

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Two elderly sisters who immigrated to Israel from Iraq would probably have died of acute malnutrition last year if they had not been discovered in time by a social worker from the Katamon Guidance and Counselling Center for the Aged in Jerusalem, a cooperative effort of Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee program in Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Five persons were injured, none seriously, when an explosive filled bottle detonated in the Mahane Yehuda marketplace in Central Jerusalem.

ATHENS (WNS) -- An Arab terrorist was promised safe conduct out of Greece after he released 17 hostages, when three men, believed to be Arab terrorists, tried to break into an El Al office.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is expected to make his trip to the Middle East before the General Assembly convenes in September.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Rabbis around the world have signed a petition urging the National Religious Party in Israel to remove Minister of Interior Dr. Yosef Burg, who the rabbis charge, is registering non-Jews as Jews.

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND (WNS) -- The B'nai B'rith International Council has appealed for "massive international intervention" to save Iraqi and Syrian Jews "before these beleaguered communities disappear."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Mizrahi Women's Organization has presented its America-Israel Friendship Award to Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.).

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Labor Minister Yosef Almogi has announced he will leave the Cabinet to run for Mayor of Haifa at the request of the Labor Party.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Leonid Tarassuk, former curator of arms at Leningrad's Hermitage Museum, has arrived in Israel with his family.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel is buying 100,000 tons of cement from the Soviet Union in the first commercial transaction between the two countries since Moscow broke relations during the 1967 Six-Day War.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro has reported to the Knesset that Israel has paid out \$300,000 so far in compensation for persons killed or injured when Israeli jets downed a Libyan airliner over Sinai last February.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Rep. Mario Biaggi (D./C., N.Y.) has accused the Arab states in a speech on the House floor of using oil to force the United States to abandon its support of Israel.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress called for an overhaul of Federal social welfare programs to make eligible for benefits "millions of disadvantaged persons" now denied such aid because they live outside of designated "target areas."

NEW YORK -- The Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) has designated November 16- December 16 as Jewish Book Month.

JERUSALEM -- Efraim Katzir, President of the State of Israel, opened the official annual lottery campaign on behalf of Magen David Adom, Israel's Red Cross Service.

VIENNA (WNS) -- Romero Rothschild, a writer, diplomat and member of the Spanish noble family had his passport smeared with the word "Judío" (Jew) in large red letters by the Spanish Consul in Stockholm.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Gersh Zonis, a Soviet Jew, was reunited with his younger brother at Kennedy Airport after a separation of 15 years.

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NEW YORK (WNS) -- Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, former Israeli Ambassador to the United States, told an audience at the Jewish Theological Seminary here, that none of the major powers can impose a solution in the Middle East unless all the parties involved agree. But he said he was confident that war would not break out as long as the United States continued to supply arms to Israel.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir predicted that Israel's gross national product would nearly double over the next ten years and that the country's population would reach 4.5 million with a half million new workers added to the labor force.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem M. Schneerson, has attacked the Israeli government for assisting Arabs in East Jerusalem and charged that the government was putting obstacles before Jews who want to settle in the Old City.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro admitting to the Knesset that the phones of journalists have been tapped by Israeli authorities.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- Care is asking 175 private Jewish foundations in California for financial aid for a project to help West Bank Arabs -- small farmers, mechanics and tradesmen -- get off the Israeli welfare rolls.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A young Israeli Army officer, Lt. Amit Yechieli of Kibbutz Baram was killed and two Israeli soldiers were wounded in a clash with terrorists infiltrators from Lebanon.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Dori Kashkosh, whose family was murdered by Iraqi secret police, has left Iraq and is with relatives.

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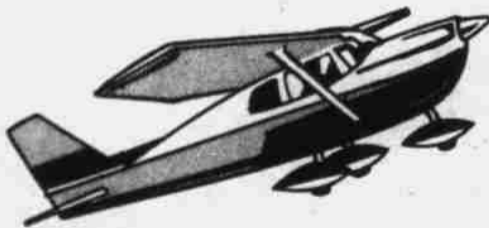
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