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300,000 WATCH 75,000 MARCH IN

"SALUTE TO ISRAEL" PARADE

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) -- Young and old, Jews and non-Jews, black and white participated under sunny skies in the annual Salute to Israel Parade up Fifth Avenue today. About 300,000 persons were estimated to have viewed the parade which featured 75,000 marchers, 50 floats and 25 bands from throughout the United States and Canada. The parade was sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

The parade which started at 57th street and continued to 86th street had as its theme "proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land," the Biblical quotation inscribed on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations; and Uri Ben Ari, Israel's Consul General in New York were honorary guests on the reviewing stand.

State Officials On Reviewing Stand

Dinitz declared that the parade is a demonstration of American support for Israel and that a strong Israel supported by America will bring the desired peace to the Middle East. He congratulated the American people who are now celebrating the Bicentennial of the founding of the U.S. Herzog said that the parade is a reaffirmation by the American people of its support for Israel.

Also on the reviewing stand were New Jersey Gov. Brendan Byrne; New York Lt. Gov. Mary Ann Krupsak; Sen. James Buckley (R-C, NY); Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R, NY); Sen. Clifford P. Case (R, NJ) members of the House of Representatives and State and local officials. California Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr., was present. A message was read from former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia.

The spectators, cheering and waving Israeli and American flags, watched a variety of bands playing Israeli songs and floats passing by, depicting the history of Zionism and Israel. Some floats depicted the emigration struggle of Soviet Jewry. Other highlights included a group of Boy Scouts from Israel; a group of non-Jewish men and women from Denver, Colo. who sang Israeli songs, and 15 Israeli high school students especially brought to the U.S. for the Bicentennial year who sang and danced to Israeli songs. One marcher was 93-year-old Edward Horowitz, of New York, who has participated in every Salute to Israel parade.

A brief disturbance occurred when some 50 members of the Jewish Defense League sat down in front of the reviewing stand in what they said was support for the Gush Emunim squatters in Kadum in Samaria. During a brief scuffle with police, 12 of the JDL demonstrators were reportedly arrested.

ARGENTINE JEWISH KIDNAP VICTIM BURIED

BUENOS AIRES, June 13 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held at the Jewish cemetery here

June 8 for Dr. Salvador Akerman, a prominent physician who was kidnapped by unknown persons June 4 and subsequently murdered. His bullet-riddled body was thrown from a car. His hands were tied behind his back. Dr. Akerman, a resident of the suburb of Don Torcuato, was a gynecologist who practiced at several private clinics and in the Jewish hospital, Ezrah. (By Asher Mibashan)

U.S. HITS POLITICIZATION OF "HABITAT" CONFERENCE

By Ben Kayfetz and Michael Solomon

TORONTO, June 13 (JTA) -- The United States has sharply criticized a resolution obliquely criticizing Israel which was adopted in the closing minutes of the two-week long United Nations-sponsored "Habitat" Conference at Vancouver, B.C. The U.S. also warned that it would boycott such UN meetings in the future unless "extraneous politics" were excluded.

There was no direct reference to Israel or the Middle East in the resolution. There was, however, a reference to "all forms of racial discrimination referred to in the resolutions to be adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations." That was viewed as an affirmation of support for last November's General Assembly resolution linking Zionism with racism. The "Habitat" conference's "Declaration of Principles" which incorporated the paragraph was adopted by an 89-15 vote with 10 abstentions. In addition to the United States, negative votes were cast by Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, West Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and the United Kingdom.

After the vote, Christian A. Herter, Jr., acting head of the U.S. delegation, told the 135-nation conference that "There is good reason to believe that public esteem for the United Nations will be seriously impaired by this record." Mordechai Kidron, the Israeli delegate, called the vote "a tragic situation which has nearly wrecked the conference and has resulted in a declaration that is merely a piece of paper." He said the supporters of the declaration had "rammed their obsessions about Israel down our throats."

