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150,000 AT 'SALUTE TO ISRAEL'

PARADE DESPITE RAINY WEATHER; PEACE IS THE MAJOR THEME

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) — Despite unseasonably cool and rainy weather, an estimated 150,000 spectators and 75,000 marchers turned out for the 15th annual Salute to Israel Parade along Fifth Avenue today. The recently signed peace treaty between Israel and Egypt set the tone for the event. The peace theme was evident in most of the 35 floats, the many peace banners carried by the marchers, some in Arabic as well as Hebrew and English and the peace songs sung and played by the 25 marching bands from six states.

The turn-out was far less than the half-million spectators who have witnessed Salute to Israel parades in previous years, largely because of the inclement weather. But what they lacked in numbers they made up for in high spirits. The reviewing stand was packed with dignitaries, including Gov. Hugh Carey of New York, Mayor Edward Koch of New York City and special guest, Mayor Eliyahu Nawi, of Beersheba, the Israeli city that last Sunday played host to Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and was also the site of the opening of Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian autonomy. Other special guests were Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Ephraim Evron; Dr. Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations; the Israeli Consul General in New York, Joseph P. Kedar, and Avraham Katz, a member of the Knesset and chairman of the Jewish Agency's youth and chalutz department.

Eugene Gold, District Attorney of Brooklyn and chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, was chairman of the parade. He reminded the spectators not to forget the plight of Soviet Jews and introduced Rivka Drori, sister of "Prisoner of Conscience" Iosif Mendelevich who expressed the hope that her brother and all ROCS will soon be released. All of the dignitaries, in brief remarks, paid tribute to the Israeli-Egyptian peace and voiced the hope that it will lead to a full peace in the Middle East. A message from President Carter was read in which he declared that Israel and the U.S. share "common goals and aspirations" for democracy and peace.

The parade began at 11 a.m. at 57th St. and Fifth Avenue and continued for a mile-and-a-half to 86th Street. It was sponsored, as it has been since its inception in 1965, by the American Zionist Youth Foundation. Participants included Jewish organizations, day schools, yeshivot, Jewish youth and community groups, Israeli banks and other commercial institutions.

The official theme was "Israel from generation to generation." But the new era of peace was saluted with such slogans as "We are the generation of Peace," "Peace is the Word" and, in a reference to the cloudy skies, "Don't rain on my Peace." At one point dozens of white doves were released. Many of the young marchers wore Arab costumes and the traditional kafiyeh headgear. The one sour note was introduced by a Jewish Defense League group which carried a sign saying "Sadat can talk to the wall. Jerusalem is ours."

NEW GUSH SETTLEMENT APPROVED

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) — A Cabinet majority decided today to authorize the establishment of a new Gush Emunim settlement adjacent to Nablus, the largest Arab town on the West Bank. By a vote of 8-5, it over-rode an appeal against the decision by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin who was supported by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and his two Democratic Movement colleagues Shmuel Tamir and Yisrael Katz. Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich and Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt, abstained.

Fencing off of land for the settlement is expected to begin this week. Yadin, who had voiced his opposition earlier to the Ministerial Settlement Committee, argued that the land allocated for the new settlement was privately owned — by Arabs — and noted that government policy heretofore has excluded expropriation of private land except for security needs. (By Gil Sedan)

ISRAEL CONCERNED BY MURDER OF GAZA RELIGIOUS LEADER

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 3 (JTA) — Israeli circles expressed concern today that the murder of Sheikh Hashem Al-Huzander outside his home in Gaza Friday night may be the beginning of a wave of political assassinations by terrorists aimed against Palestinian leaders who support the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The 70-year-old imam (religious leader), head of a prominent Gaza family, was found dead of stab wounds at his doorstep shortly after he finished conducting evening services at the Imam mosque, the largest in Gaza.

Police reported no clues as to the identity of his assailants. But the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed in a broadcast from Beirut yesterday that its agents were responsible for the killing and warned that the same fate awaits all "collaborators" and supporters of the autonomy plan. The broadcast named Mayor Rashid A-Shawa of Gaza as next in line for execution.

