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## KATZIR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE: ...WE DARE TO BELIEVE...

JERUSALEM, May 4 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir, in an Independence Day message addressed to Jewish communities abroad, declared that while "the agenda of Israel's unresolved problems is long...we are heartened and reassured by the recollection of those that have been solved" and "we dare to believe that even the problem of our relationship with our Arab neighbors will respond to good will and to the overriding need for cooperation and its human benefits."

Katzir said that Israel believed this even "in a time marked by incitement within Israel and by tragic chaos and internecine hate in Lebanon, once the Middle East's model of tolerance."

Reviewing developments during the past year, Katzir noted that the "virulent attempts to disenfranchise Israel in the United Nations" culminating in representation for the PLO and the equation of Zionism with racism, engendered an "enraged reaction on the part of large circles in the intellectual elite of the free world and of Jewish communities, organizations and individuals throughout the world, transmuting rage into vigorous and fruitful cooperation with Israel."

### Zionism Is The Will To Live

He observed in that connection that "the Jerusalem conference of Jewish solidarity was convened and was followed by numerous Jewish conferences and pilgrimage groups. These, on Israel's streets and roads and in its assembly halls, have been the visible evidence of deeply moving, world-wide Jewish identification with the State and with the renaissance of our ancient people and culture, embodied in the State. Zionism has become the synonym for the modern Jews' will to live," Katzir stated.

He added that "the challenge of Jewish need in the Soviet Union and Arab countries continues to bind Israel and the Jewry of the free world in an alliance of effort and commitment. To meet this challenge, as also to strengthen and aid Israel, we rely increasingly on our own efforts. Let us, Israel and Jews everywhere, undaunted by difficulty, obstacles, ambiguity, assure the Jewish future and at the heart of it, Zion, 'the house of our life,'" the President declared.

### Social Problems Must Be Solved

Continuing, Katzir said that it is the responsibility of the government and the public institutions to see to the just distribution of the economic burden and to solutions to the social problems of the State. The President called on the nation to deepen the sense of mutual involvement among all the citizens of the State and to act as one large family.

Referring to Israeli Arabs, Katzir noted that throughout the years, of existence of the State, great endeavors have been made to integrate the Arab citizens in the life of the country, despite the difficult circumstances forced upon us. In concluding his message Katzir called upon the neighboring Arab states to agree to a peace based upon mutual respect and relations of creative

cooperation for the welfare and happiness of all the inhabitants of the region.

## TOUGH SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN AS INDEPENDENCE DAY STARTS

Strictest Are On The West Bank

By Tuvia Mendelson and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, May 4 (JTA)--Israel prepared for a festive Independence Day tomorrow but at the same time announced the toughest security measures in years including sealing off the entire West Bank and closing the Jordan River bridges for a day. Jerusalem police, meanwhile, detained scores of Arab suspects for questioning as they sought the perpetrators of last night's bombing in the center of Jerusalem which injured 33 people.

Only one of the victims was reported seriously injured. The others, including the Greek Consul General and his wife, sustained relatively minor injuries and most will have been discharged from area hospitals by tomorrow.

The bomb, which police said contained at least five kilos of explosives, caused extensive damage to shops and offices on Ben Yehuda St., the main thoroughfare nearest the site of the blast. Police Minister Shlomo Hillel told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last night that the terrorists' motive seemed to be to mar Independence Day celebrations, particularly in Jerusalem.

Re-enforced army and police units were plainly visible in Jerusalem today as the capital readied itself for tomorrow's events. Precautionary measures were taken all over Israel but were strictest on the West Bank where police have already carried out the preventive detention of well-known extremists.

Heavily armed military units have been concentrated in the main population centers of Judaea and Samaria, including the towns of Ramallah and Nablus. Road blocks were set up at various points to check all vehicles. On Independence Day, tomorrow, no vehicles will be permitted to enter Israel from the administered territories and traffic across the Jordan River bridges will be suspended.

