

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

BOHN (WNS) -- The riotous demonstration in Jerusalem against West German Ambassador Rolf Pauls drew an official expression of "regret" from the West German Cabinet. The blue and white flag of Israel was hoisted on German soil for the first time when Ben-Nathan presented his formal letters of credence to Acting President George Zinn. The envoy made a brief talk in which he expressed the hope that Israel and West Germany would now enter on normal relations. Dr. Zinn reciprocated those sentiments.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Three of the seven Mapai leaders being tried by a Mapai Court of Honor on charges of splitting the party resigned as the attorney for the group announced his withdrawal from the case.

GENEVA (WNS)--The 50-member Commission on World Zionist Organization reorganization ended its first five-day session and indicated plans to meet again next summer. Created by the 26th World Zionist Congress to make a thorough study of ways to revitalize and expand the world Zionist movement, the commission was told by Dr. Nahum Goldmann that the exclusive party basis for affiliation with the Zionist movement has been an obstacle for many Jews. He suggested the commission find ways by which such Jews and organizations could join without party affiliation.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--A dispute over status may send some 20,000 doctors, engineers and other professionals working in government and public enterprises out on strike on September 5.

TORONTO (WNS)--David Stanley, the young neo-Nazi leader, repudiated Nazism at a press conference in which he also apologized to Canadian Jewry for the hate literature drive he directed for several years. He said his ideas as a Nazi were "based on twisted emotion, negative and destructive."

WASHINGTON (WNS)--The Soviet of Kiev has decided to build in 1966 a monument to Jews and other victims of Nazi slayings at the Babi Yar ravine, on the outskirts of the city, the Soviet Embassy here said. Sharp criticism has been voiced for years against the refusal of Soviet authorities to mark the site. Soviet attacks on German atrocities have avoided reference to the fact that most of Hitler's civilian victims were Jews. Novosti dispatches are not published in the Soviet Union.

NEW YORK (WNS)--There is only one Jewish chaplain to serve the estimated 500 Jewish servicemen who are now in South Vietnam, according to a special report from Saigon to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency cabled by David H. White, publisher of the Jewish Herald-Voice in Houston, Texas.

WASHINGTON (WNS)--The House of Representatives approved this week, 318 to 95, a bill to abolish the national origins quota basis of present United States immigration laws and to permit entry of immigrants without discriminations.

JERSEY CITY (WNS)--Thanks to the efforts of an English-Jewish weekly, a Catholic layman and contributors of all denominations, two New Jersey Jewish athletes were able to take part in the Seventh Maccabish Games. Under Mac' abiah arrangements, the Jewish athletes depended on voluntary funds for the trip to Israel. The Jewish Standard swung into action to raise \$3,000 for Miller Richie Levy of Bayonne and Hammer-Thrower Ira Wolfe of North Bergen. Al Bundies, president of the Newark Archdiocesan Federation of Holy Name Societies, served as chairman of the drive which raised more than \$3,000.

MINEOLA, N.Y. (WNS)--A suit and a counter suit have been filed in Mineola Supreme Court in a dispute over a Syosset rabbi charged with running a "Bar Mitzvah factory" and creating a traffic hazard.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Use in Jewish schools of abridged versions of the Chumash, the first Five Books of Moses, was denounced by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe. He said children raised in the spirit of "mutilated" Old Testament texts lacked "authentic feeling" for the "sanctity of the Torah."

NEW DELHI (WNS) -- If Israel's Arab neighbors carry out their threats to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River, "Israel will be forced into war," the Illustrated Weekly of India warned.

BOHN (WNS) -- Erich Kassner, a former Nazi, had an interesting explanation to the Oldenberg Criminal Court trying him in the murder of 11,000 Jews in Kowel in the Ukraine. He said he could not testify about those activities because he considered himself still bound by his "oath to Hitler."

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Wilbur Clark

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pot, banker or bootblack, there is much gratification to report about a stellar citizen of these parts with all the aptitudes for the denomination.

We're speaking of a man whose name is synonymous with Las Vegas, gambling, the entertainment business and hotels in Southern Nevada. That would have to be Wilbur Clark.

The quirks of circumstance are most inscrutable. Otherwise why would a scrawny lad of 19, who left Keyport, Ill., 36 years ago this month emerge today as an astute financier in a variety of successful ventures? More important he maintained his equilibrium as one of the most respected members of a growing community of some 300,000 residents. The class he exudes in casual conversation shows the same apparent class he carried through the years.

The fact that he barely got through the third year in high school was no deterrent for his purchasing \$50,000,000 worth of surplus government planes for \$800,000 or his acquisition in Clark County, 2 years ago for peanuts, of desert land on which now stands more than 1,000 homes--all built by him.

The incident of his "hopping bells," as he puts it, on arrival in San Diego in 1928 may be just coincidence that he is part owner of the Dessert Inn and Stardust Hotels on the Strip and is about to embark on the building of a chain of 12-story first-class hotels in choice locations in ten major cities.