Although some 2000 persons attended Sheikh Huzander's funeral yesterday, public figures, including A-Shawa, were notably absent. The mourners were chiefly members of his family, friends and supporters. Ironically, Huzander was, in many ways, a Palestinian militant. He publicly declared his support of the Palestine Liberation Organization and its claim to be the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. In the pre-statehood period he was a follower of Haj Amin el-Husseini, the notorious Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who collaborated with the Nazis.

He was a founder of the anti-Israel Moslem Brothers organization in the Gaza Strip. Of his five sons, three were active members of Palestinian terrorist organizations. One, a lieutenant colonel in El Fafah, was killed during a terrorist raid on Nahariya in 1973.

But Sheikh Huzander, while not moderating his political views, sought a modus vivendi with Israel after the 1967 Six-Day War when the Gaza Strip came under Israeli administration. He supported the peace initiative of President Anwar Sadat and visited Egypt twice in the last six months. He failed,

however, in an attempt to organize a pilgrimage of 150 prominent Gaza residents to Cairo.

An attempt was made on Huzander's life five months ago. He had been under 24-hour guard but after his last trip to Egypt he asked that the guard be removed because he was convinced no one would harm him. Israeli sources said he wanted the bodyguard withdrawn so that he would not be too closely identified with Israel.

Members of the Sheikh's family pledged today that they would avenge his death according to Arab custom. But they said they would give the Israeli police time to apprehend the killers. The police face a difficult task as potential witnesses are apparently too frightened to come forward. More serious, according to Israeli circles, is the blanket of fear imposed on local supporters of autonomy.

It is expected to be more difficult than ever to find any Palestinian willing to publicly identify with the plan, let alone stand for elections to the proposed autonomous councils. Many Palestinians are expected to ask Egypt to intervene with the Israeli authorities to provide more protection for residents of the occupied territories.

BOMB INJURES 3 IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- Three persons were injured when a bomb exploded in a downtown Jerusalem book store today causing some damage. A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization in Damascus said the PLO's "Ali Hassan Salameh" unit was responsible. The group is named for a terrorist leader killed by a bomb in Beirut six months ago.

JEWISH WOMAN, 70, IS FIRST EGYPTIAN TOURIST TO ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 3 (JTA) -- A 70-year-old Egyptian-born Jewish woman wearing a housecoat and carrying a small bundle of belongings but no passport, became the first Egyptian "tourist" to visit Israel since Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat declared the Israeli-Egyptian borders open last Sunday. Leah Mandelbaum, who made her way across Sinai to the El Arish checkpoint without permission from either Egyptian or Israeli authorities, said, in fact, that she might remain in the country where she has relatives she has not seen in more than 40 years.

She is presently staying with a niece, Zehava Barzel, in Ramat Gan, where she told her story to reporters today. She was born in Alexandria into a wealthy Jewish family. Her father, a merchant dealing in cooking oils, fell on hard times after the Israeli-Egyptian war in 1948. The family was forced to give up their home and move into a flat. Mrs. Mandelbaum said that during all of those years she had hoped to visit her relatives in Israel. One of them is Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, a former director general of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. When the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was signed, he asked Defense Minister Ezer Weizman to help locate his relatives in Egypt. Weizman found Mrs. Mandelbaum when he visited the synagogue in Alexandria and told her she was invited to come to Israel at any time.

The elderly woman immediately wrote to President Sadat for permission to cross Sinai. Her letter was never answered. She wrote to other Egyptian officials who told her she would have to wait until relations were normalized.

Unfazed, she decided to try on her own. With the help of an American she reached El Arish Thursday evening. On Friday morning she approached

the Egyptian checkpoint but was told to return to the El Arish police station. There, she said, she found a sympathetic Egyptian colonel who helped her reach the Israeli checkpoint. The Israelis were surprised to see her. When they asked for her passport, she replied, "Egypt is my land and Israel is my people, so why do I need a passport?"

The Israeli soldiers contacted their superiors who in turn reached Weizman by telephone at his home Friday night. He confirmed the woman's identity. She was given a ride to Ramat Gan by a reserve soldier with a car.

RUBIN MASS DEAD AT 85

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- Ruben Mass, founder and president of the Mass Publishing House, has died here at the age of 85. Born in Vistytyn, Lithuania on June 10, 1894, he ran a publishing house in Berlin from 1927-1933.

