JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK--Orthodox Jews from twenty-seven countries will participate in the Second World Conference of National Synagogue Organizations and Religious Councils in Jerusalem on January 9-12, 1972, it has been announced by Rabbi Joseph Karasick, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

EIN KAREM, JERUSALEM -- Hadassah Hospital Women Volunteers, YA'AL, said farewell to Mrs. Edwin Kenley, the wife of the Administrator of the Anglican Church Property in Jerusalem, who has been transferred to Cyprus.

NEW YORK--Dr. Emanuel Neumann, retiring veteran American Zionist leader, was honored at a dinner given in his honor marking the conclusion of his 25th year as member of the Executive of the WZO and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

NEW YORK--Construction of a new workshop for the blind was begun last month in Ashdod, Israel's growing southern port city, it was announced this week by Samuel L. Haber, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

NEW YORK--Almost 70 per cent of Israelis feel that a general wage increase in that country is justified now, in spite of the country's high defense costs and difficult economic situation, according to a recent survey of Israeli attitudes by Public Opinion Research of Israel Ltd., the results of which are being released in the United States by the American Jewish Committee.

NEW YORK--A national organization of "The American Friends of Haifa University" was formally inaugurated, as State Comptroller, Arthur Levitt, was officially installed as Honorary President, by the Chairman of The Board of Governors of Haifa University, Mr. Charles J. Bensley.

TRENTON--In a significant decision, the Supreme Court of New Jersey has ruled unanimously that the lending of state funds to church-controlled colleges is subject to the same constitutional restrictions as outright grants to such sectarian institutions.

NEW YORK--Jacob Stein, President of the United Synagogue of America, has sharply refuted statements by Dr. Joachim Prinz criticizing the leadership of the American Jewish community as "visibly false" and "totally unfounded."

NEW YORK--Nine National Orthodox Jewish Organizations joined in expressing their appreciation to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and to its president, Max M. Fisher, "for the important breakthrough with regard to the Hebrew Day School that occurred at the Pittsburgh General Assembly."

ISTANBUL (WNS)--Two members of the extreme left-wing Turkish Peoples Liberation Army, which is believed to have close ties with Palestinian terrorist groups, have been sentenced to death by a military court for their part in the kidnap-murder of Israeli Consul General Ephraim Elrom last May 22.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Charging that some Jewish community agencies are "disturbingly unresponsive to the needs of large constituencies of Jews," 50 Jewish community leaders met and launched a new national organization --the Jewish Community Security Council. Dr. Jacob Neusner was elected chairman and Dr. Seymour Siegel of the Jewish Theological Seminary was elected president.

NEW YORK (WNS)--The Joint Distribution Committee will allocate nearly $1 million to provide financial aid to 145 Israeli yeshivot and special research and scholarship programs in 1972.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Jacob Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, said new settlements will be built on the Golan Heights, in the Gaza Strip between Gaza and El Arish and in the Araba.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Most American historians lack genuine "historical consciousness" of the Holocaust, possibly because they consider that the "primary significance of the Holocaust lies in Jewish history and, as such, is parochial in nature," Dr. Gerd Korman, professor of history at Cornell University, said at a special conference on the Holocaust sponsored by the American History Association and co-sponsored by the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and the Conference Group for Social and Administrative History.

Korman said the lack was transmitted to the scholarly works and textbooks being written on the 20th century. He indicated that with few exceptions, the only historians dealing "seriously and intensively" with the Holocaust are those whose "primary professional preoccupation is Jewish history" and the majority of American historians seem "unaware" of these writings, he added.

Dr. Raul Hilberg of the University of Vermont presented a paper on the Mobile Murder Squads which accompanied the German army into Russia in 1941 and were responsible for shooting Jews, Communists and other "undesirables." He said 98 percent of the victims were Jews.

U.S. PHANTOMS TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (WNS) - Premier Golda Meir said that more Phantom jets will be arriving here, considering that the United States State Department had not denied news reports to that effect. New York Times correspondent Terence Smith reported from Washington that according to Nixon administration sources, the shipments would be resumed. Smith said the arrangement was "made in principle" at Mrs. Meir's meeting with Pres. Nixon earlier this month. Mrs. Meir, however, told a radio reporter here that credit for the apparent resumption of jet shipments belonged more to the desire for them by Israelis and the Israeli Army than to her own efforts in Washington.

RABBI OPPOSES FOREST HILLS JEWS

NEW YORK (WNS) --Rabbi Robert J. Marx, director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, criticized those Jewish residents of Forest Hills who oppose the 840-unit low-cost housing project because they fear it would destroy the institutions of the Jewish community. He said the project's opponents are the very people who "have abandoned every institution for Jewish survival, such as the synagogue, Jewish centers, and Jewish education" and "they rally to the banner of Jewish community only when the issue is that of providing housing for the poor."

At the same time the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America accused Mayor John V. Lindsay's Administration of "deliberately" polarizing the black and Jewish communities with regard to the housing project and called on the leaders of both communities "to short circuit City Hall and establish their own dialogue."

The synagogue Council of America, a coordinating agency for the lay and rabbinical organizations of all three branches of Judaism, adopted a resolution approving "scatter-site low-income housing in all parts of the city and country" but called for a moratorium on construction of the Forest Hills project while an independent group of experts "seek to determine" its "economic and social feasibility."

The Agudath Israel of America appealed to President Nixon to intervene personally to halt construction of the project to prevent the predominantly Jewish neighborhood from becoming a "ghost town."

JERUSALEM (WNS)--In the face of continued protests by Jewish leaders, the World Zionist Organization Executive explained that the decision to cancel Dr. Nahum Goldmann's appearance at the forthcoming Zionist Congress pertains only to the "festive" session celebrating 75 years of Zionism. Criticism of the WZO's action continued to come from American Zionist leaders, leaders of Reform Jewry and of the World Jewish Congress.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Jewish communal and Zionist leaders from the U.S. and Israel paid tribute to retiring Dr. Emanuel Neumann at a dinner which marked his 25 years of service as a member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A festive occasion celebrated the completion of the 16-volume Encyclopedia Judaica, which will sell in the U.S. for $500 a set.

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