

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**JEFFERSON CITY (WNS)** A delegation from Jewish communities of St. Louis and Kansas City has succeed in persuading the Missouri General Assembly to withdraw a bill they deemed antipathetical to shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter of cattle.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Isser Unterman conferred with a delegation of the Israel Medical Association in an effort to resolve the bitter dispute over alleged indiscriminate performance of autopsies in Israel hospitals.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** Secretary of State Dean Rusk, in a communication of Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, asserted that the security of Israel and the Arab states was the concern of the United States and that "by quiet diplomacy and a firm public position -- whenever feasible in concert with our allies - we have exercised a constructive role contributing to maintenance of stability in the area."

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** Premier Levi Eshkol, addressing Knesset, unfolded a plan by the Israeli Government to convoke a world Jewish gathering on the occasion of Israel's observance of its twentieth anniversary in 1968. The purpose of the conference, would be not alone to observe a significant land mark in Israel's existence, but in establishing a partnership between Israel Jewry and Jews outside of the state.

**BONN (WNS)** An effort by the German National Democratic Party to enjoin a union from calling it anti-democratic went down the drain when a local court ruled that it was not libelous to pin that label on the neo-Nazi party.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** Mayor John F. Lindsay's hopes of avoiding a show-down over the resignation of Rabbi Julius G. Neumann from the Human Rights Commission on the issue of the commission's alleged indifference to anti-Jewish and anti-Puerto Rican discrimination, appeared uncertain as pressure mounted for a thorough investigation of the incident.

**BONN (WNS)** Efforts are under way to alter existing laws on the impending expiration of the statute of limitations in 1969, which would prevent prosecution of the Nazi war criminals still at large.

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by the agenda, demanding instead that the UN compel Israel to leave the demilitarized zone. At a meeting on February 2, the Syrian representatives again resorted to dilatory tactics, compelling General Bull who chaired all sessions, to interrupt the meeting and announce a postponement to February 9. However on the eve of that meeting, in fact only an hour before, the UN truce chief announced that the session had been postponed to February 16 at the request of the Syrian negotiators.

Israel's first reaction to the development came from Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who said Gen. Bull's action was understandable in the light of Syria's refusal "to adhere to the agenda." At the same time he reiterated Israel's willingness to

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** A serious rift in Syrian political circles is believed to be behind the request of the Damascus government for a delay of the extraordinary meeting of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. Israeli observers believe the request indicates that some Syrian leaders want to arrive at agreement on the border issue to enable them to concentrate for the time being on internal political developments -- while other Syrian leaders prefer a militant anti-Israel course. Syrian President Dr. Nour E. Atassi is believed

"meet with the Syrians within the framework" of the agenda.

Earlier Mr. Eban told Knesset that the Soviet Union could make a significant contribution by disociating itself from the acts of sabotage committed inside Israel by Syrian infiltrators. He also urged Moscow to use its influence to prevail upon the Arab state to halt its constant aggression along the demilitarized zone between the two countries.

Meanwhile the interruption of the talks has triggered speculation in the country about Syria's intentions. A segment of opinion holds that Gen. Bull's announcement of an indefinite postponement, when he could in fact have set another date, was indicative of belief that there was no prospect of getting the Syrians to talk within the reported unrest in their

to be a proponent of this aggressive policy.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** A Syrian soldier who was intercepted some five hundred yards within Israeli territory was shot and killed by an Israeli patrol in the Huleh region.

The incident occurred less than forty-eight hours after definite postponement of the fourth meeting of the Mixed Israel - Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

In the meantime it was disclosed that Jordanian based infiltrators had attempted to blow up a water pipeline leading to a complex of Jewish National Fund buildings near Arad.

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At the same time Israeli official reported that ten Syrian soldiers had used guns to stop UN observers from investigating a border incident. The incident occurred when Syrian troops fired at an Israeli patrol seeking to eject Syrian farmers from the demilitarized zone. It has also been reported that Israeli patrols intercepted four Arab saboteurs who entered Israel from Lebanon. The intruders were believed to be members of the terrorist El Fatah commando organization. The four escaped, leaving behind four kits filled with explosives. A search of the area uncovered a mine, which was disarmed.

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