

B'NAI B'RITH DONATES BOOKS ON JEWS TO COLLEGE LIBRARY

Members of the Nate Mack B'nai B'rith Lodge of Las Vegas have donated \$500 for the purchase of books by Jewish authors for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas library.

The gift, an annual contribution, was presented by Mike Cherry, local attorney who serves as president of the lodge.

"With this gift, the Dickinson Library will be able to add out-of-print works by many Jewish authors," said Harold Erickson, university director of libraries.

Erickson stated that, "the quarter of a century after World War II is particularly significant because in the late 1950's and early 60's the Jewish author was at his peak in American literature.

"The list of writers," said Erickson, "read like a Who's Who, with authors such as George Kaufman, S. N. Behrman Clifford Odets, Elmer Rice, Lillian Hellman and Arthur Miller. This was already the



MIKE CHERRY, CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER OF LAS VEGAS AND PRESIDENT OF THE NATE MACK B'NAI B'RITH LODGE, LOOKS OVER SOME OF THE BOOKS ON JUDAISM WHICH HAVE BEEN PURCHASED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS THROUGH B'NAI B'RITH CONTRIBUTIONS, WITH HAROLD ERICKSON, DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS LIBRARY.

third generation in American-Jewish life and the writers mainly were the products of middle-class homes. Unlike their parents, they were

overwhelmingly college educated."

Erickson said UNLV students and faculty will be using this material for years to come.

SOVIETS DENY VISAS TO PANOVS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The National Committee on Soviet Jewry has reported that Soviet authorities have denied exit visas to Valery and Galina Panov, the Leningrad ballet dancers, despite a promise three months ago that they would get the visas if they "kept quiet."

The Panovs were fired from the Kirov Ballet Co. more than a year ago after applying for permission to emigrate to Israel.

In Washington, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) and Dr. Leonid Tarassuk, a former curator at the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad who has immigrated to Israel, denounced the Soviet refusal as "a brutal and unexpected act of bad faith."

The London Panov Committee which includes leading British and American artists said they planned a new campaign for the two dancers. The committee had been quiet since the Panovs received their promise three months ago.

Meanwhile Soviet Jewish scientist Benjamin Levich has finally received his invitation from the American Electro-Chemical Society to participate in ceremonies in Boston at which he is awarded the

Palladium Medal. According to the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, Levich continues to voice concern for the health of his son Evgeny should he be forced to continue to serve in the Siberian army camp to which he

was taken by force.

In another development, three American scientists retruning from the International Conference on Magnetism in Moscow reported that 41 scientists protested the exclusion from the conference of three Soviet Jewish scientists.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- United National Secretary General Kurt Waldheim after returning from his five-nation Middle East tour sent a telegram to Foreign Minister Abba Eban stating: "The understanding I found in your country toward my efforts to contribute a just and lasting peace is a source of great encouragement to me."



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development of Jerusalem enabling the city to absorb a much larger population and provide better living conditions.

The plans are based

on an expected growth in population of four percent per annum during the next five years.

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