

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS)-- The condition of former Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion was reported improving. The 87-year-old statesman had been hospitalized by a stroke.

Ben Gurion received a letter from President Nixon expressing the hope for his recovery. "I know the courage and efforts you have demonstrated all through your life and am convinced these won't let you down in your present struggle," Nixon wrote.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The ministry of Tourism is considering a freeze on hotel construction until the present slowdown on tourism is reversed. Tourism Minister Moshe Kol told the advisory Council on Tourism.

LONDON (WNS) -- After 21 days Soviet Jewish baller dancer Valery Panov called off the hunger strike he started to protest the refusal of Soviet authorities to grant him and his ballerina wife, Galina, permission to leave for Israel.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Arab nations are mounting an anti-Israel campaign in Latin America using anti-Semitic stereotypes, propaganda attributed to the Nazis and falsified napalm bombing photographs to arouse pro-Arab sympathy, the World Jewish Congress was told here.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Since the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, 2,500,000 diaspora Jews outside the U. S. have contributed \$500 million to Israel, Ezra Shapiro, the head of Keren Hayeod-United Israel Appeal reported to the World Zionist Executive.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Supreme Court Chief Judge Shimon Agrat has appointed himself and four others to the commission that will investigate if Israel was unprepared for the Arab attack on Yom Kippur.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Yitzhak Ben Aharon announced his resignation as secretary general of Israel's powerful trade union federation, Histadrut.

FEW JEWS IN ADMINISTERED TERRITORY

UNITED NATIONS (WNS)-- Israeli Ambassador Jacob Doron cited figures showing the comparatively modest extent of Jewish settlement in the administered Arab territories since 1967 to refute "allegations of a policy of annexation and settlement" contained in the report of the three-nation Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Territories.

Addressing the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, Doron noted that since 1967, 42 Israeli settlements were established in the administered territories with a combined population of 4200, of which 1050 are in Nahal-- military agricultural settlement and are soldiers on active duty and 3150 are civilians. They make up 0.3 percent of the population which consists of over one million Arabs, Doron pointed out.

He noted that "since mid-1967 Israel has permitted some 50,000 Arabs to return to the area as permanent residents."

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