### West Bank Unrest Continues

Unrest continued to simmer on the West Bank today and scattered incidents of violence were reported. In Nablus, a focal point of recent disturbances, the townspeople imposed a protest curfew after the Military Governor rejected Mayor Basem Shakaa's appeal to lift a curfew imposed by Israeli authorities on the "casbah" in the old section of town. High school students in Kalkilya stoned passing vehicles today and forced shopkeepers to shut down. Classes were suspended. In Jenin, Israeli authorities detained a number of girls after a demonstration.

It was learned, meanwhile, that an Israeli army major will go on trial shortly in connection with the death last month of Ahmed Diah Dahloul, an Arab from the West Bank village of Safit. Dahloul was allegedly beaten by soldiers while in an army vehicle that was taking him to Tulkarem for questioning. The soldiers have claimed that the major in charge had ordered them to rough up

all detainees.

### Emphasis On Special Events

Independence Day celebrations will begin this evening when 10 Jewish youths from abroad and two Israelis light torches "for the glory of the State of Israel" on Mt. Herzl. No major military parade will be held. The emphasis this year--Israel's 28th year of independence--will be on special events in neighborhoods and development towns.

Meanwhile, Israel took the occasion of Independence Day eve to release the first photograph of a "Lance" ground-to-ground missile in action somewhere in Israel. The photo was a confirmation of foreign press reports two weeks ago that Israel has already received about 100 of the American-made weapons.

According to a report accompanying the picture, two "Lance" missiles were successfully test-fired last month in the presence of Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Shimon Peres and senior army officers. They landed within a few meters of the center of their target area. The "Lance," which has a range up to 70 kilometers, has been incorporated in Israeli artillery units, the report said.

### HUMPHREY SAYS ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN STEPS WHICH IN EFFECT ARE ERODING THE ISRAELI-U.S. BONDS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, May 4 (JTA)--Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) last night urged President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger "to act more prudently in the execution of American policy toward Israel." He charged that the Ford Administration has taken steps which in effect are eroding the historical bonds between the U.S. and Israel. Addressing some 1000 persons attending the seventh annual policy conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), at the Shoreham Hotel, Humphrey, reviewing the record of Administration pressures since the Yom Kippur War, declared:

"The Ford Administration simply does not understand that actions which are perceived to weaken the American commitment to Israel will not bring peace to the Middle East. They can only bring confusion and postponement of peace. A final peace is all that Israel seeks--a peace that will end the hatred and a peace that will provide security."

In his first major address since announcing that he will not seek the Democratic Party nomination for President, Humphrey asserted that "whoever will be President next year should assure all nations that we are ready to have constructive and positive relations with them but we will not do so if the price is ending our special relationship with Israel."

### No Apology For Special Relationship

The Arab world, he stated, "must understand that if it desires better relations with the United States it must accept good relations with Israel. No administration should ever mislead any Arab leader to believe otherwise." Saying that it is imperative for the U.S. to secure the trust and friendship of the Arab world, Humphrey added that "We must declare without embarrassment and without apology that Israel has earned a special relationship with America."

The Senator said he opposed "a full-fledged commitment to Egypt" because "that can only

increase the risk of war and pose a threat to peace." Israel, he added, must remain "economically viable and militarily strong" because no Arab nation has recognized Israel, abandoned the boycott and diplomatic pressure on Israel or "accepted Israel's invitation to come forward and negotiate directly."

Humphrey said he does not believe the Ford Administration "deliberately seeks to call into question the basic American commitment to Israel at the most difficult time in its history" but that "through inattention, inadvertence and insensitivity, this Administration has taken steps which have the effect of eroding the historical bonds of trust and confidence between the United States and Israel."

### Cites Steps Leading To Erosion

Reviewing the Administration's record "which causes me such great concern," Humphrey noted that the "resupply efforts" to Israel during the Yom Kippur War came "only after incredible pressure was exerted by members of Congress on the Administration, using all of their muscle with President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger."

Other acts cited by the Senator included the reassessment of U.S. policy prior to Israel's signing of the second interim Sinai agreement with Egypt last September; the "too many occasions" at the UN when the U.S. remained quiet while nations tried to humiliate Israel; and the countenance by the Administration of "an unjust and odious boycott of Israel by powerful corporations and Arab nations."

