

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS) - Reacting to reports that Communist party newspapers in Poland and East Germany had blamed "Zionists" for the current turmoil in Czechoslovakia, the American Jewish Congress issued a statement of concern for the safety and security of the Jewish community in that country, estimated at 16,000.

NEW YORK (WNS) Norman B. Brans, administrative director of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, died here for a heart attack in his home at the age of 62.

STARLIGHT, Pa. (WNS) Jewish and Negro teenagers exchanged sharp verbal blows at an overnight human rights encampment sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and ended up in what has been described as "a measure of mutual understanding and at least a few" non-physical scars.

LONDON (WNS) The news media in Cairo is currently echoing charges by the Polish and East German press that Zionists were responsible for the political upheaval in Czechoslovakia which culminated in its invasion by the Soviet Union and several of its most servile satellites.

LOS ANGELES: The City of Los Angeles has been selected as the site for the 1969 National Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, it was announced by California's Department Commander, Joseph Ross, Rear Admiral, Ret., U. S. Navy. The 74th encampment of Jewish veterans will take place at the Ambassador Hotel, August 17-24, 1969.

JERUSALEM (WNS) Sixteen Arab suspects who were held for questioning on August 18 in connection with a spate of grenade explosions in downtown Jerusalem have been released by the police.

LONDON (WNS) The Polish press, radio and television are again blasting Zionists for responsibility in the political upheaval in Czechoslovakia, accusing "Zionist revisionists" of having utilized the wave of democracy in Czechoslovakia to sunder the Warsaw Pact nations.

PARIS (WNS) Two of ten Soviet intellectuals who were arrested when they participated in Moscow in a protest against the Soviet takeover the Czechoslovakia are prominent Jews, Pavel M. Litvinov, grandson of the late Soviet diplomat Maxim Litvinov, and the wife of the imprisoned writer J. M. Daniel, son of the Soviet Jewish writer Daniel Meyerovitch.

JERUSALEM (WNS) Construction of a \$10 million security fence along the northern border with Jordan was unveiled to newsmen in a conducted tour of the area by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Keren Hayesod, fundraising arm of the World Zionist Organization.

NEW YORK: -- The National Jewish Welfare Board's (JWB) Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy has been officially advised by the Selective Service commission that all draft boards have been asked to give "favorable consideration, whenever possible" to requests from Jewish registrants for postponement of their physical examination or induction into the Armed Forces during the coming Jewish High Holy Days.

NEW YORK -- Marking the fourth year of a program jointly conducted by the National Jewish Welfare Board and the Jewish Agency for Israel, five Israeli professional workers arrived in the United States.

NEW YORK, Bertram H. Gold, Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Committee, reported that the U. S. State Department was keeping touch with what he called "the possibility of growing anti-Semitism in the Warsaw Pact countries" and its possible effect on the fate of Czechoslovakia's 15,000 Jews.

NEW YORK: The women of Hadassah, some 2,000 of them, gather in Chicago September 8, to 11 for their annual convention, their fifty-fourth. These delegates represent 318,000 members throughout America and Puerto Rico.

LOS ANGELES: Adley M. Shulman, Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee of the Anti-Defamation League's Pacific Southwest Regional Office has announced the appointment of Kenyon C. Burke as Director of the newly created Urban Affairs Department in ADL's National Office.

JERUSALEM (WNS) Since the establishment of the state, the Jewish population in Israel has increased fourfold, it was reported here by the Bureau of Statistics. In 1948, there were an estimated 649,6000 Jews in Israel. At the end of last year there were 2,383,6000 Jews in the Country.

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