

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK: Joseph Harmatz, Director General of ORT in Israel, and Basil Wunsh of Johannesburg, a past chairman of South African ORT and now its Vice President, and who is also one of the top leaders of the South African Zionist Appeal, are coming to the United States to address the 1976 National Conference of the American ORT Federation, to be held at the Hotel Americana from Friday, January 30th through Sunday, February 1st.

NEW YORK -- One hundred and fifty students, representing New York City area chapters of Yavneh, the National Religious Jewish Students Association, demonstrated January 12th at 1:00 p.m. at the Isaiah Wall, located across from the United Nations, to protest the invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization participation in the Security Council Mideast debate.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- More than 250 Israel Bond leaders from the United States and Canada arrived for a convention here to be greeted by a statement from Premier Yitzhak Rabin declaring that the "Israel Bond Organization has been a source of increasing importance in every phase of our economic development during the past 26 years."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A Foreign Ministry report on the improvement of the conditions of Syrian Jewry was greeted with skepticism by the Council for Jews and Arab Countries.

MEXICO CITY (WNS) -- Mexico's new ambassador to the United Nations is Roberto Rosenweig, a Jewish career diplomat, who was formerly Mexico's Ambassador to Egypt. He was chosen because of his experience in the Middle East.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Jewish National Fund marked its 75th anniversary with a celebration attended by an overflow crowd of Israelis and overseas Jews at the Jerusalem Theatre.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A multi-million plan to convert the former no-man's land between East and West Jerusalem into a modern complex of stores, offices, hotels and apartments has been approved by the Jerusalem City Council.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations will conduct teach-ins in 12 cities to inform Jews and non-Jews about Zionism, Judaism, the Palestinians and related subjects.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Six members of an El Fatah terrorist cell near Nablus have been arrested by security police.

LONDON (WNS) -- Dutch-born Jew Alexander Aharonson was hanged by the Iraqi military junta as originally reported by an Iraqi news agency according to a British correspondent who recently was in Iraq.

RIO DE JANEIRO (WNS) -- Some 2000 American Jews have cancelled their reservations to deluxe Brazilian hotels as a protest against Brazil's vote for the United Nations General Assembly's anti-Zionism vote.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The expectation is growing here that former Foreign Minister Abba Eban will rejoin the government possibly as Deputy Premier. Eban refused to join the Cabinet which was formed by Premier Yitzhak Rabin in June 1974 and has frequently criticized the government's actions. However, Rabin and Eban had a long friendly talk.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Eight persons were injured when a homemade bomb exploded in a supermarket in Ramot Eshkol.

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (WNS) -- The United Nations General Assembly is a "forum of intransigence rather than compromise" Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, told the 600 delegates attending the Western Regional Leadership Conference of the United Jewish Appeal.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel has dropped plans to host the Miss Universe contest when the Ministry of Finance refused to allocate the \$300,000 needed for the international beauty pageant.

OPPOSITION AT UN MEANS REDUCED U.S. AID

WASH. (WNS) -- The State Department has indicated that the United States will reduce assistance to countries that opposed the U.S. on issues to the UN.

However, Department spokesman Robert Funseth said he was unaware of any changes in the \$4.4 billion foreign aid program the State Department has submitted to Congress. But, he noted that changes could still be made since Congress has not adopted it yet.

Secretary of State

Henry A. Kissinger has reportedly decided to defer assistance to Tanzania because it opposed the U.S. on Korea and voted for the anti-Zionist resolution in the General Assembly. At the same time, countries such as Malawai and the Ivory Coast, which backed the U.S., are understood to have been given additional aid.

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