

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK-- Rabbi Israel Miller, recently-elected Chairman of the American Zionist Council, in his first major address before an audience of Zionist leadership in the New York area, defined Zionism as "a philosophy of meaningful and creative Jewish survival and redemption", and called upon the national Zionist organizations to orient themselves toward such a goal.

COLOGNE (WNS) Unless the Jewish community of Cologne renounces "formally and publicly" reports that he was anti-Semitic, Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, said that he would not deliver the Brotherhood Week lectures he had agreed to give. Cardinal Frings' declaration was in response to a statement by Rabbi Max Nussbaum, head of the American section of the World Jewish Congress, who interviewed the Cardinal recently, that Cardinal Frings implied that the Jews themselves were responsible for the rise of the Nazis because they flaunted their wealth. Claiming that he had been quoted out of context, Cardinal Frings, who had a reputation as an opponent of the Hitler regime, stated that he would deliver the lecture only "if the Jews of Cologne, who must know me best, separate themselves openly from the report."

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (WNS) Placement of Jewish students by the Harvard Law School job placement office is under investigation by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, it was revealed here. Although there have been no specific charges made, the investigation has resulted from a statement by Eleanor Appeal, head of the Harvard Law School placement office, that "there is no question but that the Jewish boy is slower to receive an offer than a Gentile applicant." The statement appeared in a recent issue of the Harvard Law Record.

NEW YORK (WNS) Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of interfaith activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has challenged the recent attacks of a Conservative and Orthodox rabbi who objected to inter-religious dialogues between Jews and Christians on a theological level. Rabbi Brickner described such views as "naive." The issue arose when Rabbi Zev Segal of Newark, N.J., a vice-president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America, and Rabbi Howard Singer, of Laurelton, N.Y., a Conservative rabbi, in separate statements suggested that such dialogues were dangerous and insulting to Jews.

GENEVA (WNS) Switzerland will not permit two leading West German politicians to enter the country because of their extremist views. The individuals, Friedrich Thielen, chairman of the National Democrat Party, and Adolf von Thadden, deputy chairman were banned under a government program aimed at excluding undesirable extremist elements of all kinds.

NEW YORK (WNS) Halacha (Jewish Law), which comprises a major portion of Biblical and Talmudic literature, supports Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's efforts to delete or change passages in William Manchester's "The Death of a President," according to a prominent Orthodox rabbi and scholar writing in the current issue of Jewish Life magazine. Dr. Norman Lamm, professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University, maintains that Jewish sacred writings consider that the individual's right of privacy outweighs the claims of history.

NEW ORLEANS (WNS) If Reform rabbis believe Jewish centers should have an "open door" policy, which admits non-Jews to membership, they should "permit non-Jews to participate in Reform programs for youth, and to be members of congregations," according to Label A. Katz, former international president of the B'nai B'rith.

BONN (WNS) Adolf von Thadden, deputy chairman of the National Democratic Party, predicted that his neo-Nazi political movement would gain at least 12 per cent of the ballots in West German state elections this winter and spring.

NEW YORK (WNS) Funeral services were held for Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., former general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and first chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, who died at the age of 75.

NEW YORK (WNS) The Wayne, N.J. vice-president of the Township School Board, who had called for the defeat of two Jewish candidates for the board because "most Jewish people are liberals, especially when it comes to spending for education," drew sharp condemnation from two national Jewish organizations. Newton Miller, the school board official who made the statement, was called upon to apologize or resign by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The statement evoked a similar rebuke from the American Jewish Committee.

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Signers of the statement included the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Chief Rabbinate, the office of the Chacham (leader of the Sephardic community), and by all other leading Jewish organizations in Britain.

A resolution was passed by members of the House of Commons calling on the Soviet Union to extend religious liberty to its Jewish minority and was signed by 265 members of the House of Commons, the largest number of names appended to this type of petition during the present session.

A letter calling attention to the resolution and signed by nine prominent members

of the House of Commons was delivered to the Soviet Embassy here by a delegation headed by Sir Barnet Janner, Laborite, and Sir Ian Orr-Ewing,

British "anxiety," the message to Mr. Kosygin stated, is based on reports from "individuals of repute," known for their friendship for the Soviet Union. The statement declares that many Soviet Jewish communities "have been left either without synagogues altogether, or too few, and that they urgently need prayer books and other essential religious requirements."

The MP's requested that Soviet Jews be accorded the rights granted to other ethnic minorities in the country, and called upon the Soviet government to allow Soviet Jewry to establish contact with Jewish organizations abroad.



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