

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Israel will distinguish "between the essential and the marginal" at the Geneva peace conference and will be "flexible with the marginal and stubborn in defending the vital." This is what Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., told some 400 persons attending the American Jewish Congress' Stephen S. Wise Awards Dinner.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- During the Yom Kippur War, Israel captured Russian-made weapons and equipment--and some made in Czechoslovakia including hundreds of tanks and artillery pieces, millions of rounds of ammunition, anti-tank missiles, amphibious vehicles and bridge-building equipment, some of them quite new and highly sophisticated.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- In an effort to deny Israel political support from Latin American countries, the Arab states have organized the region's large Arab communities into a newly created Federation of the Arab Entities of the Americas, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has reported.

LONDON (WNS) -- Declaring that the energy crisis was not simply a product of the Arab-Israeli conflict but the consequence of worldwide demand outstripping supply, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger urged the collective efforts of North America, Europe and Japan to solve it.

NEW YORK -- The Orthodox traditional kibbutzim of Poalei Agudat Israel have to resume work in their fields now, after the Shemittah (Sabbatical) year. However, the chavrim of these kibbutzim are presently on the defense lines. We are asking the mobilization of the Torah-Youth, the Yeshiva youngsters, religious young people, from the ages of 18 to 30, to do voluntary work in Kibbutz Chafetz-Chaim, Shaalvim, Moddin and Mavo-Choron. Call or come to our office: Poaley Agudat Israel, 147 West 42nd Street, Tel. (212) 279-0816. Volunteer programs last for a period of six months or more, and for a subsidy to needy families, the American Zionist Youth Foundation may assist you.

PHILADELPHIA (WNS) --- The Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia will appeal in federal court a decision by the U.S. Civil Service Commission reversing a finding by its Board of Appeals and Review that three Jewish employees were refused promotion because of religious bias.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Twelve national veterans associations and other groups associated with the U.S. armed forces have pledged to bring about identification and release of Israeli prisoners of war held by Syria.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Jewish community should not "allow its present pre-occupation with the problems confronting Israel to diminish its support of Jewish education in the United States," stated Robert H. Arnow, president of the American Association for Jewish Education.

NEW YORK---The Jewish community in Chile has not been affected adversely by the recent military coup and no manifestations of anti-Semitism have appeared, the American Jewish Committee reported.

NEW YORK (WNS) --- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, considered the dean of American Zionism, has urged the U.S. to formalize its relationship with Israel by a bilateral treaty "assuring Israel of full American support in any future emergency."

MT. FREEDOM N.J. (WNS) ---The oil shortage is not a result of the Mideast war but is due to changes in technology and science, Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance told more than 150 delegates to the LZA's American Haborim Association Convention here.

NEW YORK, N.Y.---Albert Arent, Washington attorney, has been elected as the new chairman of the national Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism.

ISRAEL ALERTED AFTER ROME HIJACKING

TEL AVIV (WNS)-- The hijacking of a West German jetliner by Arab terrorists who left 32 persons dead at airports in Rome and Athens, was the cause of several alerts at Lod Airport as authorities followed the movement of the Lufthansa jet over the Middle East.

The five Palestine terrorist finally surrendered in Kuwait releasing their 12 hostages and ending two days of horror.

The terrorists massacred 31 persons at Rome's airport, many of them strapped to their seats on a Pan American Jet which the guerrillas attacked with machine-gun fire, grenades and incendiary bombs. The 32nd victim was a hostage whose body was dumped at Athens airport.

After the massacre at Rome the terrorists forced the pilot of a Lufthansa jet to fly them to Athens where they stayed 17 hours unsuccessfully seeking to get released two other Arab terrorists who were imprisoned for an attack at Athens Airport last August.

The plane landed in Kuwait after being re-

used permission to land in other Arab countries. For the first time Arab governments, the Palestinian Liberation Movement and other militant Palestinian groups condemned the hijacking.

But in New York, Egypt's new Ambassador to the U.S., Dr. Ashraf Ghorbal said the chances for success at the Geneva peace conference were improved because the terrorist carnage had dramatized the urgency of a speedy peace settlement in the Middle East.

Israeli Ambassador Yaacov Doron told the General Assembly that "this latest and most dreadful example of most cruel and unbridled terrorism throws a harsh light on the refusal of the General Assembly this year to consider the agenda item against terrorists."

In Vienna, Austrian authorities announced they would beef up police protection at Schwechat Airport in anticipation of new Arab attacks because Austria is still admitting Soviet Jewish emigrants en route to Israel.

ators Jacob K. Javitz (R. NY) and Abraham Ribicoff (D, Conn.).

THIRD JEWISH US SENATOR

WASHINGTON (WNS) Howard M. Metzenbaum a Cleveland businessman, has been appointed by Ohio's Democratic governor James J. Gilligan to serve the one-year remaining in the term of Republican Sen. William S. Saxbe when the latter becomes U.S. Attorney General early in January.

When Metzenbaum is sworn in he will become the third Jew serving in the Senate and the first Jewish senator from Ohio.

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well as "total Israeli withdrawal" from occupied Arab territories. Fahmi wants implementation of the ceasefire high on the agenda and hopes to secure the participation of the Syrians and Palestinians when the peace talks continue in January. Israel opposes having the Palestinians at the conference saying they are represented by Jordan.

The details of the conference which was postponed for three days were disclosed after Waldheim was officially invited to convene the conference in identical letters from the U.S. and the Soviet Union. He in turn extended the official invitations to Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Syria. Waldheim will preside only at the opening phase of the conference which is expected to adjourn until after the Israel elections Dec. 31, although the Arab and non-aligned countries sought a greater role for the UN in the negotiations.

Waldheim has been asked to name a representative for the latter stages of the talks and there was some speculation he will designate to the Middle East.

Earlier Kissinger was able to persuade Israel to set aside its reservations about attending the conference during 10 hours of intensive closed-door sessions with Israeli leaders in Jerusalem.

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