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WZO INDEPENDENCE MESSAGE:

"WE SHALL FIGHT THIS BATTLE, CONVINCED IN THE JUSTICE OF OUR CAUSE AND IN THE VALIDITY OF ZIONISM"

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--"Independence Day 1976 (May 5) comes in the midst of a campaign of wicked and unrestrained incitement against the State of Israel and the Zionist movement.... We shall fight this battle, convinced in the justice of our cause and in the validity of Zionism...." the World Zionist Organization Executive declared in its Independence Day message to Jews around the world. The message said:

"On the 28th anniversary of the re-establishment of Israel's independence in her historic homeland, the Zionist movement and all its affiliates stand firmly alongside the State of Israel as a full partner in its struggles and its heroic wars. We salute Israel's great deeds in immigration, absorption, agricultural settlement and the building of a new Jewish society founded on the eternal spiritual values of the people of Israel.

"It was the World Zionist Organization, which will celebrate its 80th anniversary next year, which forged the way toward independence and freedom, strengthening the spirit of the people in the most terrible period in its history, and converting its suffering into the impetus for Zionist achievement.

"During these 28 years, and in the years of struggle which preceded them, 3,000,000 Jews struck roots in the State of Israel and were coalesced into a great, democratic, progressive and creative nation. Through our deeds, we translated the dream into the reality: A Jewish State which is for the Jewish people the focus of its national existence and the center of its creativity.

Unrestrained Incitement Against Israel

"Independence Day, 1976, comes in the midst of a campaign of wicked and unrestrained incitement against the State of Israel and the Zionist movement; this campaign is instigated by the dark forces of blind hatred, directed against the whole of the Jewish people, its past and its future.

"We shall fight this battle, convinced of the justice of our cause and of the validity of Zionism, proud of the movement for the liberation and the renewal of the Jewish people. The Jewish people will know how to overcome this unbridled campaign of incitement, just as they knew how to overcome obstacles put in their way in the past. United and even prepared, we shall continue to build and strengthen the structure of our future.

"On the 28th Independence Day, the State of Israel is still obliged to defend her security. She aspires to peace and she wishes with all her might to achieve good neighborly relations and cooperation with her neighbors. Yet, in the face of the dangers threatening her, the State of Israel must grow stronger in order to overcome these threats.

"On the 28th Independence Day let us remember that only 29 percent of world Jewry lives in Israel. The strength of the State depends upon its constant growth and progress. And aliya to Israel is its life blood, to which it is dedicated above all."

COMMERCE DEP'T. TO PROHIBIT U.S. FIRMS DOING BUSINESS WITH ARAB STATES TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS REGARDING PRO-ISRAEL ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, announced that the Department of Commerce will prohibit American companies doing business with Arab states from responding to questions about whether they are involved in pro-Israel activities, such as the United Jewish Appeal. Hertzberg said the Department acted in response to a letter on the subject from Lois Waldman, assistant director of the AJCongress Commission on Law and Social Action.

He made public a letter of April 5 from Rauer H. Mayer, director of the Commerce Department's Office on Export Administration, declaring that "exporters and related service organizations would be prohibited from responding to such inquiries," Hertzberg said. "We are gratified that our government has responded positively to our request and prohibited American exporters from replying to questions about Jewish meetings they attend or Jewish organizations they support."

Hertzberg observed that Arab discrimination against Jews and their boycott of all who support Israel "poses a dangerous threat to the quality of citizenship of American Jews and, indeed, to all Americans."

He warned that "If the Arab states are permitted to impose their anti-Jewish and anti-Israel policies on an American economy eager for Arab trade, the very principles of equality and religious liberty which have made our country great will be gravely imperiled." Hertzberg said that was the reason President Ford promulgated his order last November barring exporters from taking any action that discriminates against American citizens on grounds of race, religion, sex or national origin.

Meanwhile, Rep. James Corman (D.Wash.) introduced a bill in the House Friday calling for the elimination of tax benefits for U.S. firms who participate in the Arab boycott. He said some 3000 American firms are believed to be cooperating in the boycott and those doing so would lose their eligibility for foreign tax credit, tax deferral on foreign source income and domestic international corporation benefits for one tax year if the bill becomes law.