Praising the work done by AIPAC, Humphrey scored "columnists and editorial writers" who "warn us about ethnic lobbying" and "careless and even reckless" remarks about the "powerful Jewish lobby." He noted that AIPAC has as much right to urge Congress and the Administration to pursue policies it deems correct and essential as various other lobbies in Washington spending millions of dollars on behalf of special interests.

### RABIN PAYS TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO WERE SACRIFICED IN ISRAEL'S CAUSE

NEW YORK, May 4 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin, in a special Independence Day telephone message from Israel today to Israel Bond leaders in 65 cities throughout the U.S. and Canada, paid tribute to those who were sacrificed in the cause of Israel's freedom and stated that "the debt of the Jewish world to them has no measure. In their name we have built a better, an even stronger and a more beautiful Israel."

In talking to the many hundreds of top echelon community leaders who participated in the phone conference, Rabin declared that the Israel Bond program enables "fellow Jews of America to join with us in the practical work of building, developing and strengthening Israel." In extending his "gratitude and greetings," the Premier said:

"We do not have the fantastic oil wealth of our Arab neighbors. Nor do we have their rich natural resources. But we do have you, and it is your commitment that enables us to build the factories, the plants, the roads and the railways that enable us to produce more, export more and offer jobs to more immigrants as they come."

Rabin added that "as Jews we measure strength not only in terms of tanks and planes but first of all, in terms of spirit. This above all, has been the weapon that has enabled us to do great things together--to overcome every obstacle

in our path as we rebuild the Jewish State."

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, said the cross-country telephone hookup with Rabin marked the opening of the peak phase of the spring drive in both the U.S. and Canada to meet Israel's pressing financial needs. The major goal of the drive will be enlisting subscribers in the higher brackets, such as members of the Prime Minister's Club, covering purchases of \$25,000 and over, and founding members of the Ambassador's Society of Trustees, representing subscribers of \$10,000 to \$25,000 each.

#### Messages From Jewish Leaders

In other messages marking Israel's 28th anniversary, Mrs. Rose Matzkin, president of Hadassah, said "Israel's Independence Day is a day of rejoicing for Jews in the diaspora as well as those who live in Israel. This day gives us the opportunity to review the past 28 years and to look forward to the years that lie ahead." Hadassah, she added, "joins all those who believe that Israel will not only endure but will fulfill the ancient prophecy of becoming 'a light unto the nations' as it seeks security and peace."

Frank R. Lautenberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, stated: "On the 28th anniversary of Israel's independence we confront the challenges that lie ahead with the vigor of a people re-born and the spirit of a civilization that has endured for 4000 years. American Jewry stands as one with the people of Israel in rejoicing in Israel's independence and in vowing to preserve and protect Jewish liberty wherever Jews live."

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, stated: "The future of Israel and world Jewry is secure and those who now offer gloom-filled prophecies will be shown to be in error provided we recognize that we are a besieged people and act accordingly and provided that we insist on the right to determine our own fate."

Meanwhile, the Israeli Consulate in New York today held a memorial service for the soldiers who fell in Israel's wars. The service was held at B'nai Zion Synagogue and was attended by Israeli officials, and their families in the city. This is the only official Israel-sponsored event to be held in New York during Independence Day this year for reasons of budgetary austerity.

#### JONATHAN THURSZ DEAD AT 81

WASHINGTON, May 4 (JTA)--Jonathan Thurst, a leader of Zionism in Morocco prior to World War II and afterwards a specialist in foreign affairs for the U.S. government, died Sunday in Sinai Hospital in Baltimore at the age of 81. A funeral service was conducted yesterday by Rabbi Levy Smolar, president of Baltimore Hebrew College.

Thurst, born in Poland in 1895, spent his youth in Belgium and England and settled in 1927 in Casablanca, Morocco, where he started publishing a Jewish magazine that same year. In 1940 the Vichy government then in control of Morocco closed it. He was a leader in Morocco's Zionist organization and represented it at World Zionist Congresses. While in Morocco he translated a number of Theodor Herzl's works from German into French.

