

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Renewed pledges of American support for Israel were made by Vice - President Nelson A. Rockefeller and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger at a Kennedy Center reception following a performance by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra which has been touring the United States in celebration of the American Bicentennial.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Israel Pound has been devalued another 1.8 percent.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A letter urging Argentine President Jorge Rafael Videla "to make every effort to end anti-Semitic terrorism in your country" was signed by 56 members of the House.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A sharp attack on international Jewish aid organizations that assist Jews who leave the Soviet union with Israeli visas but "drop out" en route was issued by Leon Dulzin, treasurer of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization after a visit to the United States and Britain.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The United States has an "historic and unswerving moral commitment to the survival and security of Israel," Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz told the inaugural dinner of the American Friends of Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israeli nurses ended their strike of nearly two weeks and went back to work on the eve of Rosh Hashanah after signing a three - year contract. However, work is not back to normal at the hospitals since doctors are continuing a go slow strike.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel must build an armed force strong enough to frighten the Arabs from starting another war, Gen. Mordechai Gur, the Israeli Chief of Staff, said in an Israel Radio interview.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- After two months of relative quiet, strikes and disturbances broke out on the West Bank with shops closing and Arab students refusing to attend school, setting up road barricades and stoning Israeli vehicles. Soldiers and border police restored order.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israeli security agents at Ben Gurion Airport seized a 23-year-old Dutch woman who admitted membership in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and that she had come to Israel to sabotage the airport and Israeli planes.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Officers and members of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds should not take part in partisan political activities in their official capacity, the Board of Directors announced reaffirming its standing policy.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Hundreds of immigrants from the Soviet Union, war veterans and a crack paratroop unit attended a military burial on the Mt. of Olives for Col. Yefim Davidovich, the much decorated Red Army hero of World War II who died in Minsk after a long struggle to obtain an exit visa.

NEW YORK -- The Fourth Biennial National Convention of the American Zionist Federation will be held October 19 to October 21, at Grossinger's Hotel.

TEL AVIV (MDA) -- The building of a new modern MDA First Air & Health Station is underway in the Eshkol region located in the north-western Negev.



ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON ADDRESSES A MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE ON THE EVE OF THE OPENING OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (L-R) RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER, CHAIR-

MAN OF THE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE; YEHUDA HELLMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; YIGAL ALLON; SIMCHA DINITZ, ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES. (PHOTO: ALEXANDER ARCHER.)

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telegram that it is "unthinkable that the United States should take no firm legislative action in the face of unacceptable challenges from the Arab governments to our national sovereignty."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at a press conference in New York urged the President to push for the bill. The ADL also noted that eight top Administration officials had testified against the bill before Congressional committees. They charged this was evidence that a "triumvirate" of high Administration officials, American oil companies and Arab spokesmen have engaged in "a desperate and misleading propaganda campaign" to block the anti-boycott provisions of the Export Administration Act.

Earlier, the ADL, the American Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of America had accused the Mobil Oil Corp. of trying to frighten the American people in its newspaper advertisements opposing the anti-boycott legislation. At the press conference, the ADL said that the Administration officials who testified before Congress, the oil companies and the Arab countries all used the same arguments in opposing the bill.

Seymour Graubard, ADL national chairman, noted that Ford addressed the B'nai B'rith biennial convention in July and said that the U.S. has a "moral and legal opposition to the Arab boycott of Israel." Ford declared, "I reiterate my determination to make further progress, if necessary by legislation, so that government officials at all levels and the American people

will know that I mean business."

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders were angered that while the Administration was apparently blocking the anti-boycott legislation, its members had used pressure on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to get it not to block the sale of 650 "Maverick" missiles to Saudi Arabia. Opponents of the sale lacked the votes when Sen. Gale McGee (D. Wyo.) who had voted against it when the committee disapproved the sale by an 8 - 6 margin switched his vote. The committee then decided not to act against the sale which means it was automatically approved. Presidents Conference chairman Schindler said that the Administration's action on the missiles and its lack of action on the boycott measures were "maneuvers to appease the Arab states."

Meanwhile in California, Gov. Edmund Brown, Jr. signed a new law making it illegal for corporations in California to take part in the Arab boycott and providing penalties on firms or individuals who refuse to do business with another company or individual because they do business with Israel.

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