

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel's population of Vietnamese refugees has doubled with the arrival of 197 more boat people. Most came from refugee camps in Singapore and Hong Kong, although some were picked up at sea by the Israeli container ship Zim Sydney.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem Begin is trying to work out with leaders of American Jewish organizations how to handle the problem of Soviet Jewish immigrants who arrive in Vienna with visas to Israel but decide to go to the United States or some other country. This issue was not resolved at a meeting the Premier held with the Jewish leaders. But Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, said they did agree that there was a need for more Jews to leave the Soviet Union and for more of them to settle in Israel.

DETROIT (WNS) -- Federal Appeals Court Judge Cornelia Kennedy has dismissed defense motions and ordered the U.S. government's deportation trial again Rumanian Orthodox Archbishop Valerian Trifa of Grass Lake, Michigan, to start. Trifa, who is accused of fomenting a massacre of Jews in Bucharest, Rumania, in 1941, is charged with concealing his ties with the fascist Rumania Iron Guard when he entered the U.S. and when he applied for U.S. citizenship in the 1950s.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The three-day symposium sponsored by the Israeli monthly New Outlook ended here with a call for Israel and Palestinians to co-exist. "All participants were unanimous in their view that peace can be obtained only on the basis of the right of self-determination of both people within the framework of co-existence," Simha Flapan, the magazine's editor-in-chief, told a press conference.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Malcolm Toon, a former United States Ambassador to Israel, warned that it would be a "terrible mistake" to establish a Palestinian state on the West Bank because it could become a threat to Israel's security. Speaking and replying to questions at Tel Aviv University's Center for Strategic Studies, Toon, who has just retired as Ambassador to Moscow, said the Soviet Union could easily turn a Palestinian state into a Soviet base and "run the whole show."



Senator George McGovern and his wife, Eleanor, recently visited with Simon Wiesenthal in the senator's Washington office following the introduction of McGovern's bill to honor Wiesenthal with a specially struck gold medal. The medal would be presented by the president in recognition of Wiesenthal's unparalleled accomplishments in bringing Nazi war criminals to trial and in upholding the cause of human rights worldwide.

## CLEAR ISRAELI AGENTS IN YOUNG AFFAIR

WASH. (WNS) -- There was no illegal activity by either the United States or Israeli intelligence services in connection with former UN Ambassador Andrew Young's secret meeting last July 26 with Zehdi Lahib Terzi, the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative at the UN, at the home of Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdula Yaacouv Bishara, according to a report by Rep. Les Aspin (D. Wisc.), chairman of the oversight subcommittee of the House Intelligence Committee.

Aspin, who interviewed 15 officials from the CIA,

FBI, Justice Department, State Department and the National Security Agency, said he found not "one iota of evidence" to support allegations that U.S. agents had monitored the Young - Terzi meeting. He said it was "unlikely" that Israel used wire taps to learn about Young's activities.

## ISRAELITE ADS PAY

## "OWL AND PUSSYCAT" INVADE MEADOWS

A merry farce-comedy about education that has nothing whatsoever to do with schools is the current attraction, October 30 through November 24 at Las Vegas' only legitimate off-strip theatre, The Meadows Playhouse.

Joan Snyder portrays the lively sex kitten whose interests have always been in things of the body and Terry McFall plays the owlish young man who thinks he's interested in intellectual things of the mind. Snyder is the artistic director of The Playhouse and is known to theatregoers for her roles as Annie in "Miracle Worker," and Eleanor in "The Lion In Winter." McFall is the resident costume designer and will make his Playhouse debut, but has portrayed many roles before he came to the off-strip theatre as designer.

The play opens in Felix' garret apartment when the pussycat comes beating on his door with full intensions of scratching his eyes out. It seems that the intellect author was responsible for her eviction from her apartment, based on his observations of her antics which he watched through binoculars.

Phil McKinley is directing this bouncing tale about the hilarious confrontation of an almost illiterate shady lady and a self-righteous puritan who insists he's an intellectual. It's all very educational, however, parental discretion is advised. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday with a 2:30 p.m. Saturday matinee. Phone the Playhouse boxoffice for ticket information on general admission, season subscriptions and special discounts for students and seniors. 739 - 7525.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A Senate-House conference committee reduced the economic assistance appropriation for Syria for fiscal 1980 to \$15 million.

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