JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON--B'nai B'rith's Community and Veterans Services Commission collected and sent more than 700,000 paperback books to American servicemen during the past year.

MONSEY, N.Y. (WNS) The seventh annual conference of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists opened here with a plea by Abraham Avi Hai, Secretary of Public Affairs to the Prime Minister of Israel, for wider Jewish settlement in Israel to help meet its new needs. The scientists, he said, possessed a unique potential "which could blossom into great fruition in the environment of a new Israel with new hopes, borders and demands."

NEW YORK (WNS) Denial that the Czech government had cancelled plans to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the Jewish community in Czechoslovaki was made here by Joseph Richter, executive president of the official Czech tourist organization. He said the Czech government played no official role in the planning of the millenium program, adding that "if the Jewish community of our country wants to hold a millenium celebration, it is free to do so,"

LONDON (WNS) Mrs. Francoise Jordan, wife of the notorious British anti-Semite and fascist Colin Jordan, head of the British National Socialist movement, has been held for trial in the Central Criminal Court on charges of conspiring to set fire to a London synagogue.

CHICAGO (WNS) Dr. Edward Hirsch Levi, scion of a rabbinic family, has become the first Jew ever to be named president of an American university, (U. of Chicago). His grandfather was Emil G. Hirsch, one of the founders of American Reform Judaism.

WASHINGTON (WNS) A special Christmas stamp bearing a reproduction of a famous painting on the Christ theme was held here by a federal judge not to conflict with constitutional guarantees of the separation of church and state.

JERUSALEM (WNS) Confirmation of the siging of an agreement with an American firm for the production rights to a twin-engined commercial airliner was announced here by Israel Aircraft Industry, Ltd., in a statement revealing that the Israeli firm was currently developing what it called a short-take-off-and-landing place that will carry twenty-two passenters.

NEW YORK (WNS) American Israeli and United Nations leaders in the field of refugee, welfare and migration problems joined in tribute to the memory of the late Charles H. Jordan, Joint Distribution Committee executive vice-chairman who died mysteriously last month in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

WASHINGTON (WNS) Reports circulated here that the American Government has given Israel private assurances that the scheduled delivery of two squadrons of the F-4 Ckyhawk supersonic attack bomber to the Israeli Air Force would be made this autumn despite the current embargo on arms to the Middle East.

JERUSALEM (WNS) Despite agreement reached last week on the return of Arab refugees to the west bank between Israeli and Jordanian officials, the Government of Jordan has postponed resettlement of an estimated 7,000 Arabs for another week.

COPENHAGEN (WNS) Simon Wiesenthal, who has made it his life-work to ferret out concealed Nazi war criminals and bring them to justice, has received a number of letters warning him he would be killed if he did not cease his anti-Nazi activities immediately.

TEL AVIV (WNS) Prison terms ranging up to ten years were imposed in Gaza on a number of Arabs convicted by a three-judge panel on charges of illegally possessing dangerous weapons.

NEW YORK (WNS) The 1967 Scopus Award Dinner of the American Friends of the Hebrew University Nov. 20 in N.Y.C. will be chaired by the prominent Jewish industrialist and philanthropist Irving Mitchell Felt.

NEW YORK (WNS) Young Judaea, oldest and largest Zionist youth movement in the United States, has formally requested Hadassah sponsorship.

JERUSALEM (WNS) A grievance by a Moslem religious body written on stationery bearing the imprint "Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan" was returned to the complainant by the military governor of East Jerusalem. The complaint was from the institution administering Moslem religious property in East Jerusalem and it centered around a grievance that opening by Israel of a fee-free entrance to the Mount of the Temple, site of the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque, deprived the Moslem institution of income from entry fees from non-Moslems.

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