

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Hebrew Home for the Aged, the Jewish Social Service Agency and the Jewish Community Center have agreed to "intensify their efforts to devise additional ways of serving needy minority group members in the Washington area."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Mayor Walter Washington delivered a letter from the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington to Moscow Mayor Vladimir F. Promyslov asking him to intercede on behalf of Jewish prisoners in the Soviet Union and help persuade Soviet leaders to grant Jews amnesty, to permit them to emigrate to Israel and to rescind the emigration tax.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Victor Carter, a Los Angeles businessman and chairman of the American Council of The Third Prime Minister's World Economic Conference for Israel which opens here May 27, said that the Israeli travel tax on business trips was "curtailing the development of business" in Israel and urged the government to drastically reduce or cancel it.

MONSEY, N. Y. (WNS) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, at its mid-winter meeting, deplored the Supreme Court ruling on abortion and called on the New York State Legislature to name a special study commission composed of doctors, legal and religious leaders and representatives of women groups to study legalized abortion in terms of its social implications.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Premier Golda Meir will be honored at a United Jewish Appeal Dinner March 5 on the occasion of Israel's 25th anniversary.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs has nominated the American Jewish poet Emma Lazarus (1849-1887), for election in 1973 to the Hall of Fame.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Fifteen members of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Queens Students for Soviet Jewry staged a two hour sit-in at the offices of the Soviet airline, Aeroflot, to protest the pending trials of three Russian Jews.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The Israeli killed by a suspected Arab terrorist in Madrid last Friday, was Baruch Cohen, an undercover agent employed by the government's security services.

LONDON (WNS) -- An Israeli shipping company has placed a 150 million pounds sterling order for the construction of six ships with the famous Belfast shipbuilders, Harland & Wolff.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah's January 15 letter to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, charging anti-Semitism and racial discrimination against Soviet Jews, was circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

INVESTIGATION OF L.K. SMITH BROADCAST

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- William Bertenshaw, producer of Gerald L. K. Smith's broadcast carried by the Mutual Broadcasting Company and later by the Defense Department's Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, accepted the sole responsibility for the broadcast which reached some 2 million servicemen around the world.

The broadcast was one of a series of "public service" programs produced and packaged by Bertenshaw, an independent radio and TV producer, under the general title, "Suggested Solutions." James Roberts, the New Jersey Church Council's director of radio and television said the council last year requested to be disassociated from the series. He said the council had been associated with only the first four programs in the series, about three years ago.

Bertenshaw said he would not have put the show on if he had the background on Smith he has now. He said his series also included a program about Israel. Smith, a professional anti-Semite and white racist used the broadcast to promote his "Christian shrine" at Eureka Springs, Ark., as a substitute for Christian holy places in Israel which he said were "marred and scarred."

Meanwhile in New York, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith called on Secretary of Defense Melvin

Laird to "take immediate and appropriate action" and said the ADL is "deeply concerned with the use of the Armed Forces Network, a government facility, as a vehicle for presenting and promoting a notorious bigot in the guise of a responsible religious leader." The American Jewish Committee sent a telegram to Secretary of Defense-designate Elliot Richardson demanding a "full explanation to the American public" on "how this misuse of the American services network was possible."

Senator Jacob K. Javits (R. NY) said he is determined to press for an investigation of the use by AFRTS of the Smith broadcast.

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