

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

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MONTREAL (WNS)--Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 13, for Samuel Bronfman, the Canadian-born industrialist, philanthropist, member of the company of Canada and head of the world's largest distillery.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--The terrorist rocket attack on Petach Tikvah Wednesday, July 7 claimed two more victims Sunday, July 11, both elderly women 69 and 70 years old, who were injured when a Katyusha rocket scored a direct hit on their ward in the Beth Rivka Hospital, an institution for the chronically ill. A 71 year old female patient at the hospital was killed instantly during the attack as was a five year old girl whose home was struck by a rocket.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--The first visit to Israel by an incumbent West German Foreign Minister ended Saturday, July 10, when Walter Scheel returned to Bonn after a four-day stay during which he stated that "The Federal Republic does not believe that a total withdrawal of Israel from all occupied territories is a pre-requisite of peace in the region."

GENEVA (WNS)--The World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) wound up its three-day plenary meeting here with the adoption of one resolution pledging full support for Israel "in its struggle for a just and lasting peace" and another declaring its unbreakable brotherly solidarity with the Jews of the Soviet Union."

WOODBURNE, N.N. (WNS)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, said Sunday, July 11, that "JDL will not be turning in any illegal weapons because we have none." He said JDL has "quite a few guns" at its camp Jedel here, but that all were "registered and legal."

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan voiced concern that Israel's best friend, the U.S., does not regard its security with sufficient urgency. Dayan charged that Egyptian pressure on the U.S. was preventing Israel from getting the combat aircraft it needed. He said such withholding of American supplies from Israel while Russia continued to supply all of Egypt's military needs was a barrier to negotiations for a peace settlement.

LOS ANGELES--The passage by Congress of two bills which would authorize the Voice of America to include Yiddish and Hebrew in the foreign language programs now beamed to the Soviet Union is being urged by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

NEW YORK--The first Orthodox Aliyah Exposition to be held in Israel for orthodox Jewish tourists and students will take place in Jerusalem in August, as announced by Emanuel Gruss and Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, Co-Chairmen of the joint Aliyah Committee of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The "Orthodox Aliyah Expo," as it is called, will be held on August 1 - 4 at Hechal Shlomo.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The United States must maintain the military balance of power in the Middle East by continuing the delivery of Phantom jets to Israel, Indiana Senator Birch Bayh declared.

WALTHAM, MASS.--A lecturer in Yiddish literature at Brandeis University, Joshua Rothenberg, a leading authority on religion in the U.S.S.R., says: "A survey of the treatment accorded to the recognized religions of the Soviet Union clearly demonstrates that the Jewish religion has been singled out for intensive suppression by the Soviet authorities, who are making a determined effort to eradicate all traces of Jewish consciousness."

NEW YORK (WNS)--Max Ratner, Cleveland industrialist, has been re-elected president of the American Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Philip Opher has been appointed executive director of the Chamber.

REPORTS ON MID EAST TOLD HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON (WNS)--James E. Akins, State Department director of fuels and energy, told the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Near East affairs that strong U.S. support of Israel encouraged revolutions against existing Arab regimes in the Middle East. Akins said the Soviets were interested in the Middle East to be able to deny oil to America's allies. In other testimony, Dr. George Rentz, a Middle East expert of the University of California at Berkeley said the U.S. should withdraw its small naval detachment from the Persian Gulf area and urged an "even-handed policy" in the Middle East.

Two experts testified they did not favor the creation of a Palestinian State. Dr. Paul A. Jureidini of the American Institute for Research in Dentington, Md., said he favored a plebiscite among West Bank Arabs to see "what kind of country they want." Dr. Amos Perlmutter of the Center for International Affairs of Harvard said that there was "no room for a third state."

The Committee heard differing testimony on the value of reopening the Suez Canal.

BEN COHENS
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Surcliff, who is blind, is one of two persons who prepares blind Jewish boys for Bar Mitzvah.

Mrs. Cohen owns two Perkins Braille machines, one here and one in New York, so that every available free moment can be devoted to her noble task. While others come to Vegas to gamble, see shows, swim, go boating or other forms of enjoyment, and rightly so, Mrs. Cohen could have been spotted under the olive tree near the Desert Inn pool. That was and will be her relaxation, pounding away at the Braille, so that others could be more comfortable in a less comfortable world.

That is the end of our story, except for one more item.


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