

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- B'nai B'rith reports that local Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds have started or increased their financial support for its Hillel program. This increase totaled about \$100,000 more in allocations in 1969, the largest in recent years. But about 80 percent of Hillel's \$3 million annual budget is still raised by B'nai B'rith from non-federation sources.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A strengthened Jewish Labor Committee is now operating as a "spokesman for the entire democratic Jewish Labor movement in the United States" following affiliation with the JLC of the Poale Zion United Labor Zionist Organization and Farband, the labor Zionist fraternal order.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Jordan has said it will bar deportation to the East Bank of Persons expelled from the West Bank by Israel as a step to halt the "Judaization" of the Israeli-occupied territories. Israeli officials said that they had been sending back terrorists who had finished serving prison terms and denied Amman assertions of mass deportation of Arabs.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli Attorney General Meir Shamgar has asked a Jerusalem district court to punish Denis Michael William Rohan for setting fire to the Al Aksa mosque, a crime to which the Australian shepherd has confessed. Mr. Shamgar said that Israeli law does not recognize mental illness as automatically absolving a criminal from guilt.

LONDON (WNS) -- Both Britain and the United States have reportedly expressed concern to Jerusalem over Israel's planned oil exploration in the occupied Sinai.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The 1969 issue of the American Jewish Year Book focuses on Jewish awareness through articles on "Jewish Education -- for What?" "Concerning Jewish Theology in North America: Some Notes on a Decade," and "Intergroup Relations and Tensions in the United States, 1968." The 463-page book, published jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publications Society of America, also contains a compendium of events and statistics on Jewish population data, civil and political issues and national and international Jewish affairs. It sells for \$10.

NEW YORK: - The American Israel Phosphate Corporation has completed all preliminary planning for a phosphate mining installation in the Negev Desert area in Israel and will soon begin actual construction of facilities. The company expects to export approximately \$8 million worth of phosphates a year, with initial shipments scheduled for 1972. When in operation, more than 300 employees will be needed to operate the mine.

NEW YORK: - The Dan Hotel Corporation is preparing to build new facilities which will increase the amount of hotel rooms in Israel by 750. The company owns and operates the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, the Dan in Tel Aviv, the Dan Carmel in Haifa, and the Accadia in Herzlia.

NEW YORK: - A total of 120 Jewish Community Center and YM & YWHA buildings, representing a total investment of \$132,000,000 in original building costs, have been completed since the end of World War II, a recent survey of Center and Y building construction reveals. With the constant annual rise in construction costs, the current value of these facilities is estimated to be in excess of \$200,000,000.

KFAR CHABAD (LNS) - President Schneur Zalman Shazar celebrated his 80th birthday in Kfar Chabad, the Lubavitcher village near Tel Aviv.

NEW YORK, - The American Jewish Congress today rejected a request by the Jewish Defense League for financial support and said the League's tactics "do not enhance the security of the Jewish community but serve only to heighten tension, increase hostility and foment panic."

NEW YORK, - Judaism and the Jewish community can retain the allegiance of today's Jewish youth only if they demonstrate that their moral concepts have a direct relationship to today's problems, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, said on radio station WINS.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has warned Beirut that Israel will strike across the Lebanese border if Arab guerrillas attack Israel from Lebanon. He said the agreement between the commandos and Beirut had not meaning to Israel, and Jerusalem will protect its people and territory from raids.

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