

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

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NEW YORK--Every third Israeli aged 65 and over is living "either in poverty or on its edge," Dr. Israel Katz, Director of the National Insurance Institute, reported to the representatives of the Tel Aviv Council for the Aged at its organization meeting earlier this year.

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Students from B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations at campuses throughout the country have proclaimed Tuesday, May 11, as a national day of Solidarity and Fast for Soviet Jewry.

WASHINGTON--B'nai B'rith announced this week selection of Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement and one of the twentieth century's most brilliant and challenging Jewish scholars, as the first recipient of its \$1500 Harold Weisberg Memorial Award in Jewish Thought.

WASHINGTON--B'nai B'rith has issued a first-day stamp cover honoring Dr. Alexander S. Wiener, co-discoverer of the Rh factor in blood grouping. It may be ordered from the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Exhibit Hall, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Orders should include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

LOS ANGELES--Over 200 students picketed outside the Wilshire store of May Company after it was learned that May Company had leased concessions to a travel agency which was prolificly selling tours to the Soviet Union.

NEW YORK--Who really makes the decisions for the local Jewish Community, and how this process takes place will be probed in depth at a two-part session that will highlight the program of the 1971 annual conference of the Association of Jewish Community Center Workers, at Grossinger's Hotel, N.Y., June 6-9.

LONDON (WNS)--After 10 days, the 24th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union came to a close with no clue to future Soviet Policy on Jewish emigration.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--The opening of an agricultural fair here was used as an example of what Arab-Israeli cooperation can do to benefit Arab farmers. The fair, jointly sponsored by Jericho's Mayor Sheikh Salah Abdi and the farm department of the West Bank Military government, was attended by some 5,000 Arabs from the West Bank, Arab notables and representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Military Government.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Thirty MK's have signed a petition that will recall the Knesset from its spring recess to a special session to discuss the plight of Iraq's Jews.

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BRIARE FAMILY A CREDIT TO LAS VEGAS



FULLBACK BILL

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PROUD PARENTS FLANKED BY LINDA, LEFT, AND YOUNG BILL, STANDING BEHIND TINY TIM, THE TWINS JIM AND BOB, AND DON,

re-election, but to go on to the next step, that of mayor, his present goal.

At this time we pause to reprint a portion of a story on Bill that appeared in the Jan. 1st issue of the Israelite:

Briare's civic activities almost defy description and listing: He has been Pres. of the Las Vegas 20/30 Club, 1956-1960; Charter Pres. of Sertoma Club, 1959; State Pres. Young Democrats of Nev. 1959; Pres. Catholic Youth Organization, 60-61; elected Assemblyman of the Nev. St. Legislature, 1960-62; elected Commissioner, Bd. of Co. Commissioners, 1962-1966 and re-elected to same Board 1966-1970; Chairman of the Clark Co. Commissioners, 1966; Trustee, Southern Nev. Memorial Hospital, 1962; State Pres. of Nev. Assn. of Co. Commissioners, 1966-67; Chairman, Civil Defense Agency, 1966-67; Pres. Nev. Catholic Welfare, 1967-68; Director Clark Co. Sanitation Dist., 1966; Chairman March of Dimes, 1961; Member Knights of Columbus, 1960; Dir. Far West Region-Nat. Assn. County Officers, 1967-68; 2nd Vice Pres. Nat. Assn. of Co. Officials, Western Region; Board Member Nat. Conf. of Christians and Jews, Inc., Director Desert Water District; Member "Grand 100" Nev. Southern Univ; Exec. Board Member Boy Scouts of America, 1967; Chmn. Nev. Catholic Bishop's Appeal 1969, and Pres. Western Region (13 states) Nat. Assn. of Co. Officials 1969-1970.

A partial list of awards, decorations and citations given Briare include: Nat. Achievement Sertoma International 1960; also in 1961; Distinguished Service Award Las Vegas Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1960; Young man of the Year Award, Las Vegas Jr. -C of C, 1960; Nev. State Young Man of the Year Award, Nev. JC's 1960; Aide de Camp to Governor of New Mexico, 1964, Col. on the staff of the Governor of Kentucky, 1963; Honorary Member of United States Air Force Wide World Blue, 1965; Outstanding Civic Leaders of America, 1967; New York Blue Book Social Register, 1962; and the American Catholic Who's Who. He has published a paper on "Automobile Junkyards" (indexed, Library of Congress, National Congress on Outdoor Recreation and Natural Beauty 1966. He was national Co-Chairman National Assn. of County Officials Health and Education Committee and has been a keynote speaker for many conventions on a variety of themes.

Bill still finds time, believe it or not, to fish, raise horses, study political science and delve into photography. He is an exemplary Catholic, a Democrat, and a perfect father to a wonderful family.

Bill came from San Francisco, where his prowess as star fullback with St. Ignatious

High won him a scholarship to the University of San Francisco. The college team was undefeated, with ten members going on to play pro ball. But Bill took his Business Administration degree and became one of the youngest head buyers for Macy's in the men's furnishing department.

It was at Macy's Bill met Jo Messmer, working in the mail order department. Like most working girls, she despised the man with the white carnation and superior attitude. But love found its level and it wasn't long before they were engaged, while Bill still attended college. In June, 1953 they took the vows in her home town, Salem, Oregon.

Bill's late mother, Ruth, and his dad, Bill, are native San Franciscans, and our Bill's stories of the 1906 earthquake, related to him by parents who were there, are factual and dynamic. One older brother, Vince, is head school counselor at Santa Clara.

The six Briare children, Linda 17, Bill 14, Don 12, Jim and Bob (twins) 9 and Tim 5, are as proud as can be of their dad.

As usual, Bill has his feet on the ground and is well aware of what and where he is about in his quest for the mayoralty. He believes in the commercial and cultural development of Fremont Street. He advocates changes to make it a well-balanced area. While he recognizes the importance of the gambling industry, Briare maintains that other businesses in the area should make their shops attractive for locals and consider the tourists a bonus. Good reasoning.

Bill says, as mayor he will favor the young in any appointments under consideration. He believes in building for the future and wants the strongest, most energetic team on his side in the operation of our fair city.

36 Iraqi Jews detained
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to the government as a deposit," Amnesty International reported. However, the organization said, several hundred Jews have illegally crossed the border into Iran, most of them continued on to Israel, and the remainder to other countries where they had relatives.

The organization reported that Iraqi's Jewish community of

2,500 "lives in fear and suffers extreme economic pressure. It is very hard for them to obtain licenses to practice their professions or run their businesses. There are only a few Jewish shops left for show. A majority of the Jewish population is unemployed."

Amnesty International said that within six weeks it would send a mission to Iraq to look into the situation.

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