

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (WNS) -- After the passage of the Palestinian resolutions, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosef Tekoah, rose and told the UN that the debate in its halls was a "Sodom and Gomorrah of ideals and values." He asserted, "Even while it was proceeding, Israeli civilians were being murdered in Beisan by PLO agents."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Total rejection. That was the way Israel put it in commenting on Palestine resolutions adopted by the United Nations, including UNESCO in Paris. Israel said that the resolutions "make a mockery of the spirit which moved the founders of the organization 29 years ago, after the defeat of Nazi tyranny."

BROOKLYN, N. Y. -- Toys for Hospitalized Children, a volunteer organization, which each year distributes thousands of new toys at Chanukah time to children of all races and creeds who are hospitalized in city, state, and private hospitals, has just launched its 1974 drive. It's at 824 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11213.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress voiced "shock and dismay" at statements on the Middle East by Vice Presidential-designee Nelson Rockefeller before the House Judiciary Committee and called on him to "correct" his remarks at future hearings on his confirmation.

NEW YORK -- A clarion call for congregations to establish programs to stabilize neighborhoods and to ameliorate the plight of the Jewish poor in urban centers throughout America was issued to the 500 delegates attending the 76th Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, in Boca Raton, Florida.

WASHINGTON -- Morris J. Amitay, who has served in both houses of Congress as well as in the Department of State for the last 12 years, assumed the post of Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Religious Action Center of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has declared that Vice-President designate Nelson A. Rockefeller in his testimony before the House Judiciary Committee neither expressed personal repugnance for the Palestine Liberation Organization and for what they stand for nor a refusal to recognize them at this time.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset that Israel is determined to pursue "every crack" that might lead to peace despite the blows dealt by the United Nations General Assembly resolution supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Arab summit conference in Rabat, Morocco. But he reiterated that Israel would not negotiate with the PLO which he said is still a murder organization.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Eugene Rostow, former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs in the Johnson Administration, has claimed that the two pro-Palestinian resolutions adopted by the UN General Assembly are illegal under the UN Charter and conflict with the only legal and historic definition of Palestine in modern times -- that given by the League of Nations Mandate in 1922.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Galina and Valery Panov, making their first public appearance in the United States, were the honored guests at a dinner inaugurating the first United Appeal and Federation of Jewish Philanthropies joint campaign, where 600 dinner guests each pledged contributions of at least \$18,000 to the philanthropic effort.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Pressure is mounting on Premier Yitzhak Rabin to form a government of national unity. The independent Liberal Party, the Labor Alignment's original coalition partner, has voted 57-30 in favor of such a move.

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