In July 1941, he left Morocco after being warned of his imminent arrest by the Vichy regime because he was serving as head of the refugee com-

mittee of the Casablanca Jewish community. The Vichy regime was the puppet organization of French collaborators with the Nazi regime.

Thurst, arriving in New York, became editor of the now defunct monthly "Jewish Mirror" and then, with America's entry into World War II, entered the service of the U.S. Office of War Information and the Office of Strategic Services. Afterwards he joined the State Department only to face a new crisis in 1953 when he was suspended from his job and then terminated during the witch-hunt against alleged Communists in government by the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

Thurst fought back and three years later he was cleared of all charges and reinstated with full back pay. He worked in the State Department until the compulsory retirement age of 70 for a civil service employee. For the last 10 years he has lived partly in Baltimore and partly in Israel. He spent the entire time in research on African countries.

#### HUNGER STRIKE STAGED IN KISHINEV

NEW YORK, May 4 (JTA)--Soviet Jewish activists in Kishinev, in the southern Soviet republic of Moldavia, declared a hunger strike May 1 and 2 in protest of a new Soviet harassment technique which forces applicants to give up their apartments before they can fill out an application for a visa to Israel, it was reported today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

"If a visa is denied," the letter addressed to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim pointed out, "which is the usual procedure of the Soviet government, the applying family is left not only homeless, but without a shelter from the elements."

The 15 signers, who set aside two days to stage a protest against the "continuing discrimination of Jews by the USSR government," said in their letter, "We hope this protest will reach the people of the world and they will sympathize with our plight." Among the signers were Mark and Fanya Abramovich, Yuri and Raissa Shekhtman and Grigory Levitt.

Meanwhile, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported that Jewish activists also staged hunger strikes in Riga, Leningrad, Tallin and Vilnius on Solidarity Day for exit visas to Israel. The 32 fasters issued a joint appeal "to Jews and all people of goodwill around the world to intensify the struggle for the lawful rights of Soviet Jews."

#### BEAME PROCLAIMS MAY AS A 'SALUTE' TO 200 YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN NYC

NEW YORK, May 4 (JTA)--Mayor Abraham Beame today proclaimed the month of May as a "salute" to 200 years of Jewish life in New York City. The proclamation was read by the Mayor at a breakfast in his official residence, Gracie Mansion, which launched a program of tours of Jewish New York sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. The breakfast, attended by 80 persons, was hosted by the Mayor, the AJ Congress and the city's Bicentennial Corporation. Beame's proclamation noted that no other city has as large a Jewish population as New York and "no other city has had its character so defined and its growth so enhanced by the presence of a large and energetic Jewish community." Beame said the city's Jewish contribution goes back to 1654, when 23 Sephardic Jews settled here and founded the city's and country's oldest synagogue, Shearith Israel, also known as the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

## ZIONIST ACTION AND DEVELOPMENT: INDEPENDENCE DAY AROUND THE WORLD

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 4 (JTA)--Some 40 young Israelis with a flare for singing, dancing, acting, or otherwise making people feel happy, have fanned out around the world, in groups of twos and threes, to bring a touch of Israel into Jewish communities' Yom Haatzmaut celebrations. They will be appearing, with their guitars or accordions, in synagogues and halls from Montevideo to Melbourne, from Marseilles to Johannesburg, wherever Jews mark Israel's Independence Day this week.

The entertainers, almost all of them amateurs, were selected from over 400 applicants, meticulously "auditioned" by government and World Zionist Organization officials, briefed in an intensive study seminar on Zionism, Judaism and current political problems and dispatched to 19 countries around the world.

The project is a "first" for Yom Haatzmaut. It is intended, said Yehsayahu Haran of the WZO organization and information department, to give tangible expression to last December's decisions of the "Jerusalem Solidarity Conference" to make this year's Independence Day a truly international Jewish event.

### Accent On Provincial Towns

The accent, Haran said, will be on the more out-of-the-way communities, in provincial towns rather than in the main metropolises. Zionist federations and Jewish communal organizations around the world are all stressing the need to strengthen links with the smaller communities, for whom visitors from Israel are something of a novelty--and for that reason so much more needed, and more appreciated.

