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## 300,000 PEOPLE LINE STREETS TO CELEBRATE LARGEST INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

9 Injured As Security Helicopter Makes Forced Landing On Mt. Scopus

JERUSALEM, May 7 (JTA)--More than 300,000 people lined a four-and-a-half mile route of march in 90 degree weather this morning to watch a display of Israel's military might in the longest, largest and most spectacular Independence Day parade in the nation's 25-year history.

The parade began at 10 a.m. but the 55,000 grandstand ticket holders were in their seats hours before, and tens of thousands of others, many of them up before dawn, sought vantage points along the route that began in East Jerusalem and ended in a West Jerusalem suburb. Hundreds of thousands of other Israelis and tourists watched the parade on television. Thousands more chose to ignore it and celebrated Independence Day picnicking in the mountains and beaches.

Security was strict. Grandstand ticket-holders were searched by police before taking their seats, and once seated were told not to leave. The only mishap of the day occurred when a security helicopter made a forced landing near the Augusta Victoria Hospital on Mt. Scopus, injuring nine crew members, none seriously. In another untoward incident a tank went slightly off course and hit a soldier along the parade route in downtown Jerusalem. An Army spokesman said his injuries were minor. No one else was hurt.

President Zalman Shazar, Premier Golda Meir, and former Premier David Ben-Gurion watched the parade from the official reviewing stand facing Police Headquarters in the Sheikh Jarrah quarter of East Jerusalem. Mrs. Meir wore a white handkerchief around her head to shield her eyes from the blazing sun. They sat in the stand for 90 minutes while the three main elements of the parade passed in review--the Air Force, the armored corps and the infantry.

## Preponderance Of U.S.-Made Weapons

Observers noted the preponderance of American-made weaponry both in the air and on the ground. The display of Israel's air power was led by supersonic Phantom jets which roared overhead in low level squadrons of three at 500 mph. American Skyhawk attack planes and huge Stratocruiser transports were part of the air show along with French Mirage's, American and French combat helicopters and an Israeli-made jet trainer adapted from the French Fouga Magister design.

Israelis took special pride in the giant Patton (American) and Centurion (British) tanks that rumbled by, many of them rebuilt and re-engineered by Israeli technicians to improve their speed and fire power. Also totally rebuilt and virtually new were the Soviet-made T-55 and T-54 tanks captured in the Six-Day War and 240 mm. Russian-made Katyusha rocket launchers.

Israel's armament industry was represented by herby-propelled heavy mortars mounted on Sherman tank chassis and self-propelled 155 mm. cannon of Israeli design. Three types of American artillery passed in review along with units of 70 and 22 mm. anti-aircraft guns and American-made Hawk surface-to-air missiles.

About 2000 infantrymen marched in the parade along with paratroopers and combat engineers. The parade, the first Independence Day military display since 1968, cost Israel IL 20 million and was three months in preparation. Plans for the parade aroused the ire of Jordan and other Arab states which protested to the United Nations.

Many Israelis expressed the feeling that it was extravagant and unduly provocative. Critics were reminded that Israel's military establishment could not be left out of the celebration of the nation's 25th anniversary. The need to remind the Arabs of Israel's military might was also cited.

## Bomb Scare Reported

Jerusalem police, augmented by security personnel had the mammoth task of organizing security and maintaining a smooth flow of traffic in and around Jerusalem before and after the parade. They noted with pride that everything worked according to plan. The city was closed off to all traffic except buses and taxis last night. When the parade ended, tens of thousands of spectators boarded buses which left Jerusalem by specially designated exit routes. After the initial rush, traffic moved smoothly and no traffic jams were reported.

Police spokesman Michael Bochner disclosed tonight that there had been one bomb scare. An unidentified person telephoned the Hadera police station at noon to say that a bomb would go off at the parade. The parade route was searched but no bomb was found.

Jerusalem weather suddenly changed drastically late this afternoon. A sharp dust storm enveloped the capital in swirling grit while temperatures dropped. By then, however, the parade was long over and most out of towners on their way home.

## FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER URGED TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF IRAQI JEWS

PARIS, May 7 (JTA)--A Gaultit Deputy called on Foreign Minister Michel Jobert today to "undertake diplomatic action on behalf of Iraq's Jewish community." Claude Gerard Marcus also asked the Foreign Minister to release any information the French Embassy in Baghdad may have on the fate of 16 missing Iraqi Jews. According to reports from various sources, Iraqi secret police murdered five members of the Kashkosh family in Baghdad on April 12. The victims were Reuven, his wife, Clementine, their sons, Samir and Fouad, and their daughter, Simha.

Referring to these reported killings, the World Jewish Congress today expressed its "extreme anxiety and indignation" and called on "men of good will" to "do everything possible" to save the Iraqi Jewish community. The WJC also reported that it had "alarming news" from Syria and said that Three Jews--Nissi, Katzi, Joseph Swed and Albert Elia--are still imprisoned in Damascus. The WJC did not immediately disclose the nature of the alarming news.

## BG SAYS HE NOW FAVORS JEWISH SETTLEMENT ON THE WEST BANK

TEL AVIV, May 7 (JTA)--Former Premier David Ben-Gurion says he has changed his mind

about returning most of the administered Arab territories in exchange for peace. The 86-year-old elder statesman said in an interview published today in the Jerusalem Post that after the Six-Day War he favored giving back all of the territories except East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights if the Arabs agreed to make peace with Israel.

"But peace has not come to this day. They don't want to make peace with us," he said. He said he now favored Jewish settlement on the West Bank. "Israelis should settle on every part of the land" but "not by displacing Arabs," Ben-Gurion said.

He reminded Israelis, who now regard the Soviet Union as an enemy of Israel, that the USSR was a major factor in Israel's defeat of the Arabs in its war for independence in 1948. "The only ones who promised to help were the Russians who sent us vital arms by way of Czechoslovakia," Ben-Gurion said. "Without these, we would not have been able to fight back. One day I will tell how the Russians helped us--not like what they are doing to us today," he said.

#### Israeli Leaders On 'Meet The Press'

In Jerusalem, Premier Golda Meir, Deputy Premier Yigal Alon and Foreign Minister Abba Eban were questioned yesterday by a panel of American newsmen on the NBC-TV "Meet The Press" program. (The program was broadcast live on NBC-TV stations in the U.S.) Alon claimed that Israel had an "historic right" to the West Bank territories but that as a sovereign state it could decide if it wished to relinquish any territories within the framework of a peace settlement.

Mrs. Meir spoke of Israel's quest for peace. Referring to the recent fighting between the Lebanese Army and Palestinian guerrillas, she said, in reply to a question, that if any Arab state invaded Lebanon to help the guerrillas, or if a guerrilla take-over in Beirut appeared imminent, Israel would act. She recalled that Israel took action on its side of the border when Syria tried to intervene in the fighting between guerrillas and the Jordanian Army in 1970.

Eban was asked how he could reconcile Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem with its insistence that it was ready to enter peace negotiations without pre-conditions. The Foreign Minister replied that no prior conditions meant that each side could present its position at the peace table but neither side should be required to make any commitments before peace talks begin.

#### RALLY HELD TO FREE RUDOLPH HESS

BONN, May 7 (JTA)--Between 600-1000 people carrying banners reading "32 Years Are Enough" and "Freedom for Hess" marched yesterday through Bonn in a demonstration for the release of Rudolf Hess, the one-time No. 2 Nazi who is serving a life sentence for war crimes at Spandau prison in West Berlin. The parade was led by Wolf Ruediger, Hess' son, who has been campaigning for years for his father's release. It was sponsored by the "Freedom for Hess" organization of Stuttgart.

Ruediger said at a press conference that he was appealing to Chancellor Willy Brandt to raise the question of Hess' release again with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev when they meet here later this month. Brandt raised the matter with Brezhnev when they met in Crimea in 1971.

The United States, Britain and France reportedly favor Hess' immediate release but the Rus-

sians who share with them the administration of Spandau prison, have refused. Observers here believe that the Russians might now agree to clemency in view of the East-West detente and that Hess, who is 79, may be a free man before the end of the year.

