

### JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Dr. Howard A. Rusk and Dr. Walter A. L. Thompson will each receive the Torch of Learning Award of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at the annual Medical Division Dinner on October 21, at the Hilton Hotel.

NEW YORK -- President Ford was urged by the head of the Zionist Organization of America "to undertake all possible diplomatic measures to halt the Pan-Arab Islamic aggression against Lebanon, and particularly the Arab-Moslem attack against the Christians in Lebanon."

NEW YORK -- The 23rd Biennial National Convention of Women's American ORT -- the largest ever in the 96-year-old history of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) -- will open on Sunday, October 26, in New York City. Two thousand women, representing the organization's 125,000 members in one thousand chapters throughout the U.S. will hear a major address presented by Israeli Ambassador to the U.N., Chaim Herzog.

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith has reconstituted its Israel Commission to "meet the special needs of a special country," which will supervise and set policy for educational, cultural and social service programs in and for Israel.

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith was "encouraged" by the conciliatory action of UNESCO's executive board toward Israel, but urged that the United States continue to withhold its \$22.5 - million dues to the agency "until all anti-Israeli sanctions have been repealed."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The first tangible sign of the impending Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai oilfields was the arrival at the Ras Sudar oilfields of three American oil technicians employed by the Mobil Oil Company on behalf of Egypt.

NEW YORK (WNS) Daniel P. Moynihan, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Dr. Thomas P. Melady, who was the American Ambassador to Uganda when relations were severed in 1973, have denounced President Idi Amin of Uganda for his anti-Israel, anti-Jewish speech before the UN General Assembly in which Amin called for the extinction of Israel as a state.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Aliya from the United States and Canada increased in August 30 percent over August 1974 according to the Israel Aliya Center here. The number of North American Jews emigrating to Israel in August was 570 as compared to last year's figure of 407.

NEW YORK -- The First National Orthodox Leadership Conference on Public Affairs will be held at the Essex House in New York City, November 26-30, and will be open to representatives of all North American Orthodox communities and institutions.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee has commended Daniel P. Moynihan, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Clarence Mitchell, Jr., a member of the U.S. delegation, for their "forthright and justified condemnation" of statements made in the United Nations General Assembly by President Idi Amin of Uganda.

NEW YORK -- A group of 15 young American Jews left for permanent settlement in Israel. The settlers are members of two collective settlement groups, Garin Masada and Garin Yachdav.

NEW YORK -- THE BAR MITZVAH BOOK, to be published by Praeger on November 10, 1975 (\$19.95), uses mankind's most civilized initiation rite as an inspiring springboard for presenting the life and breadth of the Jewish people.

NEW YORK -- The nation's 1100 Reform Rabbis are conducting a fund-raising drive to establish an "alumni Chair" Endowment in Practical Rabbinics as their contribution to the centennial celebration of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

### ZOA ATTACKS PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE, RESOLVES ACCORD "IMPOSED" ON ISRAEL

CHICAGO (WNS) -- Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Philip M. Klutznick, chairman of the governing board of the World Jewish Congress, attacked the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations as being no longer effective. They made their charge at the 78th annual convention of the ZOA here.

But in New York, Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Presidents Conference, defended the organization.

Klutznick, who helped found the Presidents Conference and was one of its first chairmen, said it should be replaced by a new group that "was more reflective of the mood and sense of American Jews." He said what was needed was "an independent American Jewish voice not constrained by the Israel government, as is the case now with the Presidents Conference."

Sternstein, who was re-elected to a second term, charged that the Presidents Conference had failed to rally American Jews against U.S. moves that forced Israel to accept what he termed "the one-sided and discriminatory" interim agreement with Egypt in the Sinai. He pledged that ZOA, which is a member of the Presidents Conference, would not be "guided by counsels of timidity or the silence of other organizations in coping with the emergencies or crisis affecting the economic viability of political and military security of the State of Israel."

The 1500 delegates

to the convention adopted resolutions claiming that the Sinai accord was "imposed" on Israel by the U.S. to the detriment of Israel and demanding assurances that American military assistance would "be forthcoming without delay" if Egypt violated the accord and that there are no secret agreements that would harm Israel. They also asked for economic and military aid be no longer delayed and denounced the idea of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip claiming these territories

"are integral parts of the land and the State of Israel." The delegates also called for a Zionist voice alongside the Israeli government's in international conclaves where the question of the future of the land of Israel will be debated, negotiated and decided." In New York, Rabbi Miller replied to the charges against the Presidents Conference by Sternstein and Klutznick by declaring that "the real issue at stake is the question of who determines the foreign policy of the sovereign State of Israel

and the security of her people. I believe that responsibility for the crucial decisions on territories, borders and relations with the surrounding Arab states rightfully belongs to the democratically elected representatives of the citizens of Israel, who live in the land and send their sons and daughters to defend it. Mr. Klutznick and Rabbi Sternstein are, of course, entitled to think otherwise, but I do not believe their opinion is reflected in the mood and sense of American Jewry today." (TO WHICH WE ADD AMEN, J.T.)

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