Three Other Anti-Israel Resolutions Adopted

Canada's Urban Affairs Minister, Barney Danson, who was president of the conference, had earlier made an impassioned plea to Cuba, which introduced the resolution, and its other supporters to withdraw it. Danson, who is Jewish, said "politics should not be introduced into the conference."

The conference earlier approved three other resolutions that were aimed at Israel. They called on the UN to investigate living conditions of Palestinian Arabs, denounced "intruders" on "occupied lands," and denounced settlements on "lands acquired through coercion and subjugation." The Canada-Israel Committee issued an official statement denouncing the Palestine

Liberation Organization for the destructive intrusion of politics into "Habitat." Co-chairman Norman May said that the PLO and the Arab bloc were "seeking to pervert Habitat's objectives by manipulating the conference for their own immoral purposes. They have abused Canada's hospitality by the attempts to spread distortions and lies." The U.S. and Israel walked out last week when the PLO representative spoke to the conference. Some 1500 persons held a demonstration in downtown Vancouver protesting the politicization of the conference by the PLO and their supporters.

MAPAM CONVENTION ENDS, WILL REMAIN IN ALIGNMENT FOR NOW

By Yitzhar Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 13 (JTA) -- The Mapam convention ended last night with a decision to remain within the Labor Alignment for the time being. At the same time, Mapam will prepare for a separate election list next year should the partnership with the Labor Party prove to be incompatible with its foreign and domestic political goals. That will be determined by the course Labor charts at its own convention in December. Mapam will reconvene afterwards to decide the Alignment's future.

The three-day convention here closed with the adoption of a series of resolutions that were tantamount to a warning to the Labor Party that the Alignment could founder if no common denominator is found between its constituents. The resolutions reiterated Mapam's policies with respect to the administered territories which call for major Israeli withdrawals consistent with national security and recognition of Palestinian national rights in a state of their own.

Mapam Pays High Price

A resolution calling for an immediate break with Labor was not brought to a vote during the convention. Its proponents were persuaded that a vote could have exacerbated divisions within Mapam. But Mapam Secretary General Meir Talmi agreed that the party was paying a high price by subordinating itself to its much larger Alignment partner. The price was necessary, he said, because of the consolidation of right-wing factions in Likud. But it would be a mistake to think that Mapam will maintain the Alignment at any price, Talmi warned.

The resolutions adopted included a demand that the government prepare an overall peace plan that would ensure Israel's security while not adding any territories. Israel was urged to announce its willingness to carry out large scale withdrawals from the Sinai, West Bank and Golan Heights. The evacuated area on the Heights should be permanently demilitarized, Mapam said. Freedom of navigation on the Red Sea should be assured by some form of Israeli presence at Sharm el-Sheikh. Mapam would not return the Gaza Strip to Egyptian control but would determine its future status by Israel's security needs and the wishes of the local population.

Mapam proposed that negotiations be conducted with Jordan on the assumption that two, sovereign independent states -- Israel and a Palestinian Arab entity -- will exist once the Palestinians have made their political choice. Mapam stated that the development of Jerusalem and its suburbs was of primary importance to

Israel. It expressed total opposition to the illegal settlement attempts by the Gush Emunim.

RICHARDSON INSISTS NEW LEGISLATION NOT NEEDED TO COMBAT ARAB BOYCOTT

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, June 13 (JTA) -- The Ford Administration continued to reiterate late last week its opposition to congressional legislation aimed at strengthening action against American firms complying with the Arab boycott against Israel. In testimony before the House International Relations Committee, Commerce Secretary Elliot L. Richardson said that the Administration opposes additional legislation "as being both untimely and unnecessary, and potentially counter-productive."

Richardson stressed that the Administration has already taken steps "to assure that the boycott is free of discrimination against United States citizens, to deal with secondary boycott practices that interfere with economic relations among domestic firms, and to seek diplomatic modification of the more objectionable manifestations of the boycott." The Commerce Secretary said the only new legislation needed is the Administration-sponsored bill introduced by Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, the ranking Republican on the House Judiciary Committee. It is considered much weaker than other bills now before Congress.