Hitler's Deputy Fuehrer was imprisoned in Scotland in 1940 after defecting from the Nazis and flying there on a one-man peace mission. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1945 at the Nuremberg war crimes trials. The release of Albert Speer and Baldur von Schirach from Spandau in 1966 left Hess the only survivor of the Nazis' top hierarchy still in prison.

#### TOP BIBLE QUIZ HONORS CAPTURED BY THREE YOUNG AMERICANS

JERUSALEM, May 7 (JTA)--Three young Americans captured top honors at the 10th International Bible Quiz here this afternoon. They defeated 30 other finalists from 18 countries including Israel which, for the first time, failed to place among the first three winners.

First prize went to 16-year-old Liora Reich of the Yeshiva of Flatbush, Brooklyn, N.Y., who scored 44 out of a possible 46 points. Second place went to David Leeman, 17, of the Rambam Yeshiva in Boston with a score of 41.5. Third place was taken by Rahel Mazliah, of Philadelphia, with 39.5 points. Israeli contestants took fourth and fifth places.

The results astonished the crowd that filled the Beit Haam auditorium on Independence Day afternoon and the hundreds who congregated outside to hear the quiz over loudspeakers. The first five winners received education grants of IL 1000 from Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yigal Alon.

The quiz lasted three hours and was broadcast live by the Army radio station. Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, honorary president of the Bible Quiz Board, attended for most of the time. The panel of judges was chaired by Interior Minister Joseph Burg.

#### LONG CO-SPONSORS JACKSON AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, May 7 (JTA)--Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) agreed today to co-sponsor the Jackson Amendment to the U.S.-Soviet trade pact, bringing to 77 the number of Senators opposed to most favored nation treatment for the Soviet Union as long as it restricts its citizens' right to emigrate. Long, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was not among the original co-sponsors of the measure when it was first introduced last Oct.

His adherence to it now is regarded as significant in its timing and importance to the legislative process of the Jackson Amendment. With Long behind it, the legislation appears virtually assured of passage by the Finance Committee to the Senate floor for consideration by the full Senate. Jackson said he was "extremely pleased" by Long's action.

Charges of complicity in the murder of an undetermined number of Jews have been brought against former Gestapo chief Himmler's legal advisor, SS-Oberfuhrer Horst Bender, 68, who now practices law in Stuttgart, it was reported today in Bonn. His real identity was recently discovered by the Nazi war crimes center in Ludwigsburg. According to SS files, Bender was a senior SS judge in 1942 when he proposed in writing to Himmler that the murder of Jews for political reasons should not be a punishable offense. Himmler accepted the proposal.

## JWS, NON-JWS IN WEST EUROPE SALUTE ISRAEL ON ANNIVERSARY

LONDON, May 7 (JTA)--Jews and non-Jewish friends of Israel here and on the continent saluted the Jewish State on its 25th anniversary today and participated in festive celebration over the weekend. Events linked to Israel's Independence Day were reported from Brussels, Amsterdam, Paris, Bonn and other cities.

Officials of the Belgian government and former officials, attended an Israel anniversary gala at the Palace of Fine Arts in Brussels last night, sponsored by the Belgian Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary. They were addressed by Israeli Ambassador Moshe Alon. In Antwerp, the Jewish community held special religious services and a party to mark the event and welcomed as guests two Israeli Knesset members. The tiny Jewish community in the Belgian town of Gand held a "falafel party," and in Liege the local Jews gave an anniversary dance.

Some 3000 persons from all over Holland attended an Israel anniversary meeting in Amsterdam last night where the speakers included Israeli Ambassador Hanan Baron and Jewish Agency treasurer Leon Dultzin. Security precautions were strict. About 150 police guarded the meeting hall against possible counter-demonstrations by pro-Arab groups but none materialized.

In Bonn, Arab ambassadors called a press conference to criticize Israel's Independence Day military parade in Jerusalem. They claimed that Israel spoke to the Arabs and the entire world in the "language of violence."

