

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Sixteen top experts in the field of communications will address a two-day conference on "Mass Communications and Jewish Life in America," to be held at the Jewish Agency Building, 515 Park Avenue, on Saturday evening, April 26th, and all day Sunday, April 27th.

NEW YORK, - The New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee has joined the ranks of civic and social organizations opposed to the welfare cuts which are due to go into effect July 1.

BONN (WNS) -- The West German Government has been embarrassed by the nomination by the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party of seven West German military officers and some non-commissioned officers, as party candidates for Parliament seats in September's national elections. About 50 officers and non-commissioned officers work actively for the NPD, often recruiting soldiers for the party.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Gen. Jacob Hefetz, budget chief of Israel's Defense Ministry, has disclosed that Israel was spending \$2 million a day, seven days a week, for defense needs. He said Israeli gunners fired \$1.7 million worth of shells in four days of artillery duels with Egyptian forces across the Suez Canal three weeks ago.

LONDON (WNS) -- A British oil expert has described the Israeli oil pipeline now under construction between Ellat and the Mediterranean and a projected Egyptian pipeline paralleling the Suez Canal as unlikely economic competition of supertankers which, he said, could carry oil more cheaply from the Persian Gulf to Europe via the Cape of Good Hope. The Israeli effort, to cost \$100 million, will have a 20 million ton capacity when it opens next year and an ultimate volume of 50 million tons. A number of countries are bidding on the Egyptian pipeline which is to cost \$120 million with a 50 million ton initial capacity.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Six Americans and one Canadian are competing in the Tenth International Bible Contest For Jewish Youth to be held in Jerusalem April 23rd and 21 anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The Ministry of Education and Culture will conduct an art competition in Israeli high schools centered on the Eighth World Maccabiah Games to be held in Tel Aviv July 28 - Aug. 7. A commemorative stamp featuring the Maccabiah torch will be issued by the Postal Service with First Day Service scheduled for July 28.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli geologists have reported discovering "vast water resources" under the Sinai Desert at depths of several hundred yards but noted it would be "an enormous task" to bring the water to the surface.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Pioneer Women, the women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, has called on Jewish families to hold Yom Haatzmaut (Israel Independence Day) celebrations at home as "an effective and tangible way to strengthen the bonds between our children and the people of Israel. The Organization is distributing a detailed program of songs, stories and rading to be used on Israel's 21st anniversary, April 23.

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are provided for and transformed into useful, productive, proud and happy people. These efforts call for Herculean dedication on the part of every individual, and it is forthcoming! The "people of the book" have not strayed from the teachings of the book and have developed into a strong citizenry, determined to protect itself from its enemies and to live in peace.

Unfortunately, Israel finds itself standing alone, still facing one difficult and critical situation after another. IT CAN COUNT ONLY ON ITS JEWISH BRETHERN IN THE FREE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD! Every one of us must remain concerned and alert to the fact that the Arab countries are as strong militarily, or stronger today than ever before. The serious loss of prestige and power which Russia suffered after the Six Day War in its mad drive to control the Middle East, has only accelerated its massive efforts to re-arm the Arab nations. This Russian policy continues unabated and in fact, gains in momentum, while the world diplomats apparently still keep their heads buried in the sand.

The long sought for permanent settlement of issues and grievances will come only when the parties directly concerned can sit down together and work out agreements of territorial boundaries to insure stability and peace. Once achieved, it would then behoove the major world powers to guarantee these boundaries established by mutual consent. What a wonderful day that would be! What a great era of prosperity will begin for the peoples of the Middle East, when all energies are channeled toward peaceful growth instead of war and strife. God willing, that day will come, but until it does-- Israel must live! And you can help!

The 1969 Las Vegas Combined Jewish Appeal Campaign is now underway. As I asked you in previous columns, I ask you again -- do not wait to be solicited. Make

your contribution a substantial one and do it willingly and happily. Thank God for your blessings by keeping Israel vibrant and strong! Twenty-one years ago, on the 5th Day of Iyar, the State of Israel was born. This year's birthday occurs on April 23. There will be thousands of birthday parties and commemorative programs dedicated to Israel throughout the United States, and the free world. But celebrations and commemorations are not enough. Join me in the best way possible to wish Israel a happy birthday. Give a maximum gift to the Combined Jewish Appeal and to the Israel Emergency Appeal!

You can join me in insuring further birthdays for Israel! I am sure you join me in a prayer that Israel be blessed in the year to come and that peace and security be established before we celebrate birthday number 22.

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