SOLIDARITY DAY PARADE

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--An estimated 150,000 persons participated today in "Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jews." The parade, sponsored here by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, began at Fifth Avenue and 72nd Street and concluded some five hours later at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza opposite the UN. See P. 3 for full story.

NEW UNREST ON WEST BANK

By Yitzhak Shargal

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA)--An Arab youth was killed by Israeli soldiers in Nablus yesterday as a new wave of unrest erupted on the West Bank on the occasion of May Day. Curfews were imposed

in Nablus and in Tulkarem where rioters hurled rocks and set up roadblocks of burning tires. Demonstrators in Jenin were dispersed by security forces before any disturbances occurred.

The trouble in Nablus began with a boycott of classes by high school students who blocked streets with piles of burning tires. An Israeli army patrol, surrounded by rioting youths in an alley, fired into the air and then into the crowd. Samir Famha, 18, was fatally wounded. Thousands of Nablus residents attended his funeral later in the day. Heavy cordons of Israeli police were on hand but no incidents developed.

Meanwhile, some 4000 Israeli Arabs from all over Galilee gathered in Nazareth yesterday for a Communist-led May Day rally against the government. Arriving by the busload from towns and villages throughout the region, they assembled in the main square to hear both Israeli Communists and Arab leaders denounce the Rabin administration, the Knesset and the militant nationalist Gush Emunim. The demonstration was orderly, but the speeches and slogans were provocative.

Among the latter were signs reading "Galilee is Arab—Jews Get Out" and "Rabin Get Out." Speakers included Meir Wilner, leader of the pro-Moscow Rakah Communist Party and Ziad Tewfik, the Marxist Mayor of Nazareth. Tewfik declared that Israeli Arabs are part of the Palestinian nation and demanded that they be given 18 seats in the Knesset and at least three seats in the Cabinet. Samih el-Kasem, editor of the Arab Communist publication Al Itihad, read a poem claiming that all Israelis were murderers. He urged Arabs to use rocks and bottles against the armored vehicles of the "conquering army."

Jewish-Arab Amity

Jewish-Arab amity was demonstrated in a woodland near Mishmar HaEmek yesterday where about 20,000 persons, including some 2000 Arabs, assembled under the auspices of Mapam. Health Minister Victor Shemtov outlined Mapam policies calling for the evacuation of the Gush Emunim squatters from Kadum in Samaria and an expression of willingness by Israel to return to its pre-June 1967 borders in exchange for peace with its neighbors.

A May Day rally by the leftist Moked faction drew 200 people in Tel Aviv yesterday and another by Rakah and Matzpen was attended by about 400. The groups marched in orderly fashion down Dizengoff St. Minor incidents occurred when nationalist Betar youths tried to pull down red flags flying over local Hashomer Hatzair clubs.

In Jerusalem last night, police removed a bomb planted by terrorists in the main square and detonated it safely in an unpopulated area. The bomb, spotted by a passer-by, contained explosives linked to a battery and detonator. Last Wednesday night two police sappers were killed and four were injured while trying to dismantle a bomb left by terrorists on a side street in the center of town.

JACKSON, HUMPHREY WITHDRAWALS FROM PRESIDENTIAL RACE REMOVES TWO FRIENDS OF ISRAEL, SOVIET JEWS By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Henry Jackson's withdrawal yesterday from the Democratic Party's presidential primaries following hard on Hubert H. Humphrey's refusal to enter them, virtually removes from consideration for the Presidency two of the Senate's foremost champions of

Israel and Soviet Jewry. All of the dozen candidates originally in the field strongly support Israel and the aspirations of Soviet citizens who wish to emigrate.

But Jackson unquestionably was the most outspoken among them. The Washington Senator was the principal author of the Jackson-Vanik provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 that bars U.S. trade benefits to the Soviet Union until it relaxes its emigration policy. He also introduced the legislation giving the government authority to provide up to \$500 million annually to Israel as an assured basis for the flow of credit should foreign aid bills become bogged down in the legislative process.

Humphrey has for years been a staunch supporter of Israel. The Minnesota Senator's most recent visible advocacy of Israel's security is his leadership as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on foreign aid. Although out of the Presidential race, both Humphrey and Jackson will have strong influence in the Democratic Party platform that is to be written at the Democratic convention in New York in July. Both will now concentrate on their re-election to the Senate.

