

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JOHANNESBURG (WNS) -- The South African Jewish community has appealed to the Government to change the scheduled date to the 1970 general elections because April 22 conflicts with Passover.

NEW YORK -- For the first time in Israel's history, this month's elections may produce a Labor Party government that is not dependent on alliances with other groups in order to command a majority in the Knesset (Parliament). (Israel's elections due Oct. 28) This analysis is suggested in a new study by Herbert Smith, election analyst, and Director, Manpower Planning Authority in the Israel Ministry of Labor, in "Preview to Israel Elections, 1969," just published by the Foreign Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee.

JERUSALEM -- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem honoured Charles Feinberg, of Detroit, Chairman of the Library's Advisory Council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, by conferring on him an Honorary Fellowship.

JERUSALEM -- A physiological break-through in the growth of plants from erect to trailing and visa versa, which may have far-reaching practical implications, has recently been made by scientists of the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot.

NEW YORK: -- "No country, especially one as young and as small as Israel, can develop or maintain a modern health and welfare program without a steady supply of skilled personnel," Mr. Harold Trobe, Joint Distribution Committee Director for Israel, declared at the inaugural ceremony of Jerusalem's School of Occupational Therapy, which had moved into new quarters on Mount Scopus. The JDC helps support the school as part of its program to assist in the recruitment and training of personnel for Israel's social welfare agencies.

DAYTON, OHIO -- Sidney K. Kusworm, Sr., who served 49 years of uninterrupted service on B'nai B'rith's international board of governors, died in Miami, Fla. He was 84.

JERUSALEM -- An important collection of works on nuclear physics and related subjects, formerly in the library of Dr. Lisa Meitner, pioneer of research in the splitting of the atom, has been given to the Jewish National and University Library, it was announced recently by the Chairman of the Library Advisory Council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mr. Charles Feinberg. The collection consists of some 65 volumes.

PARIS (WNS) -- Israel has defended its purchase of the Temple Scroll from a Jordanian antiquity dealer and told a United Nations Education and Social Council meeting that the action saved the scroll from oblivion.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- A United Nations Relief and Works Agency report detailing the agency's serious financial situation also disclosed that Israel has arrested 75 UNRWA staffers for "illegal activities outside their official duties."

RAMAT GAN, ISRAEL -- Two Bar-Ilan University researchers have been awarded Ford Foundation grants totaling 120,000 Israel Pounds for the 1969/70 academic year, according to Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, chancellor of the University. Dr. Nachman Garber, senior lecturer in the Department of Microbiology, has been granted 31,000 Israel Pounds to study "The Enzymatic System involved in the inactivation of Chloramphenicol and its implications for drug resistance in bacteria." Dr. Isaac Lewin, senior lecturer in the Department of Psychology, has received an 89,000 Israel Pound grant to study "The chemistry and physiology of learning, memory and behavior."

MINNEAPOLIS, -- The most serious internal problem that the organized Jewish community in the U. S. faces is the gap between the older and younger Jewish generations who are increasingly out of phase with each other, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, told a national conference of religious leaders meeting under the sponsorship of the George D. Dayton FOUNDATION.

BOSTON (WNS) -- Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, has urged Christians to develop a better understanding of the unique relationship between Israel and the Jewish people to prevent Christian-Jews dialogue from becoming "strained and ultimately fruitless." The Cardinal said that "Israel is not just a homeland for the persecuted and oppressed, not just a refuge for people the world has abused. It is for the Jews the fulfillment of prophecy, the return to the Promised Land, the realization of the Divine Covenant, the answer to the prayers of generations of Chosen People."

BRITISH MP AIDE TO ARABS

LONDON (WNS) -- The British Labor Party has been asked to drop Mrs. Margaret McKay, Laborite Member of Parliament, after she announced plans in Beirut to set up a "commando outpost" in a building she had purchased in London. The Liberal Friends of Israel said that Mrs. McKay's allegedly admitted membership in the El Fatah terrorist organization and her statement in Beirut "could only encourage irresponsible elements in the Middle East" and that Britain could not afford such "irresponsible behavior" by a British MP.

A British newsman re-

ported from Lebanon that Arab guerrilla organizations were jolted by the reference to a "commando outpost" and said this distorted the center's real purpose. Mrs. McKay later modified her statement and called the building an "Arab outpost" which would hold "forward the liberation of Palestine."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Syrian authorities have released the two Arab commandos who hijacked an Israeli-bound TWA Airlines to Damascus Aug. 29. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine reported that the two terrorists have returned to their base.

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