

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Small groups of Jews in New York and Washington met with two Palestine Liberation Organization leaders who sought to give an impression that the PLO is moderating its views toward Israel.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- A resolution extending the mandate for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force on the Golan Heights for another six months was approved by the Security Council.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres will discuss Israel's defense needs with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in Washington December 13.

LONDON (WNS) -- The Horev Report which recommends eliminating the Israel Ministry of Absorption and having the Jewish Agency responsible for both immigration and absorption has been endorsed by the Agency's Board of Governors.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- An IL 122.5 billion budget for the 1977-78 fiscal year, one percent less than the current budget, was approved November 30 by the Cabinet.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Jewish leaders have fallen into the trap of rumors propagated by Damascus that Syria's Jews are no longer the targets of persecution and discrimination. Yaacov Tzur told the Council for Jews in Arab Countries, after being installed as its new chairman.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A \$4.5 million, seven-story Jewish cultural center will be built near Lincoln Center on Manhattan's West Side to house three institutions. The institutions are the Hebrew Arts School for Music and Dance, the Tarbut Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew Culture and schools operated by the Lincoln Square Synagogue.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- The Dutch Foreign Ministry will not allow the PLO to open an office as long as the PLO does not recognize Israel's right to exist. Reports from Brussels said that following the opening of a PLO office there one would be opened in the Netherlands.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- All Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union should be aided regardless of whether they go to Israel or not, Natasha Rubinstein, a Soviet Jewish immigrant who lives in Israel, said here December 2.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- El Al set a new transatlantic world record December 1 when a Boeing 707, piloted by Capt. Leslie Easterman, made the flight from New York to London in five hours, 14 minutes. The previous record was five hours, 25 minutes.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Twenty percent of the graduates of the Hebrew University want to pursue their postgraduate studies abroad, 90 percent to the United States.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Declaring that "Islam is for all mankind," King Khaled Ibn Abdul Aziz has called upon the "Muslims throughout the world to recover and liberate the third Mosque and Holy Jerusalem" from the hands of the Israelis.

NEW YORK -- Dr. David Hyatt, President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews declared that American society "cannot for long withstand the negative impact of its major urban centers becoming increasingly poor, increasingly minority, increasingly angry and shorn of economic opportunities."

ZOA HOUSE, NEW YORK: -- The Zionist Organization of America threw its support behind a January 1978 meeting of the 29th World Zionist Congress, objecting strenuously to any convening of the Congress before the holding of Israel's Knesset elections.

LOS ANGELES -- A preliminary study by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shows that most of the 720 affiliated Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada are experiencing a three to five percent membership growth increase in 1976.

SAMMY DAVIS BIRTHDAY PARTY DEC. 16 BENEFITS UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

Lucille Ball, Jack Lemmon, Liza Minelli, Shirley MacLaine and Mickey Rooney will be on hand Thursday, December 16, when the United Negro College Fund throws "The Greatest Birthday Party Ever Held" for Sammy Davis, Jr., at the Las Vegas Hilton. Frank Sinatra is the honorary chairman.

In addition to Frank Sinatra, the tribute committee will include Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Steve Lawrence, Eydie Gorme and Pearl Bailey.

Sammy's friends and supporters of the College Fund from throughout the United States plan to usher in Sammy's fifty-first year with a gala dinner and celebration, emceed by Flip Wilson.

"This party is a tribute to a great human being who dedicated hundreds of hours to the cause of black higher education in America," said Flip.

Sammy Davis, Jr., who has originated more "firsts" in the entertainment world than almost any other performer, is chairman of the United Negro College Fund's Special Events Division. He was three times voted the Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year. In 1973 UNCF's Wilberforce University awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Proceeds from the \$100 per person dinner party will be used to further the education of students at UNCF colleges. The UNCF supports 41 predominantly black colleges throughout the country. Over one-third of these youngsters come from families which earn \$6,000 or less.



SAMMY

Tickets to the Sammy Davis, Jr., Birthday Party can be obtained through the United Negro College Fund, c/o the Sands Hotel, 3317 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109, telephone: (702) 735-9111 X835 or by calling UNCF Headquarters in New York at (212) 644-9626.

NEW ARAB THREAT

SDE BOKEN (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said here that the new alliance between Egypt, Syria

and Saudi Arabia poses a serious threat of war to Israel and at the same time contains glimmers of prospects for peace.

Speaking at a gathering commemorating the third anniversary of the death of Premier David Ben Gurion, Allon reiterated that Israel is ready for

direct peace talks but will not accept dictates from the Arab countries or any outside power. He said the new coalition combines economic and military power.

But, Allon noted, they might seek a political solution since only a strong coalition of Arab

states could sit down to negotiate with Israel.

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