

ISRAELI ORCHESTRA PERFORMS IN JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—After an absence of eight months from Jerusalem, the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra gave a performance in the City on Monday evening. It was under the patronage of the Israeli Commander in Jerusalem. The Orchestra travelled to Jerusalem via the "Burma Road."

TRIAL OF YUGOSLAV WAR CRIMINAL

BELGRADE, Tuesday. — Ante Urban, a wartime leader of a terrorist Ustashi band of 90 members, now standing trial here on charges of "crimes against the state," has admitted that he was responsible for the murder of a large number of Jewish children between the ages of one and ten during the war.

The Croat leader confessed that he participated in the extermination in Yugoslavia of thousands of Jews and gypsies during the Nazi occupation period. Most of his victims, he said, perished in gas chambers.

Tel-Aviv Salutes Army Nation Day

Include Jerusalem in Israel

Call by Labour Council

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The Jerusalem Jewish Labour Council, representing all the Jewish labour factions in the town, at a ceremonial meeting devoted to "State Day" (Yom Hamedina), which was held on Monday night, called on all Jewish Labour parties in Israel to demand the inclusion of Jerusalem in the State of Israel.

"International cities," states the Labour Council, "have afforded little security to their inhabitants in the past. The military battle for Jerusalem was won by the Jews and they now must pass the political test."

Sea of Khaki Relieved White Marine Caps

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—"Nation Day," coinciding with the 44th anniversary of the death of Herzl, was observed all Israel on Tuesday. A highlight of the day was the grand military parade in which representatives of all sections of the land, sea and air forces participated. (Some details of the are on page 1.)

The occasion provided the population with their first view of the Israeli fighting force in its battle array—of that force had been built up within a few months from the ranks of field workers, the factory workers and the intellectuals.

All Tel Aviv seemed to be lining the routes when the army marched past. People crowded both sides of the roads and stood on the roofs, giving the men a splendid ovation. The salute was taken by Yaacov Dori, Chief of the General Staff, at the Maccabi Stadium.

The first troops to enter the Stadium were a contingent of the Tel Aviv Brigade, led by the commanding officer, Michael Bengal. The Stadium, when filled, presented an impressive sight, as the khaki-clad, steel-helmeted soldiers stood in their positions.

The sea of khaki was relieved by a group of Israeli marines wearing white caps.

Mr. Ben Gurion was given an overwhelming reception as he took his place on the platform.

The ceremony began with the unfurling of the Israeli flag, and was followed by a two-minute silence in honour of those who had fallen in battle. The flag was then re-hoisted and the crowded stadium rang with the strains of Hatikvah.

Free Shows

Until a late hour the streets of Tel Aviv were filled with Israeli army soldiers celebrating the national day. In the evening gala shows were held in all the cinemas and mobile canteens offering free refreshments cruised around the city.

The houses were all gaily decorated with flags and bunting, but were for the most part deserted, as the population crowded in the streets or at the various public functions which were being held.

Government Reception

The Government arranged a reception which was attended by Yaacov Dori, Chief of the General Staff, other officers of the Israeli Army and also a number of prominent citizens from all walks of life.

In Jerusalem

In Jerusalem the Herzl anniversary was held in the "Herzl room" in the Jewish National Fund Building. The ceremony takes place every year at the same venue.

The speakers included Dr. Abraham Granovsky and Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, of the Jewish Agency Executive, who stressed the special significance of "Nation Day" in Jerusalem, which had only been proclaimed as being part of Israeli occupied territory on the previous day. There were many of the veteran "old guard" Zionist leaders present.

Arabs Open Fire

During the day the Arabs opened fire on Jewish Jerusalem, and casualties have been reported. An official protest has been lodged with the Consular Truce Commission.

Journalists Weep Non-Jews Highly Impressed

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—The turnout was impressive, merely echoing the consensus of opinion of the non-Jews who watched the parade. Among the guests were the Consular Corps, consular servers and members of the secretariat.

The jeered commandos and walkie-talkie detachment were less colourful because some were manned by "Chens." Certain weapons, transported on the trailers, appeared no less dangerous as they were home-made.

For the Jews the display was memorable, heartening and breath-taking, sharply contrasting with the barbed-wire regime of so long ago.

Members of the press gallery had difficulty in exercising restraint as they witnessed all around the eyes of the spectators growing.

One, an otherwise callous pressman, was heard to remark: "I have waited for 35 years in my career to see such a display of our aircraft, marked with the blue Magen David on a white ground, is enough to inspire me to live another 35 years."

In Sedjera the units which participated in the battle for Nazareth celebrated the Herzl anniversary by holding a dusk-to-dawn feast and a stop dance which was attended by the commander of north Palestine.

OBITUARY

Abraham Ulitzur

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—The death of Abraham Ulitzur, a prominent head of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem after a serious illness.

Mr. Ulitzur was born in 1899 in the Ukraine and settled in Palestine in 1909. He served in the Keren Hayesod since its inception and was one of the founders of the David Adom and other institutions of the Yishuv.



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