

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Aryeh Eliav, a veteran Labor Party member and its former secretary general, has quit the party because of his long time differences over policy and the quality of its leadership.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren was authorized by the Finance Ministry to sell the State of Israel's "hametz" to a Druze soldier, symbolically ushering in Passover here.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Daniel Nestor, the economic and commercial attache at the United States Consulate in East Jerusalem, has denied Israeli press reports that he made remarks disparaging to Israel at a recent meeting with West Bank Arab businessmen in Ramallah.

BUENOS AIRES (WNS) -- Diaspora communities must join with Israel in helping to solve Israel's pressing problems, Jewish Agency treasurer, Leon Dulzin, told a luncheon meeting of the Latin American Jewish Congress.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A bomb exploded at dawn in a bus on the main artery connecting the Jerusalem bus station and downtown area with outlying suburbs of Beit Hakerem and Bayit Vegan. Twelve persons were injured.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The 32nd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising will be observed by Jewish communities through the United States April 6.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Prof. Chaim Ben Shahr, a 40-year-old sabra, has been elected president of Tel Aviv University by its Board of Governors.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System have reacted sharply to a threat by the Arab Boycott Office in Beirut to cut off their news coverage in Arab countries unless "this activity is beneficial to the Arab cause and under supervision of the Arabs."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The board of directors of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America voted 65-56 to end its one-year suspension of membership in the Synagogue Council of America.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Israeli President Ephraim Katzir, making his first visit to the United States as head of the Jewish State, urged leaders of the Washington Jewish community to continue efforts to interpret Israel's ideals of democracy, morality, justice and peace to the general American community.

NEW YORK -- Michael M. Rand of New York City has been named Executive Director of the United States Committee Sports for Israel, which sponsors United States participation in the World Maccabiah Games in Israel.

NEW YORK -- "The American Synagogue: From Supermarket to Boutique" will be the subject of the first of a series of four discussions on the evolving changes in Conservative Judaism to be featured at the 75th anniversary convention of the Rabbinical Assembly at Grossinger Hotel, April 20.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- "We must increase our efforts and unify our power in the struggle for Soviet Jewry," Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, told the opening session of the Agency's Board of Governors meeting here.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet has decided to scrap the Ministry of Information which was created only last year.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet has agreed to cut its proposed 7.5 percent payroll tax to 4 percent.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Five Arabs, who were held in administrative detention in connection with alleged subversive activities, have been expelled to Lebanon.

RABIN'S OFFER TO EGYPT

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- An Israeli offer to meet directly with Egyptian leaders was conveyed by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger while negotiations were still in progress for a second-stage Sinai agreement, but Egypt rejected it, Premier Yitzhak Rabin said in interviews with Israeli newspapers. Rabin said he continued to have faith in the basic soundness of relations between Israel and the United States. He denied reports he was planning to visit Washington soon. Rabin earlier told the Knesset that Israel was prepared to seek peace through any possible means "including through the Geneva conference." He added that Israel "remains ready to conclude a partial settlement accord with Egypt."

In Washington, Kissinger told a press conference that the negotiations were broken off after the Egyptian foreign minister declared that step-by-step talks were over and Egypt wanted to return to the Geneva conference.

In his newspaper interview, Rabin said Israel felt that direct talks with Egypt was the most efficient way of trying to find a solution. He said Israel believes what cannot be achieved before the Geneva conference is not likely to be achieved at the conference. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said chances for success at Geneva were less than under the step-by-step approach and Defense Minister Shimon Peres predicted that



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Israel would be under intense pressure from both the U.S. and the Soviet Union at Geneva.

The Knesset gave the

government position a strong 90-4 vote of support. Rabin said the Egyptian proposals were clearly designed to serve Egypt's military ad-

vantage. He said while Israel has never balked at taking risks accepting Egypt's proposals would have meant taking unjustifiable risks.

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