

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS)--A B'nai B'rith study has disclosed that the proportion of American Jewish youth who go to college may total as much as 95 percent, about twice the estimated national average. It also reported that 77 percent of Jewish youth attain college degrees.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Lebanon has revealed the hitherto secret provision of its agreement with the Arab-guerrilla leaders reached last November after fighting between the two sides. These terms list the terrorists as agreeing not to fire on Israeli targets from Lebanese territory, not to provide military training inside Palestinian refugee camps and not to establish bases in inhabited areas near the Lebanese-Israeli border.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--A Nablus military court hearing has revealed that Arab terrorists are learning Hebrew in order to pose as Israeli soldiers.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Only 3,200 of the 11,500 Jews who have left Poland have come to Israel, immigration officials have disclosed. One-third of the emigrants have gone to Scandinavian countries and the other third to Italy and are not expected to go to Israel. Emigration from France has increased rapidly because of anti-Israel sentiment.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Israeli officials have declined to comment on a Russian charge that South Africa was exporting 65-ton giant tanks armed with a heavy gun and designed like a new British tank to Israel. The reference was to the new Chieftain tank which Israel was interested in but which the British Government will not allow to be sold to Jerusalem. Britain is shipping Centurian tanks which had been purchased earlier.

NEW YORK (WNS)--The interest rate on State of Israel Bonds will not be increased, in spite of recent higher interest rates on American securities and bank deposits but Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir added he did not think this would affect the sale of bonds here. He also predicted decreases in American interest rates in the future.

LOS ANGELES: A group of forty religious new writers and editors left for Israel this week on a 10-day fact-finding tour sponsored by the Associated Church Press, the Catholic Press Association and the Religious News-writers Association in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

NEW YORK: A 35 million dollar capital expansion program for Bar-Ilan University, the only American university under religious sponsorship in Israel, was outlined by its chancellor, Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, at the University's 15th anniversary.

NEW YORK: Unless 1,000 tons of food a week are sent to Biafra during the next few weeks, the lives of two million people will be jeopardized, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, stated. "The conscience of mankind must demand that the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent people must not be sacrificed for the political and economic ambitions of foreign powers in their international chess game".

NEW YORK: The American Jewish Committee called upon President Nixon to approve the \$19.7 billion health and education appropriations bill that was passed by the Senate. The President had threatened to veto the bill as inflationary, Mervin H. Riseman, chairman of AJC's Domestic Affairs Committee, stated: "We share the President's concern regarding inflation. However, we should not resolve this serious problem at the expense of the health and education of the American people".

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith has urged President Nixon to reaffirm his "sound and prudent policy" -- stated in March 1969 before the United Nations -- that a Middle East peace settlement be attained by direct negotiations without prior conditions by third parties.

NEW YORK -- A seven week Archeology Seminar, which enables students to earn 6 credits at Tel Aviv University by attending 2 weeks of lectures and digging at Tel Beersheva in the Negev for 4 weeks, has been added to the 1970 summer programs of the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

NEW YORK -- 22 young American and Canadian students, ages 18 to 29, left for Israel Tuesday, January 27th, 1970 for a one year Sherut La'am service in Kibbutz Maayan Baruch in Northern Israel. This is the first group of Sherut La'am participants leaving for Israel this year and the number of participants is expected to exceed 250.

NEW YORK: Continuing its historic support of cultural and religious institutions in Israel, the Joint Distribution Committee will provide over \$800,000 in financial aid to more than 130 yeshivot in the Jewish State in 1970, it was announced by Samuel L. Haber, JDC Executive Vice-Chairman.

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age, 5 ground attack planes --the type ordered and paid for by Israel but embargoed under former President Charles de Gaulle, 30 Mirage III-E interceptors and 20 jets trainers. The advanced Mirages contain radar and other equipment that enables the plane to be used for all-weather and low-level flying. The trainers can also be used for reconnaissance missions.

Mr. Debre said that in return for the jets Libya had promised to stop aiding Arab rebels in neighboring Chad who are fighting the French-backed Black African Government. Libya also gave assurance concerning other neighboring nations, a reference to Tunisia which has become alarmed over the new military regime in Rabat.

French oil companies--Government owned--are now expected to receive oil development contracts from Rabat and an open war between these companies and the other oil firms, mainly

American and British, could result.

A French-Jewish periodical has suggested that the traditional prayer for the Government be changed to reflect Jewish chagrin over the Pompidou Government's anti-Israel stand. Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan said he agreed with the sentiments but could not support a change that would have the prayer read "resume her glorious position among the nations" rather than the present wording of "maintain her glorious position".

Three U.S. Congressmen in Paris to learn specifically France's Mideast policy said that after talks with Government leaders and opposition spokesmen they had the impression that France was becoming more and more pro-Arab.

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