

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

(DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH EXTRA COLUMNS OF IMPORTANT NEWS BRIEFS WHICH ARE ACCUMULATING. HOPE YOU LIKE.)

NEW YORK (WNS)--Leo Bernstein, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization announced that Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon in a one-week "whirlwind" coast-to-coast tour in the closing days of June had raised \$5.5 million for Israel Bonds.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Niel Rothenberg, international coordinator of the Jewish Defense League, told a press conference the JDL will open an Israeli office that will take charge of the League's international activities.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Hersch Smollar, a former communist and confidant of Polish communist government officials, who had been the editor-in-chief of the Warsaw Jewish Volkstimme, arrived in Israel aboard the ship "Dan" as one of a group of 110 immigrants from Europe.

NEW YORK--Leading American and Israeli intellectuals, public officials and communal leaders will explore "Contemporary Jewry as a Minority in America and Majority in Israel" at the ninth annual American-Israel Dialogue, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, August 1 to 4 at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovoth, Israel.

WALTHAM, MASS.--The American Jewish Historical Society announces the publication of RABBIS AT WAR: THE CANRA STORY by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein. A history of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board, the volume deals with the Second World War and the response of the organized rabbinate to that conflict's demands.

JFK INTERNATIONAL--Sixty-five students, representing 49 campuses and 43 communities from across the United States, departed as members of the fifth University Students Mission to Israel, organized by the Student Coordinating Committee for the Israel Emergency Fund in conjunction with the United Jewish Appeal.

NEW YORK--Examples of a little known Hebrew art form, the occasional poem, are on exhibit for the summer months in the main lobby of The Jewish Theological Seminary, 3080 Broadway (at 122nd Street) New York, N.Y. The poems were written for weddings, dedications, and other special events, and typically, were printed on a single sheet, often beautifully illuminated, for distribution to those present for the occasion. The 14 pages on exhibit were selected from hundreds of such poems in the collection of the Seminary library. A second exhibition, of autographs of famous men, has been arranged in the reading room of the Seminary library, where it will remain throughout the summer. Included are autographs of Bible and Talmud scholars, of Zionists, statesmen, authors and scientists. The earliest autograph in the group is that of Moses ben Maimon, who lived in the 12th century; the most recent, that of Eleanor Roosevelt. All of the autographs come from letters and books in the library's collection.

NEW YORK--The U.S. State Department informed the American Jewish Congress that it recognized Soviet Jews as a national group within the Soviet Union--but would not institute Voice of America broadcasts to them in Yiddish or Hebrew "at this time."

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Military spokesmen reported representatives of the International Red Cross have visited the 11 Israelis held as prisoners of war in Egypt and received no complaints of ill treatment.

GENEVA (WNS) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, founder and chairman of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COLJO) for the past 13 years, retired at the Plenary meeting of the organization and was succeeded by his co-chairman, Dr. William Wexler of Savannah, Ga.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Rabbi Menachem M. Schneersohn, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, has accused the Israeli Government of violating halacha (religious law) by permitting non-Jews to enter Israel as Jews on the basis of documents attesting to their Jewishness without regard to the authenticity of the documents and their sources of origin.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--In an agreement aimed at ending rock throwing and disturbances between Orthodox Jews and non-religious youths, the Egged Bus Cooperative has agreed not to open the Jerusalem Bus Terminal until the end of Shabbos.

NEW YORK--Sixty orthodox Jewish families from New York and other communities have organized themselves for the purpose of settling together in Israel and investing jointly in an Israeli economic venture, it was announced by Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The group, calling itself "Garin Hashavim," is sponsored and coordinated by the UOJCA Joint Aliyah Committee, of which Emanuel Gruss and Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld are co-chairmen.

REHOVOT (WNS)--One hundred and thirty outstanding science majors from universities in Israel and nine other countries are spending the summer studying in the laboratories of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

WASHINGTON (WNS)--Senator George McGovern, South Dakota Democrat, an announced candidate for the Presidency in 1972, has said that America should scrutinize all Israeli requests for arms. He said he did not want to repeal the Jackson Amendment of last year's Foreign Military Sales Act which authorized the President to grant as much military sales credit to Israel as he deems necessary. But, he added, "we don't want to give anyone a blank check on the U.S. Treasury."

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Suggestions that immigration be slowed so that scarce resources can be devoted to meeting Israel's growing social and poverty problems have been rejected by Immigration Minister Natan Peled.

VOICE OF YIDDISH

WASHINGTON (WNS)--Three Jewish community leaders met with four of the five member United States Information Agency Advisory Group in an attempt to win approval for Voice of American Yiddish Broadcasts to Soviet Jewry. Observers believe their appeal would be rejected if only on budgetary grounds.

Urging the Advisory Group to approve Yiddish broadcasts were Daniel Greer, First Deputy Commissioner of Ports and Terminals in New York City, Jack C. Bendheim, a businessman active in the Center for Russian Jewry, and Dr. Harvey Lieber, a political science professor in Washington.

Greer refuted statements by USIA director Frank Shakespeare that the VOA would need additional transmitters to broadcast in Yiddish, introducing evidence to show that some VOA transmitters were unused during "significant periods of time."

"This is the second chance of the U.S. government to save Jewry, this time from cultural genocide, after failing to save Jews from the holocaust of World War II," Greer said.

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NEW YORK--More than 2,500 delegates, representing 320,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico will attend the 57th National Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, August 22-25 at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel in Cleveland.

NEW YORK--Jacques Reiss has been appointed director of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) Armed Services Center in Balboa, the Panama Canal Zone, it was jointly announced here by Herbert Millman, executive vice-president of JWB, and Melvin Bierman, chairman of the Center's Committee of Management.

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