

**JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

NEW YORK (WNS) American Zionism must forge new links with "liberal-humanitarian" American Jewish youth to make Zionism relevant to their striving for peace, civil rights and universal justice, in the opinion of Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency.

NEW YORK (WNS) Anti-Semitic incidents in the United States during the four-year period between 1962 and 1966 totalled 422, according to Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The same period saw a total of 749 acts of violence against the civil rights movement, 119 of them in the north.

NEW YORK (WNS) Although the United States Government supports the principle of direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states, it does not believe that at present "there is a reasonable prospect of a constructive outcome" for such negotiations. This view was presented in a recent letter from Assistant Secretary of State Dixon Donnelly to Moses Sochevsky, president of the Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America. The letter was in reply to one sent by Mr. Sochevsky to President Johnson.

LONDON (WNS) A prison term of eighteen months was imposed by a local court on Colin Jordan, notorious fascist and leader of the National Socialist Party, who desecrated a synagogue at Plymouth, smearing Nazi and swastika's on the wall and doors of the congregation.

TORONTO (WNS) Showing by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation of a taped interview with Adolf von Thadden, deputy leader of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party in West Germany, triggered a picketing demonstration estimated to have drawn more than 3,000 people.

NEW YORK (WNS) The National Council of Jewish Women has urged the United States government to act quickly "to end the continuous acts of terrorism and aggression in the Middle East," it was disclosed here by an organization spokesman who said the action was approved by the council's executive committee.

KARLSRUHE (WNS) Two Germans who tried to peddle the anti-Semitic film "Jew Sues," a notorious propaganda tool in the hands of the Nazi Minister of Propaganda Josef Goebbels, were given prison terms and fined for their efforts.

CHICAGO-- An electronic "blackboard" that transmits written impulses by telephone is being utilized by B'nai B'rith to teach Hebrew simultaneously to three separate classrooms, miles away from each other.

WARSAW (WNS) In the five years between 1962 and 1966 there were published throughout the world 754 Yiddish books, but only eight of them in the Soviet Union, it was reported here by the Yiddish-language newspaper Folks-time.

WORCESTER, MASS. (LNS) - The City of Worcester will be host this year to the 5th annual mid-winter conference of Nshel Ubnos Chabad, the Lubavitcher Women's Organization on Sunday, February 12.

NEW YORK--Bernard J. Kabak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Kabak of Forest Hills, Queens, has been elected chairman of the 24-member North American Jewish Youth Council which represents more than 400,000 Jewish youth in the United States and Canada. The Council was established to "foster a spirit of unity and cooperation among the major national Jewish youth organizations in the United States and Canada."

JERUSALEM (WNS) President Zalman Shazar will visit Canada next month at the invitation of the Governor-General.

JERUSALEM (WNS) The Jewish Agency, at a four-day plenary session here, received and is most likely to approve a budget of \$107,000,000 for next fiscal year.

JERUSALEM (WNS) Minister of Justice Yaacov Shapiro has introduced a bill in Knesset which would make it possible for couples of different religions to obtain a divorce in Israel.

STUTTGART (WNS) A bid by the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party in Germany to hold a meeting at City Hall was thwarted when city officials refused to rent them the premises for a mass gathering.

*Stories of Jewish Interest*

**Rabbi Teaches Jewish Course to Catholics**

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind.— Rabbi Bernard M. Cohen came to the Midwest five years ago from Brooklyn, N.Y., to teach college students at a Roman Catholic school.

Cohen, 36, is visiting lecturer in history at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. Students in his two-hour course, "Key Figures in Jewish Culture," include three Sisters of Providence.

"This is not converting," Cohen said, "just understanding one another — mutual cooperation and respect."

It is the second year that a course in Jewish history has been offered by the rabbi at the college. Nine students currently are enrolled; 20 took the course last year.

The course offers a view of the contributions of important Jews in art, music, literature and science, ranging from the philosopher Martin Buber to storyteller Sholem Aleichem of "Fiddler on the Roof."

All part of the new ecumenical endeavor, the class is one of the first conducted by a rabbi for Catholics. Similar programs have been set up at the University of Notre Dame and Xavier University, Cincinnati.

"My trouble is finding a place to draw the line," Cohen said. "What makes one a 'Jewish' philosopher or a 'Jewish' historian? Just the mere fact that he's a Jew or that he is motivated from a Jewish

point of view?" He spends his spare time reviewing the work of Vatican Council II and its meaning for Jews, especially their absorption in the Crucifixion.

"The full impact of the council, even to a Jew, does not rest on that one decree or any one single decree," he said. "It rests on millions of people, Catholic and non-Catholic, and how they react to the spirit exerted through the council sessions."

Rabbi Cohen was graduated from Long Island University, Columbia University and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Since his ordination in 1956 and arrival here, he has managed to integrate the city's two Jewish congregations.

A rabbi of the reformed congregation, he merged the orthodox and reformed temples under the name "United Hebrew Congregation." Now, one of the temples serves as a social center for senior citizens of all faiths.



**INTERFAITH CULTURE**—Rabbi Bernard M. Cohen talks with Sister Mary Jean, history chairman at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, where he teaches.

until there is a Roman Catholic-Orthodox understanding. Cohen feels unity between Protestants and Catholics will not come

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