

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel plans to close its Embassies in Niger and in Congo-Brazaville as part of a reappraisal of its diplomatic missions abroad.

NEW YORK (WNS)-- Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith director Benjamin R. Epstein said a Christmas mailing to Americans of a recording entitled "Jerusalem in Captivity: A Personal Message from King Hussein," and an accompanying letter gives "a wholly distorted picture of the conditions of Jerusalem under Israeli rule," and asked Secretary of State William P. Rogers to investigate whether the mailing is in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration act.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Central Shlichim of the chalutz Movement has protested against what it terms "vicious attacks and slanderous statements" made in Israel against the kibbutz movement following the disclosure of a Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy ring.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Meir Yaari, retiring as secretary general of Mapam after 52 years of leadership in that party and its affiliated movements, urged Mapam not to abandon its alignment with the Labor Party lest Labor Party "opportunists...reach a compromise with the right wing."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Knesset has referred to committee a bill empowering the government to re-organize local religious councils, introduced by Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerach Warhaftig following recent disclosures of corruption and inefficiency in almost all departments of Jerusalem's religious council.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Four Jewish Defense League members were arrested last week for disrupting a Soviet Embassy reception in honor of the USSR's 50th anniversary.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- More than \$100 has been raised for Soviet Jewry by the Luther Place Memorial Church. Lutheran Pastor John Steinbruck, who spearheaded the fund-raising drive, has a long-standing interest in the cause of Soviet Jewry and was instrumental in his congregation's adoption of a Soviet Jewish prisoner Valery Kukul, to whom it sends letters. They have also planted a tree in his name in Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Police expelled 30 Arabs from Holland last week as part of a large scale crackdown on illegally settled foreigners.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel and Yugoslavia, which have no diplomatic relations, have reached an agreement on a cooperative fish-breeding venture.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The World Zionist Organization has appealed to world Jewish organizations to increase their activities to ease the plight of Jews in Syria and Iraq with special attention directed to freeing eight young Iraqi Jews and eight young Syrian Jews now in prison.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Interior Ministry has awarded Jewish Defense League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane Israeli citizenship.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A leader of the militant Black United Front, invited by WTOP-TV to present his views as a rebuttal to their own editorial comment on hijacking, tore into Israel and denounced it as an "illegal Zionist colony."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Label A. Katz, former B'nai B'rith president, has firmly supported Israeli policy of "not an inch of withdrawal without a negotiated peace."

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- The Israel Histadrut Campaign had adopted a record goal of \$1.5 million for 1973, fifty percent more than in 1972.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar said the administered territories cost Israel hundreds of millions yearly, refuting Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's statement claiming Israel was not losing any money because of the territories and that all expenses should be considered in light of the economic benefits.

JEWISH GROUPS ASK HALT TO BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Jewish Congress and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in separate statements released here this weekend, condemned the re-escalation of the Vietnam war and urged implementation of the cease-fire agreement which seemed imminent a short while ago.

Howard Metzbaum of Cleveland, chairman of the UAHC-Central Conference of American Rabbis' Commission on Social Action, said he sent President Nixon a telegram urging him to break the Vietnam deadlock by personally going to Paris and Hanoi, as

he went to Moscow and Peking, to safeguard the October draft cease-fire which both sides so painfully hammered out together.

In addition, National Council of Jewish Women president Mrs. Earl Marvin called on the President to "bring this holocaust to an immediate end." The Massachusetts Board of Rabbis, the Labor Zionist Alliance and the Rabbinical Assembly also denounced the renewed bombing and called for an immediate halt.

BRITAIN TO AID SOVIET JEWS

JERUSALEM (WNS)

Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson has asked Foreign Ministry officials to gather "all the particulars" on Soviet Jews so he could later try to use his influence with Soviet authorities. He had been asked by a group of Soviet newcomers to bring pressure so their friends and relatives would be permitted to emigrate to Israel. Wilson met with Soviet emigres during a 30-minute visit to the Mevasseret Zion absorption center near here.

Jewish Agency chairman Louis Pincus, who arranged the meeting, said that 600 of the 900 Jewish intellectuals who came to Israel in the past three months were forced to pay the education tax.

Meanwhile, in New York the Students Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported that Lazar Lubarsky of Rostov, an engineer charged with giving secret documents to unauthorized persons, and Yesim Davidovich of Minsky, charged with anti-Soviet slander and illegal possession of a pistol, will shortly go on trial in their native cities.

In addition, two more Soviet Jews have been arrested in connection with the Dec. 18 demonstration at the Supreme Soviet for amnesty for Jewish political prisoners, bringing to 23 the total sentenced in the last week.

The leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party said his party favored

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STOCKS VS. SILVER

May 15th, 1972: The most active stock on the New York Stock Exchange was International Nickel. The value of all shares traded was \$9,000,000. The value of all silver futures traded on the New York Exchange was \$28,899,900.

May 16th: AT&T \$9,300.00
SILVER \$23,105,000

May 17th: GULF OIL \$5,600,000
SILVER \$30,079,500

May 18th: FANNY MAE .. \$11,800,000
SILVER \$29,698,600

May 19th: FANNY MAE .. \$5,500,000
SILVER \$20,000,100

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