

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Seventy percent of teenage immigrants who attend a college or university in Israel remain in the country after five years, according to figures released recently by the Central Census Bureau in Jerusalem.

NEW YORK -- In spite of the fact that the International Red Cross refuses to recognize the Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) Society of Israel, it has called upon the Israeli organization to help mount a campaign in the war-ravaged areas to help reunite Lebanese Arab and Christian families who have been separated by the fierce fighting now going on. Israel has agreed to help.

TEL AVIV -- Prices of homes and apartments in Israel will now be fixed in Israel in foreign exchange, according to Israelom, Israel Homes & Real Estate Ltd., the organization serving foreign buyers of condominiums and other property in Israel.

KIRYAT SANZ, Netanya -- Israeli religious and government leaders participated, along with a representative of United States president Gerald Ford, in officially launching a new hospital in Netanya, the first to serve this rapidly-growing area of central Israel.

NEW YORK -- Mr. Joel Finkle, President of the American Friends of the Jerusalem Mental Health Center, will be honored at our annual dinner on 21 November at the New York Hilton Hotel.

NEW YORK -- "I am pleased to learn that the family of the late Colonel Yefim Davidovich has received an exit permit to emigrate to Israel," said Eugene Gold, Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

NEW YORK -- Invited to participate in a Scientific Congress in Helsinki, Soviet Jewish activist Benor Gurfel (Sverdlovsk) declared a hunger strike in protest against the Soviet authorities denying the scientist a visa to deliver his paper discussing his specialty, mining economics.

NEW YORK -- A group of 41 American youngsters between the ages of 15 and 17 are leaving for Israel for a year of special high school study. It was announced by Dr. Abraham P. Gannes, Director of the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization - American Section, Inc.

WASHINGTON -- Senator Charles H. Percy (R, Ill.) charged the summit meeting of the non-aligned nations in Sri Lanka with "international political mischief."

NEW YORK -- "According to reports reaching the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Soviet Jewish activist and long time refusenik Mark Abramovich of Kisinev has received permission to emigrate to Israel," announced Eugene Gold, NCSJ Chairman.

NEW YORK -- Rabbi Walter S. Wurzberger, President of Rabbinical Council of America at a recent conference held in Jerusalem, charged that individuals selected by Israeli authorities to promote Aliya (immigration) in the United States are totally inadequate to their task because they are lacking in sensitivity to religious concerns and are, therefore, unable to reach those elements which offer the greatest potential for Aliya.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Saychelles, a group of islands located in the center of the Indian Ocean with a population of less than 60,000 has been approved unanimously by the Security Council for admission as the 145th member of the United Nations.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Appearing at a press conference here last week, Turkey's Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil declared, in response to a query by the WUP correspondent related to the latest acts of Arab terrorism in Istanbul and Egypt, that his country would join other UN member states in pressing for the resurrection of the agenda item on "Measures to Prevent International Terrorism" during the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.

TERRORIST BACKER TO PRESIDE AT UN

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Charging that Libya was behind international terrorist acts including the hijacking of an Air France plane to Uganda and the attack on El Al passengers in Istanbul's airport, Israel has denounced the fact that the Libyan representative will be the president of the Security Council in September.

"What more blatant example could there be of the systematic disregard of the Charter of the United Nations than the fact that the representative of Libya, the paymaster and instigator of international terror, will preside over the Security Council," Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog said in

a letter to UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. The presidency of the Security Council is rotated monthly between its 15 members. But Herzog also scored the fact that Libya whose President, Muammar Qaddafi, "whose hands are soaked in the blood of innocent victims of international and Arab terror throughout the world," is a member of the Council which is charged by the UN Charter with "the maintenance of international peace and security."

Herzog's letter, which he asked to

be circulated as an official document of both the Security Council and the General Assembly, was chiefly aimed at proving Libyan responsibility for the attack in Istanbul in which four El Al passengers were killed. He also listed a dozen other terrorist incidents in which Libya was involved from September 8, 1971,

through March 3, 1974. (See Behind the Scenes, Page 4).

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