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300,000 TURN-OUT EXPECTED FOR ISRAEL'S FIRST INDEPENDENCE DAY MILITARY PARADE SINCE '68

JERUSALEM, March 28 (JTA)--Military officials said today that 300,000 people are expected to line the route of march of Israel's 25th anniversary Independence Day military parade here May 7, the first to be held since 1968. They said that 2000 troops and 400 armored vehicles including 100 tanks will pass the reviewing stand in East Jerusalem where Premier Golda Meir and other dignitaries will watch the parade.

The six-mile line of march will begin in north-eastern Jerusalem, pass through the winding streets of the Arab quarter, through the Mandelbaum and Damascus gates and along the walls of the Old City into West Jerusalem. It will proceed through the business district and end in the Talpiot suburb, officials disclosed today. They said 55,000 people will be seated in grandstands in East Jerusalem and about a quarter of a million will line the route in West Jerusalem. Live television coverage is expected to keep the outdoor crowds well below the 400,000 who watched the last military parade five years ago.

This year's parade, beginning with a 15-minute aerial show by the Israel Air Force, will cost between IL 15-20 million. When the government decided last fall to hold the parade, only two Cabinet ministers were opposed. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said it would arouse the resentment of the Arab residents of East Jerusalem. Welfare Minister Michael Hazani said the money could be better spent on welfare.

Officials said strict security measures were planned for the parade. About 1000 military policemen will augment 1200 civilian police to regulate traffic throughout the country on Independence Day.

Israel unveiled its newest weapon yesterday, an eight-foot air-to-air missile named "Shafrir" (Canopy) which is operated by a push-button and can down enemy planes at altitudes of over 70,000 feet. Eliezer Dagan, of the "Raphael" armament development authority which developed the missile, told reporters that the weapon was one of the most highly sophisticated of its type in the world and one of the simplest to operate.

He said the pilot had only to push a button once when he received audio and visual signals that the missile's infra-red homing device was on target. The missile also has a radar homing device and is adaptable to almost all types of aircraft in Israel's Air Force. Military spokesmen expressed satisfaction with the missile which has already been tested in combat. "It has proved out. It has downed a number of enemy planes during the war of attrition," one official told newsmen.

HISTADRUT CRITICAL OF PRICE HIKES New Sales Taxes Announced

TEL AVIV, March 28 (JTA)--The Histadrut Central Committee sharply criticized the government today for raising prices on a wide range of foods, fuels and basic commodities. The trade unionists, meeting under the chairmanship of acting director general Yeruham Meshel, were particularly incensed by the government's failure to consult with Histadrut before announcing the price hikes.

The new prices on meats, sugar, cooking gas, gasoline and other essentials were decreed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who said the government could not increase price supports on those commodities and the consumer would have to pay part of the bill. According to some sources, the move may have put into question Histadrut's continued participation in the joint government-labor-management committee to combat inflation. The Histadrut Executive will meet Sunday, reportedly to consider that matter.

The Central Committee said it would insist that the total income accruing from the price hikes cannot exceed IL 120 million and that poverty families, pensioners and others on the social welfare lists receive immediate compensation for the food price rises, before the Passover holidays. Histadrut also announced it would oppose any rise in bus fares stemming from the higher cost of gasoline. Treasury officials have urged bus and taxi companies not to raise their fares. They said the higher gasoline prices represented only 0.6 percent of bus operating costs and one percent of taxi costs.

The Treasury announced today new sales taxes of 2-6 percent on a variety of consumer items which they said would net the government an additional IL 52 million in income this year. The items affected are foreign cars, car rentals, spirits, jewelry, television sets, air conditioners and formica boards.

SADAT EMPTY OF PEACE IDEAS, EBAN SAYS

JERUSALEM, March 28 (JTA)--President Anwar Sadat's assumption of the Premiership of Egypt after ousting Premier Aziz Sidky was viewed in some Israeli circles today as a move to concentrate power in himself so that he can have greater freedom of action, political and otherwise. Foreign Minister Abba Eban reportedly told visiting Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Medici that Sadat's bellicose speech before the Arab Socialist Union in Cairo Monday was a clear indication that the Egyptian leader has no new peace ideas to offer.