Diplomatic Efforts Called Successful

Richardson repeated Administration claims that "passage of legislation at this time might jeopardize our ability to continue to work effectively with Arab nations to achieve a just and permanent Mideast peace, which is after all, he added, the only realistic way to end the Arab boycott of Israel." He declared that the Administration "strongly" opposes and has prohibited compliance with boycott practices involving any discrimination against U.S. citizens. He said that during the period of October 1, 1975 through last March 31, the Commerce Department received about 14,200 boycott reports dealing with about 29,700 transactions. Of the 14,200 reports, six revealed boycott-related requests which would clearly discriminate against American citizens, he said, and several hundred additional reports revealed requests that goods not be marked with the Star of David.

Richardson said that while the Department had made a decision to treat such requests as discriminatory, diplomatic efforts to eliminate them had led to their "virtual elimination." In addition, diplomatic efforts had brought elimination of other discriminatory requests. "The evidence thus far supports the view that the boycott is symptomatic of the Mideast conflict and that, in its current manifestations, it is not based on religious or ethnic criteria, Richardson said.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- North America's first Hebrew language daily newspaper will commence publication in New York next October if the plans of a group of Americans and Israelis who are financing the project materialize. The tabloid-size paper, to be called "The Israel Daily Herald" will appear Sundays through Fridays in major cities in the United States and Canada where there are heavy concentrations of Jews and Israelis.

ZIONISM ENHANCES POSITION OF AMERICAN JEWRY, HERTZBERG SAYS

By Yitzhak Rabi.

NEW YORK, June 13 (JTA) -- An American Jewish leader declared here that Zionism and Israel have become the "religion" of American Jewry and their involvement with Israel has given them prestige and respect from the American people. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, made his remarks in an address at the United Israel Appeal's 50th anniversary convocation at the Jewish Agency's headquarters at 515 Park Ave.

"American Zionism succeeded in making American Jews comfortable in America" in contrast to the original European Zionism which negated the diaspora to pursue the goal of creating a Jewish State, he said. "In the United States Zionism has acted to make Jews more comfortable and a greater force within the American society."

Dr. Hertzberg, who is an adjunct professor of history at Columbia University, asserted that "Within American society as a whole, the involvement of Jews in Israel, the very prodigiousness of their giving and the very impact of their political presence, has acted to gain respect for Jewish devotion and Jewish power." Zionism is conceived by American Jewry, as being engaged in saving world Jewry through "political battle and fund-raising" and Zionism as such reaches "its greatest success in the United Israel Appeal," Hertzberg said.

Jewish Moral Tradition Enriched

He noted that the tremendous impact of and four and Israel in shaping American Jewish life manifests itself in the fact that being an anti-Zionist Jew is "an excommunicable offense" in American Jewry. "You can eat chasir on Yom Kippur and you will not be excommunicated, but you can be excommunicated in any small Jewish community for not giving to the UIA," Hertzberg said.

Dr. David Sidorsky, professor of philosophy at Columbia University, also contended in his presentation to the UIA convocation that the "American Jewish community was shaped by its involvement with Israel. In meeting the challenges of support of Israel it developed a sense of responsibility as a community and increased its maturity."

According to Sidorsky, the involvement of American Jewry with Israel also gave it new avenues of contacts with other Jewish communities throughout the world and opened new ways of contacts with Jewish roots. "The American Jew got a sense of participating with an historical event," Sidorsky said. In the view of Sidorsky, "The Jewish moral tradition, usually expressed in universalist terms was enriched by a sense of particular moral responsibility for the State of Israel."

