

WALLACE SYRIAN JEWS' DISTORTIONS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- CBS has been asked to make a "public correction of the misrepresentations and distortions" made by the report by Mike Wallace on the conditions of Syrian Jews during the television network's "60 Minutes" program February 16.

Rabbi Joseph Harari, executive director of the Committee for the Rescue of Syrian Jewry, has sent a letter to CBS News president Richard Salant, declaring that Wallace's "erroneous report" has "justified Syrian brutality, intensified the agony of the Jews in Syria and jeopardized the lives of those helpless people."

Robert Chandler, CBS News vice-president, for public affairs broadcasts, replied that the "60 Minutes" report was based on first-hand reporting in Syria. He said the show pointed out that Wallace was accompanied by Syrian government agents when he interviewed a Jewish family. He admitted that he "obviously" couldn't be sure all that CBS was told is true.

Rabbi Harari has demanded that CBS name the four Syrian Jews who were allegedly executed for espionage in 1969 according to the report. Chandler said this was reported to CBS by members of the Jewish community. Chandler in a letter to the Committee also denied that CBS said that Syrian Jews were a fifth column but only that this was the view of many Syrian officials.

Rabbi Harari sent Salant a letter declaring that "We hold CBS News responsible to retract the espionage statement and to disassociate itself



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from the other distortions on the above program which was based on misinformation...

Meanwhile it was reported in London that gangs of Syrian youths invaded the Jewish quarter of Damascus throwing the contents of Jewish homes onto the streets and injuring several people.

This Week in Carson City

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(Fifth term Assemblyman Zel Lowman, who served as Majority Floor Leader, is a member of Judiciary, Education and Health & Welfare committees. As President of Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council, he is considered a hard-liner on law enforcement.)

The special committee headed by Senator Jim Gibson, began the drafting of a bill which would propose to rescind the present Charter of the City of Las Vegas and reincorporate it under general law to include the present urban areas of the County but to exclude the Cities of North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City as well as the rural areas.

A special committee appointed under the chairmanship of Assemblyman Tom Hickey was to study Vegas Valley Transit and hopefully propose legislation. The consensus seemed to be there is no possibility of providing adequate service owned by private enterprise. However, the fly in the ointment is the problem of funding.

The two Houses of the Legislature went on a four-day Easter Holiday, the first such holiday in recent years.

The Assembly Health & Welfare Committee heard a proposal that meets the requirements of Federal law on child abuse and allows the State Welfare Department to apply for Federal funds to assist. After extensive amendment it was reported to the Floor of the Lower House.

Assembly Education heard Assemblyman Robert Craddock's bill to reconstitute the policy-making board for scholastic activities in the State was opposed by the present members of the Board. Assemblyman Sue Wagner's bill to license pre-schools was characterized by present operators as unworkable and unduly expensive.

A draft bill to gut the Nevada Right-To-Work Law by permitting the union shop was rumored to be near its appearance in the Senate.

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