Israeli observers said Sadat's future actions are not predictable but did not rule out the possibility that he wanted to enter into a dialogue with the U.S. from a position of personal strength and freedom of action.

SOVIET JEWRY'S STRUGGLE GETS LITTLE SUPPORT IN BRAZIL

By Murray Zuckoff, JTA News Editor

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 28 (JTA)--While the issue of Soviet Jewry is a top priority item on the agenda of American Jews and non-Jewish intellectuals, this issue has received scant support from either Jews or non-Jewish intellectuals in Brazil. The issue has been reported in the daily press and much space was given to the struggle of Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate, but public action and sentiment has been almost nil.

According to one well-informed source active in the Jewish community and himself a leading intellectual and editor of a magazine, his efforts to obtain from professors at the university in which he teaches signatures on a petition on behalf of Soviet Jewry received only a perfunctory response. The invariable reaction, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was that Soviet Jews are not the

only oppressed people, if, in fact, they are oppressed at all. He was told, time and again: "Why not a petition for the victims of Vietnam and Bangladesh wars? Why only petitions against the Soviet government? Why not also against other oppressive regimes? Besides, Jews in the Soviet Union have been well educated and are now trying to leave and taking their education with them. They should pay the education tax."

The Jewish community, the source said, is comparatively inactive on this issue because it does not want to be accused of being involved in "Jewish issues." The younger Jews, he added, almost totally assimilated, simply are not interested in "Jewish issues," whether Russian, Israel or even local.

NRP MAY NOMINATE CANDIDATE TO OPPOSE KATCHALSKI FOR PRESIDENCY

JERUSALEM, March 28 (JTA)--Prof. Ephraim Uhrbach, a Hebrew University Talmudic scholar, emerged today as a possible rival to Prof. Ephraim Katchalski for the presidency of Israel when the Knesset votes to select a new president April 10. Prof. Uhrbach, the apparent choice of the National Religious Party, was reportedly undecided how to respond to NRP urgings that he run. He has received no formal invitation so far but some sources reported that he has been "sounded out" and was not unfavorable to the idea.

NRP leaders who met in the Knesset last night to discuss the possibility of nominating a rival to the Labor Party's candidate, hinted that the Gahal opposition faction was favorable toward Uhrbach. But the NRP, a coalition partner, was reported to be under heavy pressure from the Labor Party today not to nominate a candidate of its own.

If Uhrbach runs, he is expected to get the support of the two small Orthodox parties, Agudat Israel and Poale Agudat Israel, the State List and the Free Center factions. Along with the NRP and Gahal, this would make him a serious threat to Dr. Katchalski. The outcome might hinge on the small leftist parties which might vote for an NRP candidate if only to protest Labor's choice. To be elected, a candidate requires 61 votes on the first two ballots or a simple majority on the third ballot.

A weak link in the Uhrbach campaign is the position of the Agudat Israel. An Aguda MK, Shlomo Lorincz told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that while Prof. Uhrbach is an Orthodox Jew, many of his views are an anathema to Agudists. Uhrbach has publicly criticized the Chief Rabbinate and yeshiva heads on the issue of military service for yeshiva students and religious girls.

SOVIET-JEWISH FAMILY ON HUNGER STRIKE IN U.S., BRITAIN, SIBERIA

WASHINGTON, March 28 (JTA)--Mark Yampolsky, 25-year-old Russian jazz drummer, joined in Washington yesterday the hunger strike his wife, Eleanor, began three days ago in London and which her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Poltinnikov, and her sister, Victoria, started six days ago in the Central Telephone Station in Novosibirsk, Siberia.

The five members of the family all are abstaining from food until the Poltinnikovs are permitted to leave for Israel. They began the strike after the death last Thursday of Eleanor's grandfather, Boris Bernstein in Switzerland. The Yampolskys were permitted to emigrate to Israel in Nov.

Like his wife who is on strike opposite the Soviet Embassy in London, Mark started his protest across the street from the Soviet Embassy here where a daily vigil has been conducted by local Jews since Dec. 1970. The bareheaded Israeli hopes sympathizers will bring him blankets for resting at night on the concrete entrances to the Philip Murray building.

