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BEGIN EXHILARATED BY RESPONSES HE RECEIVED IN LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, May 4 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin said today that the receptions he received in Los Angeles and Chicago were "wonderful" and "heart-warming." Speaking to reporters aboard his plane en route from Chicago to New York this morning, Begin said, "I have been most impressed by the warmth of the receptions in Chicago and Los Angeles. It is characteristic that the warmth came not only from Jews but also Christians. I saw it when I left the hotel and on the streets. It was an expression of public friendship, very heart-warming."

Relaxed and at ease despite his hectic schedule of the past three days, Begin said that when he returns to Israel he will tell his people that "Our cause has great support among the citizens of the United States, both Jews and Christians. Such is my main impression." Replying to questions, he said he was not worried before his arrival in the U.S. about the extent of support for Israel and that, in any case, he now has "dramatic proof" of the support of the American people.

Begin said he had found a "positive echo" to Israel's peace plan. He said his talks in Washington, with President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance were held in a friendly atmosphere but he could not guarantee future developments toward a breakthrough in the deadlocked peace negotiations. He said that notwithstanding the friendly talks in Washington, "I can't say for sure if it will affect the peace process."

Major Activities In New York

Begin's hectic schedule today included addressing some 500 people at an Israel Bond luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria, leading a Holocaust Memorial Day service at Yeshiva University where he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, a reception by Gov. Hugh Carey and a dinner at the New York Hilton sponsored by the Economic Club. (See separate story.)

The Premier's schedule tomorrow includes breakfast with editors and publishers at Gracie Mansion, the Mayor's official residence; a ceremony at which Mayor Edward Koch will proclaim Begin an honorary citizen of the Big Apple; an address before some 1000 people at a United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign salute to Israel's 30th anniversary; a meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; and a Sabbath meal at Gracie Mansion where Begin and his wife, Aliza, will be staying through Sunday when the Premier returns to Israel after participating in festivities marking Israel's anniversary. Special arrangements were made at Gracie Mansion for strictly kosher meals for Begin and his wife.

UNIFIL CERTAIN TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST ITS TROOPS ARE THE WORK OF THE PLO

TEL AVIV, May 4 (JTA)--Officers of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)

are now certain that the terrorist attacks on UN troops during the past two days were carried out by El Fatah, the military arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization and not, as originally reported, by a hitherto unknown extremist terror group backed by Iraq.

Israeli circles had been skeptical all along of the reported promise by PLO chief Yasser Arafat to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim that his people would cooperate with UNIFIL. The view here is that either the UN has been the victim of PLO duplicity or Arafat is unable to control the El Fatah terrorists.

(In Washington yesterday, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter condemned the attacks on UNIFIL troops. He said they seemed to have been launched by Lebanese leftists and various groups of Palestinian extremists, some or possibly all connected in one way or another with the PLO.)

Nine UNIFIL soldiers were killed in clashes with terrorists in South Lebanon since the UN peace-keeping force entered the area last month to take over from Israeli forces. They include four French soldiers, three Senegalese, one Swedish and one Norwegian soldier.

(In Paris yesterday, French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud "deplored" the attacks on French troops. Official sources and the media have expressed shock and amazement. Some leading newspapers have questioned the wisdom of dispatching French troops to Lebanon to participate in a UN force that is apparently insufficiently equipped with manpower and arms to accomplish its mission.)

(The UN Security Council voted 12-0 yesterday to reinforce UNIFIL by the dispatch of an additional 2000 troops above its originally mandated strength of 4000. The reinforcements will include an additional contingent from Iran and one contingent each from Ireland and Fiji. There was no indication when they would reach Lebanon. UNIFIL is still about 1000 men short of its original 4000-man quota.)

THREE INJURED IN BOMB EXPLOSION

TEL AVIV, May 4 (JTA)--A bomb exploded in the central bus station in Acre today slightly injuring a police sapper who was trying to defuse it and two bystanders. Minor damage was caused to nearby shops. The driver of a bus from downtown Haifa noticed a suspicious-looking parcel left behind after discharging his passengers at the terminal. The police sapper, responding to his call, removed the parcel from the bus and was working on it when the bomb detonated. The bus station was closed off while the area was searched but reopened shortly afterwards.

