

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations is now urging Congress to approve the U. S. - Rumanian trade agreement making Rumania eligible for most-favored-nation status.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A proposal to take "strict disciplinary action" against any member of the professional staff of B'nai B'rith who takes a public position in opposition to any "Supreme Lodge policy" has been recommended by B'nai B'rith International's top level personnel policy committee, aimed specifically at any member who advocates any kind of accommodation between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization or even public discussion of the issue.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Charles L. Brown, executive vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., has stated that the loan of \$100 million Saudi Arabia is providing A.T. & T. "in no way compromises A.T. & T.'s commitment to make every effort to recruit and promote the most qualified candidates into its jobs, including Jewish men and women."

OTTAWA (WNS) -- Israel and Canada have signed an agreement to avoid double taxation which allows investors to establish businesses in each country without being taxed by both countries.

DETROIT (WNS) -- Archbishop Valerian D. Trifa, who is facing deportation charges by the U.S. Justice Department on the grounds that he participated in Nazi crimes and the murder of Jews in Rumania, received the backing of his Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America at its annual convention in Grass Lakes, Michigan.

LONDON (WNS) -- The participants in the European Security Conference scheduled to meet in Helsinki were urged by the Board of Deputies of British Jews to express their concern to the Soviet Union over the treatment of Jews in the USSR and to urge immediate steps to grant Soviet Jews their elementary human rights.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has expressed doubt that Israel will be expelled from the United Nations despite mounting pressure from the Arab countries and some of their Third World allies.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- An Israeli patrol searching for terrorist collaborators in the Lebanese village of Kila was ambushed by terrorists who wounded seven Israeli soldiers, one of whom died.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- The Security Council approved a resolution Thursday evening extending the mandate of the UNEF in Sinai to October 24, just six hours before the mandate's expiration was due.

LOS ANGELES -- The naming of the major new facilities at Camp Ramah in Ojai, California, will be completed on August 10th.

WALTHAM, MASS. -- In a program designed to help "a new generation of young scholars," a \$650,000 grant has been awarded to Brandeis University by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation of New York.

NEW YORK -- An annual grant for in-service training of professional staff has been established at the American Jewish Committee by Sol Feinstein of Washington Crossing, Pa.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Jewish War Veterans of U.S.A. has urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to reject the "unwarranted, exorbitant and dangerous" sale of missiles to Jordan as a "threat to American and Middle East security."

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress called on the American Telephone & Telegraph Company to state publicly that the \$100 million loan it has obtained from Saudi Arabia "will not influence your employment policy toward Jews, either at home or abroad, and that your company has not surrendered to the Arab boycott of Israel or of firms doing business with Israel."



CONGRESSMAN SANTINI

(Congressman James Santini's Address to B'nai B'rith Conference in Las Vegas.)

The Administration is now in the process of "reassessing" its U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East following the breakdown of negotiations between Egypt and Israel. I believe that any reassessment must result in a reaffirmation of our support for a secure Israel, a position that is vital to America's national interests and to a peaceful settlement in that troubled part of the world.

A strong secure Israel serves as our assurance against Soviet domination in the Middle East. If Israel were to be overcome, the Soviet Union would gain unprecedented control and influence in the area. The Soviets have poured increasing numbers of weapons and war material into the Arab states.

Some of the weapons captured by the Israelites during the 1973 war showed that the weaponry being supplied by the Soviets to the Arab countries is extremely sophisticated. I am convinced that these modern armaments must be counterbalanced with appropriate equipment from the United States in order to assist Israel in inhibiting an Arab attack and protecting her security.

The thrust of our Middle East policy has been aimed at achieving a peaceful settlement in which Israel can exist as a free state within secure borders. The potential for such a settlement depends upon the ability of Israel to negotiate from a position of strength. Only a strong Israel can persuade the Arab leaders to seek a peaceful, negotiated settlement rather than a military solution to the present impasse.

I have co-sponsored a resolution in the House of Representatives which states the need to make available to Israel sophisticated weapons in order to achieve and maintain a balance of power during the Geneva negotiations. At least 50 other Congressmen have agreed to endorse the wording and intent of the resolution which states:

Whereas, the policy of the U.S. has been aimed toward the achievement of a peaceful settlement in the Middle East;

Whereas, the State of Israel will soon enter

into negotiations with the Arab nations in Geneva in which a balance of military power is of vital importance if these talks are to be constructive;

and Whereas, the Arab nations have been continuously supplied with sophisticated weapons of the Soviet origin

Now, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U.S. that the Secretary of Defense, in administering P.L. 94-11 which appropriated Foreign Assistance for the fiscal year 1975, includes in the \$300 million foreign military credit sales appropriated to assist the State of Israel, F-15 fighter planes, electronic counter measures and other sophisticated weapons necessary to insure the continued military viability of Israel.

I have also joined with nearly 100 members of the House of Representatives in urging President Ford and Henry Kissinger to allow Syrian Jews the right to leave their country.

I am deeply concerned over the conditions endured by the 4,500 Jews in Syria.

They have been subjected to continual harassment, intimidation and abuse. In the light of the openly acknowledged restrictions on the right to Syrian Jews to leave their own country, there is little question that they are hostages in their own land.



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