

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**LONDON (WNS)** -- The Israeli-made combat jet "Kfir" has been excluded from the British Air Show at Farnborough for political reasons.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- A \$9.4 billion foreign aid bill which provides Israel with \$4.5 billion in foreign aid for a 27 month period from July 1, 1975 to September 30, 1977 was adopted by the Senate by a 62-18 vote.

**ALBANY, N.Y. (WNS)** -- The American Jewish Congress has hailed a unanimous decision by the New York Court of Appeals which struck down as unconstitutional the state's laws requiring retail stores to close on Sunday.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- Rabbi Alexander Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that representatives of the American Jewish community have agreed while they overwhelmingly support "free expression of the widest variety of views and opinions on Israel's policies" such expressions would be confined to the Jewish community to prevent it from giving "aid and comfort" to Israel's enemies.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- The Knesset rejected a request by Likud leader Menachem Beigin for an official investigation of the problem of "Yerida," Jewish emigration from Israel. Labor Minister Moshe Baram reported that 6000 Israelis living in New York had made inquiries recently about returning to Israel.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Justice Minister Haim Zadok told the Knesset that he has returned California's request for the extradition of Tuva Schwartz, an immigrant from the United States who is wanted for the alleged fire-bombing of a car that belonged to the brother of a suspected Nazi war criminal Zadok said he asked California officials for more information.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (R, NY) has urged Congress to pass strong legislation making it illegal for American companies to comply with the Arab boycott of Israel.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- A group of New York area Congressmen and other public officials stood on the steps of New York City's Main Post Office to protest new Soviet restrictions on the size and value of parcels being sent to Soviet residents.

**NEW YORK** -- Sports broadcaster Marty Glickman has announced the creation of the Olympic Memorial Scholarship Fund for worthy and needy students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a memorial to the eleven Israeli athletes murdered at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

**NEW YORK** -- An association of Tel Aviv University Alumni has been organized under the auspices of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, 342 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C., 10017.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- A group of Israeli Arab leaders, representing town and village councils, have drafted a memorandum criticizing Premier Yitzhak Rabin for telling them that the Arab minority was considered by Israel to have a distinctive religion and culture but omitting any reference to Arab nationalism.

**NEW YORK** -- The Women's League for Conservative Judaism, one of the largest private publishers of books of Jewish and general interest, has in honor of America's Bicentennial Year - republished Leon Spitz's WHAT THE LIBERTY BELL PROCLAIMED, which deals with the role of American Jews during the two-century history of our nation.

**MINNEAPOLIS** -- "The boycott by Arab nations of firms that do business with Israel is reprehensible," Senator Walter Mondale told an Israeli Bond Drive Dinner in Minneapolis.

**NEW YORK** -- The first residence hall for non-rabbinical students at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America was dedicated.

**WASHINGTON** -- A long-term effort to help high school and college students understand Jews and Judaism is under way in many local chapters of the American Jewish Committee.

## DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM SUPPORTS ISRAEL

**WASH. (WNS)** -- A policy statement urging strong support for Israel and calling for moving the United States Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is included in the campaign program adopted by the Democratic Platform Committee.

The proposed platform will be voted on by the delegates to the Democratic National Convention in New York in July. The statement on Jerusalem was contained in the last paragraph of a long section on the Middle East. "We recognize and support the established status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel with free access to all its holy places provided to all faiths," the statement said. "As a symbol of this stand

the U. S. Embassy should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem."

The Middle East policy statement said that "a firm commitment to the independence and security" of Israel is the cornerstone of American policy in the Mideast and that the U.S. must continue to provide military aid to Israel as a deterrent. The Democrats opposed an imposed solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict which they said must be solved by "direct face-to-face negotiations" without the inclusion of the terrorist organizations.

The Democratic platform also urged government endorsement of measures aimed against the Arab boycott of Israel and urged the Soviet Union to allow "free flow of people and ideas" a reference to Soviet Jewry although not by name.

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