

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Police have arrested 20 Jewish Defense League members who are suspects in the investigation into a 1973 attack on three Christian institutions. The institutions which were badly damaged by fire are a Baptist Church, a Swedish theological center and hostel for visiting students and a Protestant evangelical center named "Zion House."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Soviet Nobel Prize winning novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn has been invited to come to Jerusalem by Mayro Teddy Kollek.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Israel has reiterated its position that Lebanon must be held responsible for terrorist attacks originating from its territory.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Capt. Mordechai Ashkenazi, who was the commander of the only Israeli unit on the Suez Canal that did not surrender to Egypt in the first days of the Yom Kippur War, has started a one-man drive to get Defense Minister Moshe Dayan to resign.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- WBAI-FM, a New York radio station sustained by listener subscriptions, scrapped a sports broadcast that criticized Black basketball players on the Rochester University team who boycotted a game with Israel's National Basketball team.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel will begin building a new Jewish township on the Golan Heights within a few weeks which will eventually have a population of 5-8000 people.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Mordechai Ben Ari, president of El Al, Israel Airlines, told a press conference here that tourism and air traffic to Israel had recovered almost completely since the Yom Kippur War and he predicted that Israel is "on the verge of a great tourism boom", increasing 15-20 percent in 1974.

LONDON (WNS) -- The Leningrad ovir office has withdrawn permission for Valery Panov to leave the Soviet Union because he has refused to go without his wife.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Jewish leaders have denied as "absolutely untrue" rumors here that Jewish organizations maybe seeking to prevent the re-election of Sen. J. William Fulbright (D, Ark.) to a sixth term.

PARIS (WNS) -- President Georges Pompidou said that France "cannot be held responsible" for Saudi Arabia's discrimination against French journalists who are Jewish.

NEW YORK -- Benjamin Jaffe, Director of the World Zionist Organization's External Relations Department, has arrived in the U.S. for a six-week series of meetings with Christian leaders of all denominations in an effort to determine the attitudes of Christian religious leadership particularly on a grass-roots level, towards Israel in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War.

NEW YORK, The Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal is sponsoring a greatly expanded series of people-to-people missions to Israel for 1974, for couples 25 to 40, Dr. Allen Pollack, Young Leadership Cabinet Chairman announced. For info write U.S.A., 1290 Ave. of Americas, N.Y.C. 10019.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Both Syria and Israel have replaced the equipment lost in the Yom Kippur War, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan told military correspondents.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Meir Talmi, its secy. general, has hinted that Mapam will leave the Labor Alignment if Likud is included in a broad-based national coalition government.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Rabbi Bernard Bergman a member of the Presidium of the World Mizrachi-Hapoel Mizrachi movement, has demanded that all religious parties in Israel unite in the negotiations to join the government.

LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

VATICAN SHIFTS ON JERUSALEM

NEW YORK (WNS) -- THE VATICAN HAS REPORTEDLY DROPPED ITS POSITION HELD SINCE 1947 THAT JERUSALEM BE INTERNATIONALIZED AND INSTEAD IS NOW LOOKING TOWARD SOME ARRANGEMENT THAT "WILL PROVIDE AN INTERNATIONAL STATUTE OR GUARANTEE FOR THE HOLY PLACES." RABBI MARC TANENBAUM, DIRECTOR OF INTER-RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS FOR THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SAID HE WAS TOLD BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS THAT THE STATEMENT ON THE SHIFT WAS MADE AT A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE VATICAN.

ORTHODOX QUILTS SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

NEW YORK (WNS) -- out in full accordance with traditional requirements of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Organizations of America has decided to suspend its participation in the Synagogue Council of America because "the Reform & Conservative movements have launched a campaign against amending the Law of Return in Israel to require 'Giyur K'Halacha' (Halachic conversion) based on their false claim of religious legitimacy through equal membership with orthodox groups in such agencies as the Synagogue Council of America...."

The Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law & Standards, said that Conservative Judaism has always required that conversions be performed in accordance with halacha and declared that whether a rabbi is Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, his conversions "must be recognized by the Israeli authorities if they have been carried out according to the requirements of Jewish tradition."

ISRAELI POLITICS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban rejected a demand by Menachem Beigin, head of the Herut and a leader of the Likud opposition that Israel refuse to negotiate with Syria until prisoners of war are released.

Eban said Beigin's demand would endanger progress toward obtaining Israel's conditions for negotiations, the names of the POWs & arrangements for the Red Cross to visit them.

At the United Nations, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim discussed the POW issue with Syrian Ambassador Hassam Kelani.

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ATLANTA -- Adolph Rosenberg, editor and publisher of the Southern Israelite, Atlanta, and former president of the American Jewish Press Association, has been elected president of the Atlanta Press Club. (ED. NOTE: Any joy to Adolph is a joy to all who know him. We're proud. J.T.)

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