After he moved to Israel in 1933, he established his publishing house in Jerusalem. After his son, Daniel, died in the War of Independence, he became active in organizations commemorating the war dead and was chairman of the Council for Commemoration of Soldiers and the War Graves Commission.

TUNISIA SYNAGOGUE FIRE PROBED

PARIS, June 3 (JTA) -- The French daily "Le Matin Dimanche" quotes today an unidentified Jewish woman who says she saw three men enter the Djerba synagogue just before a fire broke out last May 9. The 24-year-old woman says she saw the three men approach the synagogue at 10:30 p.m. and "forced their way in." A few minutes later, she saw them leave the building.

Another young Djerba Jew, identified as David, told the newspaper that there were no candles burning that night in the synagogue.

The paper quotes Tunisian Chief Rabbi Fradji Uzan who repeated his conviction that the authorities are doing everything in their power to find the origin of the fire. Fradji stressed that the country's Jews enjoy full and equal rights.

ADL PRAISES HEW STATEMENT

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has expressed satisfaction with the action of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in reasserting and upholding employment rights of its religiously observant employees. "We are pleased that the agency acted with immediacy after we expressed to Joseph Califano, its head, our concern over a memorandum issued by the director of one of HEW's branches which ran counter to expressed government policy and public law on religious observances," Justin J. Finger, director of ADL's civil rights division, said.

Finger wrote Califano after ADL received complaints concerning a memo circulated by HEW's director of the Public Health Service Science branch which recommended that the best way to deal with the problem of personnel who want time off for religious reasons is not to hire them at all. In a letter to Finger, Robert C. Wetherell, Jr., associate commissioner for legislative affairs in the HEW's Food and Drug Administration, wrote that his agency shares ADL's concern about the proper implementation of the public law which provides for work schedules to accommodate the personal religious needs of Federal employees. He added that "the FDA has taken corrective action to ensure that this type of misunderstanding will not happen again."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Hebrew University will award Sen. Henry Jackson an honorary degree.

YADIN, PATT IN ANGRY EXCHANGE OVER CABINET'S ECONOMIC DECISION

By Gil Sedan and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- An angry rift has developed between Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Gideon Patt over the Cabinet's controversial decision to link development loans to industry to the cost-of-living index. Yadin and Minister of Social Settlement Yisrael Katz, both of the Democratic Movement, supported the Cabinet majority. The decision, which could eliminate cheap government loans for industry, was assailed by the Manufacturers Association last week.

In a radio interview over the weekend, Patt focused his criticism on the two DM ministers who, he charged, pretend to be protectors of the public welfare. He said they were ignorant of the implications of the loan decision but did not have to worry about their constituents because they stood no chance of participating in the next government.

Although Patt is a member of Likud, Premier Menachem Begin is backing Yadin. The latter warned Patt not to presume to forecast the next election results. Presiding at today's Cabinet meeting in the absence of Begin who was resting for the Herut convention tonight, Yadin said he regarded Patt's remarks as "serious." Patt told reporters that he stands by them.

The Democratic Movement, headed by Yadin, remained in the coalition after the original Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) split last year. The dissenters formed a new opposition faction, Shai. Yadin and Katz, who deal mainly with social issues, and Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir comprise the Democratic Movement faction in the Cabinet. The DM supported the government's new economic program which includes a budget pared by IL 6.9 billion. Yadin and Katz insisted however that the cuts should not affect social programs.

New Price Hikes Ahead

Meanwhile, Israelis are girding for a new round of price hikes expected to be announced in the next few days. They will include higher prices for electricity and water supply, public transportation, flour and its by-products and such basic commodities as bread, milk and dairy products. Government sources indicated that political factors will determine when the increases are announced. Public indignation is running high and Likud fears that its popularity with the electorate is waning. But given soaring fuel prices on the world market, the finance and energy ministries say the price increases cannot be postponed for long.

EZA LEADER DEPLORES CALL FOR INTENSIFYING SETTLEMENTS

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) -- Allen Pollack, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, expressed Friday his "deep disappointment" about a statement by Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon that called for an intensive Jewish settlement effort on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip during the next 20 to 30 years.

