

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

BONN (WNS) -- In a joint communique issued at the close of talks here between Chancellor Willy Brandt and Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, West Germany and the Soviet Union expressed concern over continuing dangerous tensions in the Middle East and pledged to support all efforts toward achieving a just and lasting peace within the framework of the Security Council Resolution 242.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel has rejected a proposal reportedly made by the Arab delegates to the Security Council to form a three-member consultative committee to assist Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring in renewed efforts to promote a Middle East peace settlement.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Golda Meir said she was convinced President Nixon would not let Israel down in his summit talks with Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev in Washington next month, that she anticipated no change in U. S. Middle East policy and could only hope for a change for the better in Brezhnev's policy.

MANCHESTER (WNS) -- Leningrad's Deputy Mayor Yevgeny Gogolev said here that Valery and Galina Panov, who were fired from the Kirov Ballet Company after applying for exit visas to Israel, "are in their present situation because of their bad behavior and their attempt to change their nationality."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A fruitless three-hour search by city police and FBI agents for what they claimed were "two concealed explosive devices" in the Jewish Defense League offices here was just a plot to get into the office, according to JDL spokesman Sheldon Davis.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Prime Minister's Office denied and termed as "unfounded" a report published May 23 in the newspaper Haaretz that Premier Golda Meir ordered the security services to put members of her Cabinet under surveillance in 1970 to track down alleged leaks of classified information to the press.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A Freedom Assembly for Soviet Jews will take place on the ellipse in Washington June 17 on the eve of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's arrival, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry announced.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The State Department and the Israeli Embassy have refused to comment on a New York Times report that the FBI tapped Embassy telephones.

NEW YORK -- The erosion of ethical and moral values in our nation, dramatized by the Watergate scandal, and how these conditions affect religion in general and the Jewish community in particular, will be deliberated on as part of the 84th Annual Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, June 18-21 at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

NEW YORK -- Twenty-eight Jews will be commissioned as officers in the U. S. Armed Forces upon graduation from four United States service academies this June, it was announced by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, Chairman of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

NEW YORK -- The National Jewish Welfare Board will open a permanent Israel headquarters this summer, according to an announcement by Morton L. Mandel, Cleveland industrialist and president of JWB.

PHILADELPHIA -- The remarkable 30-year archive collection of the late B. Z. Goldberg dealing with the contributions of Jews to the labor movement in the United States has been bequeathed to The Dropsie University here.

NEW YORK -- The Joint Distribution Committee will provide \$2,950,000 during 1973 toward the overseas vocational training programs of ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, it was announced by Samuel L. Haber, Executive vice-Chairman of the JDC.

SENATORS CLASH ON ISRAEL AID

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Sen. J. William Fulbright (D. Ark.) Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) took diametrically opposing views in speeches on the Senate floor May 21 on U. S. policy toward the Arab - Israeli conflict and the need for the U. S. to continue its oil imports from the Middle East.

Fulbright proposed the U. S. work toward a "United Nations imposed solution" to "serve all our interests" in the area. He said that since the U.S. may be largely dependent for a decade or more on large oil im-

ports, "our present policy makers and policy influences may come to the conclusion that military action is required to secure the oil resources of the Middle East, to secure our exposed 'jugular.'"

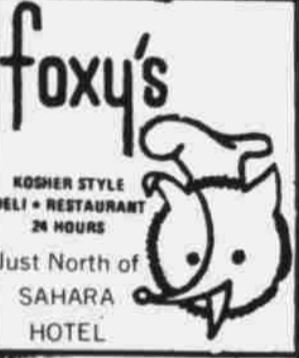
State Department spokesman John King said "the idea of using force mentioned in (Fulbright's) speech does not reflect in any way any thought of this Administration."

Jackson said Fulbright's conclusion that the U. S. must deliver the future stability of the Middle East into the hands of the Security Council to ensure an adequate supply of energy "is based on a dangerously oversimplified appreciation of both the nature of our energy deficiency and of the politics of the Middle East conflict, to say nothing of a most fanciful view of the powers of the U. N." Fulbright said the present Mideast situation is due primarily to "the refusal of the US Administration, backed by a heavy Congressional majority, to mod-

ify its commitment to the present policy of Israel." He described Israel as "already a garrison state" that faces the prospect of mounting terrorism "which no amount of counter - terrorism is likely to suppress." He

asked if it was not U. S. policies which are "driving America's Arab friends toward radicalization and revolution."

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