

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS)--The 130 delegates attending the 16th congress of the American Reform Educators Conference here, adopted resolutions to place Israel at the center of its educational activities.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--An Israeli soldier, Sergeant Roni David Alexander, 20, was killed and five other soldiers wounded when Israeli troops raided three miles inside Lebanon to blow up terrorist bases in Yaater village, the Syrian-sponsored Saifqa guerrillas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

NEW YORK (WNS)--The World Medical Association has refused to take action to aid 18 Riga doctors and nurses to emigrate to Israel.

WESTFIELD, N.J. (WNS)--The Jewish Community Council has established an "Israeli subsidy program" to encourage every Jewish high school student in town to visit Israel. Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff of this town's Temple Emanuel-El said the subsidies will prepare the next generation to meet its responsibilities to Israel.

LONDON (WNS)--Reports reaching here say a Jewish woman, Esther Mostkova, 46, was arrested in Moscow outside the courtroom when the appeal of the Leningrad II was being heard.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Twenty-four professors from 17 universities in the U. S. participated in a five day seminar at the Hebrew University dealing with Jewish thought, religion, politics and society. The seminar was sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and the Hebrew University.

LONDON (WNS)--Igor Borisovich Borisov, 28, was sentenced to three years in a labor camp for "hooliganism." Borisov had sought permission for his wife and himself to emigrate to Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Student leaders from B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations throughout the country are attending a special ten-day Hillel-UJA spring student appeals. They will tour the country from the Golan Heights to the Sinai and get a first-hand view of Israel's economic, social, educational and immigrant absorption problems.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Three hundred and fifty Israeli educators, social workers, supervisors, psychologists and sociologists attended a two-day conference on "Opportunities for the Disadvantaged: A Social and Educational Challenge" at the Hebrew University.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Thirty-seven residents of Arab countries have been granted permission to enter Israel to be reunited with their families who live in Tulkarem, Nablus, Bethlehem, Jenin and Ramallah.

HAIFA (WNS)--Dr. James Howard Higbie, 26, of Washington, D.C. has been selected as the first recipient of the Fischbach-Brandeis Fellowship inaugurating a fellowship exchange program between graduates of Brandeis University and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

SANTA BARBARA (WNS)--Fifteen Jewish scholars and theologians have participated for the first time in a meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. Rabbi Samson H. Levey, Professor of Rabbinics and Jewish Religious Thought and Director of Graduate Studies at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, presented a paper on "The Messiah and the Messianic Era: Jewish and Christian."

NEW YORK--"Zanek!" is the Hebrew command to Israeli fighter pilots meaning "Go!" "Jump take-off!" or "Scramble!" ZANEKI, to be published by The Viking Press on January 26 (\$8.50), is a compassionate portrait of young people, who, as William Stevenson writes, represent "in microcosm what all men profess to seek: a community of all kinds of individuals from all quarters of the earth, united."

RUSSIANS RENEG ON LETTING JEWS OUT

NEW YORK--The American Jewish Committee made public a poignant plea by a 70-year-old woman pediatrician who lives on a kibbutz in Israel, in which she asks Soviet authorities for the 28th time to allow her sick daughter, the latter's ill husband and their two children to leave Russia and to join her in Israel.

In releasing the document, Philip E. Hoffman, President of the American Jewish Committee, pointed out that the denial of permission for this family to be reunited was in direct contradiction of the pledge of Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, made in Paris in December, 1966. Mr. Hoffman quoted the flat assertion of the Premier at that time that "with respect to reunions of families, if some families want to meet, or if they want to leave the Soviet Union, then the road is open and no problems exist in this respect."

Mr. Hoffman added that this case, though particularly heart-rending, was unfortunately typical of hundreds of similar pleas that had gone unanswered. "The Soviet Union is continuing not only to

break the unequivocal pledge of its Premier in keeping Jews in Russia against their will, but is exploiting their presence to foment a vast anti-Semitic campaign for its own political purposes," Mr. Hoffman declared.

The pediatrician, Dr. Fruma Gurwich, who survived the Nazi occupation of Kaunas, Lithuania and who now lives in Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot ("Fighters of the Ghettos"), said that her daughter and her family had been refused permission for the last four years by Soviet authorities to leave Kaunas, where they live, for Israel. Dr. Gurwich, in her public appeal, pointed out that both her daughter, Etta Levitan, 38, and her son-in-law, Imanuil Levitan, 42, are ill. "The husband has spinal tuberculosis, and my daughter had an abdominal operation some time ago, and needs regular medical care," she stated.

Dr. Gurwich listed in her plea the many attempts she has made to Soviet authorities seeking permission for her daughter and her family to leave. "Still believing that the refusal of the Soviet Government is perhaps a

misunderstanding or even a mistake, I addressed 27 requests for help to different addresses but no answer has been received...I still wish to hope that our dream be fulfilled and I am waiting that my daughter, her husband and their children join us in the near future. This is the only wish I have in my life, the life of a 70-year-old mother. Please do your utmost to help us."

Founded in 1906, the American Jewish Committee is this country's pioneer human relations organization.

CZECH PURGE OF 50'S FEARED

NEW YORK (WNS)--The American Jewish Committee reported that Czech Jews fear a repetition of the purges of the 1950's which resulted in the death of Jewish Czech Communist leaders.

AJ Committee President Philip E. Hoffman reported that the Czech radio was broadcasting themes reminiscent of the forged "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and that Jews were being blamed for many of the failures of the socialist countries and their allies.

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