From the beginning of his campaign, Jackson was assured of the sympathy of a majority of Jewish voters and he received their support wherever he campaigned. Polls conducted by CBS and the New York Times indicated approximately two-thirds of Jews voting in the primaries supported him. Nevertheless, the so-called Jewish vote was not unanimously in favor of Jackson. Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) received many votes from younger and more liberal Jews.

In reporting on the Massachusetts primary, which Jackson won, the Associated Press said that Udall did particularly well in some Jewish suburban areas and got more of the Jewish vote than Jackson who has made a continuing appeal to Jews.

The continued reference in press reports to his "Jewish support" brought a rejoinder from Jackson when he was questioned about it following the New York Primary. He said he won well in all sectors of the electorate. Udall, incidentally, captured a large segment of the Jewish vote in New York.

WRONG KIND OF JEWISH-ARAB UNITY

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA)--Two Jews and two Arabs joined forces in a cooperative venture and were arrested and sentenced to jail terms of five to 11 years for their effort. The venture was doomed even before it started. According to police, the quartet—two Arabs from the village of Baqa el Gharbiya and two Jews from Or Akiva—decided to rob an entire village.

Pretending to be Israeli soldiers and wearing Israeli army uniforms replete with stolen badges and rank stripes, the four entered the village of Nadiah-Sharika on the West Bank and claimed to have instructions to carry out a house-to-house search. In the process they looted valuables and money.

7 INJURED IN PLANE ACCIDENT

TEL AVIV, May 2 (JTA)--Seven persons were injured, one seriously, when a small passenger plane crash landed on a road north of Tiberies this afternoon. There were eight persons aboard the aircraft, operated by Arkia, Israel's domestic airline. One apparently was unhurt, four sustained moderate injuries and two were discharged

from the hospital after treatment for minor bruises. The plane, an executive type aircraft known as the "Chieftain," was on a flight from Rosh Pina in Galilee to Tel Aviv when it developed engine trouble. The pilot attempted to land on a road but the plane struck an object which sheered off one wing and part of one motor.

MORE THAN 150,000 JEWS, NON-JEWS MARCH IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET JEWRY

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--More than 150,000 persons--Jews and non-Jews, young and old--marched down Fifth Avenue today to express their support for the efforts of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel. Thousands of others lined the parade route from 72nd Street to 47th Street where the marchers turned east for a massive rally at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza across from the United Nations.

The annual "Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry" is sponsored here by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Other events were held across the country under the auspices of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Kings County District Attorney Eugene Gold, chairman of the GNYCSJ, said the demonstration was a "tremendous gathering of Jews and non-Jews, Blacks and whites" in opposition to the oppression of Soviet Jews.

Mayor Abraham Beame, who was the principle speaker, last week received a replica of the Soviet Jewry "Freedom Flag" that was recently smuggled out of the USSR. The flag was displayed at the demonstration.

A large blue banner urging "Freedom Now" led off the parade followed by three youths representing the "Spirit of '76" and carrying the flag of the American Revolution. They were followed by another banner pledging "Solidarity With Soviet Jewry" and youths dressed in Soviet "Prisoner of Conscience" uniforms. Many marchers carried pictures of Soviet Jewish POCs.

The marchers represented synagogues, Jewish organizations and themselves. There were also many Christians in the march. Some of the participants carried such signs as "Let My People Go," "We Shall Not Be Silenced," and "Let My Fellow Jews Emigrate." One youth carried a sign saying "Mother Russia--I'd Rather be an Orphan."

Messages Of Support From Ford, Others

Many families marched together holding young children by the hand or pushing baby carriages. Most marchers were silent, but some sang Hebrew songs or shouted slogans including one that has been the anthem of these marches--"One, two, three, four, open up the Iron door; five, six, seven, eight, let our people emigrate."

A message of support from President Ford was read to the rally by Richard Rosenbaum, New York State Republican Party chairman. Messages were also sent by Cardinal Cooke, AFL-CIO president George Meany and other prominent figures.

