

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) Doubts of continuing French friendship for Israel in the light of her growing amity toward the Arab countries were dispelled here by Foreign Minister Golda Meir in talks with members of the United Jewish Appeal study mission now touring this country.

TEL AVIV (WNS) A five-year \$1,000,000 construction program designed to build homes for newly-weds, large families and slum dwellers was outlined here by Premier Levi Eshkol at a meeting of the Public Housing Council.

JERUSALEM (WNS) Abraham Shiffman of Detroit has made a gift of \$600,000 to the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal for the construction of a high school in the town of Tirat Hacarmel, on the outskirts of Haifa and the establishment of Hebrew University scholarships for future high school teachers.

STOCKHOLM (WNS) Dr. Richard P. Feynman and Dr. Julian Schwinger, both Jewish natives of New York City, were named as cowinners with a Japanese scientist of the 1965 Nobel Prize in physics.

MONTREAL (WNS) Introduction of Yiddish in the public schools of Montreal for Jewish children wishing to avail themselves of the opportunity of learning the language and Jewish cultural values was urged by the Jewish Labor Committee.

BRUSSELS (WNS) A move to have the Municipal Council of this city debate recent anti-Semitic incidents was overruled by the Mayor on the ground that the incidents came within the concern of the state and not of the municipality.

NEW YORK (WNS) What he hoped would be a triumphant entry into the Yorkville area of this city turned into a Waterloo for an American neo-Nazi leader when he was forced to run under cover as an irate crowd of about 1,000 spectators greeted him with a rain of eggs and tomatoes.

BERLIN (WNS) Fifteen men accused of involvement in the mass murder of 17,000 at Nev-Sandz, Poland, went on trial in the city of Bochum amidst indications that the hearings may last six months or more.

All of the accused are former SS men, and the chief defendant is Heinrich Hamall, one-time high ranking Nazi officer who is charged in the indictment with having committed eighty-eight murders. The prosecution is expected to put on the stand many witnesses now living in Israel, Canada, Australia and the U.S.

A major war crimes trial also opened in Stuttgart. There the defendants are ten former Nazis accused of having participated in the slaughtering of Jews in the Polish city of Tarnopol under the Nazi occupation. The court in Stuttgart is expected to take the testimony of 100 witnesses, many of them from foreign countries. Chief defendant is the notorious Herman Mueller, who was head of the Nazi elite guard in Tarnopol.

Trials of war criminals were also reported scheduled in Osnabrueck, involving the murder of Jews in Italy, and at Sapor, involving mass murders in Beylorussia and Eastern Poland.

NEW YORK (WNS) More than 3,000 Jewish worshippers jammed the Central Synagogue of Moscow on Simchat Torah and thrice that many who couldn't get into the synagogue joined in the rejoicing outside the synagogue, according to reports reaching here from Moscow.

PARIS (WNS) Planned distribution of 150,000 anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi leaflets by the French section of the World Union of National Socialists was thwarted when the French Minister of Interior Roger Frey ordered the printing halted.

NEW DELHI (WNS) Balraj Madhok, general secretary of India's second largest political party, the Bharatiya Party, has called upon the Indian to change its policy toward the Arab states and to give full diplomatic recognition to Israel. He called Israel the "most democratic country in West Asia."

NEW YORK (WNS) More than 700 delegates from all sections of the country converged here last Saturday for the eighth annual Conference on Science and Technology in Israel and the Middle East under the auspices of the American Technion Society. The two-day meeting featured reports on food production, electronics development and research in Israel and the Middle East.

BERLIN (WNS) A play based on the Auschwitz trial opened here and simultaneously in fourteen East and West German theatres amidst indications that its impact will be long felt by its viewers and those who will have heard and read about it. The burden of the play, "The Investigation," is that the Auschwitz experience, though of the past, was a matter of relevance to the Germany of 1965. The author is Peter Weiss, a Jew now living in Sweden.

Missed The Mayflower

by Sid Peilte

According to the history books, only the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620 after their perilous voyage from England on the Mayflower. It was not long afterwards, however, that the Pilgrims were followed by others, including, it turns out, a number of Jewish families as well.

The latter did not all remain in New England. Some did migrate to New York City, where, in the year 1654 they founded the first Jewish congregation, Shearith Israel. It is still in existence and is now housed in a beautiful building on Central Park West and 70th St. It contains, among other memorabilia, a replica of the congregation's and North America's first synagogue. It is the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States, but not by much, for in 1658, Congregation Yeshuas Israel was organized in Newport, R.I. New York's first Chazan came from the R.I. synagogue in 1702.

Since the members of both congregations were Orthodox Spanish and Portuguese Jews, it was inevitable that a close relationship between the two congregations should come into being. In its early days the Newport congregation relied heavily upon its N.Y. counterpart for assistance, and when, after the close of the Revolutionary War, only a handful of Jews returned to Newport, the synagogue property and its cemetery were deeded to Shearith Israel. The present synagogue building was erected in 1763 and is the oldest standing synagogue in the U.S.

Several years ago, through the efforts of some keenly interested Newport Jews, the structure was moved to its site and is now known as the Touro Synagogue. On March 5, 1946, it was officially designated by the government as a national historic site.

The interior of the present structure is a beautiful sight to behold. The Aron-Hakodesh is magnificent and is covered by a Parochas suspended from the ceiling, which is roughly three stories high. Services are conducted according to the Sephardic ritual and prayers are read in Sephardic Hebrew. The Torah services are especially impressive and are conducted with solemnity and dignity.

The Amud is in the center of the auditorium and the taking out and returning of the Torah to the Oran Kodesh is performed with a great

show of reverence. It is interesting to know that the congregation owns and maintains the only Jewish cemetery on the island of Manhattan and has successfully resisted a number of attempts at its removal. Known as the Chatham Square Cemetery, it is located in downtown New York.

As above noted the history books are silent as to whether any Jews accompanied the Pilgrims, but they weren't long in following and staying to help build this great nation of ours.

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nism with Nazism. The vote was 82 to 12, with Israel, the United States and Britain among the registrants of opposition.

The development was marked by a sharp denunciation of the Soviet position by Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the U.N., and William P. Rogers, U.S. delegate.

Declaring that the bracketing of Zionism with anti-Semitism, Nazism and neo-Nazism represented "at best a frivolous and, at worst, a contemptible maneuver about which," he said, "it is hard for us to speak with restraint."

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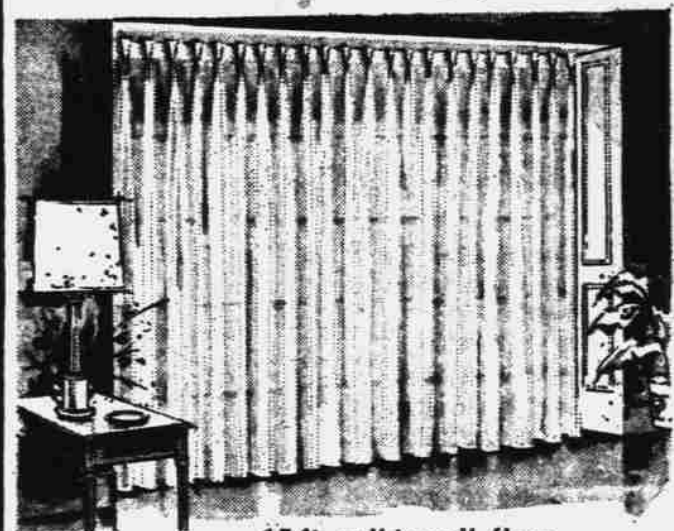
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