PRESIDENT KATZIR LUNCHES WITH QUEEN

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 13 (JTA) -- Queen Elizabeth II entertained President Ephraim Katzir of Israel and Mrs. Katzir at lunch at Windsor Castle today. The Israeli head of state arrived here Friday for a week-long private visit to Britain, the first to this country by an incumbent Presi-

dent of Israel. While here, he will join in celebrating the 70th birthday of Sir Ernest Chain, the world-famous biochemist and Nobel Laureate.

President Katzir was accompanied to Windsor Castle by the Israeli Ambassador to Britain and Ireland, Gideon Rafael and Mrs. Rafael. The Katzirs are scheduled to visit Prime Minister James Callaghan at 10 Downing Street tomorrow. Katzir, who is a biochemist, will be among the scientists delivering papers at the symposium of the Royal Society in honor of Sir Ernest. The latter won the 1945 Nobel Prize at the age of 39. He shared it with Sir Howard Florey for discovering the curative properties of penicillin which was discovered by another Nobel Laureate, Sir Alexander Flemming, 11 years before.

President and Mrs. Katzir attended Sabbath services at the Marble Arch Synagogue yesterday. Katzir was presented with a silver plate by Rabbi Maurice Untermyer, son of the late Israeli Chief Rabbi Isser Untermyer. Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovitz of Britain addressed a kiddush after the services. The Katzirs will attend services at a Sephardic synagogue here next Saturday.

FIVE ARRESTED IN PARIS BANK BOMBING

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 13 (JTA) -- Five suspected terrorists were arrested here Friday in connection with a bomb explosion that severely damaged a branch of the Rothschild Bank in central Paris during the night of May 29. An elderly woman and a child were injured by flying glass. According to police sources, the suspects have admitted responsibility for the bombing and more arrests are expected.

One of the suspects is Evelyne Barge, 32, who was sentenced in Israel to 14 years imprisonment in 1971 for smuggling explosives into the country on behalf of Arab terrorists. She is a member of a group known as "The Easter Commando" admitted at their trial that they had intended to bomb several Tel Aviv hotels. All were released in 1975 on humanitarian grounds. Since returning to Paris, Ms. Barge is known to have been active in leftist and anarchist circles.

The anti-Israel link to the bombing here was provided by an anonymous telephone caller who told a French news agency that the attack was carried out by the "International Revolutionary Front" against Zionists and their allies. The Rothschild Bank is owned by the Barons, Guy, Elie and Alain de Rothschild, all prominent in French-Jewish philanthropy.

SYRIANS ADVANCING ON SIDON, 20 KM FROM ISRAELI BORDER

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- Israeli sources reported today that Syrian forces were about to capture a road junction leading to the Lebanese port of Sidon, some 20 kilometers from the Israeli border. But the Syrians apparently have no intention of moving further south, the sources said. They also said that there has been no increase in the size of the Syrian force in Lebanon since the beginning of the month and no changes in its basic deployment. The sources dismissed reports that the Syrians entered "Fatahland" as PLO propaganda.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW**WHY MAPAM MUST GO IT ALONE**

By Uzi Benziman

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- Knesset member Halka Grossman, who made her name as a Jewish resistance fighter in the Byalstok ghetto, is one of the leaders of an influential group within Mapam which is fighting for the dissolution of the "Alignment" with Labor. The group, which includes at least two of the party's six MKs as well as powerful figures in its Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz movement, believes that Mapam must run independently in next year's elections in order to join the Cabinet in a stronger position.

The anti-Alignment forces tested their strength at Mapam's national convention in Tel Aviv last week. (See separate story.)

In practice though, the convention decision-not-to-decide-yet was pretty much a foregone conclusion, Mapam's "political committee" submitted a unanimous recommendation "to prepare" to run alone in the 1977 Knesset election.

