

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Paul Zuckerman, ninth General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, has been elected UJA President.

NEW YORK -- Samuel L. Haber, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, was awarded the Aliyah Decoration by Israeli Consul General David Rivlin in a ceremony in the Israeli Consulate in New York for his role in helping Europe's Jews make their way to the Holy Land both before and after 1948.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel will remain in the United Nations and continue its struggle against terrorism, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah told newsmen as he returned here from the 29th session of the UN General Assembly.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Helicopter-borne Israeli commandos raided Majdel-el-Zun village in southern Lebanon, destroyed six buildings used as terrorist refuges and took two prisoners back to Israel for questioning.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) has confirmed a complaint by Israel that Syria violated the disengagement agreement by placing more tanks in the limited forces zone than the accord allows, according to Israeli sources.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A report of an angry exchange between Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger during a black-tie dinner party in honor of former Premier Golda Meir was denied by Avi Pazner, the Israel Embassy's information officer.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan had to be rescued by security guards after parents who blamed him for the deaths of their sons in the Yom Kippur War besieged a building on the Bar Ilan University campus.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- If a new Middle East war should break out Israel "will fight it decisively, quickly, and victoriously," Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz told more than 500 Zionist and Jewish Leaders at a dinner sponsored by the Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- Richard Hoggart, deputy director general of UNESCO, told the Dutch UNESCO Committee that the organization's Director general intends to raise the matter of the anti-Israeli resolutions at the next executive council.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In an effort designed to save foreign currency, the Israeli government has ended foreign currency grants to importers who supply foreign-made goods to immigrants without the payment of customs duties.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- "Despite the new status conferred upon the Palestine Liberation Organization at the Arab summit meeting in Rabat, Arab moderates still have the upper hand," Sen. Adlai Stevenson (D, Ill.) told an Israel Bond dinner in Chicago at which he was honored as "Man of the Year."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Glenn Richter, national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, and Morey Schapiro, coordinator for the New England SSSJ, returned from a week of intensive discussions with Jewish activists in Moscow and Leningrad and reported that "there is not one iota of change in the anti-Jewish policies of the USSR since the announced Jackson Amendment agreement."

BEERSHEBA -- Speaking at the Inauguration of The University Center for Health Sciences in the Negev and its School of Medicine located at Beersheba, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy stressed the common problems from which the U.S. and Israel suffer in the provision of medical care.

Pointing out the over-abundance of specialists, the shortage of primary care physicians, the geographic maldistribution of health professionals, and the inefficiency in the organization of health services, Sen. Kennedy lauded the Center's unique approach in providing comprehensive medical care to the total population.

TERRORIST JERUSALEM BOMB

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The right leg of Dejean Replogel, the teenage American girl from Jacksonville, Florida, who was wounded in a grenade attack on a tourist bus near Jerusalem, had to be amputated.

She was reported in "satisfactory" condition at Hadassah Hospital after Prof. Meyer Mankin, head of orthopedics, performed the operation when he and his team concluded that their efforts to save the shattered leg was hopeless.

The girl was injured as she was boarding a bus carrying 17 Baptist tourists from Jacksonville in the Arab village of Azariyeh. Her parents, William and Marcelle Replogel, at their daughter's bedside moved newsmen with their faith in God. They said that God had protected their daughter from a worse fate in the attack.

The attack, a few days before Christmas, apparently cut down tourism to Bethlehem and Jerusalem where security was very tight on Christmas eve and Christmas day at the site of Christian holy places. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij blamed the security precautions for a disappointing turn-out of tourists leaving hotels, gift shops and restaurants empty. About 1200 tourists, mostly British and German high school students, arrived in Haifa by Christmas eve, but left the next day foregoing a tour to Jerusalem.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol urged an end to talk of war in the Middle East because it hurt the tourist trade. An Israeli military source agreed that it was a "Christmas under Bayonets" but added "we must take precautions to protect those visitors who put their safety in our

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hands." The girl's parents, who are Baptists, told reporters that the group will continue with their Christmas pilgrimage. However, some members of the group said they wanted to leave for home.

Earlier an explosion in downtown Jerusalem injured 12 persons.

According to police, the explosive charge was concealed in a paint can.

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