

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

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dead. Memorial services were held at all the military cemeteries.

As in previous years, Premier Menachem Begin visited graves in Rosh Pina of seven freedom fighters who were executed by the British during the Mandate. Later he visited the military cemetery in Safed.

At a memorial rally on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman noted that "peace with our neighbors is still far away" and proven by the "treacherous act" by the terrorists who attacked Kibbutz Migav Am. "Therefore it is the Israel Defense Force's duty to make all possible efforts to increase its might," he said.

Weizman added that the main source of the strength is the quality of the individual soldiers and "this quality is nourished by the legacy of our sons' courage and sacrifice." The ceremonies took place during a heat wave and the Magen David Adom emergency squads were kept busy helping many persons who fainted.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A terrorist cell in its formative stage was uncovered by Israeli security services in the Israeli Arab village of Tamra in the Western Galilee.

**REAGAN NAMES 11 JEWISH ADVISORS WEIZMAN CALLS FOR EARLY ELECTIONS**

WASH. (WNS) -- Eleven Jews are among 68 foreign policy and defense advisors named by Republican Presidential front runner Ronald Reagan. The advisors will provide policy and research guidance and their work will be coordinated by Sen. Paul Laxalt (R. Nev.), Reagan's campaign chairman, and Reps. Jack Kemp (R. N.Y.) and Tom Evans (R. Del.).

These three have often spoken out in Congress for Israel and the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate. Among the Jewish advisors named are: Kenneth Adelman, former assistant to the De-

fense Secretary; Dr. Nathan Glazer, of Harvard University; Dr. Rita Hauser, former U.S. representative to the United Nations Human Rights Committee; Dr. Edward Lutwak, of Georgetown University; Dr.

Uri Ra'anani, of Tufts University. Others include Laurence Silberman, former Ambassador to Yugoslavia; Dr. Aaron Wildavsky, of California University; Dr. Joseph Churba, president of the Institute for International Security; Walter Hahn, a defense analyst; Charles Kupperman, a defense analyst and Seymour Weiss, former Ambassador to the Bahamas.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Defense Minister Ezer Weizman threw a bombshell into Israel's political life by calling for early elections. Answering questions from a panel of interviewers on Israel Television, Weizman said the

would help bring about a "public and ideological shakeup and help pull the nation out of the slough of despondency in which, to an extent, it finds itself today, and to put the nation on the high road."

Weizman acknowledged that he would like to be Premier someday since "I would like to be able to implement the things I believe in," but he doubted this was a goal that was realistic at this time. Weizman said he did not discuss his statement earlier with Premier Menachem Begin, who was in the United States at the time nor with the Liberal Party wing of Likud where he is believed to have many supporters. Deputy Premier

Simcha Ehrlich, a leader of the Liberals, said he was not surprised by Weizman's statement which he said "simply spelled out the opinions we knew he had." But the Herut Knesset Faction Executive, of which Weizman is a member, said it was "dissociating" itself from the Defense Minister's remarks.

He suggested that Weizman might be asked to resign. Weizman indicated in his television remarks that he might serve a Labor Party government. Asked if he would serve as Defense Minister if Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres became Premier, Weizman replied "I will consider first and foremost what is good for the nation, and I will also consider what is good for me." Peres called Weizman's statements "brave and patriotic" immediately fueling speculation that both had come to some kind of quiet understanding about the next government.

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**COST OF LIVING GOES UP 120 PERCENT**

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The cost-of-living went up 120 percent during the fiscal year which ended March 31, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

This included a 160 percent hike in food prices, a 140 percent increase in the cost of housing and a 70 percent increase in clothing and shoes.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz said he was pleased that the cost-of-living index rose only 5.1 percent, in March, the second successive month in which it hovered at 5 percent.

But many economists believe this was a temporary respite and predict living costs will rise steeply. In April, workers will get a cost-of-living allowance based

on the last six months which will be 46 percent higher than the previous allowance.

In addition, fuel prices here are expected to rise by 32 percent this month, which means higher prices for electricity and water and in turn many other products.


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