

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Tourism increased only 12 percent in June over last year at the same time and Israeli officials expressed fears the "drop" may be attributed to the Lydda Airport massacre May 30.

BOLOGNA (WNS) -- The new wave of anti-Semitism in Italy that has been sparked by Catholic ideologues and extreme rightwing and neo-Fascist groups and parties were discussed at a conference here attended by representatives of the World Jewish Congress, the Union of Italian Jewish Communities and various Italian civil rights and political organizations.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- Panelists at the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council looking into the attitudes of the American Jewish community agreed that American Jews are "turning inward" but differed over whether this means a trend toward Jewish self-isolation.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- New legislation against illegal gun possession was submitted to the Israeli Cabinet.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Israeli Cabinet was told by Foreign Minister Abba Eban that the Syrians seemed to be hardening their position in ongoing negotiations with the International Red Cross on an exchange of prisoners with Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- El Fatah leader Yasser Arafat denied that his and the guerrilla groups had agreed to leave the Lebanese-Israeli border area.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The State Department announced that the U.S. and Yeman have renewed diplomatic relations.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- A. Krulsinga, secretary of the Ministry of Communications, revealed the Dutch government is considering employing security guards on its most "Threatened" aircraft.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- Albert E. Arent, re-elected to a third one-year term as president of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, told the annual plenary there was a need for a stronger partnership between the Jewish communities of the U.S. and Israel.

CINCINNATI (WNS) -- Jewish activist Gavriel Shapiro, arrested at Moscow Airport June 12 for failure to report for the Red Army reserve duty, was released from a Moscow jail June 30 to await trial, his wife, Mrs. Judy Silver Shapiro, reported here.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress expressed "deep gratification" over a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision which held compulsory attendance at chapel by cadets at U.S. service academies to be unconstitutional.

NEW YORK -- In an effort to promote more effective citizenship participation, the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) has issued Voter Registration for Youth, a publication which contains concrete, practical suggestions for organizing voter registration campaigns for 18- to 21 year-old youth.

NEW YORK -- Dr. Abraham G. Duker, director of libraries at Yeshiva University and chairman - designate of the Department of Jewish Studies at Brooklyn College, has been re-elected president of the Conference of Jewish Social Studies.

GENEVA (WNS) -- Dr. Ernest Katzenstein of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, reported that West Germany had paid nearly \$10.8 billion in reparations to Jewish victims of Nazism up to Dec. 31, 1971.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- Police reported subsidiaries of American firms in Holland and Belgium have received bomb threats from the Palestinian terrorist "Black September" organizations.

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ARAB TERRORISTS TO OPEN LONDON OFFICE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban warned that if the British government permitted the Palestine Liberation Organization (umbrella terrorist organization) to open a London office British-Israeli relations would suffer a serious setback.

Rejecting a British government claim that it could not legally present the PLO from opening an office in London, Eban noted that only recently the Council of Europe urged its members not to permit the PLO to operate in their territory. In Tel Aviv, a de-

legation of the world executive of the Herut Hatzair presented the British Embassy with a letter stating "the moral code and international law place the responsibility on Her Majesty's government to thwart the opening of such an office within its territory."

(In London, six MPs including Winston Churchill, introduced a motion in Parliament deploring the government's decision to permit the PLO to open an office. The British Poale Zion urged former Premier Harold Wilson, leader of the Labor Party, to "take

every action to protest" the opening of the office. Protests were also voiced by Michael Fidler, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies and a Member of Parliament, and by the Anglo-Jewish Association.

(From New York, the

American Zionist Federation telegraphed to Lord Kromer, British Ambassador to the U.S., charging "British approval of legitimizing the Arab Fatah will rightly be interpreted as giving the green light to international outlaws to whom human life is cheap.")

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NEW YORK (WNS) -- David Bar-Ilan, world famed Israeli pianist, has offered to pay the Soviet Union to release Valery Pnov, former soloist with the Leningrad Kirov Ballet, who was dismissed from the company in April after having applied for a visa FOR Israel.

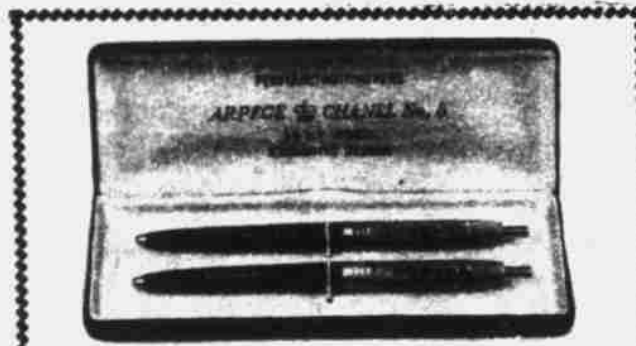
NEW YORK (WNS) -- Two hundred senior rabbinical students of the Lubavitch movement began the 24th annual Torah-spreading mission to the U.S., Canada and Latin America, during which they will visit hundreds of communities to "reach out" to Jewish masses and bring them back to authentic Judaism.

TRIESTE (WNS) -- The synagogue here was desecrated by neo-Fascist and anti-Semitic groups and Jewish graves in the area vandalized.

BOSTON (WNS) -- The New England Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith and the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston have denounced the sponsors of the New England Rally for God, Family and Country for permitting the sale and distribution of an anti-Semitic book at their four-day rally at the Statler-Hilton Hotel here.

CHICAGO -- The American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union this week won a permanent Federal court injunction against a Chicago museum which had sought to bar Jewish students from a Soviet exhibit because they wore shirts bearing the words, "Save Soviet Jews."

NEW YORK -- In a dramatic bid to enable Soviet Jewish dancer Valery Panov to leave the Soviet Union, concert pianist David Bar-Ilan offered to raise the necessary funds to reimburse the U.S.S.R. if it "feels its investment in Panov's training is too great to forfeit."



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