

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations had made a strong reaction against the Mexican vote approving the International Women's Year convention anti-Zionist resolution, because Herzog had not received the full report on the "understanding" between Israel and Mexico.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- During the years between 1962 and 1971 the Jewish population of the Greater New York Area decreased by an estimated 383,000, according to a report by Dr. Fred Massarik, director of the National Jewish Population Study. The report, sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds covers New York City's five boroughs Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A portrait of former Israeli Premier Golda Meir by Raphael Soyfer has been presented to the National Portrait Gallery, a Smithsonian Institution, during a ceremony attended by Mrs. Meir.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Israel is to receive a larger-than-life statue of Abraham Lincoln by sculptor Sidney Loebe as a gift from the American people. The House has unanimously approved a resolution authorizing President Ford to make the presentation and the Senate is expected to give its approval soon.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Legislation has been introduced by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D, NY) to authorize the Department of Justice to deport aliens who committed war crimes under the Nazis. She said at present U.S. law does not bar Nazi war criminals from immigrating to the United States.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Pope Paul VI has named Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, to fill one of the vacancies in the 70-seat Academy of Science in Rome.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America, told an audience of 150 persons most of them Catholic clergy, that "goodwill rhetoric" and "living room dialogue" are not enough in Christian-Jewish relations. "The key words from now on are action and implementation," he said. Rabbi Lookstein spoke at a convocation of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops at Catholic University, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Catholic-Jewish Relations.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, who promised to provide the funds to allow the Self-Help Community Service to operate a geriatric service in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan for another year, has sent a check for \$50,000 and has promised another \$50,000 contribution within "a few weeks." Self-Help is a non-sectarian agency originally chartered to aid victims of Nazi persecution.

NEW YORK -- One hundred and sixteen Jewish college students from 70 American college campuses departed for Israel as participants in the 1976 United Jewish Appeal Programs December Leanderahip Mission, the largest student mission in UJA history, announced Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA General Chairman.

NEW YORK -- A unique pilot project to assist young people in launching their careers, initiated by Project COPE, the manpower agency of Agudath Israel of America, has achieved a 75 percent successful placement rate.

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Lubavitch movement, has announced the opening of two new regional offices in Richmond, Virginia and New Orleans, Louisiana.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress announced a new number for its "Action Hot Line" now expanded to provide current information on Israel and other international issues as well as news about Soviet Jews. The new number is (312) 879-7722.

LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

SEN. BIRCH BAYH SCORES FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK (WUP) -- Addressing the Hapoel Ha-Mizrahi Golden Key Dinner here last week in a strongly pro-Israel, pro-Zionist speech, Senator Birch Bayh pointed to "the bonds of affection between the U.S. and the State of Israel" as stemming from a common set of principles and beliefs. Referring to this affinity, he cited America's second President John Adams as having made the following statement about the Jewish people:

"The Jews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed only in blind fate, I would still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing nations."

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Liberation Organization painful "to the cause of peace in this season of Christian preaching." Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, President of the Zionist Organization of America, said that the words from the Vatican will encourage the PLO to carry out their war against Israel, including acts of terror.

Dr. Sternstein noted that the Pope did not

recognize the State of Israel, while recognizing Jordan. "It is also surprising," Dr. Sternstein said,

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"that Pope Paul failed in his appeal to say a word about the Christians in Lebanon."

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