

NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- A leader of the American Jewish Congress assailed West Germany's extension by four and a half years of its statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes as "disappointing and wholly inadequate." Marcus Ginsburg, of Houston, Tex., chairman of the Commission of International Affairs of the Jewish Congress, termed the statute's extension from May 8 of this year through the end of 1969 "a scandalous affront to the millions of men, women and children destroyed by the Hitler regime."

LONDON, (JTA) -- Discussion on a wide variety of subjects concerning Israel was started here by Israel's Premier Levi Eshkol in a talk with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson which lasted more than an hour. The talk continued later when the two Prime Ministers were joined by their aides. The topics covered during the talk -- which was described as very frank and cordial -- included the Israel-Arab Jordan River water diversion controversy, general security, the current Middle East situation with special reference to approaching West German-Israeli diplomatic ties, and Anglo-Israeli economic cooperation.

STRASBOURG, (JTA) -- A recommendation urging the European Economic Community to extend associate membership to Israel in the Euromart was adopted by the European Parliament, the 142-member group which has advisory status before the six-nation EEC. The recommendation has been forwarded to EEC, advising also that the current Euromart-Israeli agreement, signed at Brussels last June, be revised.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., (JTA) -- The 18-member Economic and Social Council -- one of the major organs of the United Nations -- re-elected Israel for three years to its important Social Commission, but defeated Israel's bid for a second three year term on another subsidiary body, the committee on Housing.

ANKARA, (JTA) -- An attack on Israel was made this week by President Habib Bourguiba, of Tunisia, who previously had voiced a call for moderation in dealing with Israel. His new expressions were viewed here as a response to sharp Arab attacks against him for allegedly being "soft" on Israel.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Shlomo Ben Meir of the National Religious Party was named Deputy Health Minister to replace Yitzhak Rafael who resigned. Mr. Ben Meir is also Deputy Interior Minister.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Israel agreed to a request from the United Nations Truce Organization for an inspection of the defense area along the Syrian border where there have been a number of recent shooting incidents. The UN organization had asked both Syria and Israel to permit such an inspection to see whether prohibited weapons were in place on either side of the frontier. Thus far no reply to the UNTO request has been received from Syria.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Education Minister Zalman Aranne told Parliament that 9,000 teachers will be trained in the next three years to meet the teacher shortage in Israel.

HAIFA, (JTA) -- The Technion-Israel Institute of Technology has been awarded a grand of 600,000 pounds (\$200,000) from the United States Department of Agriculture for a research project on phosphate fertilizers. The grant will be administered by the Research and Development Foundation of Technion.

MONTREAL, (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress made public an appeal recieved from a Jew in Moscow asking Jews abroad to intervene with the Soviet authorities for the restoration of the Jewish cemetery in Moscow. The appeal pointed out that for the last two years Jewish dead in Moscow are being buried in the same cemetery as non-Jews and that all efforts by the rabbi of Moscow and members of the Synagogue Board there to change the situation have been to no avail.

ROME, (JTA) -- President Giuseppe Saragat, other high Italian Government figures and Jewish communal leaders, were among those who took part in ceremonies marking the 21st anniversary of the Ardeatine Caves massacre in which 332 Jews and non-Jews were murdered by the Nazis. The killings were carried out in caves in reprisal for a bombing in Rome by Italian guerrillas in which 32 German soldiers were killed.

ROME, (JTA) -- Pioneer pilot studies on how Catholic religious teaching presents Judaism, Protestantism and other non-Catholic religions are already well under way in Italy and soon will be initiated in other European lands as well, a mission of 50 American Jewish Committee leaders from 20 cities in the United States was informed. The members of the mission were received by Pope Paul VI.

Negro Rights

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to join the Freedom March.

A large number of members of the Rabbinical Assembly of Greater Miami joined a throng of 2,500 Negroes and whites who marched in downtown Miami to protest the attack by police on marchers in Selma. About one-third of the marchers were white. Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, president of the Rabbinical Association, led the rabbinical participants. Rabbi Baumgard and Rabbi Leon Kronish took part in leading the services at the Greater Bethel A. M. E. Church where the march ended.

The director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, who took part in the civil rights march in Alabama, announced that the League will "expand and strengthen" its southern operation by establishing an area headquarters, opening a new office and enlarging its southern staff. Benjamin R. Epstein also declared that five ADL officials would go to Alabama to join the rights marchers.

BRUSSELS, (JTA) -- The Belgian Minister of Health submitted to the Cabinet this week a draft bill awarding to Belgian citizens who were victims of the Nazis \$20,000,000 in compensation paid by West Germany to Belgium.

MADRID, (JTA) -- The Spanish Government has approved a set of by-laws giving legal status to the organized Jewish community of Madrid for the first time in nearly 500 years, it was announced by Max Mazin community president. Similar recognition is expected shortly for the Barcelona Jewish community.

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