Pollack asserted that "the statement by Minister Sharon was politically inappropriate in this sensitive period at the beginning of negotiations between Israel and Egypt on the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza, when it is important to build good relations with Egypt and minimize differences with the United States."

Such an announcement at this time, Pollack said, was even more inappropriate in view of the opinion stated by Raanan Weitz, co-chairman of

the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, who on May 16, called for a moratorium on "all settlements in areas of high Arab concentrations—Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip." He noted that Weitz is internationally recognized as an outstanding professional, who has been working on resettlement since 1938.

Pollack called on the Israel Government "to be especially aware of the need to maintain a united Jewish community in support of Israel in these sensitive times and not to take action that may be divisive in the Jewish community as well as exacerbate relations with Egypt and the United States."

"The present Government of Israel should carry on the tradition of previous Governments," declared Pollack, "in establishing settlements only in those areas on the West Bank and Gaza which are necessary to the security and defense of the State of Israel, and on which I believe there is a consensus in the American Jewish community."

ISRAEL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS CITED

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 3 (JTA) -- Sir Marcus Sieff, the British Zionist leader, said here that the Palestinian problem was an issue still to be solved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Nevertheless, the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was "a major step" and Israel's accomplishments showed how much she could do for her neighbors, he said.

Sir Marcus, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science, was addressing a dinner last week of the Institute's Foundation in honor of Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY).

He recalled his first visit to Palestine 50 years ago when the country was three-fifths desert, one-fifth swamp and one-fifth fertile. Israel had now pushed the desert back 100 miles from Tel Aviv and her industries and institutes of higher learning and science were among the most advanced in the world, Sieff said.

Moynihan, the guest speaker, described the genesis of the 1975 anti-Zionist resolution in the UN General Assembly which he had bitterly attacked when he was American Ambassador to the United Nations. He said that the resolution reminded him of anti-Semitic propaganda of the 1930's. "I hope that the pattern which we failed to prevent then will not happen again," Moynihan said.

6 HELD IN HEBRON BREAK-INS

By David London

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- Six persons reportedly members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's "Kach" party, were arrested today in connection with a series of violent break-ins eight days ago into Arab homes in Hebron. Israel television reported tonight that police were looking for a seventh suspect, "a central figure in Kach" who apparently fled the Jewish quarter of Kiryat Arba, near Hebron, where he lives. The suspects will be charged, following identification of one of them by the Arab victims, the TV report said.

Other reports from Hebron said some of the suspects resisted the police who came to apprehend them today. The police investigation followed the Cabinet's strong condemnation of the break-ins at its meeting last Sunday. Premier Menachem Begin termed the action "vandalism" and demanded that the miscreants be brought to justice. A special police team was formed to interview the Arab families—some of whom were beaten by the assailants—and establish the identities of the attackers.

According to the television report, three of the six arrested are recent immigrants from the United States; a fourth a soldier in the regular army and a fifth, a 15-year-old youth who was released on bail.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW

AGENCY HEAD EXPRESSES 'SHOCK'

AT INTERVIEW WITH TRIFA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 3 (JTA) -- The Head of the U.S. agency which oversees the operations of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE-RL), expressed "shock" that Radio Free Europe broadcast an interview with Valerian Trifa, who is accused of atrocities against Jews in Rumania in 1941. He has demanded an explanation from the radio combine's top management.

Dr. John A. Gronouski, chairman of the Board of International Broadcasting, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview that he has written to the president of the combined radio corporation, Dr. Glenn Ferguson, and is awaiting a reply.

A 45-minute interview was held May 1 with Trifa, who is archbishop of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in America and who faces deportation hearings in July on charges of fraudulent entry into the U.S. A leader of the Rumanian fascist Iron Guard during World War II, he has been accused of the mass murder of Jews in Bucharest in 1941 and other atrocities.

Calls Interview 'Inconceivable'

"I had a shocked reaction like a lot of other people did," Gronouski said when he heard of the broadcast. "It is inconceivable that he should have been given such a prominent role in an important broadcast given all the background of the last four or five years." He stressed he was "not convicting anybody but there was enough indication of concern that he should be one person the radios should shy away from."

