

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**JERUSALEM (WNS) --** A threat by Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, that Soviet diplomats in the U.S. face "kidnapping and possibly worse" if the American government does not take a tougher stand on behalf of Soviet Jews was sharply condemned by Foreign Minister Yigal Alon.

**UNITED NATIONS (WNS) --** Black African delegates blocked a move by the Arabs to include statements equating Zionism with racism in two resolutions adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Israeli delegates said the Arabs suffered a "great defeat."

**TEL AVIV (WNS) --** The Soviet Union is convinced that Arab - Israeli coexistence is possible and is working toward that end, according to a three - member delegation from the USSR in Israel at the invitation of the Pro-Rakah Communist Party.

**UNITED NATIONS (WNS) --** Soviet accusations in the Security Council that Israel was practicing "racial genocide" were vigorously denied by Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog.

**LONDON (WN) --** Tel Aviv University Professor Yoram Dinstein, head of the Israeli branch of Amnesty International, has urged the European Commission on Human Rights to examine the situation in Israel, that there have been hundreds of allegations of torture of prisoners in Israel, but almost everyone has been proven to be unfounded.

**LOS ANGELES --** Fellowships in memory of Milton A. Senn and Jack Y. Berman in the amount of \$500 each will be presented at the twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Southwest Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, June 6th at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

**WASHINGTON --** Eugene Gold, Brooklyn District Attorney was elected Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Other Jewish leaders elected to serve as officers of the national group were Vice - Chairpersons Lewis D. Cole (National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council), Joel J. Sprayregen (Chicago), Charlotte Jacobson (WZO-American Section), Rabbi David Hill (National Council of Young Israel) and David Blumberg (B'nai B'rith).

**WASHINGTON, D.C. --** The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley, a well - known Catholic priest, sociologist and author, declared that the general relationship between American Catholics and American Jews was excellent and that there had been no decline in "the overwhelming Catholic support for the American alliance with Israel."

**WASHINGTON --** Benedict M. Kohl, prominent member of the New Jersey Bar, was named President of the American Jewish Committee's New Jersey State Advisory Council.

**WASHINGTON --** The majority of American Jews, while lacking strong religious convictions, are nevertheless deeply concerned about maintaining a sense of "Jewishness" for themselves and for future generations, Irving Howe, author of the best - selling book, "World of Our Fathers," and Distinguished Professor of English at City University of New York Graduate School and Hunter College stated at the 70th Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Committee.

**WASHINGTON --** The executive head of the American Jewish Committee, Bertram H. Gold, urging moderation, declared that "in this pluralistic democracy of ours, groups seeking to protect and enhance their own group interests must be prepared, whenever possible, to find accommodations with one another."

**WASHINGTON --** Dr. John Slawson, Executive Vice President Emeritus of the American Jewish Committee, called on the adversaries in the Middle East conflict to recognize each other's problems in the interest of peaceful solutions.

**PHILADELPHIA --** Editors and publishers of English - language Jewish community newspapers from coast to coast will convene here (May 25) for the 34th annual meeting of the American Jewish Press Association.

## FORD URGES LAND CONCESSIONS BY ISRAEL

**WASH. (WNS) --** President Ford told delegates to the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee that "fundamental American - Israeli friendship" would not be changed by occasional differences but he urged Israel to be prepared for territorial concessions to help bring Arab-Israeli peace.

Reiterating the "traditional and special relationship" of the United States to Israel, the President said "we will remain the ultimate guarantors of Israel's freedom." He cited his proposals of more

than \$4 billion in aid to Israel he has requested in the two budgets he has sent to Congress and said "these figures speak far more eloquently than any words of my commitment to the survival and security of Israel."

Ford noted that his Administration has asked Israel to relinquish territory "a concrete and essentially irreversible step," in return for "basically intangible political measures." But, he added, this was the most certain way "that hostility can be ended and peace attained."

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