If Labor adopts the kind of peace policy that Mapam could live with, the party will step back from the brink and continue in tandem with labor. For Mrs. Grossman and her group, the time spent waiting is time wasted. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, she said that as far as she could see the "marriage" between Mapam and the Labor Party had simply failed. When the Alignment was set up, 8 years ago, Mapam had hoped to play a major role in Cabinet policy-making. But experience proved otherwise, said Grossman. Labor refused to adopt Mapam's social policies. Poverty had not been substantially diminished; the social gaps had not been meaningfully narrowed; income tax-dodgers had not been apprehended; the government's economic policy perpetuated the inferior status of industrial workers.

Hour Of Decision Has Come

Grossman pointed out that the Labor Party had by and large ignored Mapam's political views too. The Cabinet encouraged the establishment of new settlements in the administered areas and had not been forthcoming with diplomatic peace initiatives. Grossman's group objects particularly to the Cabinet's ongoing "surrender to Gush Emunim's pressure."

Grossman and her political allies believed all along that the Alignment must adopt a clear profile-which would differ sharply -- politically and ideologically -- from that of the Likud bloc. But in fact, the Alignment has not proposed a comprehensive peace plan (because of deep differences within its own ranks) and has ignored the Palestinian problem. Grossman says the Labor Party seeks to postpone the hour of decision, thus preferring factional considerations to national interests, Grossman charged.

"Mapam must no longer belong to an ideological supermarket," she declared. Grossman's reservations were valid eight years ago too, when the Alignment was established. Nevertheless, Mapam went into the deal.

Asked about that, Grossman explained that circumstances have changed. "Today the problems are acute and the national moment of decision is at hand. It is ridiculous for me and Moshe Dayan to appear on the same ticket, when we disagree on almost every issue," she said.

Asked about the possibility that a go-it-alone Mapam could weaken the dovish camp and thereby aid the right, Grossman replied that dissolving the Alignment would strengthen -- not weaken the dovish representation in the Knesset. She believes that by running separately in the elections, Mapam would force the Labor Party to define more precisely its political platform, thus emphasizing the ideological distinction between the Labor and Likud. According to Grossman's scenario, Mapam would join the coalition Cabinet to be established by Labor after the election. She added that Mapam would even be ready to create a "common front" with Labor, but would insist on maintaining its separate political entity, thus increasing its bargaining position and its influence.

JNF TO INAUGURATE BICENTENNIAL PARK NEAR JERUSALEM, JULY 4

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 13 (JTA) -- A 1000-acre "American Bicentennial Park" will be inaugurated at ground-breaking ceremonies in the Jerusalem hills on July 4, the 200th anniversary of American independence. The project, undertaken by the Jewish National Fund to be a "living testament to the esteem in which Israel holds the United States," was conceived by JNF leaders in the U.S. It will be up to them to raise the \$6 million needed to complete it.

Bulldozers have already cleared a patch of land in the center of the park area where the ceremony will be held. It will be highlighted by the planting of the first three trees -- one by President Ephraim Katzir, one by a special emissary of President Ford and another by a youngster to be selected from the nearby village of Nes Harim. Col. Yosef Getreuer, head of the JNF's North American Desk, said that "The park will be able to absorb up to 100,000 hikers and picnickers at one time" and "will be a major national recreational facility." He said the pace at which the park progresses will depend on the flow of funds.

New Road To Old Settlements

Getreuer said the park would "have ideological content." The U.S. revolutionary and pioneer spirit will be represented by log cabins, picket fences and other accoutrements of America's pioneer era. Famous quotations from leaders of the American revolution will be chiseled into rocks. The similarities between America's and Israel's origins will be represented by typical Israeli structures, such as the tower-and-stockade that characterized the early pioneer settlements in this country. Biblical verses and quotations from Israel's founders.

The JNF has begun preliminary work on a highway that will wind through the park area. The road will not only serve visitors but will provide a much-needed artery of communications for five relatively isolated settlements in the region -- Nes Harim, Mevo Betar, Bar Giora, Mata and Mahasiya. All were established in the early years of Statehood and are populated by immigrants from North Africa and Iraq. Many of the villagers see the park as a spur to their own limited economic base. They are making plans for restaurants, snack bars and motels.