

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- East and West Germany were admitted to the United Nations by acclamation as Israel withdrew its request for a separate vote on the two Germans.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said his recent visit to the Middle East gave him "a new insight" into the problems of the region. He said that he considered the personal contacts he made with Israeli and Arab leaders "very important" and he plans to continue them.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- In the wake of the Labor Alignment's set back in the Histadrut elections, Premier Golda Meir has appealed for unity within the alignment for the upcoming Knesset elections.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli officials voiced satisfaction with the decision by the European Security Conference in Geneva to give Israel a hearing along with Syria, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Police praised a municipal sweeper who discovered a suspicious parcel in the shrubs near the northern station here, a hand grenade with a timing device.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In a New Year's message to Jews in Israel and abroad, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef stressed the observance of "commandments between man and his fellow man" which, he said, were more important than "commandments between man and God." Rabbi Yosef mentioned particularly honesty in business and public life, slander and libel, and slander and social help for the needy. Rabbi Yosef also urged continued action to stir world public opinion on the plight of Jews in Arab lands.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The International Federation of Airline pilots Association is polling its 50,000 members in 65 countries on direct action against aerial hijacking and against other forms of terrorism directed against civil aviation.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Jewish Committee has withdrawn its civil leadership award to Donald M. Kendall, chairman of PepsiCo Inc., because of his active opposition to the Jackson/Mills-Vanik legislation linking trade concessions to the Soviet Union with free emigration for Jews and others.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The death toll in the Aug. 5 Arab terrorist attack at Athens Airport climbed to five with the death of Henry Leppó, 24, of Oceanside, Long Island, at New York University Rehabilitation Center here.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Jewish Committee has called upon the new government of Chile to "be alert to any signs or acts of anti-Semitism" in the wake of the overthrow of the Allende government.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Ainslee R. Ferdie of Miami has been elected National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, making him the first veteran of the Korean Conflict to be chosen for that influential post.

NEW YORK---Thirty American college students between the ages of 18 and 25 will leave for Israel in September to take a year of intensive Judaic studies at the Hayim Greenberg College of the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization, it was announced by Dr. Abraham P. Gannes, Director of the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization---American Section.

NEW YORK: "THE TEAM" a documentary sound and color 16mm. film produced by American Red Magen David for Israel recently received and award for second place out of six hundred entries at the 1973 American Film Festival. "THE TEAM" now released nationwide for public view in schools, organizations and television is also available free of charge to the American Red Magen David for Israel, 888 Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10019-Tel: 212-757-1627.

GOREN OBJECTS TO WOMEN MINYAN

LONDON (WNS) -- Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said here that the decision by the American Conservative Movement to count women for the minyan "cannot even be considered." The Orthodox rabbi said the traditional exclusion of women from a minyan "is not...discrimination. It is halachic law based on the nature of the universe. Rabbi Goren, who is visiting Britain on behalf of the Joint Israel Appeal, also said that Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union is "a Messianic phenomenon; that it was a religious obligation to live in Israel, and that the most important achievement of Israel's new Chief Rabbinate so far was its defense of the religious status quo which forbids civil marriage or divorce in Israel."



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NEW YORK...The International League for the Rights of Man today put in nomination the name of Andrei D. Sakharov, world renowned Soviet physicist, as a candidate for the Human Rights Prize of the United Nations, to be awarded in December in connection with the 25th anniversary of the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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Howard W. Cannon
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