

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Hawaii's Governor John A. Burns has been named chairman of the Governors Committee for the 32nd annual interfaith National Bible Week, and Atlanta's Mayor Sam Massell has been named chairman of the Mayor's Committee for the 32nd annual interfaith National Bible Week, November 19-26, 1972. Dr. Paul W. McCracken, National Chairman, announced.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The issue of the new exorbitant exit charges against Soviet Jewish scientists was raised "in a number of ways" by Dr. Henry Kissinger during his lengthy talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- In an unprecedented action, the board of directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds urged the Soviet government to rescind the huge new fees on university-educated Russian Jews seeking to emigrate.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee commended the U.S. State Department for its action in withholding a projected loan to Uganda as a result of statements by that nation's President Idi Amin, in which he expressed a high degree of anti-Semitism and praised Hitler for exterminating six million Jews.

NEW YORK -- More than 500 delegates from communities throughout the U.S. will participate in the second national convention of the American Zionist Federation, Oct. 21 through Oct. 23 at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois.

SAN FRANCISCO -- Mr. Stephen J. Makoff is the newly appointed Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Camp Swig Institute for Living Judaism at Saratoga, Calif. He will also be Director of Youth Activities for the Northern California Region of the UAHC.

NEW YORK -- The major American Reform agencies reported that some 500 Jews throughout the U.S. participated in a five-day "fast for life" between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in protest against American involvement in Vietnam and the slaying of the 11 Israeli athletes in Munich.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- Members of the Jewish Defense League went from door to door in Jewish sections of Los Angeles, seeking donations for bail bonds for five JDL members who were arrested on charges of bombing the Hollywood home of Mohammed Shaath, a Palestinian immigrant.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Voice of America announced a broadcast to the Soviet Union of a Yiddish-Hebrew program of Yom Kippur prayers, including Kol Nidrei, on Yom Kippur eve.

LONDON (WNS) -- Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported this week that not a single telephone of Russian Jews which were disconnected before President Nixon's visit to Moscow last May has been restored to service.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Informed sources reported that Yizhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador to Washington, turned down an offer of the presidency of the Haifa Technion after he was promised a Cabinet post by Premier Golda Meir after the 1973 elections.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress praised U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. George Bush for his veto of a Security Council resolution on the Middle East, calling the action "a long overdue sign that the U.S. will not stand idly by and permit the Security Council to continue its decline into a forum for the debasement of justice."

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress firmly rejected "any suggestion that extortionate fees" for the exit of Soviet Jews be paid to the U.S.S.R.

BRUSSELS (WNS) -- A clerk at the Israeli Embassy here was shot and seriously wounded at a Brussels restaurant. The victim, Zadok Ophir, 42, was reportedly shot four or five times by one or more assailants who escaped. Police have a description on one of the gunmen, reportedly a Moroccan.

JEWISH BLIND INSTITUTE IS 70

At the last meeting of the UN World Council for the Blind, the Jewish Institute for the Blind in Jerusalem and its director, Dr. Jacob Igra were recognized for the development of new rehabilitative techniques and an excellent program of service to Jerusalem's blind children.

It was founded in 1902 by a rabbi who had witnessed a blind boy being trampled to death by a camel in the streets of Jerusalem and devoted his life to providing help, guidance and protection for the blind. Its Jerusalem campus houses over 200 chil-

dren mainly from Sephardic background, since blindness among Jews from Arab countries is extremely high.

A goal of the JIB, supported in America through contributions to Keren Or, is that each graduate be equipped not only with the necessary social skills but with the ability to earn a living. The Institute's work in training young people as computer operators and programmers has brought it world praise and its director recognition, thus enhancing the place of Israel as a progressive nation in the field of vocational rehabilitation.

In celebrating its 70th Anniversary the Jewish Institute for the Blind in Jerusalem seeks the support of American Jewry through its office here, Keren OR, Inc., 1133 Broadway, New York N.Y.

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