ISRAEL MARKS MEMORIAL DAY

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, May 4 (JTA)--Israel observed Memorial Day today to commemorate the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust and to honor the Jewish resistance fighters who battled Nazis in the ghettos and forests of Poland and other occupied lands during World War II. The day of remembrance began at sundown yesterday. As in past years, a somber mood descended on the country, very much reminiscent of the eve of the Day of Atonement.

Coffee houses and all places of entertainment were closed. The State-owned radio and television broadcast low key programs, mostly devoted to the Holocaust. The streets were empty of their usual crowds and traffic was sparse.

This morning, at 8 a.m., all activity came to a standstill as the nation observed two minutes of silence for the fallen heroes and martyrs. The Knesset convened in a special memorial session—as it has done for the last five years. The galleries were filled with survivors of the Holocaust, the resistance movement and veterans who fought the Nazis in various Allied armies. There were many non-Jews present, including those who had aided Jews in their time of greatest travail and foreign diplomats, among them the West German Ambassador, Klaus Schuetz.

Vigilance Against Neo-Nazism

"Never Forget" was today's slogan, as it has been for many years past. But a new slogan emerged, calling on Jews to fight the reemergence of neo-Nazism, especially its manifestation in the wave of nostalgia for the Nazi era now sweeping West Germany.

Addressing himself to that situation, Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin told a memorial assembly at the Yad Vashem in Jerusalem that it was not enough for Israelis to remember the Holocaust but to keep reminding the world of it. "We shall remind the world that the battle with the Nazi beast is not yet over," Yadin said. "They have been succeeded by neo-Nazi groups and those who call themselves national liberation groups... We shall not allow history to repeat itself."

The services, at which six symbolic beacons were kindled for the six million Holocaust victims, were attended by President Ephraim Katzir and other public figures. A small group of pickets demonstrated quietly outside the West German Embassy in Tel Aviv to protest what they regard as a slackening of action against Nazi war criminals by the Bonn authorities and a seeming indifference toward the alarming revival of neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism in Germany. A petition was delivered and accepted by members of the Embassy staff.

The only jarring incident was the attempted self-immolation by the artist Andre Kielcinski who has a long record of violent demonstrations against West German authorities over delays in prosecuting Nazi war criminals. Kielcinski set himself on fire opposite the Embassy but his burns were slight and he was released from the hospital after treatment. He said later that this was the only way he could think of to express his strong feelings.

Three Main Tasks

Traditional memorial ceremonies marking the 35th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising were held at Yad Mordechai, the kibbutz named after Mordechai Anilevitz, commander of the Warsaw Ghetto, who died in the revolt. A memorial meeting was also held at Kibbutz Tel Itzhak, addressed briefly by Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eytan who declared, "We must accumulate courage so that another Holocaust does not befall us."

The Yad Mordechai rally was addressed by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, who called on world Jewry to unite against the reemergence of neo-Nazism. He also spoke of the three main tasks of Jews today—aliya, efforts for peace and the maintenance of their continuity through Jewish and Zionist education.

Katzir was the principal speaker at the Ghetto Fighters Kibbutz north of Acre. He stressed the need not to forget so that Israel and the world can learn from the past and prevent the recurrence of "a Holocaust."

According to instructions from the military high command, the chief education officer of the army organized information programs on the Holocaust for all units. Israeli schools marked the day with special lessons on the Holocaust. At some schools, survivors addressed the pupils, recounting their own experiences.

A six-branch menorah was kindled on the Knesset podium as the packed chamber rose to observe a minute of silence. MK Chajka Grossman, of Mapam, who was one of the commanders of the Bialystok Ghetto uprising and later fought in partisan ranks, warned that contemporary Jewry cannot evade difficult questions such as: was the Holocaust a one-time event beyond the grasp of history, "was it really a Greek tragedy, the participants of which had no control over its course, was Auschwitz a phenomenon that cannot be repeated? For this never to happen again, one must remember."

Likud Minister Haim Landau, who spoke for the government, asked, "Can anybody expect us today to rely on the world which stood idly when our brethren were massacred?"

