# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

ATLANTA (WNS) -- The organization of Reform rabbis has voiced strong disapproval of its members officiating at mixed marriage ceremonies.

BONN (WNS) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization and various Arab groups aligned with its pose serious threats of violence in West Germany, according to a report by the security services. El Fatah is the best organized and most effective of the Palestinian groups in West Germany with cells in 15 cities in 1972 and by now probably in 23 cities.

SAN FRANCISCO (WNS) -- The United States should not try to solve the fuel shortage by "selling out Israel," Sen. John V. Tunney (D. Calif.) warned at the annual dinner of the Zionist Organization of America's Northern Pacific

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The number of immigrants from the west is expected to total 17,000 this year.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Raymond Epstein, a prominent communal leader and a vice-president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, has been elected president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds succeeding Irving

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet has urged the Knesset to take prompt action on a bill to protect apartment buyers against the failure of construction firms after they have made substantial deposits on flats not yet built, Several small construction firms have failed recently and were unable to refund deposits.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Prime Minister Golda Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan are scheduled to hold a "working session" to discuss the Labor Alignment's platform for the upcoming national elections.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Research by a He-brew University graduate student has revealed that the cultural gap between Israeli classes may begin in the cradle.

PARIS (WNS) -- The Madrid Jewish com-munity has appealed to the Spanish government to put an end to anti-semitic attacks by rightwing organizations.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Two Israelis, Ram Livneh, son of Communist MK Avraham Levenbraum, nd Mali Lerman, an immigrant from South America, have been convicted in Haifa District Court of consorting with the enemy.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The number of funerals have dropped by nearly half since a doctors' strike began in Israel, according to statistics released by the Jerusalem Burial Society.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- President Ephraim Katzir has urged the Histadrut to help the government take swift action to eliminate poverty in Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's meeting with settlers of Kiryat Arba in Hebron, urged them not to provoke the Arabs, but to establish friendly relations with them and take into consideration their legitimate interests and wishes.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel sources, saying that Russia is maintaining "an open hand policy" with respect to arms and ammunition, claim that Syria now has advanced Soviet ground-to-air missiles and the Syrian air force and tank strength has doubled since the 1967 Six-Day War.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In the wake of a rash of strikes caused by the rising cost of living, the Israeli Cabinet has asked the Committee of economic Ministers to study the possibility of a nation-wide Price Freeze.

NEW YORK -- The Synagogue Council of America has launched three major studies to explore the future role of the Synagogue in American Jewish life, it was announced by the Council's new president, Rabbi Irwin M. Blank,

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his sponsorship of the Jackson-Miller-Vanik bill linking trade agreement to the removal of obstacles to emigration. Support for the amendment came in from various organizations and Welfare Funds, the Jewish Community Rela-tions Council of Greater Philadelphia, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and others.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Two Jewish leaders who attended President Nixon's state dinner for Soviet Community Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev met briefly with the Russian leader and expressed optimism that the Nixon-Brezhnev talks may ultimately lead to benefits for Soviet Jewry.

But the two leaders, Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of President of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Max Fisher, were criticized by the president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in the United States for attending the dinner. OU Pre-

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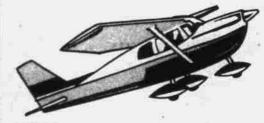
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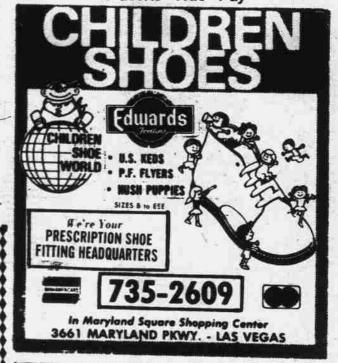
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sident Harold M. Jacobs, in a letter to Stein, said "Jewish participation in welcoming a man who personifies antagonism and animosity to Jewry today is an incalculable indig-

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