

**JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

LONDON (WNS) -- Israel's citrus industry, which accounts for 30 per cent of the nation's exports, did not suffer as a result of the war last June, and its citrus crop has in fact increased by 18 per cent this season according to Moshe Levin, European director of the Citrus Marketing Board of Israel.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Plans for what leaders of the Israel Bond Organization say will be "the most important Bonds campaign in our history" will be formulated here Jan. 12 at a planning conference to be held by the organization's 400 board of governors.

RIO DE JANEIRO (WNS) -- A pact was signed under which Israel will aid Brazil in the development of the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, especially to aid Brazil's underdeveloped areas.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A contract for the construction of a \$5 million hospital in Tanzania, East Africa, has been awarded to Solel Boneh, the construction cooperative of Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor.

LAKEWOOD, N.J. -- Jewish military chaplains are in a unique position to transmit the Jewish value system from one generation to another, which is the chief task of all rabbis, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, told the annual meeting of Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Armed Forces.

TORONTO (WNS) -- A Protestant minister who was an eye-witness to Arab-Israeli hostilities in Jerusalem last June, said that clergymen and others who circulated stories of alleged Israeli hostilities and desecration of churches were, in effect, "liars."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- R. Ben-Ari, a well-known Israeli actor and one of the original founders of the Habimah Theater in Moscow in the early 1920's, died in Moscow. He was 68.

Official presentation of the first of 3,000 Torah scrolls from Rumania to synagogues and communities in Israel will take place (January 16), it was announced by Samuel L. Haber, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

NEW YORK (WNS) Students at Yeshiva University's Erna Michael College of Hebrew Studies have established the nation's first college newspaper in the Hebrew language.

**FRENCH ARTICLES ON ISRAEL**

PARIS (WNS) -- A unified Arab terrorist movement with headquarters on the West Bank of the Jordan River that will wage guerilla warfare against Israel in the style of the Algerian seven-year war against France, was foreseen in articles that appeared in two French weeklies.

Plans for such a campaign were discussed in a lengthy piece on the ouster of Ahmed Shukaiky as head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

**TWO ARABS DEAD**

TEL AVIV -- Israeli forces clashed anew with Arab marauders killing two of them in an encounter near Kissufim, opposite the former Gaza Strip demarcation line, while a third escaped, an Israeli Army spokesman has reported. At the same time an hour-long exchange of fire between Israeli and Jordanian forces across the Jordan River was also reported.

**MORE ON WAY**

LONDON (WNS) -- An intensification of Arab terrorist activities against Israel, actively supported from Cairo, was predicted in a Beirut dispatch to the Manchester Guardian, as a result of the ouster of Ahmed Shukaiky as head of the Palestine Liberation Organization. "The fact that the guerilla organization was largely responsible for Shukaiky's downfall shows that they now exert an influence in Arab councils, which, though not great, is on the increase," the Guardian said.

The Daily Telegraph asserted, in another report from Beirut, that Moscow's new oil agreement with Iraq constitutes a major breakthrough by the Russians into the Arab oil market.

**DE GAULLE IN ACT**

Former French Premier Pierre Mendes-France said in an exclusive interview published in *Nouvel Observateur* that Gen De Gaulle had proposed a Big Four conference on the Middle East so that he could act as mediator between the U.S. and the USSR there. "But the Israelis did not need him to make war, and the Americans and Russians do not need him to impose a cease-fire," M. Mendes-France said.

tion, published in France observateur. Similar plans were outlined in an Express article by Abu Adnar, head of the PIO's "liberation army."

Another aspect of Israel's struggle with her neighbors was the subject of an article in *Revue de LaDefense Nationale*, in which Jean Paul Mauriat, chief of the French counter-intelligence service paid tribute to Israel's intelligence services. M. Mauriat wrote that the work of Israeli intelligence in the Six-Day War demonstrated that great battles of the future could be won, even before operations start. He said that "in some embassies in France, 40 to 60 per cent of the personnel are spies."

**XMAS IN ISRAEL**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The first Christmas celebration in Bethlehem under Israeli occupation went off smoothly and drew large numbers of pilgrims despite warnings from terrorist organizations to stay away. Some 1,000 worshippers, including more than 100 American servicemen on leave from posts in Europe, attended an overflow midnight mass on Christmas Eve.



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