

**JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

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NEW YORK--Prominent civic and business leaders from throughout the nation paid tribute to George A. Spater, president and chairman of the board of American Airlines, Inc. at a testimonial dinner at which he received the 1971 Interfaith Achievement Award of the American Jewish Committee.

NEW YORK--The 155th annual meeting of the American Bible Society, will be held on Thursday, May 13, in New York City.

LOS ANGELES--The Heritage Press and its Editor-Publisher, Herb Brin, have been selected to receive a special Communications Award from the Pacific Southwest Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Hon. Robert Feinerman, Board President, announced. The Presentation of the award will be made at the Board's 23rd Annual Meeting on May 16.

LOS ANGELES--Leaders of the Soviet Jewry movement in this area announced that over 250,000 greeting cards were distributed and mailed from the USA and Canada to a selected list of Soviet Jews in the period starting on February 25 of this year. Over 400 of the 812 addressees were given exit permits during the last 6 weeks and are now in Israel.

IRAN: A special education program for "slow learners" introduced by the Joint Distribution Committee in two Jewish schools in Tehran has enjoyed exceptional success it was reported by Morris Rombro, JDC Director for Iran.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Reform and Conservative rabbis in the tri-state area have agreed to develop a joint Jewish education program aimed at attracting young people to the synagogue and Jewish life.

NEW YORK--Edward D. Moldover, a partner in the law firm of Moldover, Hauser and Strauss, was re-elected for a third one-year term as President of the New York City Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

NEW YORK--The most intensive study program for adults in Hebrew in this country is offered for this coming summer by Herzliah-Jewish Teachers Seminary. Such a program is currently available only in Hebrew ulpanim in Israel. The cost of the full study program is \$300. For registration and further information contact Herzliah-Jewish Teachers Seminary, 69 Bank Street, New York, N.Y. 10014.

NEW YORK--Mordechai Bar-On, head of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem, arrived here for a one-week visit to meet with members of the Board of Trustees of the American Zionist Youth Foundation, American Jewish youth leaders, and educators.

NEW YORK--Israel's first graduate program in music education will be initiated this summer by the Division of Music Education of the New York University School of Education, in cooperation with the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem.

NEW YORK--A group of more than 100 persons consisting mainly of professionals, businessmen and their families departed on the S.S. Anna Maria to settle in Israel. "This sailing launches the heavy Aliyah season as we know it," said Col. Nachum Golan, National Director of the Israel Aliyah Center. There will be groups going on Aliyah by ship in May, June, July, August, September and October. Some of these departures will be carrying over 400 Olim."

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Israel's self-styled Black Panthers charged the police with brutality after they were repulsed in an attempt to storm Jerusalem district police headquarters in an effort to free 20 Panthers who had been arrested after they had turned an annual folklore gathering of North African immigrants into a shambles.

**ARAB FEDERATION VIEWED**

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan told the Tel Aviv Journalists Association that the Arab Federation of Egypt, Libya and Syria posed no new threat to Israel and "did not necessarily" mean the end of attempts to reach an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal. But, he said, pending a peace settlement, the Canal must remain under Israel's control.

Dayan stated that in the absence of a peace settlement, Israel was taking steps to consolidate its hold on the occupied territories. He revealed that more settlements were to be established in the Golan Heights and steps were being taken to integrate them into an integral part of Israel. Also, he added, the West Bank is being secured as a place where "Jews and Israelis" can live in security.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Authoritative Israeli sources viewed the announced Arab Federation of Egypt, Syria and Libya as "virtually killing" whatever chances had existed for reaching an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal. They believe that Egypt, by the terms of the Federation, has restricted its freedom to enter such an agreement.

The sources noted that in announcing the Federation, which was agreed to after three days of around-the-clock meetings, Egypt's President Anwar Sadat said he agreed "never to yield an inch of Arab territory to Israel, never to negotiate with

Israel and never to bargain on the rights of the Palestinian refugees."

A further obstacle to reopening the Canal was the agreement reportedly reached by the Soviet Union and Egypt that the reopening of the Canal could be regarded only as a prelude to a "comprehensive settlement" on the basis of Security Council Resolution 242, which Egypt and the USSR interpret as calling for Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories.

Israel, meanwhile, feels that the reopening of the Canal is not vital to her interests and is determined that she will "not pay a price" in order to make a concession to her enemies.

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**GRAND MUFTI INVITED TO JORDAN**

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Israeli Jews and Arabs have expressed astonishment at reports that Haj Amin el Hussein, the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, will go to Amman at the invitation of King Hussein. The Mufti was responsible for the assassination of Hussein's grandfather, King Abdullah, in 1951. The reports have come from travelers, some of them considered reliable, returning to Israel from Jordan.

The former Grand Mufti is hated by both Jews and Arabs. The

Jews hate him for the instigation of bloody anti-Jewish rioting in Palestine in 1929 and 1936, and for his collaboration with Hitler in World War II. The Arabs hate him for his responsibility in promoting factionalism in their ranks which continues to this day.

But some sources say that Hussein may be planning to use el Hussein to discredit El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat among those extremists who still admire the former Grand Mufti.

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