

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

GENEVA -- The Joint Distribution Committee has given welfare and migration assistance to some 14,000 Jews from Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle-East who have sought temporary asylum in Western Europe in the two and one-half years since the Six-Day War, Samuel L. Harber, JDC Executive Vice-Chairman said on his arrival here at the JDC's overseas headquarters.

CAMDEN, N.J. - Michael Landon, of television fame, will be honored by the Greater Camden Jewish community and the State of Israel, at the 1970 Israel Ambassador's Ball on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., in the Adleman Auditorium of Beth El Synagogue, Cherry Hill, N.J., it was announced by Joseph Ostrov, general chairman of the current Israel Bond campaign in Camden County, and Leonard Wolf, chairman of the Ball which will highlight the drive.

NEW YORK - Fifty-four American undergraduate students left for Israel in order to participate in a one semester 15 credit study program at the Tel Aviv University and under the sponsorship of the University of Maryland, Tel Aviv University and the American Zionist Youth Foundation. This is the first fully accredited semester program sponsored by an American college at Tel Aviv University.

Harold Trobe, Joint Distribution Committee Director-General in Israel, will arrive in the United States on February 15 for a month-long tour of American Jewish communities, it was announced by Samuel L. Harber, JDC Executive Vice-Chairman. A veteran of more than twenty years of overseas service with the JDC, Mr. Trobe will report on recent developments in Israel and other areas of JDC operation.

NEW YORK - The Massadah Publishing Company, one of Israel's largest and oldest book publishers, has opened a permanent office and central book warehouse in New York. Shipments of Hebrew books have arrived from Israel and the Mediterranean Trading Co., Inc., which represents the Massadah house here, announced that it is prepared to fill orders immediately.

NEW YORK - Dr. Robert Gordis, a prominent scholar, author and teacher in the field of Jewish affairs, has been appointed editor of Judaism, a quarterly journal of Jewish religious life and though published by the American Jewish Congress.

NEW YORK - The American Jewish Committee applauded the recommendation made by the Justice and State Departments to President Nixon to seek ratification of the Genocide Convention, which the United States Senate has tabled for 21 years.

NEW YORK - Jews in the Soviet Union are resisting official pressures aimed at discouraging emigration from the country, a report by the Paris office of the American Jewish Committee indicates.

NEW YORK - An imposing array of Jewish organizations joined in urging Congress to repeal the so-called Emergency Detention Act.

NEW YORK - "The Parent-Aid Bill introduced by sixteen Republican and Democrat legislators in Albany last week represents the major attempt in New York to rectify the injustice of the double tax burden carried by the parents of children attending non-public schools, and deserves top priority", Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America, Orthodox Jewish organization, declared. The Parent-Aid Bill provides grants to parents of children in non-public elementary and high schools ranging from \$50 to \$250 per child, depending on family income.

NEW YORK - Thirteen American Zionist organizations participated in the formation of a new American Zionist Federation designed to strengthen Zionism in the United States through the creation of a functioning, unified central organization capable of acting in behalf of all Zionists in such areas as aliyah, youth, Jewish education, public information and internal Jewish communal affairs.

CINCINNATI, OHIO (LNS) -The City of Cincinnati, Ohio, will be host on Feb. 13 to the eighth annual mid-winter convention of Nshei Ubnos Chabad, the Lubavitcher Women's Organization.

NEW YORK - The Rabbinic concept that a fetus is "mere fluid" until 40 days after conception, and the belief that a baby is not a full person until birth, are major factors in the Jewish attitude toward abortion, according to Dr. Fred Rosner, Assistant Director of Hematology at Maimonides Medical Center, who presented the second in a series of three lectures on "Jewish Tradition and Current Issues in Medicinw" at the national headquarters building of the American Jewish Committee.

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aid, including some credit for military purchases.

Washington informants asserted that Premier Kosygin's note tipped the scale in Israel's favor although the general thinking in the Administration was to continue to supply Israel with military hardware. The Republican Administration didn't want to appear to be giving in to Soviet pressure against strong support in Congress from both sides of the aisle to provide Jerusalem with airplanes.

But the announcement was put off after the visit of French President Georges Pompidou and after the exchange of notes between Washington and Moscow so as to avoid political embarrassment for the three Big Powers.

U.S. officials described the Kosygin letter as "low-keyed" with its contents basically a reaffirmation of the Soviet position on the Mideast. Only the implied threat to send more arms to the Arabs was new.

A possible split between the U.S. and Britain on one side and France on the other was evident in the reported answers to the Russian note from London and Paris. The British Government made the same points as did the Nixon Administration. But the French Government ignored the suggestion of an arms limitation. The reason for this was fear of jeopardizing its recent arms deal with Libya. A meaningful limitation on military shipments could limit, if not end, this transaction. The Libyan jet affair will be discussed by President Nixon with President Pompidou when the French leader visits Washington next week.

The Arab states were reported to be opposed to a limitation on arms shipments because this would leave Israel with the mili-

tary advantage she now enjoys in better aircraft and a more rounded arsenal of weapons. In addition, Israel is technologically more able to produce its own armament that the Arab states and would suffer less, proportionately, under a halt to arms shipments. These factors are expected to result in the Soviet Unions rejecting the President's suggestion on arms control for the Mideast.

(Premier Golda Meir said she as "very pleased" with President Nixon's reply to the Soviets. "He's dotted the P's and crossed the T's, saying that it's either a cease-fire or it isn't," she said in a Tel Aviv interview with the New York Times.)

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(The Premier said that Israel was hopeful of easier financial terms for the ourchase of new planes from the U.S. But she said her nation could afford the most difficult financial terms, although it would mean a return to the austerity program of the 1950's when rationing and other measures were in effect. "We'll do that too, because the question is to live on austerity or not to live at all," she declared.)

(The Russian note, Mrs. Meir said, showed that President Nasser of Egypt had failed in his war of attrition against Israel and that Moscow had failed with him. The deep Israeli pene-

tration of Egypt had also brought home to the Egyptian people the full meaning of the war and that the Egyptian leader was a failure because he could not prevent Israeli military measures against troops along the Suez Canal or deep inside the Arab states.

(Western newsmen have reported from Cairo that Soviet airfreighters have been arriving at Egyptian military bases with advanced electronic equipment and anti-aircraft materiel. There were no sighs that the Russians have sent their high performance MIG-23 fighters and Sukhoi-9 attack bombers, two planes requested by Cairo.)

(Israeli officials in Jerusalem have speculated that Moscow will not send these weapons system and the SAM-III antiaircraft rockets to Egypt for fear that they would be captured by Israel and information on these highly-secret items be given to Western nations. Israel has made it a practice to obtain at least one sample of the weapons sent to Cairo by the Soviets. The information is used for its own defense planning and was believed to also be made available to the U.S.)

The general expectation in Washington was that Mr. Nixon will follow up his statement on deciding what, if any, additional arms Is-

rael needs by sending some of the items requested by Jerusalem. Items other than the Phantom and Skyhawk jets are expected to be approved but the fighters are the big question--and the weapons Israel wants most.

(Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said that a negative decision by the President would be bad but a positive answer, even in part, would have far-reaching political and military implications.)

(The Israeli Government has protested to London what it viewed as a decision by Britain to send Chieftain tanks to Libya while denying these weapons to Israel, Gen. Dayan noted that Israeli experts had helped improve the tank under an understanding that Israel would be able to buy the Chieftain. Now, he said, a declared enemy of Israel would get the benefit of these improvements but not Israel.)

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