

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli forces have gone into the southern Lebanon area known as Fatahland several times as a means of preventing possible terrorist plans to launch assaults in Israel.

BRUSSELS (WNS) -- The agreement signed between Israel and the European Economic Community (EEC) demonstrates that Europe is now intimidated by Arab threats and that the Arab boycott is not working, Israel Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said here.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Securities and Exchange Commission has been urged by the American Jewish Congress to require companies registered with it to make public disclosure of whether they comply with Arab boycott demands and the extent of their compliance.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Andrei Asher, a 63-year-old Rumanian Jew, who was sentenced to death for alleged economic crimes involving acceptance of a bribe, has had his sentence commuted to 20 years.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A Jewish "counter-terrorist" organization calling itself "Terror and Counter-Terror, An Eye For An Eye" has claimed the responsibility for a fire that destroyed an Arab-owned bus in an Arab neighborhood northwest of the Old City walls.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Soviet Union has been warned by a bipartisan group of 45 Congressmen that while many members of Congress want to nurture "the spirit of good feelings and cooperation that has been growing" between the United States and the USSR "we cannot, so long as the repressive treatments of Soviet Jews continues."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The House Banking Committee's subcommittee on International Trade, Investment and Monetary Policy, plans to investigate alleged pressure by Arab nations on American companies to discriminate against employees or customers who are Jewish.

MONTREAL (WNS) -- The Canadian government opposes all discrimination against Canadian companies which, because they trade with Israel or have Jewish directors, have been placed on the Arab boycott list, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau told the House of Commons.

PARIS (WNS) -- President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's announcement that France, in an effort to promote European unity, will no longer celebrate the Allied victory over Nazi Germany, has brought protests from Jewish organizations in France.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Mirzia Ofrishan, a former Rumanian minister of foreign trade who immigrated to Israel five months ago, has revealed that Nikita Khrushchev ordered the holding of show trials on trumped-up economic charges against Jews in Rumania in 1958.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A new organization, Bridge to Peace, dedicated to abolishing war has been formed by a group of Jewish and Arab mothers in Haifa.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The government plans to complete 300 housing units in Ophira (the Israeli name for Sharm el-Sheikh) by April 1977, Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Cabinet.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Defense Minister Shimon Peres has declared that Egypt has nothing to fear from Israel when the Suez Canal is reopened. Peres said Israel's only demand was "the right of client to go through the canal."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Vice President Nelson Rockefeller is chairman of the honorary committee for the Israel Independence Ball to be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel June 15.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- In an effort to reach more than 10,000 contributors in the New York area, 125 United Jewish Appeal leaders have participated in a three-day telephone solicitation program for the New York UJA Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Combined Appeal.

AUSTRIA CHARGED WITH REVIVING NAZISM

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Yugoslavia has charged Austria with tolerating the revival of Nazism.

In a press statement released by the Yugoslav Mission on the occasion marking the 20th anniversary of the signing of the State Treaty between the two countries, the Belgrade government accused Austria with bad faith by violating some of the basic clauses contained in the Treaty.

"Taught by historical experience," the statement noted, "the Yugoslav Government is particularly concerned over the existence, i.e. revival of nazism and great-German - chauvinism in Austria. Although the eradication of nazism and the ban of organizations carrying on activities hos-

tile to any Member State of the UN have become, under the State Treaty, an international obligation of Austria, it has not been consistently fulfilled so far."

The statement went on to charge that "more recently, there have been cases when the activity of certain organizations of Nazi origin and character was permitted, of organizations particularly of Slovene and Croat national minorities in Austria, in spreading great-German chauvinist propaganda, national intolerance and hatred, and which have also laid territorial claims to the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia."

The Yugoslav document, moreover, charged Austria with "tolerating with im-

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- "As long as I am President, I will not allow anything to happen to the State of Israel," President Ford told 10 survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

MINNEAPOLIS (WNS) -- A six-foot high sculpture symbolizing the Soviet Jewish "Prisoners of Conscience" was unveiled at the Minneapolis Jewish Center by Dr. Aleksandr Voronel, a Jewish scientist who was recently allowed to emigrate after years of harassment.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- President Ford should announce his support of the \$2.5 billion aid requested by Israel before he meets Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Salzburg, Austria, Rep. Bella Abzug (D, NY) told the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee's New York chapter.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Following the recommendations of the Agranat Commission which investigated the conduct of the Yom Kippur War, Premier Yitzhak Rabin has announced he will appoint Gen. (Res.) Rehavam Zeevi as his intelligence advisor.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Twenty persons were injured when a bomb exploded on a crowded public beach at the Dead Sea.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- As part of the new economic agreement signed by U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon and Israeli Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, a team of American desalination experts are coming to Israel to examine prospects for putting up a seawater sweetening plant at Ashdod.

URGES PROBE OF MISSILES TO JORDAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WUP) -- Congressman Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D-L, NY) has called for a Congressional investigation of the sale of U.S. missiles to Jordan which, he said, may be part of an emerging anti-Israel policy of the Ford Administration.

In a letter to Rep. Dante B. Fascell, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, Rosenthal wrote: "Despite Israel's urgent need for weapons to restore the balance of forces in the Middle East, and the position

punity certain quisling organizations which were active in Yugoslavia during World War II."

of the U.S. as Israel's major source of such arms, less than 21% of the arms sales to the Mideast -- so far this fiscal year -- were made to Israel.

The other 80% of the arms are going to Israel's neighbors and nations that have shown enmity for Israel, Rosenthal stated, adding that such a policy invites tragedy.

The Ford Administration's current "so-called reassessment" of its Mideast policy, Rosenthal said, "is a thinly veiled disguise for a program of punishing Israel for the failure of American diplomacy in arriving at a Mideast settlement."

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