HERZOG ASSAILS ELECTION OF IRAQ AS MEMBER OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

UNITED NATIONS, May 4 (JTA)—Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog strongly criticized today the election of Iraq by the United Nations Economic and Social Council this week to membership in the Commission on Human Rights. In a scornful comment, Herzog said:

"Uganda, Libya and Syria will now be joined on the Commission by yet another outstanding champion of human rights, Iraq. All that is missing now is the inclusion of Cambodia, known as Democratic Kampuchea, for the Commission to be completely representative of the cause of human rights as reflected through its procedures and resolutions."

"The cause of human rights will doubtless benefit immeasurably from Iraq's record of eliminating its Assyrian minority, genocide against the Kurdish people, bloody coup d'etat and public hanging of Jews in the squares of Baghdad. A measure of the seriousness of this Commission is the fact that the United Kingdom, which dared to speak out courageously on behalf of the human rights which it symbolizes, paid the penalty of not being re-elected to the Commission."

MAZEL TOV, GOLDA

TEL AVIV, May 4 (JTA)—Former Premier Golda Meir celebrated her 80th birthday at her apartment here yesterday in low key because she recently returned from a hospital stay. She had indicated she would not receive delegations of well-wishers but did receive individuals. These included government officials and old friends and all had a bit of cake and a glass of wine, drinking to her health and expressing the traditional hope that she will live to 120. Among the first of the hundreds of flowers and cables was a bouquet from Mrs. Samuel Lewis, wife of the American ambassador.

HOUSE VOTES TO HIKE \$ AID TO ISRAEL

By Helen Silver

WASHINGTON, May 4 (JTA)—Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-NY) told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency

today that the House International Relations Committee has adopted an amendment he introduced last week that will increase the level of cash budgetary assistance available to Israel from \$300 million to \$560 million.

Solarz explained that in the last two fiscal years this amount has totaled \$785 million, part used for commodity imports by Israel and \$300 million in cash grants. The credits under the Commodity Import Program could not be spent fast enough because of the bureaucratic procedures involved, he said. Israel had problems doing it and the AID also had problems with the result that both ended last year with \$200 million that could not be spent.

Solarz said his amendment will cut paper work and make available to Israel immediately the money which the U.S. is furnishing that country in economic assistance. "We have to cut down the amount of money going into the Commodities Import Program and increase the amount going into cash," he said. "This makes more available to Israel immediately and also cuts down Israel's shipping costs. Instead of being required to ship half on U.S. vessels, they could buy goods here and shipping costs would go down," Solarz said.

500 BOND LEADERS CHEER BEGIN

NEW YORK, May 4 (JTA)--Premier Menachem Begin was greeted with cheers and a standing ovation today in an appearance before more than 500 American and Canadian leaders of the Israel Bond Organization at a luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here.

Reviewing Israel's achievements in the last 30 years, Begin repeated that Israel will never accept Arab demands for its return to its 1967 borders or the establishment of a Palestinian state. He said that Israel will never endanger "even one family" in its arrangements for a settlement with the Arabs. Begin also repeated his call for the Jewish people to stand united behind Israel to assure its survival "for ever and ever."

When Begin's visit to the U.S. was announced, the Bond Organization set a goal of \$20 million in Bond sales. To date, \$16 million in Israel Bonds have been purchased.

HENRI CURIEL, JEWISH FOUNDER OF EGYPTIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, KILLED

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, May 4 (JTA)--The Jewish founder of the Egyptian Communist Party, Henri Curiel, 62, was shot to death this afternoon by two assailants. Later, a group identifying itself as the "Delta Commando" claimed responsibility for the attack saying Curiel was "a KGB agent, a defender of the Arab cause and a traitor to France where he had sought asylum." Police sources said they had no immediate clues as to the group which carried out the killing. The "Delta Commando" was active during the Algerian War but was believed to have disappeared since.

Curiel had been accused of being a central figure in the "world revolutionary movement" and was placed under house arrest last October. He had since been allowed to return to his home in the Latin Quarter.