The only reflection for Clark's penchant for hobnobbing with the world's notables is perhaps his earliest recollection of his home town being nine miles from a former state capital, Vandalia on the Kaskaskia River. Clark remembers Vandalia as the city where Abraham Lincoln crawled out the back window of his office to escape an irate client or creditor. The only other remote association with a big-name personality in Clark's youth was walking, broke, through Kansas City on the day Herbert Hoover was nominated for President. Now he is on speaking terms with royalty,

politicians, sports figures and entertainers.

How did all this come about?

To begin with there was the ever-present determination to forge ahead by never standing still. While others would have been content in a well-paying bell hop job, not our Wilbur. Once he mastered the smashing of baggage and running of an elevator he got into the kitchen to wrestle pots and pans, as a dishwasher.

Then he heard of Reno and gambling in 1931. It was Pete Sullivan who taught Wilbur to deal craps at Bill Brimm's Bank Club. Clark got the fever. 4 months later he was working on the gambling boats out of Long Beach, Calif. Then on to Saratoga for an August and Cincinnati.

His first venture in the Las Vegas area was at the Green Shack on the Boulder Highway. The year was 1939. Five years later he was owner of the El Rancho, which he sold in 1946 to commence the fabulous Desert Inn and later the Stardust hotels, of which he is part-owner.

Clark has been a constant boom to the economy of Southern Nevada ever since, with more than 4,000 persons gainfully employed in activities he owns in part or in full. His current home building enterprises consist of Paradise Gardens, Glen Wood and Eastgate Homes. Some of these are built on land purchased more than 15 years ago, and for which he has turned down more than \$25,000 per acre. There is more than \$1,000,000 invested in his World Wide Trailer Homes with 220 trailers on 25 acres within walking distance of the Strip on Spring Mountain Road.

At present, Clark is engaged in building three hotels, the first in his chain to be known as Wilbur Clark's Crest Inns, at Cor-

pus Christie, Houston and Austin, all in Texas. Partner in this venture is Bill Ward, who Clark describes as one of the smartest hotel operators in the country. The go-ahead sign has already been received for hotels in Los Angeles and San Diego and locations have been approved in Phoenix and St. Louis.

The plane venture was an impulse to Clark. He just couldn't pass up a bargain. At that he is close to having his investment returned and still has 19 planes left. They're standing at the northwest corner of McCarran Field, if you're interested. Each seats 100 persons and will cost about \$25,000 to be made shipshape.

Perhaps it was the estimable conduct of his personal life that accounts for the "class" appellation to Clark. He met and married his wife, Toni, in San Diego. They're celebrating the 20th anniversary this month. His anniversary gift to his bride? Re-decorating and enlarging their \$200,000 home on the grounds of the Desert Inn adjoining the Golf Course.

His closest relatives are his mother, Mrs. Lulu Clark, a brother, Harold, a sister, Mrs. Merle Barcom and a nephew and two nieces.

It is difficult to explain Clark's affinity to hob-nob with top level gentry because money, intelligence, breeding alone could not purchase this trait. Again, the only answer is "class."

One of his proud possessions is a montage of phogos framed on a wall of his office. In happy circumstances the pictures show Clark with Billy Graham, Jimmy Roosevelt, Gov. Conolly of Texas, former President Kennedy, President Johnson, former President Hoover, Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, former President Truman, Mrs. Franklin D.

Roosevelt, Gov. Brown of Calif., Sen. Clinton Anderson, Prince Bernhardt of the Netherlands, Jack Dempsey, Sen. Rayburn, Chief Justice Earl Warren and Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark. These are but a few. Clark was one of the chosen to be invited to a closed-door \$1,000 per plate dinner for Pres. Johnson in Los Angeles earlier this month.

There isn't a sign of obnoxiousness or the phony in Clark. He's a good loser, like when he describes the race run by his horse Wilrad, who finished up the track in last month's Kentucky Derby. But his eyes brighten in conversation of Wilrad's sire, Dumpty Humpty, who holds the world's record for six furlongs at 1 minute and eight seconds flat. Clark has the faculty of being associated with champs. He has little or no time for the mediocre. His judgment? It's been pretty good so far. Twenty years ago he said Las Vegas area would be home for a quarter of a million persons within a score of years. He hit it right on the head. Now he maintains there'll be a half million in Clark County by 1975. Let's wait and see.

Despite all his activity, Clark has time for an unusual hobby. He's assembling a 1908 Club, for those born in that year who made good. So far there are about 30 persons in the coveted bracket including Pres. Johnson, Gov. Rockefeller, Nat Goldstein of the New York Times, Don Ameche and Milton Berle.

Clark who has always associated himself with winners, is a winner himself -- in all departments. It all adds up to "class."

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