

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- B'nai B'rith reported its office in Paris was bombed.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The Israeli Navy ordered six more of the **YARON STATE AGAVE** boats which are now visiting the United States and this will give the navy a total of 12.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- President Ford received a shofar from six rabbis who represented congregations that existed when the United States declared its independence.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet has approved a decision to link the Israeli Pound to a "basket" of foreign currencies rather than just to the U.S. dollar as part of its efforts to increase the marketability of Israeli exports.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Israeli government and the Jewish Agency have agreed to set up an eight-member committee to study the problem of "neshira," the drop-out of Soviet Jewish emigrants en route to Israel which has climbed to over 50 percent.

NEW YORK (WUP) -- At last the USSR has erected a monument at Babi Yar -- worldwide symbol of Jewish martyrdom -- without a single mention of the fate that befell 33,771 Jews at the hands of a Nazi extermination team.

HOLLYWOOD, California (WUP) -- The Israeli rescue operation at Entebbe has inspired several studios to compete in rushing through production based upon the heroic lightning-speed rescue of the hostages. Universal Studio is now casting for "Rescue at Entebbe." Paramount is preparing a script for "90 Minutes at Entebbe," and producer Elliott Kastner is filming "Assault on Entebbe."

NEW YORK -- Jewish Education Program of Zeirel Agudath Israel of America, announced that its reach out programs in the past '75 '76 school year involved 3,000 children.

NEW YORK -- S. Allan Dubow was appointed Controller and Director of Office Administration of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

NEW YORK -- Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and His Excellency Simcha Dinitz, Israel Ambassador to the United States, will share the spotlight at the 47th annual Convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs July 25 - 29, at the Concord Hotel, Klamesha Lake, N.Y.

NEW YORK -- A nationwide petition campaign initiated by Soviet Jewish activists in Moscow, was launched by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Addressed to Leonid Brezhnev, First Secretary of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, the campaign was opened with the signing of the petition by Senators Hubert H. Humphrey, Henry M. Jackson, and Claiborne Pell, Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown, Jr., as well as thirteen members of the House of Representatives.

NEW YORK -- A new national program to provide Orthodox Jewish travelers with local information centers for their unique needs while traveling was launched by Agudath Israel of America, a major national Orthodox Jewish Organization. For a list of the various cities participating in this project, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Travelers' Hospitality Project (Hachnosas Orchim Project) of Agudath Israel of America, 5 Beekman Street, New York City 10038.

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman has been named as the new Director of Program for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

NEW YORK -- H. Jack Mayer has been named to the post of Leadership Development Associate for the Council of Jewish Federations.

NEW YORK -- One thousand Americans ranging in age from 13 to 60 have already either arrived in Israel or will arrive within the next few days, participating in some 23 programs sponsored and conducted by the American Section of the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization.

MEXICAN REVERSE (Continued from Page 1) to its group travel program, beginning in the fall.

Blumberg strongly criticized Mexico's formal statement to the UN Security Council that the UN Charter and international law had been flagrantly violated by the Israeli rescue effort.

Mexico's statement, the B'nai B'rith president wrote Echeverria, was a "distortion of reality" which chose to ignore Uganda's collusion with the terrorists. Such reasoning, Blumberg added, "denies international law, demeans the Charter" and by implicit acceptance of sanctuary for terrorists contradicts Mexico's own call for international action against terrorism.

Blumberg also cited Mexico's support of Arab - initiated anti-Israel measures that sought to politicize the UN Habitat Conference and World Health Assembly, and "abrupt cancel-

lations" of Mexican participation in international chess and table tennis tournaments to be held in Israel, as further demonstrating a "continuity of diplomatic actions" against the Jewish state.

Such actions, Blumberg said, cannot be "adequately explained" and have "revived the suspicions and uncertainties" which Echeverria's assurances were intended to allay.

"They ill serve the friendship we have for the people of Mexico and our respect for Mexico's democratic traditions," Blumberg declared.

The B'nai B'rith leader added that "under the circumstances" he was "regretfully" declining an invitation Echeverria had extended to attend the President's address to the Mexican Congress and the inauguration of the Third World Academic Center in Mexico City in September.

LOS ANGELES -- Holmes and Narver, Inc. an engineering and construction firm headquartered in Anaheim, California, was charged with anti-Jewish discrimination arising from a contract it had received for work in Saudi Arabia. ADL had filed a complaint on behalf of Henry E. Ankeny, a former employee of the firm.



PRESIDENT EPHRAIM KATZIR AT THE MAGEN DAVID ADOM BLOOD CENTER WITH DR. SHULAMIT BAR SHANI, DIRECTOR, INSPECTING FACILITIES AND LABORATORIES DEALING IN THE COLLECTION, TYPING, PROCESSING, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION TO ALL OF ISRAEL'S HOSPITALS OF BLOOD AND BLOOD COMPONENTS.

NEW YORK -- Dr. Aaron Greenbaum, Director of Cultural and Religious Activities in Israel of the Joint Distribution Committee, received the Mordecai Ben David Award at the 45th Annual Commencement of Yeshiva University.

RAMAT-GAN -- Over 300 overseas students, the highest number to date, are attending special summer courses beginning at Bar Ilan, Israel's only religious oriented university.

NEW YORK -- In recognition of his leadership role in the American Jewish community, the community at large and in view of his work with the American Zionist Federation, Rabbi Herschel Schacter was chosen by President Gerald R. Ford to serve as the official representative of the President at the presentation of a statue of Abraham Lincoln as a gift of the American people to the people of Israel.



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