

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- The development of new Jewish ideologies in Israel was one of the topics covered when Rabbi Avraham Hirsch Rabinowitz, chief rabbi of the Israel Air Force, spoke to a group of students, faculty and staff of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

CINCINNATI, OHIO -- A United States commemorative stamp has been named after Haym Salomon, Jewish merchant, banker and Revolutionary war financier. The ten-cent stamp, issued by the United States Postal Service March 25, is part of a series entitled, "Contributors to the Cause."

NEW YORK -- Close to 2,400 Russian Jewish transmigrants in Rome waiting for arrangements to be completed to proceed to the United States and other Western countries, celebrated their first Passover holiday openly and in freedom last week, it was reported by Jack D. Weiler, Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

NEW YORK -- "We are deeply grateful to President Ford and to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for their untiring efforts toward a peace in the Middle East," Rose E. Matzkin, president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, said.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- B'nai B'rith Women was selected as one of eight charter members of the National Bicentennial Service Alliance, in recognition of its outstanding programs to further the commemoration of the nation's Bicentennial.

NEW YORK -- Yavneh, the Religious Students Association, announced the publication of A Guide to Jewish Life On the College Campus. It may be obtained by sending \$2.00 to YAVNEH, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10010.

NEW YORK -- This Passover, over 1000 recently emigrated Soviet Jews in New York City and the Jerusalem area participated in a traditional Pesach Seder sponsored by Far Rockaway Orthodox congregations and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

TEL AVIV -- One of the world's largest bus terminals is now being completed in Tel Aviv. It will accommodate 20,000 buses daily on 150 urban and inter-city lines, serving more than half a million passengers each day.

TEL AVIV -- One of the most luxurious condominium communities ever to be built in Tel Aviv, 180 units, is rapidly being occupied -- mostly by families from overseas -- as the tri-tower apartment development, Hadar Weizmann, nears completion in north Tel Aviv's better residential district.

TEL AVIV -- Israel's Dead Sea has been termed the ideal location for the treatment of psoriasis, according to 13 leading dermatologists from the United States. The Dead Sea region offers a singular location for easing the affliction of psoriasis, the chronic disfiguring disability.

NEW YORK -- Irving Howe, the literary critic, and Eliezer Greenberg, the poet, were honored February 16 at the Jewish Heritage Award Luncheon in New York City for excellence in literature.

NEW YORK -- A Catholic church, St. John of God in San Francisco and a Protestant parish, St. Stevens in Bellvedere, were the settings for seders commemorating the Jewish holiday of Passover. Both institutions were helped to arrange the traditional meal and observance by the Northern California Division of the American Jewish Congress.

NEW YORK -- In an analysis dramatically confirmed by the breakdown of Secretary Kissinger's latest Middle East mission, Theodore Draper, writing in the April issue of Commentary magazine, explains that the basic formula of the new approach "has been for the U.S. to do for the Arabs what the latter will not do for themselves. If the Arabs cannot force Israel to give up territory, the U.S. is expected to put subtle and not-so-subtle pressure on Israel to give up territory" and "U.S. policy has substantially shifted."

ADMINISTRATION VIEW: "ISRAEL NOT FLEXIBLE"

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Despite Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's public statements that the Ford Administration is not attempting to fix the blame on the failure of his efforts to achieve a second-stage disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt, the Administration appears to be mounting a campaign to convince other governments that Israel was intransigent.

Kissinger reportedly urged visiting Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. McEachen to use his influence to get Israel to adopt a more flexible position. The view that Israel was not flexible was reportedly transmitt^{ed} to West

US SENATORS EXAMINE ISRAEL'S NEEDS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- In the wake of Israel's request for \$2.5 billion in U.S. aid, Sens. Daniel Inouye (D. Hawaii), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Aid, and Charles Mathias, (R. Md.) a member of the committee, have been asking some hard questions.

During a visit to an immigrant absorption center in Jerusalem, Inouye asked such questions of Jewish Agency chairman Pinhas Sapir as: "How many immigrants do you expect during this year and what is your estimation as to the possible number of immigrants from Russia? How much does it cost to absorb them, to provide them with housing, education and health services?"

Sapir and his chief aides did not have ready answers but promised to provide detailed information before the two senators left Israel.

Germany and Holland. However, the State Department has denied that a request has been made to any other government to intervene.

Meanwhile in Los Angeles, Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Calif) denied there was any wavering of support for Israel in Congress. He charged that "these erroneous reports were apparently White House inspired" and criticized the "threatening tones" in leaks from the Administration. Cranston warned that the "orchestrated campaign of White House innuendo against Israel could heighten the danger of war by deluding some Arab leaders into believing that U.S. support for Israel is weakening." Cranston said Administration aid requests for Mideast countries will be scrutinized to see that Israel does not get shortchanged but said that Israel should also not be given more than she needs.

ASTROLOGER PREDICTS SEPT. WAR

TEL AVIV (WUP) -- The Israeli astrologer, Ilan Peker -- who in December 1972 predicted the Yom Kippur War -- has now forecast war in the Middle East for September 1975 and a possible world war sometime in 1976.

He said the next Israeli - Arab conflict would begin on September 20, 1975 with a Syrian and Egyptian missile attack on Israeli cities.

Mr. Peker, who forecast the resignation of Golda Meir, the illness of ex-President Nixon and Mr. Nixon's departure from the White House, has told Ha'aretz that the 1975 Arab-Israeli war would bring direct Soviet intervention. Despite such intervention, he is reported to have declared, Israel would get the upper hand and would occupy Jordan -- giving that part of the country to the Palestinians.

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