

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

MADRID (WNS) Establishment of diplomatic ties with Israel was urged here on the Franco regime by Ya, influential Catholic daily. In an editorial, the newspaper said it was anomalous for Spain not to have recognized Israel after eighteen years of existence. Theorizing that government friendship for the Arab world was the reason why Israel had not been recognized, the publication said a better policy would be if the Spanish Government extended equal friendship to both Israel and the Arab world.

BONN (WNS) President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia has renewed his plea of two years ago that Israel and the Arab countries resolve their differences at the peace table.

TEL AVIV (WNS) Israel cannot exist without the Jews in the diaspora and Jewry in the galuth cannot exist without Israel, former Premier David Ben Gurion declared here at a meeting of the dissident Israel Workers Party.

BONN (WNS) Despite a budget cut aimed at eliminating a deficit of 4-billion marks, the West German Government has no present intention of stop assigned payments to victims of Nazism.

LONDON (WNS) The man on the street in West Germany, unlike government leaders and the press, shows neither anxiety nor concern over the growth of the neo-Nazi movement as a political force, it was declared here by Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's Ambassador to Bonn.

NEW YORK (WNS) Dr. Joachim Prinz, former president of the American Jewish Congress and now chairman of its Commission on International Affairs, told an audience of more than one thousand men and women attending a public meeting sponsored by his organization that West Germany was suffering of a "sickness" called "Nationalism" and that "its fever is a yearning for another 'strong-man'."

WINNIPEG (WNS) Mayor J. H. Belows of nearby Assiniboia has come under a barrage of criticism, including a demand for his resignation, for his condoning of anti-Semitism and chairing a meeting that listened to a tape-recorded message by Ron Gostick, who has been called an anti-Semite by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

JERUSALEM (WNS) Because of an anticipated shortage of twenty-five percent in the funds needed to meet its 1967-68 budget, the Hebrew University may have to curtail programs and reduce its staff by dismissals.

WASHINGTON (WNS) The planned demonstration in Washington by clergymen at the end of this month against the war in Vietnam will be shunned by the Rabbinical Alliance of America, an Orthodox organization.

MEXICO CITY (WNS) Congregation Nidche Israel disclosed that its cemetery had been desecrated by vandals who overturned a number of tombstones and painted swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on several headstones.

NEW YORK: An illustrated booklet soliciting job applicants from "a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds, which represent a cross-section of their communities and of the people of the state," was issued today by the Savings Banks Association of New York State, the coordinating body of the state's mutual savings banks.

TEL AVIV (WNS) A manifesto protesting against the sharp rise in emigration from Israel last year was issued by a youth group. The manifesto called the departures "desertion in a time of trial. An estimated 140,000 immigrants were reported to have left Israel since its founding.

ROME (WNS) Soviet treatment of its Jewish nationals was denounced here by Senator Umberto Terracini, a leading member of the Italian Communist Party and a Jew.

NEW YORK: Enthusiastic interest in enriching the Jewish heritage in America through the cultural arts was expressed at the two-day National Conference on Advancing the Arts in American Jewish Life recently conducted by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of JWB, declared that the implementation of the ideas, programs, and projects to carry forward the recommendations emanating from the conference is a major challenge to JWB and to other organizations.

NEW YORK: Yaacov Sharett, oldest son of the late Moshe Sharett, first foreign minister and second prime minister of Israel, and in his own right one of the leading Israel diplomats and journalists, is coming to the United States in February for a 30-day lecture tour under the auspices of the JWB Lecture Bureau. Mr. Sharett is due here Feb. 9th.

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these programs are taken for granted. There is a segment of the population which is thrilled by these various performances, and there is that portion of the community which is never interested. There was an evening of music held at our Temple. If you were there, as I was, you will readily agree that it was a grand presentation and will be long remembered happily. If you were not there, let me tell you about it and what you missed.

Members of the West Coast Region of the Cantors' Assembly of America were in Las Vegas for their annual mid-winter convention. This was a first, and I was happy to learn that our Cantor Kohn was able to persuade his colleagues to hold their conclave here. They were

kind enough to tell me that they will never forget the warm hospitality of Temple Beth Shalom. All their sessions and all their meals were held here in Temple facilities. Our Sisterhood completely prepared, cooked and served the breakfasts, luncheons and dinners for their two day stay.

The Cantors repaid us in kind. Under the sponsorship of our Men's Club, which had magnanimously underwritten a portion of the expenditures involved, the Cantors presented an "evening of music" concert which was truly magnificent. Admission was free, and open to everyone. There were soloists, a duet, a trio and a chorus, all rendering Jewish and liturgical music as only a body of Cantors could -- with "Tam" and "Gefill". Each man, a talented and accomplished musician and

singer in his own right, joined in a "Cantors' Ensemble" and performed an exciting and heart-warming medley of songs which made the evening unforgettable. I am extremely proud of our Men's Club and Sisterhood, which combined their efforts and made the Cantors' Assembly Convention possible. Each man, I am certain, carried away with him warm and cherished thoughts about his visit to the Las Vegas community and Temple Beth Shalom. In our minds we too will remember this visit for a long time to come. At least until their next visit and concert. In your behalf, I invited them to come back at least twice a year. The Cantors' Assembly was gracious enough to present to me, for our Temple, a magnificent plaque attesting to the fact that their conven-

tion in Las Vegas was one of the finest they had ever held.

Cultural programs? Community Service? Our Temple is involved regularly in these things. All you have to do to be part of it all is join the membership ranks and participate personally. I invite you to do so.

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