

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Officials of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel expressed the view today that the U. S. Supreme Court decision upholding dual citizenship for Americans in Israel would be a positive factor in helping absorption of American settlers.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A United States Defense Department official has paid an "official visit" to Cairo and reports from Washington indicate that he had delivered a list of Americans serving in the Israeli armed forces to show that there number was minor.

NEW YORK -- Calling America's role today in the Middle East crisis "disquieting," Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section and honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America, said that although the United States "is Israel's most important friend in the international community, even the United States today shows ominous signs of departing from her former position and yielding to the Soviet-Arab attempts at political extortion and blackmail."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The government reported today that 22 Israeli soldiers and one civilian were killed during November as a result of enemy activities along the borders and cease - fire lines and the activities of saboteurs. Seventy-four Israelis were injured of whom 63 were soldiers. The fatalities were slightly higher in November than in October when 18 were killed, 125 Israelis were injured in the latter month.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A fear that Vice President Spiro Agnew's attacks on the communications industry may lead to anti-Jewish outbreaks was expressed by a number of observers in Washington. Their concern voiced the press when James Reston an Associate Editor of the New York Times noted in his column that the appeal against "Eastern" mobs has not only aroused support for his Vietnam policy but...produced some ugly anti-Negro and anti-Semitic reactions. He briefly quoted from one letter stating "you are the clique that are polarizing the country", and ending, "Regards to the rest of the Jewish Businessmen."

ROME (WNS) Rome's Jewish community today officially deplored the beating of six Arab students by Jews near Rome's synagogue after the Arabs participated in an anti-Israel rally of the Communist-sponsored "Solidarity With Palestine" Group.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel expects that 60,000 immigrants will arrive in 1970 and has ordered all Government departments concerned with immigration to plan their activities on that basis. The Jewish Agency is also adjusting its absorption machinery to that figure.

NEW YORK -- Three outstanding academicians -- two in the field of Jewish Studies, one in the field of Law -- have been engaged by the American Jewish Committee to spearhead a drive to broaden understanding of Jewish identity and appreciation of Jewish culture and community life, according to an announcement today by Bertram H. Gold, Executive Vice President of the human relations agency. They are: Dr. Moshe Davidowitz, Director of the Spertus Museum of Judaica and Assistant Professor of Cultural History at the College of Jewish Studies, who will work in Chicago; Dr. Louis Shub, Lecturer and Director of the Library at the University of Judaism, who will work in Los Angeles; and Stephen Goldstein, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, who will work in Philadelphia.

BOSTON (WNS) -- The Jewish Defense League has met with a number of Jews from the greater Boston area after elderly residents from Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan asked for JDL aid to meet what was viewed as a mounting wave of street crimes directed primarily against Jews.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Marine Corps is conducting an investigation into the alleged anti-Semitic abuse of a recruit which caused the youth to suffer a mental breakdown. New York Congressman Mario Biaggi said the recruit was beaten and slurred because of his faith.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Nixon Administration officials said that the Government opposed a \$40 million grant to Israel for a desalting plant and will ask the Senate to cut the funds voted by the House as part of the Foreign Aid Bill.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Jewish community in New York City is of two opposite minds about Blacks with one section voicing "serious misapprehensions" about the militance and separatist beliefs of Negroes, an opinion survey report disclosed.

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ities had been warned that Arab terrorist planned to attack the El Al office and they had been told of the presence of the two Arabs who were later arrested for the bombing.)

(The warning was believed based on information supplied by Israeli security agents who have increased their activities against Arab terrorists throughout the Middle east and Europe where governmental and private Israeli interests are prime targets.)

One of the Arabs was apprehended as he fled the scene after being chased by passers-by and police. The second was arrested a short time later and identified as an accomplice. The two Jordanian Nationals said they were acting on orders from the Popular Struggle Front, a minor

terrorist organization headquartered in Jordan which cooperates with El Fath. A spokesman for PSF in Amman said "we did it because E Al is an extension of the Israeli enemy."

Three Americans were hurt by the blast but their injuries were minor. The dead boy was buried in Piraeus after a procession from his home in a working class neighborhood in Athens. A crowd of 200 persons, including an El Al representative and members of the Athens Jewish community, escorted the coffin. There were no Greek officials at the funeral. The boy's family had planned to migrate to Canada and were discussing travel arrangements at the El Al office.

El Al sent two officials to investigate the grenade attack and security arrangements at the Athens office. The airline said

that the latest terrorist incident would in no way effect its schedule and all aircraft will continue to fly.

The incident is the second Arab terrorist attack against El Al in the Greek capital. Last December two commandos shot-up a jetliner as it was preparing to take off from the Athens airport, killing one passenger and wounding a hostess.

A week before the latest incident the public prosecutor in Athens had said that the murder trial of the two Commandos responsible for that attack had been postponed. But last week, a few days before the new terrorist act, the Greek Ambassador in Washington denied that the trial was postponed and asserted that a date had not yet been set. Ambassador Basil Witsaxis told a delegation from the Conference of President of Major American Jewish

Organization that the public prosecutors remarks that "political reasons" had caused a trial postponement was misinterpreted.

The Greek Government has reportedly told Israel that it is proceeding with preparations for a February trial. Jerusalem had criticized the Greek Government for its reported postponement of the murder trial.

Israeli retaliated for the first Athens incident with a raid on Beirut Airport in Lebanon where the two Arab commandos came from. More than two dozen planes were destroyed and the United Nation's Security Council censured Israel for the raid. No one was injured during the incident.

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