

**JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Jewish community since the end of World War II has built 120 YM-YWHA and Jewish Community Center buildings worth \$120 million in original costs. The current value of these facilities is estimated at over \$200 million due to inflation.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The National Committee for Labor Israel has adopted at its 46th annual convention a \$10,102,500 budget for support of a wide range of Israeli projects. A cash target of \$5,102,500 was set up for the Israel Histadruth campaign and a \$5 million quota was set for the American Histadruth Development Foundation to be secured in the form of wills and bequests.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America is sponsoring a multi-media exhibition, "We want to Live" at the New York Cultural Center depicting the story of Youth Aliyah from the children rescued from Nazism in Israel. The exhibit which runs through Jan. 18, 1970, involves the use of drawings, photographs, poems, screen projections and records.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In an attempt to counter Israeli demands that RUSSIAN Jews be free to go to Israel, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda has published excerpts of letters from Soviet Jews who were dejected and unhappy after emigrating to the Jewish state. Observers noted that publication of such letters have been a common device used by Moscow to discourage Jews from applying for immigration to Israel.

NEW YORK, - The American Jewish Congress launched a nationwide petition campaign calling for action by the international aviation industry to punish any country that cooperates with air hijackers.

NEW YORK: A new Hilton Hotel will open in Jerusalem in 30 months time representing an investment of \$12.5 million.

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. - Catholic, Jewish and Protestant leaders on Long Island joined in a statement recommending that "no religious celebrations...be held in the public schools during the Christmas-Chanukah season, the Easter-Passover season, or other religious holidays." In a set of guidelines believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, the Long Island Interfaith Council urged officials of Nassau-Suffolk public schools to keep the schools "religiously neutral."

WASHINGTON, D. C.-- "The era of tokenism, of appeasing the non-public schools with left-over crumbs from the public educational table, must end as we enter the 70's", Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Isreal of America told a hearing of the House Education Subcommittee. Pointing to the "Major change in the public climate of acceptance of the non-public schools" since his first appearance before this congressional committee in 1960, the Orthodox leader told the hearing that they must "cease going through the motions of pacifying so-called 'pressure groups' and adopt legislative programs that will in a meaningful manner help defray the costs of the secular studies of the non-public schools."

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations affirmed the "right and obligation" of its campus directors to counsel students on "conscientious objection, selective conscientious objection and the draft."

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Jewish youth of America have been urged to break away from the aimlessness into which they have been cast due to the negligence and permissiveness of their parents, advised Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson. He told some 3,000 listeners, mostly young people, that "the time has arrived when Jewish youth can clearly identify themselves with the Torah-true way of life."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A week of record rains followed by gale-force winds and snowstorms has virtually paralyzed northern Israel, isolating scores of villages and causing millions of dollars worth of damage.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Jews throughout the world marked Holocaust Day with solemn ceremonies as they passed to honor the memory of the Six Million murdered by the Nazis during World War II.

BONN (WNS) -- Egypt has given up an attempt to build its own jet fighter and has dismissed about 60 German and Austrian engineers who have worked on the project since the mid 1950's.

NEW YORK -- Uri Romon of Kiryat Bialik (a suburb of Haifa) who came to New York in April, 1969, has joined the American Zionist Youth Foundation as coordinator of the shlichim to the Zionist youth movements.

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ed that direct talks between the parties involved in the crisis was the only answer that had not yet been tried.

Israeli spokesmen indicated that the "deterioration" view was particularly favored by the Arabs and their direct and indirect supporters among the Big Four, the Soviet Union and to a lesser degree, Great Britain and France. The alleged danger of all-out warfare only increases the pressure that the other nations place on the United States to support terms that would please the Arabs as the means to

prevent another major war. This pressure is also directed against Jerusalem to be "more reasonable" because Israel has the only item that can be offered in negotiations -- the occupied territories.

Two nation discussions between Washington and Moscow failed to result in terms that could be advanced to Israel and Egypt as the bases of ending their dispute. The Big Four are now reported to have added issues involving Jordan and Syria to their meetings. This was done at the behest of England and France, each of which had been the major European power in the two Arab states.

**GOLDA MEIR SETS NEW GOVERNMENT**

JERUSALEM (WNS) ---- Premier Golda Meir has put together a new Government and has received the backing of the key group -- the Israeli Labor Party -- with other elements indicating agreement.

Mrs. Meir was expected to present her new Cabinet to the Knesset for approval this week and political observers saw no reason why the new Government should not be formally established.

Gahal, the big winner in the national election, will gain six ministries as opposed to none in the previous Government. The ILP is to

have 14 ministries with the Mapai faction holding eight while the two alignment groups -- Rafai and Achdut Avodah retaining two each. The Nations Religious Party is to have three ministries.

The Key posts of Foreign Minister and Defense Minister are expected to be held by the Present officers. Abba Eban and Gen. Moshe Dayan, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon is to head the Ministry of Education while Pinhas Sapir is expected to head Finance Ministry, the post he held in the Eshkol government.

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