### JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Weizman Institute president Prof. Michael Sela called on the International Federation of Automatic Control to join him in a fight for the rights of famed cybernetics expert Prof. Alexander Lerner, who was recently prevented by the Soviet authorities from attending the Federation's conference which opened in Japan.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A team of Israeli experts took a nine hour flight aboard an AWACS reconnaissance plane, it was confirmed by the Pentagon. The flight originated at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. Observers said the flight was an attempt to convince Israel's government that the proposal to sell AWACS to Aaudi Arabia will not threaten Israel's security. However, the flight reportedly impressed the Israelis more than ever of the spy plane's capabilities. A spokesman for the Israeli embassy said Israel's opposition to the sale has not changed.

PARIS (WNS) -- A controversial film banned from French television for 12 years for depicting strong pro - collaborationist sentiment during the Nazi occupation is to be aired for the first time. The film, Max Ophuls "Le Chagrin et la Pitie" ("The Sorrow and the Pity") will soon be aired on France's Third Channel, the station's new director. Gut Thomas, said in an interview.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem Begin has named Dov Shilansky Deputy Minister in the Premier's Office, to head the fight against emigration it was reported here. One of the first appointments Shilansky made is Shmuel Lahis former director general of the Jewish Agency, who resigned from his job last February, after a storm erupted over his report that 300,000 - 500,000 Israelis live in the U.S.

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BONN (WNS) -- Former SS official Heinz-Guenther Wisner, 64, goes on trial Sept. 17 in Duesseldorf, it was reported here. He is charged with the murder of 31 Jewish inmates of the Riga - Kaiserwald concentration camp. For the last year, Wisner has been in custody. According to a spokesman for the Duesseldorf Prosecutor's office, the Nazi official was the right hand of the doctor stationed in the concentration camp. His trial is likely to take six months.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Jewish Agency Executive chairman Leon Dulzin told the Kiryat Shemona town council that the Agency would give a special grant of \$250,000 to the township to help it recover from the shelling and rocketing across the border during July by Palestinian terrorists.

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