### Israel's Achievements Hailed In Press

Newspapers in most Western European capitals carried feature articles, editorials, and in many cases entire supplements devoted to Israel's 25th anniversary. In spite of strained Franco-Israeli relations, the entire French press and the government-controlled radio and television stressed Israel's military strength and economic progress achieved over the past 25 years. The right-wing newspaper L'Aurore praised "Israel's inborn desire for peace and a settlement with its neighbors" and even the Gaulist daily La Nation wrote that "No one doubts Israel's good faith" in wanting peace. French government officials attended a reception given by the Israeli Embassy in Paris this evening.

West German newspapers expressed wonder and admiration for Israel's dynamic development and reminded their readers of the "anguished memories of Nazi atrocities."

The three branches of British religious Jewry -- the Orthodox United Synagogue, the New Synagogue which is comparable to Conservative Judaism in the U.S., and the Sephardic community -- all held 25th anniversary celebrations over the weekend. Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jacobovits of the United Synagogue noted that while "Pesach celebrates the beginning of our exodus, not its conclusion, Yom Haatzmaut celebrates the conclusion of our exodus and the beginning of Statehood."

In an Independence Day message to British Zionists, Louis Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, said that on this day "We are filled with thanksgiving, but we are still in awe of the tasks that lie ahead. Jews face the danger of loss of Jewish identity. Only through identification with Israel can diaspora Jews withstand this danger."

Michael Fidler, president of the Board of Dep-

uties of British Jews saluted Israel in an Independence Day statement. He said that British Jews "acknowledge the centrality of Israel in our hopes, aspirations and activities. Unbreakable ties bind us to our fellow Jews in Israel. New strength flows from them to us in the diaspora and from us to them."

### RABBI URGES JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO EDUCATION

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., May 7 (JTA)--Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, said yesterday that "the great enterprise of Jewish life in the 1970's must be to transform our organizations so that they are consciously designed to increase Jewish knowledge and commitment." In an address to the 44th annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, attended by 1000 delegates, he warned that Jewish communal institutions were "failing to meet their primary responsibility of providing American Jews with a basic Jewish education and a deep sense of rootedness in the Jewish group."

The American Jewish community is "increasingly becoming a kind of accidental association of Jews who come together to deal with general problems," Rabbi Hertzberg noted. "But if Jews are to survive as a people the content of Jewish life must be filled with something more than building hospitals, founding universities and performing social services to the community."

In another session, Rabbi Joel S. Geffen, director of the department of field activities and community education of the Jewish Theological Seminary, was less pessimistic about Jewish life. He noted that in "our anxiety and concern over intermarriage, missionary activities directed against Jews, and other anti-religious manifestations among our youth, we sometimes fail to recognize the steady growth our religious institutions are making."

Rabbi Geffen pointed out that the number of Solomon Schechter Day Schools in the Conservative movement has grown from 19 schools with an enrollment of 3500 students in 1965-66 to 44 schools with 7000 students in 1972-73. He also said that there are now 350 academic positions in Jewish studies at secular universities in the U.S. and Canada while there were only two such positions in the entire country in the 1930's.

Rabbi Geffen concluded, however, that despite these developments "there is still much to be done to improve and strengthen Jewish education in the United States. The opportunity to build a strong Jewish community on this continent is here. To achieve this goal we must capitalize on our growing sense of Jewish identity by fostering more avenues of Jewish education in the home, synagogue and community."

The State Department said today that it would "look into" press reports that Soviet-made Egyptian tanks have been seen in Saudi Arabia. According to the reports, the tanks may be destined for the Yemen Arab Republic. It would be the first time that Soviet-made weapons of any type have been seen in Saudi Arabia. Other press reports said today that Soviet SAM-2 anti-aircraft missiles have been sent to Libya from Egypt.

Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring completed his report on the Middle East and returned to Moscow Friday, a UN spokesman said today. His report is part of a comprehensive Mideast study that Secretary General Kurt Waldheim was asked to submit to the Security Council in time for the debate on the Mideast now unofficially scheduled May 29.