks on Soviet offices in New York. U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam was summoned to the Foreign Ministry where he was handed the protest note by Vasily V. Kuznetsov, the First Deputy Foreign Minister. The protest was occasioned by a bomb explosion last Thursday in the Manhattan offices of Amtorg, the Soviet trading company. Rabbi Meir Kahane, the Jewish Defense League's national chairman, denied that his group was responsible for the Amtorg bombing but expressed sympathy for the perpetrators. The State Department condemned the bombing "in the strongest possible terms." Department spokesman Charles Bray called it "an action of misguided individuals" which, he warned, "not only threatens to injure many innocent people but hampers our own efforts to influence the Soviet government to permit freer emigration and end both cultural and religious discrimination." Bray said, "I don't believe we have any idea who precipitated this attack," adding that the State Department was "not implicating anybody." The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, George Bush, condemned the bombing as an "outrageous, barbaric and cowardly" incident. Yesterday's Soviet note made no accusations against any group.

Arab, Israeli Officials Skeptical That Former Grand Mufti Invited To Amman

JERUSALEM, April 25 (JTA)--The West Bank buzzed with rumors today that one of the most controversial figures in the Arab world, Haj Amin el Hussein, the one-time Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, may go to Amman, Jordan at the invitation of King Hussein. The rumors have come from travelers arriving from Amman, some of them considered reliable informants. But most Arabs and Israeli officials find it hard to believe that Hussein would extend the olive branch to a fanatic political extremist

who was implicated in the assassination of his grandfather, King Abdullah, in 1951. Hussein is widely despised by Arabs and Israelis alike. Arabs hold him responsible for promoting bitter factionalism within their ranks which persists to this day. Israelis remember Hussein as the instigator of the bloody anti-Jewish, anti-British riots in mandated Palestine in 1929 and 1936. His anti-Jewish activity was capped during World War II when the ex-Mufti lived in Berlin under Hitler's protection. He was regarded as the prime Nazi collaborator from the Middle East.

Hussein turned up in Cairo after the war where he plotted against King Abdullah. Since 1948 he has been living in luxurious exile in a heavily guarded Beirut villa. He is believed to be nearly 80 years old though his exact age is unknown. One of the most influential West Bank leaders, Mayor Mohammed Ali el-Jaabari of Hebron, recently described the Mufti, whom he knew, as a despicable character on every count. Other Arab leaders have expressed surprise at the suggestion that King Hussein would invite an extremist of his stamp to Jordan which already has its hands full with Palestinian guerrillas. But some sources said Hussein could be planning to use the former Mufti to discredit El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat among extremist elements who still admire the former Grand Mufti. The reasoning was that Arafat would pale by comparison with the old time leader. Other sources said however that the aging el-Hussein, a relic of a past era, would have no appeal to the young, Marxist-oriented Palestinians however extreme their views on Israel may be.

Jewish Communities In Caribbean May Be Lost Unless Aided By U.S. Jews

WALTHAM, Mass., April 25 (JTA)--Roots of the 300-year old existence of the Jewish community in the Caribbean may be completely lost unless restored by American Jews and their institutions. Rabbi Dr. Malcolm Stern, a historian and genealogist, told the 69th annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society this weekend that synagogues, cemeteries, monuments and other markings of early Jewish life in this part of the world are "rapidly disappearing." He said, "only the enthusiastic interest of American Jews in finding and restoring these lost Caribbean communities can bring about their survival or revival." Rabbi Stern, Curator of the Jewish Historical Society, observed that discoveries of ancient Jewish sites were being made by Jewish families vacationing in the islands or purchasing homes in the area. He called for a study by the Historical Society to determine the funds needed for immediate and long-range restoration. Rabbi Stern told the meeting about one such restoration which took place recently, when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abrahams of Philadelphia purchased an old plantation on the Leeward Island of Nevis as a vacation home.

In the island's capital city of Charlestown, the couple discovered the remains of a 300-year old Jewish cemetery with gravestones engraved in Portuguese, Hebrew and English, and the ruins of a synagogue. According to Dr. Stern, Alexander Hamilton received his elementary education at this synagogue since his illegitimate birth prevented his attendance at the Anglican school. At a cost of \$4,000 to the Philadelphia family, the cemetery has been restored and this February was rededicated by Rabbi Stern. Rabbi Stern indicated that within the last century Jews have mainly considered the Caribbean a "temporary stop-over." He said "those that remained were mostly without communal or rabbinic leadership and either assimilated or moved elsewhere." He told the Historical Society members, "We must not only perpetuate Jewish life in the western hemisphere, but make certain that our part in the development of this continent is not lost for future generations."

Frauenknecht Gets 4 1/2 Years At Hard Labor; Deprived Of Civil Rights For 2 Years

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, April 25 (JTA)--Alfred Frauenknecht, the 44-year-old Swiss engineer charged with selling Israel blueprints and documents relating to the Mirage jets made in Switzerland under French license, was found guilty here Friday and sentenced to 4 1/2 years at hard labor. He was also deprived of all civil rights for two years. The court also recommended he be expelled from the Swiss Army. The court, composed of five military judges, stated that Frauenknecht had not been motivated by greed but had nevertheless been interested in becoming rich. He had been paid 860,000 Swiss francs (\$200,000) by Israel for material extensively documenting the manufacture of the Mirage 3-C. The court thus found him guilty of economic espionage and treason. Frauenknecht confessed Wednesday to selling the plans, but claimed he had done so simply in sympathy for Israel's security needs. The prosecution asked for 7 years at hard labor. After court adjourned, defense attorney Manfred Kuhn told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that he hoped Israel and world Jewry would "come to the assistance of Frauenknecht and his wife," as the \$200,000 paid him had been confiscated. Joseph Frauenknecht, a cousin of the engineer, was found not guilty of similar charges and released.

Rogers' Mideast Visit, Thant-Jarring Meeting Seen As Moves Toward Peace Efforts

NEW YORK, April 25 (JTA)--The political momentum toward a Middle East settlement picked up visibly this weekend following Secretary of State William P. Rogers' announcement in Washington Friday that he will visit five Mideast countries including Israel early next month. At the same time, a United Nations spokesman announced that Secretary General U Thant will meet next Wednesday in Geneva with his special Middle East representative, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring. Dr. Jarring returned to his ambassadorial post in Moscow for what UN spokesmen termed his Easter vacation. It now seems apparent that Dr. Jarring's return to Moscow also was prompted by the stalled peace talks and his feeling that his task at the UN was an academic one at this time. However, his meeting with Thant may indicate that both officials now feel that a thaw in the peace talks is taking place. Speaking at a press conference, Rogers said that President Nixon "asked me to take this trip" because he "believes that the United States should seek every opportunity, expend every effort, take every chance in playing a constructive and energetic role in the search for peace in the area." Rogers will be accompanied by Asst. Secy. of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Joseph J. Sisco. The UN spokesman announcing Thant's plans said the meeting with Jarring was for a "full exchange of information and views." Israeli circles here said the Thant-Jarring meeting was no surprise considering "the concentration of all diplomatic efforts" at this time on an interim arrangement between Israel and Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal.

