

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

HOUSTON (WNS)--The Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic arm of Reform Judaism, has launched a two-year study of the "archaic" synagogue to determine how to make it more relevant to American Jews.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Jewish National Fund had sent a 50-member national leadership mission to Israel for a series of briefings with JNF and Israeli Government leaders and to inspect NJF land reclamation and afforestation sites.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- What may be the first kosher mess hall in the history of the United States armed forces was set up by 30 members of the military police battalion of the District of Columbia National Guard and will provide lunch and dinner meals to the men.

MONTICELLO, N.Y. (WNS) -- Leaders of B'nai Zion, the American Zionist fraternal organization, have voiced support for the establishment of a new American Zionist Federation to replace the present American Zionist Council.

FALLSBURG, N.Y. (WNS) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, a major association of Orthodox Rabbis, has voted at its 33rd annual convention to maintain the draft of military chaplains.

BONN (WNS) -- The neo-Nazi National Democratic Party had put up candidates in 22 election districts for the coming national election who were members of the Nazi Party before 1933, the year that Hitler came to power.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A military tribunal has sentenced the 19-year-old Arab girl who planted a bomb in the Hebrew University cafeteria last March to a life sentence. Twenty-nine persons were injured in the blast. Her accomplices had previously been tried and received prison terms ranging from five to 25 years.

BRUSSELS (WNS) -- The European Economic Community has approved a 40 percent tariff reduction on citrus from Israel, Spain and Turkey and an 80 percent reduction on citrus from Morocco and Tunisia.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Jewish law, including passages from the Torah, Talmud and other sources, were cited by New York State Supreme Court Judge Abraham J. Multer in ordering a Brooklyn man to pay support for a child he helped to raise although never legally adopted.

PHILADELPHIA (WNS) -- Rabbi Ira Isenstein, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, said the year-old institution will allow women to qualify as full-fledged students in its program of training rabbis and other Jewish leaders.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol promised religious leaders from various countries visiting Jerusalem to attend the cornerstone laying for the city's "Great Synagogue" that standard tourist itineraries in the future will put greater emphasis on religious life in Israel.

NEW YORK: - a record number of American and Canadian Jews departed on the Anna Maria to settle in Israel. According to figures released by Avraham Frank, Director of the Israel Aliyah Center, the 235 Olim consisted of 47 families, numbering 203 persons, and 32 individuals. Of the total number of 234, 66% were under 30. The largest portion (35%) fell within the 5-14 age group, followed by the 20-44 age group at 33%.

NEW YORK -- The first contingent comprising 600 young Americans, aged 18-25, who will spend the summer in Israel on various projects, left from Kennedy International Airport for Lydda, Israel, -- it was announced here by William Levine, Executive Director of the American Zionist Youth Foundation. Further contingents will follow during the next two weeks, and altogether more than 2,100 young people will have left for the Foundation Summer Programs in Israel.

NEW YORK - Herzliah and Jewish Teachers Seminary announces an annual scholarship of \$1,000 to \$1,500, plus free tuition, to qualified freshmen entering this September. The scholarships, open to fulltime students, are renewable annually until graduation.

# MIDEAST "WAR" UP

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The fighting between Israel and the Arab Nations in the current state of "no war, no peace" has intensified to the point where Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said "if the situation continues, I will not hesitate to ask the Government to call in the reserves for biannual service in order to fill security requirements and for training in preparation for the possibility of a new war."

The Terrorists, taking a page from the Israeli book on commando tactics, staged their most daring raid since the Six-Day War by blowing up a 12-inch oil pipeline in the port of Haifa. The blast, about 8 a.m., set other pipes afire and the resulting blaze burned for five hours until firemen from Haifa and other localities controlled it with foam and other means. About 1,000 tons of oil valued at \$55,000 was lost. The pipes transported oil to a fuel jetty in Haifa port five miles away where it was used for bunkering ship calling at the port. Neither domestic or export supplies were affected.

The Haifa refineries, center of Israel's growing petro-chemical industry, is one of the most heavily guarded areas in the country. The psychological impact of the act has left the nation wondering how the Arab commandos penetrated the area to carry out their raid.

In Cairo and Beirut, El Fatah spokesmen claimed credit for the mission while in Amman the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine asserted its commandos did the job.

Observers noted it was the first time that the Arab terrorists had struck at a major economic target rather than at facilities in which civilians could be killed or wounded. Israel has had a policy of striking economic targets in response to terrorist attacks and her actions have hurt the Egyptian and Jordanian economy. Observers said Israel could also be injured economically if the Arabs were able to continue to successfully hit industrial facilities.

Jordanian officials said they were speeding repairs on the \$85 million East Ghor Canal, Israel's most recent Arab economic target, and that there would be no significant damage to crops. The canal diverts water from the Yarmuk River to the irrigation system that supplies water for farmland in north Jordan. It served an estimated 60,000 Jordanians.

Israel's commando raid on the canal followed a number of warnings to King Hussein that such action would result if Jordan continued to

support attacks on settlements bordering on the Jordan River. Israeli aircraft are now reported to be making almost daily strikes inside Jordan against terrorist and regular Jordanian army posts that shell Israeli settlements and army patrols.

Government officials have warned that even harder strikes would follow if intensified Arab military activity along the cease-fire line continued.

On the Suez Canal front, Israel reported downing three Egyptian jets during the week in two air battles over the Gulf of Suez. The Russian-made Mig's fell into Egyptian territory. All Israeli jets were reported to have returned safely. Egypt claimed downing one Israeli plane and "hits" on two others during these engagements. Jerusalem reports that Cairo has now lost 21 jets since the end of the Six-Day War.

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