Last week, the House of Representatives unanimously approved a resolution urging the Soviet Union to "remove all obstacles to free emigration of Soviet Jews and others who wish to live in other countries." The resolution, introduced by Rep. Bella Abzug (D-L NY) and co-sponsored by 26 other members of the New York delegation in the House, was in conjunction with "Solidarity Sunday."

The plight of Soviet Jewry was also discussed Friday by Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog at the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Noting that last year the Soviet Union attended the Helsinki conference and signed an agreement undertaking to be forthcoming in dealing with the problem of the reunification of families, the envoy declared: "I am sorry to report that since the signing of that agreement there has been a marked deterioration in the situation of Soviet Jews and the campaign of harassment of those who have applied for permission to immigrate to Israel has been intensified."

Five Bombs Explode In Manhattan

Several hours before the parade began, five bombs went off in Manhattan. A telephone call to the news media said the pipe bombs were planted by the Jewish Armed Resistance-Strike Unit "as a protest against the treatment of Soviet Jews."

One bomb went off in the rear of the UN library; another at the Four Continents Book Shop which sells Soviet publications; another at the Communist Party headquarters, and two others at bank branches. There were no injuries and damages were confined to broken glass.

Gold stressed that the marchers today wanted to achieve their objectives by peaceful means. However, he refused to comment on the bombings until the police had determined who had actually committed them. Meanwhile, the FBI was also called in to investigate.

In another development, the NCSJ reported that it received an open letter from 32 Soviet Jewish activists asserting that Col. Yefim Davidovich, who died in Minsk April 24, was "killed by organs of the KGB, because of his struggle to emigrate to Israel."

In a strongly worded letter they linked Davidovich's death to detente. "Gentlemen from the West, with beautiful souls, here it is," the activists said. "Your detente in action, here it is, the spirit of Helsinki. Who will be the next victim? If the butchers are not stopped today, then tomorrow many people won't be able to escape from their clutches."

TREES PLANTED FOR ISRAEL

MEXICO CITY, May 2 (JTA)--The first trees in the new State of Israel forest were planted Friday at La Marquesa near here to commemorate Israel's 28th anniversary. The forest was dedicated to Israel by the association of former scholarship students in universities and research centers in Israel and the Mexican-Israeli Cultural Institute. Israeli Ambassador Hanan Aynor and Dr. Jorge Jimenez Cantu, Governor of the State of Mexico, participated in the ceremonies.

Meanwhile, the Central Jewish Committee sent a memorandum to Foreign Minister Alfonso Garcia Robles expressing the deep disappointment and concern of the Jewish community after an official notice was published that a Palestine Liberation Organization office will be opened here.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The National Executive Committee of Hamagshimim said that "the members of Hamagshimim present at the founding conference of the Socialist Zionist Union (March 19-21) attended as individuals. They did not in any way represent the viewpoint or ideology of Hamagshimim. Hamagshimim is a general Zionist youth movement and like Hadassah, its sponsoring organization, does not align itself with any political factions."

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**KADUM -- HOW IT ALL BEGAN**

By Uzi Benziman and David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--Israel's political community is expectantly awaiting the Cabinet debate on West Bank settlement in general and the fate of the Gush Emunim settlement at Kadum in Samaria, in particular. The discussion is expected to take place next Sunday. No one can rule out a full-blown coalition crisis, since opinions around the Cabinet table seem irreconcilably disparate.

Columnist Yoel Marcus, writing in Haaretz, says of the Kadum affair that it exemplifies the Israeli political trait of turning molehills into mountains (the Hebrew idiom is "a fly into an elephant"). After all, Marcus notes, all save the extremists on either side must realize that the fate of the 150-odd Kadum settlers is not, ultimately, going to determine the course of the Mideast conflict.

Other observers disagree. They see Kadum as a test-case: a single instance embodying in itself the essence of the "great debate" that has raged in Israel ever since the Six-Day War--a debate whose repercussions do indeed directly affect peace prospects in the area. How did the Kadum episode begin?

In early December 1975 a group of 30 young Jewish families, most of them members of the Gush Emunim nationalist movement, circumvented army road blocks and pitched camp at an old Turkish railway station at Sebastia, near Nablus. The group, soon joined by thousands of Gush Emunim supporters, declared that they were ready to resist violently and Israel Defense Force attempts to remove them. After two days of negotiations with the Gush Emunim leaders, the Cabinet was summoned on Dec. 7 in order to decide how to deal with this illegal settlement attempt.