Gronouski, a former U.S. postmaster general in President Johnson's Cabinet, and now an economics professor at the University of Texas, is in Washington on a periodic visit in connection with the Board's activities. The Board is a federal agency that receives funds from Congress which it grants to the corporation for the two stations, and has responsibilities overseeing its activities that include evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and insuring that the stations do not operate in a manner inconsistent with the broad foreign policy of the U.S.

The corporation itself is not a federal agency. It is a combination of the two companies that had broadcast as separate organizations with Radio Free Europe focusing on Eastern Europe and Liberty on the Soviet Union.

Gronouski, who also has been the U.S. Ambassador to Poland and dean of the Lyndon Johnson School for Public Affairs at the University of Texas, said his letter to Ferguson expresses "my shock why Trifa was used by the radios and wondering about the procedures used to check this sort of thing." The letter also asks Ferguson, Gronouski said, what action is planned with regard to those who arranged the interview and how to prevent similar matters in the future. "I am asking how it came through," Gronouski said. "It would not be something top management would be ignorant of." Saying "I am very much concerned about it," Gronouski concluded, "I wish the hell it hadn't happened."

The House Judiciary Subcommittee concerned with Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. began an investigation of why Trifa was interviewed on the radio station after its chairman, Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NY) read a JTA story reporting the broadcast. Radio Free Europe officials said the interview was conducted in connection with the 50th anniversary of the Rumanian Orthodox Church

in America, headed by Trifa, which represents about 80 percent of church-affiliated ethnic Rumanians in the U.S.

MATTTEL BARS SWASTIKAS ON TOYS

LOS ANGELES, June 3 (JTA) -- Swastikas will no longer be provided by a Mattel subsidiary, Monogram Models, Inc., for decoration of scale model reproductions of historic aircraft, ships and vehicles, it was announced by Harvey B. Schechter, director of the Anti-Defamation League's Pacific Southwest Regional Office. This information was given to ADL by Mattel because of a complaint filed by the ADL.

More than a year ago, "We questioned the wisdom of providing children in Germany with swastika-adorned models," said Schechter, "and we are pleased with the Mattel decision which is based on a recent decision of a West German Supreme Court forbidding the further use or display of the Nazi swastika with any consumer products, packaging or promotional material produced or marketed in West Germany."

The Mattel decision not to provide optional swastikas applies also to its domestic and all its international markets, Schechter said.

No Hitler Plates

Schechter also reported that a HITLER California environmental license plate has been recalled by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This action by DMV is the result of a complaint filed by ADL when the existence of the HITLER plate was brought to the League's attention.

In a letter to ADL, DMV Director Doris V. Alexis admitted that the issuance of the HITLER plate was "a serious mistake" and steps were initiated immediately to have the plate recalled, he said.

FIRM CHARGED WITH DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee has filed a formal complaint with the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, charging AMF Inc., a worldwide producer of leisure time and industrial products, with "executive suite" discrimination against Jews. The complaint alleged that the company was "insensitive to attracting and promoting Jewish personnel on merit," had no affirmative action program and was generally uncooperative.

The complaint was filed through the AJ Committee's New York Regional Task Force on Executive Suite in conjunction with the Federation Employment and Guidance Service. In a letter to Weldon J. Rougeau, director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, George Karp, Task Force chairman, said it has sought to discuss the paucity of Jews on the executive level in AMF with leaders of the corporation for the past seven years. But the Task Force found it "exceedingly difficult to make contact and adequately discuss the reasons for the existing situation," Karp's letter said. He added, "We are deeply disturbed both at the attitude and lack of cooperation by AMF Incorporated." But he also noted that there was no record of any governmental agency ever having conducted a review of AMF in the Affirmative Action Contract Compliance Program for governmental contractors.

GENEVA (JTA) -- The national basketball teams of Israel and Egypt will probably meet this autumn in Geneva, playing for the peace cup. The Information Bulletin on the Middle East which is published in Geneva, quoted Abdel Aziz Ashi, chairman of the Egyptian Basketball Federation, who said the time is ripe now for such a game.