

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli Ambassador to Washington, said the United States agrees a partial Suez Canal agreement would not be linked in any way to a complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, and realizes the impossibility of an overall settlement at present because of wide Egyptian-Israeli differences.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- The first Israel-made executive aircraft, the \$1 million twin-engined 1123 jet with a capacity of 8-10 passengers, has been delivered to the United States and is now in operation by Food Fair Inc.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-R-C, NY) has written to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim requesting an immediate investigation into conditions of the 700 Jews in Iraq, stating "they are currently being harassed and subjected to the worst kind of hardships, reminiscent of 1968 episodes which culminated in the hanging of Jews in Iraq."

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban has left for a four-day official visit to Costa Rica, returning the Costa Rican Foreign Minister's visit to Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Premier Golda Meir predicted here that the United States might undertake a new initiative, "during Feb., March, April or May", to bring the parties in the Middle East "into some sort of negotiating process, either proximity talks or something else."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A strike for higher wages by 1000 civil aviation workers suspended all traffic at Lod Airport except for military flights and those bringing in immigrants, and a wildcat strike of postal engineers employed by the Communications Ministry blacked out television screens, and international and local telephone services were threatened with break-downs as workers refused to make repairs.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Weizmann Institute of Science's Board of Governors has approved a IL 71.3 million operating budget for next year and decided to concentrate its fund raising efforts on operational monies rather than funds for new buildings.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- President Nixon's appointment of Elliot Lee Richardson as Secretary of Defense does not presage any policy change toward Israel and means a continuation of the good relations that have existed between the Pentagon and Israel's military establishment under Richardson's predecessor, Melvin Laird, despite the two men's different political backgrounds, informed sources said here.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- World Jewish Congress Secretary General Dr. Gerhart Riegner of Geneva, recently returned from meetings with Jewish leaders in South America, said continued inflation, economic uncertainties and renewed political upheavals in Latin American nations, posing problems for the general population, present special danger to the future viability of the continent's one million Jews.

CLEVELAND--President Nixon received the following telegram: "Appreciate your decision to deny Mack Truck to Russia. Soviet Leaders must realize that American Leaders respond negatively to Soviet treatment of Jewish citizens, that freedom of trade negotiations is related to freedom of Jews to emigrate. "LET MY PEOPLE GO." Signed: Harold B. Light, Vice Chairman National Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

NEW YORK--Essays on the treatment of Jewish identity and Jewish suffering by three prominent American Jewish novelists, the literary activities of Jews in India who are known as the "Bene-Israel," and Jewish library collections and archives are among the feature articles in Volume 29 of the Jewish Book Annual, published by the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

SOFIA (WNS) -- The Bulgarian Government has announced that it has honored Shaltiel Arouetti, a member of the Bulgarian Jewish community, for wartime valor.

PARIS (WNS) -- Rene Marzouk, 25-year-old Tunisian Jew, a member of the "Marxist Circle," one of four underground opposition groups operating against the government, has been charged with Zionist espionage and spreading Zionist propaganda.

NEW YORK -- Albert Parker, former general chairman of the Columbia College Fund, and a past president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, was the recipient of the first honorary degree of Doctor of Laws to be conferred by the Law Faculty of Bar-Ilan University in Israel.

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