

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

PHILADELPHIA -- Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion with schools in Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles, and Jerusalem, was recently named to the Publication Committee of The Jewish Publication Society of America.

NEW YORK -- Aron Chilewich, a New York business and philanthropic leader, has been named President of the American Associates of Israel's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- The congregational body of Reform Judaism has initiated a two-level education and action campaign aimed at winning congressional support for the 2.3 billion dollar Israel aid package and creating an understanding among Jewish and Christian laymen of the issues of Zionism, the PLO, the Palestinians and other questions relating to the Middle East.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Following the infamous Security Council debate on the Middle East, Ambassador Chaim Herzog issued a statement in which he hailed the American stand which he saw as "an important contribution towards stability in the Middle East and to the promotion of the process of negotiations and of genuine peacemaking efforts."

NEW YORK (WUP) -- In a letter published in the N.Y. Times last week, a Lebanese student at Tufts University has charged that "it is clear now that Arafat is running the show" in Lebanon in the aftermath of the crisis which has beset that unfortunate country.

TEL AVIV (MDA) -- A colorful parade of Magen David Adom ambulances escorted by members of the Nahariya Civil Guard and local police marked the opening of the new MDA First Aid & Health Station in Nahariya in the northern coastal region of Israel.

NEW YORK -- Nearly 30 programs available to young people who wish to spend time in Israel are described in the 1976 edition of "Israel Programs," which is produced by the American Zionist Youth Foundation, 515 Park Avenue, N.Y.C., 10022.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Calling Mexico a friend of the Jewish people, a special committee of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said that relations with that country should be fully normalized.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The IL 600,000 in Israel and foreign currency stolen from a police building in northern Tel Aviv has been recovered by Tel Aviv police.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress has called for the eviction of the Palestine Liberation Organization from an office building at Park Avenue and 40th Street.

TORONTO, Canada (LNS) -- "Jewish women were given a primary responsibility, and with it an extra privilege for the preservation of the Torah way of life in each and every generation," the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, wrote in his message to the Mid-Winter Convention of the Lubavitch Women's Organization.

NEW YORK -- Israeli frustration over the Middle East situation and the domestic economy has encouraged the growth of the country's right wing, which now holds slightly more than one-third of the 120 seats in Israel's parliament. Writing in the current issue of Present Tense, Naomi Shepherd states: "There is a large group of politicians and their supporters in Israel who call for an end to Labor's domination of foreign and domestic policy, oppose all or most concessions to the Arab states for anything short of a total peace, and are uncompromisingly nationalist."

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In honor of America's Bicentennial, B'nai B'rith Women has introduced the life stories of three Revolutionary heroines to its unique "Dolls for Democracy" program. The three heroines are Abigail Minis, one of the first Jewish settlers in the colony of Georgia; Sybil Ludington, "the teenager who outrode Paul Revere"; and Elizabeth Freeman, the first slave to be freed in the colony of Massachusetts.

ISRAEL PRAISES U.S. VETO AT UN SESSION

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- After the United States vetoed the United Nations Security Council resolution calling for a Palestinian State and the withdrawal of Israel from all occupied territory, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement praising the American action as "an important contribution to the preservation of stability in the region and to the advancement of negotiations."

The vote was 9 - 1 with the U.S. casting its veto against the resolution and the Soviet Union, France, Japan, Panama, Rumania, Pakistan, Tanzania, Guyana and Benin (formerly Dahomey) voting for the measure. Britain, Italy and Sweden abstained and China and Libya did not participate.

The Foreign Ministry statement here took note of the three European countries that abstained and thus had "not lent their hands" to the resolution, "which had it been passed, would have irreparably shaken the only agreed basis for any settlement as expressed in Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338." The statement "noted with sorrow" that "this harmful move obtained the support of such friendly states as France, Japan, Panama and Rumania," the latter country one of the six sponsors of the resolution. The Foreign Ministry asserted that the aim of the resolution was to abrogate Resolutions 242 and 338 "and thus to advance the aims of the Syrian - PLO conspiracy to

foil the negotiating process by abandoning the principle of negotiation and agreement between equal parties."

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon in a radio interview, also expressed appreciation for the U.S. veto. He said Israel must continue to call for the reconvening of the Geneva Conference so that if the confab is not held the blame would fall upon the Arabs. At the UN Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog called the U.S. veto "an important contribution toward stability in the Mideast."

In Washington, the State Department in an unusual action reinforced its decision to veto the resolution and declared that the "negotiating framework established in previous Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 had won widespread acceptance and should be preserved." The statement asserted that this "negotiating framework" is flexible enough to "provide the basis for negotiating fair and durable solutions to all the issues involved." The Department stressed that "there will be no permanent peace unless it includes arrangements that take into account the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people."

But it pointed out that it is "not realistic" to expect Israel to agree to the participation of Palestinians in negotiations if the Palestinian policy is "to seek the disappearance" of Israel as a state. The Department added that the U.S. had "no preconceptions as to the nature" of a solution of the Palestinian problem.

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