

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

LONDON (WNS) -- The Israel government - owned Zim Israel Navigation Co. office in London was ripped by an explosion Monday. Police reported that two women were injured and that an investigation was under way into the blast's causes.

NEW YORK: - A highly automated plant for the production of cutlery is being set up by Koor Industries Ltd., Israel's Histadruth-owned industrial combine, in partnership with a British silverware manufacturing company, Harris-Mille Ltd., of Sheffield. Harris-Miller is headed by Messrs. Armin and Neville Krausz.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Yiddish P.E.N. Club, Association of Yiddish Poets, Essayists and Novelists in the United States, will issue an anthology volume as part of a series of events to mark the 100th anniversary of Yiddish and Hebrew Literature in America next year.

NEW YORK: - Publication of a 567-page mahzor, High Holy Day prayer book for use in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces has been completed by the Department of the Army, according to word received by the National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy from the Office of the Chief of Army Chaplains. Distribution of the new prayer book to Jewish chaplains throughout the world will begin later this month in time for Rosh Hashanah.

NEW YORK: - The Israel operation of Avis Rent-a-Car has expanded rapidly since it initiated its internationally-known service. Beginning just after the Six Day War with a fleet of eighty-five cars the company now has more than 200, and expects to increase this amount to 450 in 1970.

NEW YORK (LNS) - A Bar Mitzvah celebration for 12 boys, orphaned during the six Day War and since, will be held in Kfar Chabad, on Monday, Elul 18 (September 1), under the Israeli branch of the Lubavitch Youth Organization.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Selective Service Commission ordered draft boards to give "favorable consideration whenever possible" to requests from Jewish registrants for postponement of their physical examinations or induction into the armed forces during Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 13-14); Yom Kippur (Sept. 22) and Sukkoth (Sept. 27-Oct. 5).

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations' special peace envoy to the Middle East, will meet in New York next month for their first meeting in nearly three months.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has declared that Israel was prepared to negotiate all outstanding issues with the Arabs except for the status of Jerusalem and the return of refugees of the 1948 war. Those issues were "hermetically sealed" and could not be placed on any agenda, he said.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Archaeologists have discovered an aqueduct near the Western (Wailing) Wall that dates from the Second Temple period. The conduit was carved out of the natural rock and runs from the wall to the southern end of Old Jerusalem.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal plans 111 institutions and facilities in Israel, including 67 high schools, which will serve an eventual enrollment of 50,000 students.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The Raft faction voted 39-6 against splitting away from the Israel Labor Party in secret balloting after Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, leader of Raft, urged party unity in view of Israel's "grave political and military situation."

MELBOURNE (WNS) -- The Maritime Fruit Carriers Ltd., one of Israel's two major independent shipping lines, is reported to be negotiating the purchase of a 1,156 square mile cattle ranch in northern Australia on which it proposes to raise its own beef cattle for export.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Israeli Finance Ministry paid out \$5.1 million in war damages during the last fiscal year to border settlements that have been targets of Arab attack. The sum was similar to that paid during fiscal 1967.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Jerusalem district planning committee which has approved plans to modernize and beautify the Jewish quarter in Old Jerusalem, has authorized the construction of a new central plaza at the Batei Mahseh housing project and 25 new housing units in the quarter.

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