

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS) - Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress and former head of the World Zionist Organization, has proposed the creation of "a neutralized Israel, outside the sphere of power politics" with boundaries and security guaranteed by the world community as the means to insure the Jewish State's survival.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) - The United Nations Commission on Human Rights by 12 - 0 vote with 17 absentions and three nations, including Israel, not voting at all, adopted a resolution condemning Israel for alleged violations of human rights in the occupied territories.

WASHINGTON (WNS) - The United States has acknowledged that it has held a secret meeting with the Soviet Union to set up the basis for the resumption of bilateral talks on the Mideast between the two nations. These discussions were to resume this week in Washington. At the same time, the Big Four have deferred further gatherings at the United Nations on the Mideast because of a lack of progress and to await the outcome of the two-nation discussions. Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the UN's special Mideast envoy, has resumed his post as Swedish Ambassador to Moscow after failing to find any basis for resuming his peace effort after talks with the Big Powers, Israel and Egypt.

NEW YORK (WNS) - The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, the nation's largest Federation, was considering a request advanced by a number of organizations and individuals, that the group provide additional funds for Jewish education. The Federation made its announcement after members of the Jewish Defense League staged a 90-minute sit-in at the office of the Federation's president George Heyman Jr., demanding more Federation support for Jewish education, funds to finance the league's "safety patrols," assistance to institutions threatened by violence and the "popular" election of Federation officials.

LONDON (WNS) - A new Soviet novel, IN THE NAME OF FATHER AND SON, reported to be a best seller in Russia after its introduction this month, depicts Leon Trotsky, an architect of the Russian Revolution and an ardent anti-Zionist, as a Zionist agent. The novel, released during the frenzied anti-Zionist and anti-Israel campaign by the Soviet Government, is filled with anti-Zionist statements as it fictionalizes life in a Moscow metallurgical plant.

BONN (WNS) - The National Democratic Party, West Germany's ultra-right, neo-Nazi grouping, lost in an election to the Hamburg parliament when it polled only 2.7 percent of the vote, a loss of 1.3 percent since the last local election.

BUCHAREST (WNS) - A conference here of delegates representing Rumania's 100,000 Jews was told that there are 183 synagogues and other Jewish institutions in the Communist state and that 1,000 persons, mostly students and other youths, attend courses in Jewish history. The East European state has nine kosher restaurants serving some 1,600 Jews with 7,000 persons, most of them elderly or sick, receiving communal aid via cash, food and clothing. Most Rumanian Jews maintain a kosher home, it was noted.

LONDON (WNS) - Two Chieftain tanks lent to Israel for study and modified for desert fighting by the Israelis has been repossessed by the British Government. Israel has been eager to buy the tanks, the heaviest and most powerful in the British armory, to offset heavy Soviet armor being used by the Egyptian army but the British Foreign Office has refused to approve the sale. London is considering selling the modified tanks to Libya.

PARIS (WNS) - France's Grand Rabbi, Dr. Jacob Kaplan, has reasserted the right of French Jews "as free and equal citizens" to express political opinions on any subject and "to have moral and religious links with other Jews wherever they may be." He noted that French Jews "together with the overwhelming majority of France's citizens feel that the current French policy of supplying planes and arms to Libya jeopardizes Israel's very existence."

NEW YORK: Four graduate students taking advanced courses in social work and sociology under scholarships granted by the Joint Distribution Committee, have had their scholarships renewed for the 1969/1970 academic year.

NEW YORK: The National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy has received an official communication from the director of the Selective Service System announcing that all draft boards have been requested to give "favorable consideration, wherever possible," to requests of registrants of the Jewish faith for postponements of physical examination or induction into the Armed Forces during Passover.

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