

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Premier Yitzhak Rabin's government is threatened with a coalition crisis by the National Religious Party which opposes any move by the government to evacuate a group of Gush Emunim supporters from the Samaria region of the West Bank.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- While the combined pressure of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry and the 25th Communist Party Congress led to the release of about 100 Jews from the Soviet Union, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reports "the screws are now on again."

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- The nuclear plants that the United States is considering providing for Israel and Egypt will be "under safeguards more stringent than anywhere else," Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told the Senate Government Operations Committee.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- An oil tanker has reached Israel via the Suez Canal, the first time to do so since the Jewish State was established.

**ROME (WNS)** -- A Vatican press spokesman has denied that the Pope has changed his views on the political status of Jerusalem. In Jerusalem Father Pierre de Contenson, secretary of the Vatican's Commission for Judaism, said that the Vatican no longer insists on international status for Jerusalem, only international guarantees to preserve the status of the holy sites.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- A group of 12 district attorneys from the United States said they found no traces of racism during their nine-day tour of Israel.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- Gov. Hugh Carey officially designated the Central Synagogue, a Moorish - style structure housing a Reform Congregation in Manhattan's affluent upper East Side as a national - historical landmark.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- Rep. Morris Udall has conceded New York's Jewish vote to his rival, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash) in the Democratic Presidential primary there in April.

**LONDON (WNS)** -- The frequent claim by Arabs that Jews were always well treated in Islamic lands has been refuted by Dr. Tudor Parfitt, a lecturer at London University.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- Israel's proposal for an end-of-belligerency agreement with its Arab neighbors is a test of Arab intentions toward entering into a final peace agreement, Yosef Tekoah, Israel's former Ambassador to the United Nations told the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

**JERUSALEM (WUP)** -- Swaziland, one of the black African States which voted against the anti-Zionist resolution of 10 November 1975, has entered into a vital trade agreement with Israel.

**UNITED NATIONS (WUP)** -- Arab delegates here at the UN, preoccupied as they are with their campaign against Israel, found themselves split into two camps this week over the future of the former Spanish Sahara which has led to the severance of diplomatic relations between Morocco and Algeria. One faction in the Arab League is supporting Morocco and Mauritania, to whom Spain had turned over the disputed territory; the other faction is behind Algeria which is standing by the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic led by the Polisario Front.

**ZOA HOUSE, NEW YORK** -- Nathan Freedman, journalist and public relations expert, has been appointed Director of the Communications and Publicity Department of the Zionist Organization of America.

**NEW YORK** -- Thirty-four American writers, journalists, columnists, Radio - TV news directors, commentators and program producers left on a ten-day visit to Israel to gain a first - hand picture of the mood of Israel's leaders and its population so as to "assess the potentials of moving ahead to a real peace in the Middle East between Israel and her neighbors." It was announced by Mrs. Faye Schenk, President of the American Zionist Federation, sponsor of this COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TOUR, which is the seventh such annual media tour sponsored by the AZF.

# ISRAEL WILL NOT BE BLACKMAILED BY SYRIA

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Syrian "brinksmanship" will not intimidate Israel when the mandate for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force comes up for renewal May 31, Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset.

Replying to Likud motions, Rabin said Israel will "oppose any attempt at political blackmail in return for a renewal of the mandate." He denied flatly Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's statement in Kuwait that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had given him a secret pledge by Israel not to attack Syria and to enter into negotiations with Syria for an accord on the Golan Heights. Sadat also claimed that the U.S. had pledged to press for the participation of the Palestinian Liberation Organization in future Mideast peace talks.

Rabin insisted that Israel gave no promise, secret or otherwise that would "limit its freedom of decision or action on the Syrian front." He said Israel knew nothing of any alleged pledge

by Kissinger on the PLO. He referred to Kissinger's testimony before the House International Relations Committee in which the Secretary said that all pledges by the U.S. or involving America that were included in the Israeli - Egyptian agreement have been disclosed to Congress. Kissinger also said the U.S. has not changed its position that it is opposed to PLO participation unless the PLO accepts Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and recognized Israel's right to exist.

Rabin also warned Jordan not to be "led astray" by the Syrians and appealed to "those forces in Lebanon who desire

even a minimal level of Lebanese independence to consider carefully where Syria stands."

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