Stormy Reception Greeted Peres

At the Cabinet meeting, Defense Minister Shimon Peres reported on the stormy reception he had received when visiting the Sebastia camp. Peres told the Cabinet that he was personally insulted by Gush Emunim leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger. The Defense Minister predicted that should the Cabinet decide to remove the group, a clash between the settlers and their supporters and the soldiers could not be avoided.

Peres mentioned that the poet, Haim Guri, a well-known former Palmach figure, whom he had run into in Sebastia, had suggested a compromise whereby the settlers would be moved to a military camp in Samaria. Asked by some of the Cabinet members whether he was in fact seconding Guri's suggestion, Peres said that he was merely reporting it. Premier Yitzhak Rabin, with the assistance of Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili, proposed a deliberately vague formula to conclude the Cabinet meeting.

Accordingly, the Cabinet decision declared that no settlement in the administered territories would be permitted without Cabinet authorization; the government is ready to order the IDF to take measures to impose its decisions with regard to settlement policy; and the government will do its utmost to avoid the unfortunate consequences that might be caused by a confrontation between the settlers and the soldiers in Sebastia.

Contradictory Elements in Decision

The Cabinet's decision thus contained obviously contradictory clauses; while one paragraph

stated the government's readiness to bring the IDF into action in order to enforce its policy, another paragraph reflected the Cabinet's reluctance to bring about a confrontation between the army and the settlers who were in fact challenging its policy. This contradiction explains the different impressions which each of the ministers took with him when the meeting ended.

Some of the participants were convinced that the Premier would order the army to remove the Emunim group from Sebastia, while the others believed that the real meaning of the decision was a recommendation to renew the efforts to come to a compromise with the settlers.

On Dec. 8, one day after the Cabinet meeting, Peres reached an agreement with the Emunim group which in effect implemented Guri's compromise proposal. The settlers were transferred to the Kadum military camp nearby, where they were to remain pending a Cabinet decision on overall West Bank settlement policy. Rabin informed the Cabinet of the compromise, arguing that it accorded fully with the earlier decision.

Several Cabinet ministers frankly expressed their astonishment, claiming that the agreement contradicted the Cabinet's expressed wishes.

There was a good deal of subsequent criticism, too, in the Labor Alignment Knesset faction and Rabin threatened to resign, during a stormy faction debate, should the majority vote against the "Kadum compromise." He assured the doves that the arrangement with the settlers was a temporary measure only--pending a full-scale Cabinet debate, to be held within two or three months.

Now, five months later and after many delays, that debate is finally about to be held. The settlers, in the interim, have been provided with caravans by the government authorities, and have settled into a regular life-pattern in the Kadum camp.

POHER IN 9-DAY U.S. TOUR TO DISCUSS PLIGHT OF JEWS IN ARAB COUNTRIES

PARIS, May 2 (JTA)--French Senate President Alain Poher left today for the United States for a nine-day tour during which he will discuss the plight of Jews in Arab countries and publicize the International Conference for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Lands. Poher, who has been president of the Conference since it was formed in 1970, will visit New York where he will confer with members of the organization and will attend a party in his honor given by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

He will also see New York Mayor Abraham Beame and visit Washington where he will meet with Congressmen. Poher will also travel to San Francisco and Los Angeles. Throughout his tour he will explain to officials and audiences that the plight of Jews in Arab lands and the situation of Arabs in the occupied territories are not in the least comparable. During his tour, Poher will be guest of Gen. Lucius Clay, head of the American section of the Conference and former U.S. Commander in Berlin. * * *

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The poet Yehuda Amichai and the author Yeshurun Keshet were the joint recipients of the Bialik Prize for literature. The prize for Jewish wisdom--Chochmat Yisrael--went to Benjamin Kosovski for his monumental masterpiece of publishing the treasures of Talmudic literature and his annotations to the Bamidbar and Devarim (Numbers and Deuteronomy). The IL 3000 prize, given annually by the Tel Aviv municipality, was presented Thursday night at Beth Sokolow by Mayor Shlomo Lahat.