He had been active in pro-Communist congresses and organizations dealing with the Middle East and attended the recent Peace for the Middle East Congress which was held in Paris last autumn and attended by Israeli and Arab delegates. Curiel was born into a wealthy Jewish banking family in

Egypt. He became active in left-wing organizations while still in his teens. He is credited with having helped found the Egyptian Communist Party. Arrested by King Farouk's political police, he was released after a long and painful detention and exiled abroad in 1951.

A political refugee in France, he nonetheless is believed to have helped the Algerian National Front during the Algerian War, 1954-62, and was several times questioned by the French police. He was detained by the French security services for over one year during the Algerian War on a preventive basis.

In the 1960s, Curiel began taking an interest in Arab-Israeli relations and believed that an understanding between the two can be reached "via the Palestinian people." He often met dovish Israeli leaders such as Meir Payll and Arye Eliav and helped put them in contact with various Palestinian circles.

NEW JEWISH UNDERGROUND JOURNAL IN USSR

NEW YORK, May 4 (JTA)--A new samizdat ("self-published") journal of the Jewish emigration movement, "Jewish Thought," has begun circulating in the USSR, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ) and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews (UCSJ). The typewritten publication, now in its second issue, joins the unofficial "Jews in the USSR" and "Tarbut" as efforts by activist Jews to counter the Kremlin's destruction of Jewish life and education.

The SSSJ and UCSJ reported that each issue of "Jewish Thought" contained about 120 pages, with articles on Moses, Rabbi Akiva, Yehuda Halevi, Chaim Nachman Bialik, Achad Ha'am and Martin Buber. It emanates from the Riga Jewish cultural symposium, whose chairman, Arkady Tsinober, recently received a long-awaited exit visa to Israel.

The group also promotes Jewish awareness through youth "Erev Shabbat" evening. Kiddush is recited, passages from the Bible, letters from Israel, and a review of the foreign press are read. Jewish songs, culture, history and Israeli geography are taught.

STREET NAMED AFTER DREYFUS

PARIS, May 4 (JTA)--A street named after Jewish Captain Alfred Dreyfus (1859-1935), the man wrongly charged with treason and defended by writer Emile Zola, was inaugurated yesterday in the French city of Rennes. The city's Mayor unveiled the plaque in the presence of one of Dreyfus' daughters, Mrs. Renee Levy, and other members of the family. The City Council decided to rename the street after Dreyfus on the 80th anniversary of the publication of Zola's letter to the French President, the famous "J'Accuse." French television is also due to show a special program to mark the occasion.

LONDON (JTA)--Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's visit to Scandinavia this month will coincide with a visit there by his Egyptian counterpart, Mohammed Ibrahim Kaamel. Both men have Finland on their itinerary. Kaamel will be in Helsinki on May 14. His talks with Finnish government officials, according to the Egyptian Middle East News Agency, will deal with economic relations. Dayan will also go to Finland in the course of his four-country Scandinavian tour, which starts next Monday following his two-day visit to Britain. For security reasons, his precise timetable was not released by the Israel Embassy here, so it is not known if the two Foreign Ministers will meet.

'IT'S GREAT TO BE 30 AFTER 4000 YEARS'

By Maxine Wasserstein and Carol Reichard:

NEW YORK, May 4 (JTA)--Some 100,000 people are expected to march Sunday at the annual Salute to Israel Parade, the theme of which will be "It's great to be 30 after 4000 years." Highlighting the celebration, Premier Menachem Begin will greet the public and walk along with the parade procession for several blocks. He will also speak at an Israeli festival which is to take place after the parade at the Central Park Mall.

Other guests will include Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, Ambassador Chaim Herzog, and Consul General Uri Ben Ari. Mayor Edward I. Koch, Sen. Jacob Javits and Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan are also among the many government officials expected to participate in the festivities.

The parade, sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation, will begin at 11 a.m. at 57th Street and will continue up Fifth Avenue until 86th Street where it will turn right and conclude at Third Avenue. Thirty professional and 25 home-made floats as well as a group of young Israelis touring the country in their musical show, "From Israel With Love," will participate.

It Will Be Freilach

Immediately following the parade, spectators will make their way to the Central Park Mall and the bandshell area near Sheep's Meadow at 72nd Street. Among the attractions there will be four stages featuring on-going entertainment beginning at 2 p.m. and continuing non-stop until sunset.

