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MONTREAL (WNS) -- More than 3,000 Montreal Jews, better than half of them students, demonstrated outside the Soviet Consulate on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- More than 350 dancers in 16 Israeli folk dance groups participated in two performances of the 20th annual Israel Dance Festival sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Council.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- One Israeli laborer was killed and two others were injured when a truck carrying 33 workers hit a mine near Maalot township.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Sgt. Yair Dori, an Israeli soldier who was severely wounded and captured by an Egyptian commando raid across the Suez Canal last May, was returned to Israel through the auspices of the International Red

MEXICO CITY (WNS) -- Thousands of Mexican Jews thronged the Kehillah Communal Center to hear Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban say that Israel hoped for a peaceful solution of the Middle East impasse.

LONDON (WNS) -- Reports reaching state that Soviet authorities are arresting some Jewish activists and issuing or promising exit visas to others to ensure a peaceful Moscow during the 24th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union which opens in Moscow on Tuesday.

THE BRONX, N.Y. (WNS)--Authorities at Co-Op City, the world's largest housing cooperative, have responded favorably to a petition signed by 500 residents to provide space for an Orthodox synagogue. Forty thousand of the Co-Op's 60,000 residents are Jewish. There are no synagogues near Co-Op City.

BONN (WNS) -- As Axel Springer, a leading West German publisher, called for a renewed effort by the German government, industry and other elements in the country to support the Jewish people and Israel, government spokesman Konrad Ahlers, after a Cabinet meeting said that the German government wants to improve its relations with the Arab states, but will not do so at the expense of its relations with Israel.

PARIS (WNS) -- Egypt's Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad met with President Georges Pompidou and later with Netherlands Foreign Minister Dr. Joseph Luns, who is in Paris. Riad told newsmen that Egypt was willing to enter into a peace agreement with brael in exchange for Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli authorities have notified a French publisher that he can display books hostile to Israel at the International Book Fair which opens here April 19. The publisher had been prohibited from showing books hostile to Egypt at a recent fair held in Cairo,

MONTREAL (WNS) -- The Quebec National Assembly passed a bill that gives 40,000 Montreal Jews the right to vote in Protestant school board elections.

NASHVILLE (WNS) -- Reform Rabbi Randall M. Falk, in an editorial in The Observer, local Jewish weekly, reported that 80 percent of this city's Jewish youth "have had some personal experience with drug usage," from a "single experimental sampling to regular usage, from marijuana to LSD."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel complained to the United Nations Truce Observation Organization that Egyptian gunners have fired across the Suez Canal. The fire was not returned.

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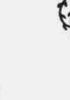


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