Moshe Borodetzky, of the Washington Committee for Soviet Jewry, said that students from Washington area universities will help keep Yampolsky company.

Speaking fluent English he learned in Kiev, Yampolsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that about 200 Jewish families in Kiev are awaiting visas to go to Israel "When they leave, 300 more families will ask for visas. That is the way it is there," he said. Yampolsky said he was a student of mathematics when he left school to avoid military training. He became a jazz band drummer but he was barred from that work when he applied for a visa.

JEWISH ACTIVIST GOES ON TRIAL TODAY FOR 'SPYING FOR ISRAEL'

NEW YORK, March 28 (JTA)--Isaak Shkolnik, a 37-year-old mechanic from Vinnitsa in the Ukraine, will go on trial tomorrow before a closed military court on charges of "anti-Soviet propaganda" and "treason," the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today. Originally charged with spying for Great Britain, the semi-skilled laborer and mechanic is now accused instead of spying for Israel, the NCSJ said.

Jerry Goodman, NCSJ executive director, said an appeal on Shkolnik's behalf has been sent to Secretary of State William P. Rogers urging "intervention by the Administration" in an effort to alert Soviet officials that "this and other trials place further obstacles in better relations between our two countries." In fact, he said, the forthcoming trial is a "regressive measure and will do nothing to convince critics of Soviet anti-Jewish policies that recent Soviet promises regarding Jews are to be taken seriously." In addition to appealing to the Secretary of State, Jewish organizations and local communities have sent hundreds of telegrams and made telephone appeals to officials in Vinnitsa, Moscow and Washington.

Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported yesterday that Prof. Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet nuclear scientist who constructed the Soviet hydrogen bomb, has recently been questioned by the Soviet secret police (KGB). Chairman of the Soviet Committee for Human Rights, an unofficial body, and a leader of Soviet dissenters, Sakharov last September joined a protest by non-Jews against the murder of 11 Israeli athletes during the Munich Olympics. At that time, he was detained briefly by police outside the Lebanese Embassy, but released the same day.

FEW EMIGRES FROM USSR LEAVE ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 28 (JTA)--Six Jewish immigrant families who arrived in Israel three months ago have left for the United States, it was reported today. The families departed after receiving airline tickets from relatives in the U.S. Israeli Absorption Ministry officials stressed, however, that the number of Russian immigrants who leave Israel for other countries is negligible.

The officials said that the six families had intended all along to go to the U.S. They said that two other families who had planned to go to the U.S. changed their minds at the last minute and will remain in Israel.

JEWISH CONTINUITY THEME AT CLOSING OF AJ CONGRESS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Mrs. Jacqueline Levine Installed
To Second Term As President

WASHINGTON, March 28 (JTA)--Two programs for American Jews and a series of strong appeals to bring about improvement in efforts to extend Jewish continuity marked the closing of the 40th anniversary conference of the American Jewish Congress' Women's Division at the Mayflower Hotel here today. The 500 delegates attending the four-day session adopted two resolutions on Jewish continuity. One vowed "Our determination to search, to study and to learn about our Jewish heritage so that our personal lives and life styles will serve as role models for our families."

The second resolution reiterated the organization's call on the American Jewish community "to reinforce and support all forms of Jewish education and Jewish cultural activities on all levels." Other resolutions adopted at the closing session favored equal rights for women and minorities, amnesty for expatriates who refused military service in the Vietnam war and unfettered emigration rights for Soviet Jews. A resolution opposing quotas in hiring and college admissions, called for "goals with appropriate safeguards" to increase the participation of minorities and women.

Mrs. Jacqueline K. Levine, of East Orange, N.J., who marched in Selma, Ala. for civil rights and in Washington for peace in Vietnam, was installed last night to her second two-year term as president of the Women's Division. Mrs. Thelma Richman, of Philadelphia, Lillian Steinberg, of New York City and Mrs. Virginia Snitow of Westchester, N.Y., were named honorary presidents. A new category of officers--six senior vice-presidents--was established. The first such officers are Florry Blumenfeld and Esther Polen, both of Philadelphia; Leona Chanin, Esther Smith and Lily Mars, of New York; and Sylvia Kaplan, of Miami Beach. Mrs. Chanin will head the executive committee. Lilyan Simels, of New York City was named Treasurer, Ann Robinson of Cleveland, financial secretary, Raya Kamaiko, of North Bergen, N.J., recording secretary and Sara Gold, of Philadelphia, corresponding secretary.

