

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**NEW YORK (WNS)** - Histadrut will hold two meetings to aid the fund-raising programs of the organization. The American Histadrut Development Foundation will meet Feb. 18 - in Miami while the annual mid-winter conference of the Israel Histadrut Campaign will be held Feb. 22 in New York.

**UNITED NATIONS (WNS)** - A number of non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations Economic and Social Council are upset over the debate and successful denial of similar status to the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations which represents the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the B'nai B'rith.

**UNITED NATIONS (WNS)** -- Israel has reasserted its opposition to any United Nations investigation concerning the human rights of Arabs in the occupied territories.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Keren Hayesod, which operates in 54 countries, has reported that Diaspora Jewry outside the United States is contributing funds at a rate approached the record amount donated during 1967 when the Six-Day War impelled precedent-setting giving. The United Jewish Appeal reported that American Jewry was also donating funds at a record rate.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has set up an urban affairs committee.

**UNITED NATIONS (WNS)** -- Israel has submitted to the United Nations the third appeal in recent weeks from Soviet Jews who want to be allowed to emigrate to Israel. It was signed by 25 residents of Moscow who declared that "we... wish to leave the Soviet Union for Israel in order to reunite there in our own land with our relatives."

**PARIS (WNS)** -- French officials, trying to stem internal anger over its arms dealing with the Arabs, has blamed Jerusalem for the continuation of the arms embargo against Israel. President Georges Pompidou was unhappy with the embargo he inherited from Former President Charles de Gaulle and he had planned to make changes in it. But everything changed on Christmas when Jerusalem spirited five gunboats out of France with the help of high officials.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- The Organization for Rehabilitation through Training has adopted a record \$19,173,000 budget for 1970, up \$1.5 million, with the increased finances earmarked for expanded educational activities in Israel, France, Iran, and India.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- Veteran Zionist leader, Dr. Harris J. Levine, will be honored by B'nai Zion, American Fraternal Zionist organization, at its 62nd annual Award Dinner, Feb. 15.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- The American College in Jerusalem, which was organized in 1968, reported that its current enrollment totals 145 students, double the number of its first year.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Israel marked the first anniversary this month of its contingent of girl soldiers who serve as policemen and patrol the streets.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- The Government has disclosed that Israel's trade deficit rose 27% last year to \$606 million, the largest ever recorded.

**WASHINGTON** -- The Nixon Administration was urged by a national conference of Jewish leaders to withdraw the State Department's "specific proposals" for a Middle East settlement "so that the Arab-Israeli negotiations which President Nixon has called for will indeed be undertaken without pre-conditions."

**NEW YORK, N.Y.** -- Avraham Frank, formerly director of the Israel Aliyah Center of the Jewish Agency in the U.S. and Canada, has been appointed executive director of the Israel office of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

**LOS ANGELES:** Revised version of the Negro Pilgrimage in America, now titled The Black Americans by C. Eric Lincoln, is now available through the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 590 No. Vermont, L.A., Cal., 90004.

**NEW YORK (LNS)** - Merkos L'Iyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Lubavitcher movement, has announced the publication of three new books written by Dr. Gerson Kranzler. They are two new volumes of 'Galuth Melodies' and an historical novel, 'The Broken Bracelet.'

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declared that "only a policy founded on principles of international morality over and above immediate interests will allow France truly to contribute to the bringing about of a negotiated peace in the Middle East."

In its analysis, the AJC report shows that the Coordinating Committee's statement followed widespread protest by newspapers, political parties, and leading personalities on French policy. The AJC study notes that "even those papers which favor present French policy, or say they comprehend it, attack the government in unusually sharp terms for its pretenses and faking on the matter, and are uncomfortable with France's new role of arms merchant to the world." The report adds that military sales make up 20 per cent of French exports.

Despite the Government attempts to justify the arms deal, the latest public opinion poll showed that 55 percent of those interrogated said that France should not sell arms to any Mideast country. Answering another related question, only 17 percent said they approved of the deal with Libya, 49 percent voiced disapproval and 34 percent had no opinion.

The arms deal is to be high on the agenda when President Pompidou visits President Nixon in Washington next month. Officials in Paris had no public reaction to President Nixon's statement in a press conference that Washington's concern over arms build-ups in the area was aggravated by France's sales of jets

to Libya.

(In London, the British Government was reported as leaning toward cancellation of a planned sales of 190 Chieftain heavy tanks to Libya because of the "politically intolerable" situation of aiding that Arab state after it had ordered the withdrawal of British forces and the closing of U.S. and British bases.)

(British officials have denied a charge by Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that they reneged on a deal to sell the Chieftain tanks to Israel. Gen. Dayan claimed that the negotiations had reached the point where British technicians had gone to Israel to discuss changes that Jerusalem wanted in the tanks. It was reported here that London backed out of this deal after Kuwait threatened to remove its funds from the Bank of London if the sale was made. Such a move would have endangered the pound.)

French officials regarded as unimportant a report from New York City that President Pompidou wouldn't receive any official welcome there. They said that the President visit to Washington was a working trip and only the meetings with President Nixon had any effect on French-American relations.

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## ARABS PRESSURE REDS FOR AIRCRAFT

Israeli military leaders were studying reports, denied by Egypt, that President Nasser made a quick, secret trip to Moscow to ask for advanced MIG-23 jets and Sukhoi bombers, the latter equipped with electronic aids for low-level bombing. Such equipment would enable Egypt to carry

out deep raids against Israel.

Western newsmen reported from Cairo that Egypt had been pressuring the Russian for aircraft to overcome the superiority of the French-made Mirages and the American - made Skyhawks and Phantoms.

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