

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**NASHVILLE, TENN.** Jacques Back, editor and publisher of the Jewish Observer, passed away September 13, at the age of 95. May he rest in peace.

**UNITED NATIONS (WNS)** -- Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has called for the expansion of the 3987-man United Nations Emergency Force in the Sinai in advance of a session of the Security Council which is scheduled to take up the matter of renewing the UNEF mandate which expires October 24.

**VIENNA (WNS)** -- The Austrian resistance movement has demanded the resignation of Friedrich Peter, chief of the right-wing Freedom Party, who was identified as having been a member of the First SS Infantry Brigade during World War II. Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi-hunter, disclosed that the SS unit to which Peter belonged had murdered more than 8000 Jews in occupied Soviet Union.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** -- Tel Aviv University students demanded that President Luis Echeverria return the honorary doctorate awarded him by the university on his recent visit to Israel because of Mexico's vote for the anti-Zionist resolution in the UN General Assembly's Third Committee.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- The American Joint Distribution Committee will establish its new Israel Headquarters in Jerusalem January 1.

**WASHINGTON** -- Attendance at High Holy Day services on college campuses last month was the highest ever, continuing an upsurge that began in 1971, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations reported.

**BALTIMORE** -- The Sinai agreement brokered by the United States "is the most hopeful Middle East development in 27 years," David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, told a public forum.

**NEW YORK** -- Fifty-four scholarship and fellowship grants which have a total value of \$87,150 have made it possible for 43 students -- all of them future staff members of Jewish Community Centers and YM & YWHAs -- to enroll in professional graduate courses in colleges and universities.

**NEW YORK** -- A new dimension in the education of the clergy is envisioned in a program announced by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in cooperation with the Columbia University School of Social Work which calls for an interchange of students, courses, and credits between the two schools.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said he was not for "dismantling, disbanding or replacing" the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, that what is needed to make the Presidents Conference effective is a "re-affirmation of the spirit of independence, the courage to be critical of friends in and out of government -- the U.S. government and the Israel government -- and the resolve and energy to mobilize the American public, and most certainly the great body of American Jewry, in support and defense of Israel's security as we see it from the vantage point of both the people of Israel and the whole Jewish people."

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- The 200 American Jewish leaders who participated in the eight-day United Jewish Appeal Study Mission pledged nearly \$8.5 million, almost \$1 million higher than that pledged by last year's Study Mission, which was \$7.7 million.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- Prof. Leonid Kantorovich of the Soviet Union, who was named as the joint winner of the 1975 Nobel Prize in economics and Prof. David Baltimore of the Massachusetts, one of three American cancer research experts awarded the Nobel Prize for medicine, are Jewish.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- Bernard Segal, of Philadelphia, a legal scholar and teacher, human rights activist and a leader in Jewish Affairs, was acclaimed by the World Through Law-Peace conference as the "outstanding world lawyer."

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## HAITI SUPPORTS ISRAEL AT U.N. COMMITTEE

**UNITED NATIONS (WUP)** -- An Arab maneuver in the Third Committee to push through a resolution by which the Assembly would determine "that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination" was bitterly scored by the Ambassador of Haiti, Alexandre Verrett, last week as an attempt by Israel's enemies to have this UN body "reinstate the Inquisition against the Jews."

Mr. Verrett said that Zionism was an expression of religious nationalism and should not be equated with apartheid and racism. It is based on fraternal solidarity and should not be linked with race.

Although a number of Asians and Africans supported the Arabs -- as also the Soviet bloc states and Cuba -- Malawi and Liberia joined the Western group of nations and the Latins in opposing the resolution.

There was a growing number of Africans, however, fearing that the injection of "Zionism" into a resolution dealing primarily with racism in southern Africa, might jeopardize their own cause in Africa due to the fact that so many states would vote against the overall resolution should the clause on "Zionism" be included, began to have second thoughts whether or not to support the Arabs.

Ambassador Chaim Herzog, spoke up once again in this Committee. He stated that "this malicious resolution designed to divert us from the true purposes of the Decade for Action is part of a dangerous anti-Semitic idiom which is being insinuated into every public debate, however irrelevant, by those

who have sworn to block the current move towards accommodation and ultimately towards peace in the Middle East."

He reminded the Committee that "Zionism was the first movement in the Middle East to base itself on the dignity

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of labor of the working man.

It now remains to be seen how the full-member General Assembly will react to the Third Committee draft.

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