

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) An "open letter" apparently sent by a Soviet Jewish general to former Premier David Ben-Gurion, and written in perfect Hebrew, takes the Israeli leader to task for allegedly comparing Soviet policy toward the Jews with that of the Nazis. The letter, which arrived by ordinary mail, was printed in the daily newspaper Maariv and was addressed to "Knesset Member Ben-Gurion." The writer described himself as Lieut. General Hirsh Paskvov, 68.

BONN (WNS) West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger, whom Communist sources had once assailed for his past Nazi affiliations when he was being considered for his present post, was denounced for his "pro-Israel policies" by the controlled East German press.

NEW YORK (WNS) Three of this city's leading newspapers, the New York Times, the World Journal Tribune and the New York Post, have come under sharp criticism for having carried alleged shocking advertisements against shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter of cattle.

SDE BOKER, Israel (WNS) Divesting of the Jewish Agency of its immigration activities and their passing instead into the hands of the Israel Government was counselled here by former Premier David Ben Gurion at a convocation of the Negev College.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) Dr. Carol Polak, prominent Jewish lawyer, has been named Minister of Justice in the new Dutch Cabinet.

LONDON (WNS) Local Soviet officials in a number of cities are placing obstacles to efforts by Jewish applicants to secure permission to emigrate for reunion with sundered families abroad, according to reports by returning visitors to the Soviet Union.

NEW YORK: A non-Jewish survivor of the Nazi depredations in Poland, a graduate architect who is now earning a living as a janitor in a public library in the Bronx, is the artist now exhibiting an interesting collection of "Warsaw Ghetto Recollections" at the Gallery of the Theodor Herzl Institute, N.Y.C.

LONDON (WNS) New immigrants to Israel may be offered jobs even ahead of Isrealis, Israel's Minister of Labor Yigal Allon told the 17th annual conference of Pioneer Women here.

NEW YORK (WNS) Prime Minister Levi Eshkol has been requested by five leading non-Orthodox American Jewish organizations to ban autopsies that are undertaken without family consent, except under unusual circumstances. A cable supporting Orthodox sentiment on the issue was sent by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, and three religious organizations: the Rabbinical Assembly, United Synagogues of America and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, representing respectively, the Conservative rabbinates, conservative congregations, and the Reform movement.

JERUSALEM (WNS) German visitors to Israel are breaking down at least some of the anti-German feeling in Israel that many citizens have retained since the bitter war years.

NEW YORK: Almost a half century of Jewish life in the United States and throughout the world is encompassed in "Challenge and Encounter: Behind the Scenes in the Struggle for Jewish Survival", the autobiography of Maurice Bisgyer, for twenty-seven years the executive head of B'nai B'rith, which will be published by Crown in May.

JERUSALEM (LNS) President Zalman Shazar and Nobel prize winner Shmuel Yosef Agnon were among the first dignitaries to visit the Lubavitcher book exhibit at the Jerusalem Book Fair currently taking place here at Jerusalem's Convention Hall.

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