In the conference's closing address, Dr. Leon Jick, director of the Institute for Jewish Life in Boston, warned that American Jewry "cannot rely on tribal loyalty and nostalgia for survival." Another speaker, Ambassador David Rivlin, the Consul General of Israel in New York, predicted that "four or five million Jews" will be living in Israel in our lifetime." He said the "partnership" of American and Israeli Jewry "which sets the tone in the diaspora, will go on in deeper strength to the benefit of both."

CRIME IN ISRAEL MARCHES ON

JERUSALEM, March 28 (JTA)--Israel's crime rate rose last year by 4.3 percent, compared to a six percent rise in 1971 and a 9.5 percent rise in 1970, according to the annual Israel Police Report, issued at a news conference yesterday. The report revealed that murder was up by 17 percent and rape by 30 percent. There were 49 murders in 1972 compared to 31 the year before. There were 504 cases of rape last year. Armed robbery, one of the largest causes of public concern in recent years, dropped by 3.1 percent. There were 190 instances of robbery or attempted robbery in 1972.

White collar crime such as embezzlement and

issuing bad checks rose by 30 percent with 5923 cases being recorded. There was a significant drop in the number of drug offenses reported, which was attributed to the declining availability of drugs in the country. The higher price of drugs has also been a factor in the decline, police said.

The decline of crime in the Tel Aviv area was attributed to the addition of border police units in the city. Police also reported success in curbing hooliganism in the big cities. Traffic fatalities declined by one percent, as compared to a 24 percent increase the year before. There were 661 fatalities in 1972. The number of traffic accidents rose by 3.7 percent, totalling 15,333.

ISRAEL, EEC RATIFY ONE-YEAR TARIFF FREEZE

BRUSSELS, March 28 (JTA)--Israel and the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community today officially ratified the new protocol signed by Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban Feb. 14. It provides for the "freezing" of current taxes and customs on Israeli exports to the nine-member EEC for the current year and for the elaboration of a new economic agreement by Jan. 1, 1974.

The new agreement will be negotiated within the framework of the EEC's "global policy" towards the Mediterranean free trade zone as provided by the Council of Ministers in Nov. 1972.

SOVIET IMMIGRANTS PETITION FOR YOUTH HELD FOR EXTRADITION

TEL AVIV, March 28 (JTA)--Groups of immigrants from the Soviet Union were gathering petitions today against the extradition of Joshua Gerry Zeller who was remanded in custody yesterday at the request of American authorities. Zeller, 19, a soldier in the Israeli Army, is wanted in the U.S. in connection with the fire-bombing of impresario Sol Hurok's office in New York on Jan. 26, 1972 in which one person was killed.

The emigres plan to send their petitions to Premier Golda Meir and to members of her Cabinet. They say "the boy has risked his life for our cause and we must help him." It was learned that Zeller was arrested four times in the U.S. for participating in demonstrations against Russian and Arab diplomats. The attack on Hurok's office was apparently motivated by Hurok's fame as a promotor of cultural exchanges between the U.S. and the USSR. Zeller is believed to be a member of the Jewish Defense League although the JDL claims it was not involved in the attack on Hurok's office.

AIRLINE EMPLOYEE HELD AS POLICE PROBE CHARGE HE SMUGGLED \$1 M

TEL AVIV, March 28 (JTA)--A Tel Aviv magistrate issued a three-day detention order today for Yaacov Malin, an El Al employee, while police investigate charges of alleged smuggling against him. Malin deposited a valise reportedly containing over \$1 million in banknotes in the Lod Airport locker room after arriving on a flight from Nairobi, Kenya.

The judge expressed doubt that smuggling charges against Malin would stand up in court inasmuch as there is no evidence that he committed a crime under Israeli law. Israel does not require persons arriving in the country to declare money in their possession. Malin told the court that he had been asked by friends in Nairobi to transfer the suitcase to a Swiss bank and that he brought it to Israel in transit to Switzerland.