The 19 countries to be visited are in South America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Iran. Each group will appear several times in each country, and several of them are scheduled to perform in two or even three countries during the course of the week.

The young ambassadors of folklore held a "dress rehearsal" in Jerusalem last week, appearing at "Kiryat Moriah," the student center of the WZO youth and halutz department, before visiting groups of overseas students.

The groups and their organizers learned one important lesson from the audience reaction on that occasion: young people abroad don't want to hear pop or rock from Israeli performers--they can hear better pop and rock from their own local artists. What they do want are Israeli songs and dances, Jewish and Hasidic music--a taste of authentic Israeli culture.

### Other Projects Outlined

Haran, coordinator of a joint government-WZO body planning Yom Haatzmaut programs abroad, described some of the other projects that went into action this week. Three top Israeli politicians have been asked to speak at central Yom Haatzmaut celebrations in Europe; Abba Eban will be in Paris and Brussels, Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi in London, and Labor Knesseter Esther Herlitz (former Ambassador to Denmark) in Basel, Switzerland.

Yaacobi will also go on to four provincial towns in England, and make a brief stop-over in Denmark. Herlitz will go from Basel to Germany for appearances before Jewish communities there. Moshe Dayan, who is in Italy on a United Israel

Appeal fund-raising mission, will address Yom Haatzmaut celebrations there, and Commerce Minister Haim Barlev will do the same in Australia.

Appearing with Barlev at the Australian Jewry's central Independence Day celebration will be Valery and Galina Panov. Haran explained that the Australian Zionist Federation asked the head office in Jerusalem to locate the Panovs (then in London), and the young dancers willingly agreed to perform at the celebration.

### Mass Distribution Of Material

Another project initiated by the joint committee was the distribution of 20,000 wall posters, in English, Spanish and French, "well in time." Haran affirmed, to Jewish schools and community centers and synagogues around the world. The themes are: Yom Haatzmaut, Jerusalem, education in Israel, health, science, industry, agriculture, and international cooperation.

The committee also distributed "press kits" containing articles by local Israeli journalists on current political and human-interest aspects of Israeli life, to Jewish newspapers and periodicals around the world. A great many of the articles have already been printed in pre-Independence Day issues, Haran noted.

Also distributed were 10 copies of a filmed interview with Premier Yitzhak Rabin and WZO chairman Yosef Almogi, by Israel TV personality Haim Yeivin. The sound recording of the interviews has been made into a cassette and also distributed to some Jewish centers to be played on Independence Day. Leon Dulzin, WZO Treasurer, has been interviewed in Spanish for distribution among Latin American communities.

Haran has received encouraging reports from WZO shlichim\* of local preparations for Yom Haatzmaut. In Italy, for instance, all events will be held in synagogues--with the "finals" of an inter-synagogue Bible quiz to be one of the day's highlights. In Amsterdam, Holland, a national Bible quiz will reach its climax on Yom Haatzmaut.

### UN DEBATE DUE ON WEST BANK

UNITED NATIONS, May 4 (JTA)--Israel registered to speak today at an urgent Security Council debate on the West Bank called for by Egypt. Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog is on the speakers' list, to follow the envoys of Egypt and Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman. But sources here said Herzog might postpone his speech until tomorrow. The meeting was requested by Egypt because of what it termed "terrorist practices" by Israel against the Arab population on the West Bank. Egypt, in calling for the debate, requested that the PLO be allowed to participate as it did in previous Mideast debates. The Council is expected to begin the debate either late this afternoon or tomorrow.

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MAUTHAUSEN, Austria (JTA)--Austrian Science Minister Hertha Fuernberg said Sunday it was the duty of everybody to do his utmost to prevent a repetition of the Nazi Holocaust. In a ceremony marking the 31st anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp by U.S. troops in World War II, the Minister said the concentration camp was a "symbol of inhumanism and the passion of Austria." Some 4000 persons, many of them former inmates of the camp, attended the memorial service. Fuernberg declared: "It is the duty of the old generation to influence the young to prevent a repetition of the Nazi Holocaust."