Theodore Bikel and Aris San, both prominent actor-singers, will perform and host the afternoon of entertainment featuring personalities such as Joey Adams, Geraldo Rivera, Elly Stone, Shlomo Carlebach and the casts of the Broadway shows Mummenschanz, Chapter Two and Magic Show. Also appearing at the bandshell will be Jewish performers such as Kol B'seder, a Hebrew rock ensemble, along with the Fabrengen Fiddlers.

In addition to the colorful entertainment, visitors will have the opportunity to sample Israeli food, take demonstration Hebrew or karate lessons, play shesh-besh (Hebrew for backgammon), and buy Israeli arts and crafts products as well as coins, metals, and stamps. Schools and youth groups will be performing, while Ruth Goodman, director of the Israeli Folk Dance Festival, will offer lessons in Israeli folk dancing to interested spectators.

According to Barbara Taylor, the parade director, the Salute to Israel Parade and Israeli festival in Central Park represent "an attempt to bring together all segments of the community who feel an attachment to Israel, in order to celebrate the common bond that Israel provides. May 7th will be an expression of joy at 30 years of Israel's existence."

All Systems Go In Philly

The festivities in New York will be a part of nationwide celebrations. In Philadelphia, some 5000 paraders from 70 different organizations, Jewish and non-Jewish, will march on Sunday to begin the day-long series of Israel Independence Day events.

The annual May event, which attracts approximately 20,000 spectators each year, will feature bazaars and entertainment. The keynote speaker for the day will be Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.), it was announced by Mrs. Naomi

Barsky and Mrs. Florrie Blumenfeld, Israel Independence Day co-chairpersons.

Philadelphians are invited to sample the wares of an Israeli style bazaar featuring exotic Israeli and Jewish foods and arts and crafts. Various personalities will entertain the spectators all afternoon: the popular Israeli musical group Shir Chadash; soprano Barbra Moskow; and the Kalinit Dancers, a professional dance troupe, which will perform dances of European, Oriental, and Middle Eastern origins. Sponsoring the celebration are the Federation of Jewish Agencies, the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Philadelphia Zionist Federation.

ISRAEL, U.S. REJECT ROLE IN UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON RACISM

UNITED NATIONS, May 4 (JTA)--Israel and the United States reiterated that they cannot participate in the United Nations-sponsored Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the World Conference on Racism to be held in Geneva next year because both events still include the General Assembly's 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism. The two countries announced their positions at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) plenary reaffirmed its support of the Decade and the conference.

Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog, after stressing Israel's abhorrence of racism, said it could not participate in the two events because they were "contaminated by extraneous issues such as the infamous resolution on Zionism which still exists and thus an important opportunity to address the critical issue of racism, on which there can be no doubt about Israel's position, will be lost." The U.S. representative expressed similar views.

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE PROGRAM

MONTREAL, May 4 (JTA)--The national leadership of Hadassah-WIZO in Canada has initiated a program to further Christian-Jewish dialogue. The decision to do so was taken by the 120 delegates at a recent meeting of the group's national executive. The program will include inviting the leaders of Christian religious and cultural organizations and the clergy to visit Independence Hall in Toronto, a museum being created by Hadassah-WIZO which will highlight the periods immediately before and after the birth of the State of Israel.

Clara Balinsky, Hadassah-WIZO president, said that while more Christian tourists visit Israel than Jewish tourists, they seldom see the Jewish aspects of Israel. Visiting the museum would give them that insight, she noted.

Other programs approved by the national executive will involve instituting national seminars for leadership training, increasing active participation of younger women through the establishment of a national young leadership executive, and creating appointments for special missions assigned to women with outstanding ability and expertise. Lily Frank, former national executive director of Hadassah-WIZO, was appointed national executive vice-president. * * *

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Postal charges, including mail, telephone and telex, were hiked sharply by government ordinance that went into effect this week. The increase for some services is as high as 40 percent. * * *

CORRECTION: The May 3 issue of the Bulletin was incorrectly dated Tuesday. It should have been dated Wednesday.