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X The first elected assembly of Israel opens in Jerusalem. Among those on hand is Army Chief Dori, who led the infant state's fight for survival. Two Arabs are in the hundred-and-twenty-member assembly. David Ben Gurion, whose Mapai Party won a plurality at the polls, heads the new government. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, later elected President of Israel, presides at the opening session, and calls for a state "based on justice, righteousness, peace and love." Memorial services are held for Israeli soldiers who died in the bitter battle for the Holy City. Then gala celebrations ~~begin~~ take over. There are still problems ahead for Israel. The status of Jerusalem itself is still to be determined. But today is a day for rejoicing. And the world welcomes a new member to the family of Democratic nations.