

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

PORTSMOUTH, VA. -- President Gerald Ford, and Jimmy Carter will both participate in the Christian Broadcasting Network's TV special "It's Time to Pray, America!" Friday, September 17th.

NEW YORK -- Mrs. Gert White, of Springfield, N.J., has been named Chairman of the forthcoming 11th National Board Conference of Women's American ORT, to be held October 24-28, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

CHICAGO -- Ludwig Y. Wolpert: A Retrospective, a tribute to the career of an outstanding artist, will open at Maurice Spertus Museum of Judaica September 12, 1976 and continue through January 16, 1977.

NEW YORK -- The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has requested the cooperation of the Council of Jewish Federations in carrying out its influenza immunization program with all relevant data including lists of local contact offices.

NEW YORK -- The Vice Presidential candidates of both major American political parties will address the Zionist Organization of America 79th Annual National Convention.

NEW YORK -- On Thursday, September 16, the Synagogue Council of America, the national coordinating body of the three branches of American Judaism, will hold a day-long pre-election forum, "Morality in Public Life: America After Watergate and Vietnam." The convocation will bring together Sen. James A. Buckley (R., N.Y.), former U.N. Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan (D., N.Y.); Rep. Bella Abzug (D., N.Y.); Hon. Paul O'Dwyer (D., N.Y.); and former U.S. Attorney Ramsey Clark (D., N.Y.)

NEW YORK -- The Jerusalem Hilton in Israel is featuring self guided walking tours of Jerusalem and is providing maps to accompany the tours.

WASHINGTON -- Third World countries, while excoriating Israel for its relations with South Africa, are themselves maintaining extensive -- but often circumspect -- trade with the apartheid-practicing state, the B'nai B'rith International Council disclosed.

ZOA HOUSE, N. Y. -- Brigadier General Ariel "Arik" Sharon, the Israel military hero who masterminded and led the crossing of the Suez Canal by the Israel Defense Forces during the Yom Kippur War, addressed the opening session of the 79th Annual National Convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

CHICAGO -- Sam Beber, who founded the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, largest Jewish teenage movement, died here August 25. He would have been 76 next month.

NEW YORK -- Federation of Jewish Agencies Associate Director Charles Miller introduces a brochure "An Introduction to the Jewish Federation," published by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 315 Park Avenue, So., N.Y. 10010.

NEW YORK -- Responsibility for the bombings of two Buenos Aires synagogues and a drugstore in a Jewish area was claimed by a new group calling itself the Argentine National Socialist Front.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- UN Secretary Kurt Waldheim has called solving the Palestinian question "an essential element in resolving the Mideast dispute."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The restrictive and inflexible immigration policies of the United States sealed the fate of European Jews exterminated by the Nazis in World War II, Morris B. Abram, former U.S. representative to the United Nations Human Rights Committee, told the House Foreign Policy Research and Development Subcommittee.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The Egyptians have withdrawn three battalions from the limited forces zone in the Sinai east of the Suez Canal at the insistence of United Nations observers.

TRADE BRISK BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK -- The apartheid regime of South Africa maintains "thriving" trade relations with the countries of Black Africa, amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars annually, the American Jewish Congress said in releasing a study of growing economic ties between the white-ruled state and its Black neighbors.

The report was accompanied by an exchange of letters between Bayard Rustin executive director of the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee (BASIC), and Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, on the issue of Israel-South African relations.

Mr. Rustin had expressed "a deep sense of concern and disturbance" about the visit

to Israel last April by Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa and the announcement of plans to expand "commercial and other relations between the two countries."

In reply, Rabbi Hertzberg cited the American Jewish Congress study showing that last year South Africa imported \$340 million worth of coffee, timber and other commodities from Black Africa and exported \$493 million worth of goods.

This "close cooperation," he said, was "evidence that, for the sake of economic survival, even profound political differences are often shunted aside."

"So it is with Black Africa. So it is with Israel."

Such arrangements were "hateful to those committed to the va-

lues of social equality and human dignity," Rabbi Hertzberg said. "But if it is wrong for Israel to have any relations with South Africa, why is it not also wrong for Black African states to have

such relations? "Let us not ask of Israel what we do not ask of the countries of Black Africa and the rest of the world. There can be no double standard in judging the behavior of nations."

ISRAEL PROTECTS LEBANESE FROM TERRORISTS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- South Lebanese villagers have asked the Israeli army for protection against terrorists.

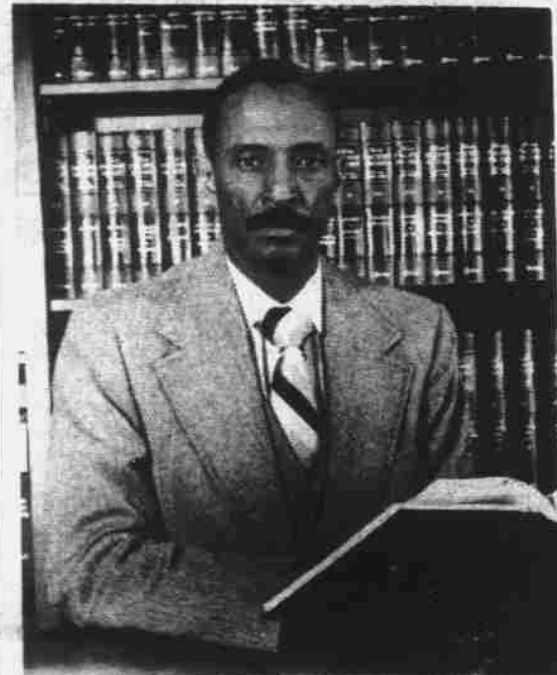
The request came after the residents of Ein Ebel fought off terrorists in a fight in which four terrorists and three villagers were killed. A fourth villager, a 17-year-old youth, was wounded and brought to the Israeli government hospital in Safad for treatment.

Ein Ebel, a Maron-

ite Christian village, is located five kilometers north of Dovev, where Israel has a medical station. Israel has conducted its military action solely to prevent terrorists from approaching the border. Meanwhile, the Lebanese villagers are taking measures to protect themselves by manning roadblocks to the entrances of villages.

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