

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Secretary of State Haig agreed to present Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrinin with a resolution adopted by the Senate May 12 by a 65-0 vote calling for the release of Anatoly Shcharansky, a Soviet Jewish activist imprisoned in a labor camp in Siberia. The resolution calls for the Soviet Union also to allow Shcharansky to join his wife in Israel. Avital Shcharansky met with Haig and other Senators including Alfons D'Amato (R. NY) who introduced the resolution, for 30 minutes. Mrs. Shcharansky has reported that her husband has spent four months in solitary confinement, that his weight is down to 105 pounds and he is losing his memory.

ALBANY, N.Y. (WNS) -- The New York Assembly adopted a resolution here this week calling on the U.S. Congress to disapprove the Reagan Administration's proposed sale of advanced weaponry to Saudi Arabia. Its sponsor, Assemblyman Jerrold Nadler (D-L) of Manhattan said afterwards, "Since this Administration claims that it wants feedback from the 'grass roots' of America, this will tell them that the nation's second most populous state... stands united against this sale."

TORONTO (WNS) -- The Yiddish weekly in Winnipeg, "Dos Yiddishe Vort," which was alternatively known as the "Yiddish Press" and before that as the "Israelite Press," has ceased publication after 70 years, it was reported. A spokesman for the weekly said that although Winnipeg still has a reputation as a stronghold of Yiddish, the paper had run out of readers, revenues and support. It was losing \$2,000 a month and had only 1,600 subscribers.

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MONTREAL (WNS) -- Solicitor General Robert Kaplan said that the Canadian Government has allowed a legal but rarely used exception to Canada's strict gun control laws to permit El Al security guards at Montreal's Mirabel Airport to carry weapons. It was indicated that the exception was made because the Israeli air carrier has been singled out as a target for terrorist attacks. Kaplan denied that the decision was connected with any recent threat against El Al.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel's Ambassador-designate Moshe Sasson left for Egypt to take up his new post replacing Israel's first Ambassador to Egypt, Eliahu Ben-El Issar, who resigned earlier this year to run in next month's Knesset elections on the Likud list. Agricultural Minister Ariel Sharon left for Egypt in response to a long standing invitation.

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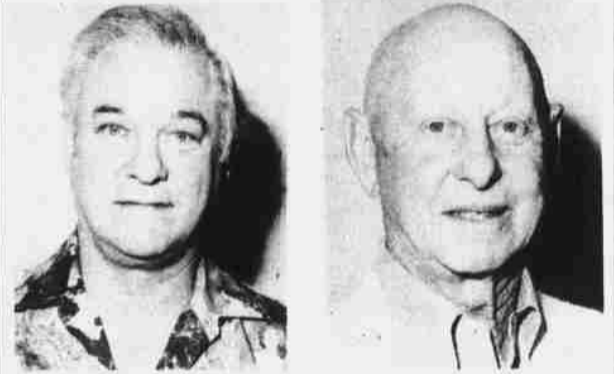
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