

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

GENEVA (WNS) -- The Intergovernmental Commission for Migration reported that only 368 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union during October, the lowest number in recent years. A spokesman for the Commission forecast that the figures for November will be even lower. Of the 368 Jews, 83 went to Israel, the Commission reported. In September, 405 Jews were allowed to leave the USSR and of this number, 105 went to Israel.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Persistent rumors that Labor might join Likud to form a national unity government were decisively put down by Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres. He told a press conference here that before Labor could even consider such a move, the basic guidelines of the present government would have to be changed and this Premier Menachem Begin absolutely refuses to do.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The House voted 368-13 to approve the use of American troops and civilian personnel in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) that will patrol the Sinai after Israel's final withdrawal next April. The Senate had earlier approved such participation.

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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The JNF will begin this winter a large - scale afforestation operation on the eastern slopes of Jerusalem. The project, one of the largest afforestation tasks undertaken by the JNF in recent years, will spread over 2,500 acres on a mountainous terrain. Land reclamation has already begun. The project is scheduled to be completed in seven years. Most of the forest will be pine.

PARIS (WNS) -- The European Inter-Parliamentary Conference for Soviet Jewry wants to send a fact finding mission to the Soviet Union to seek on the spot solutions likely to facilitate Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. The Inter - Parliamentary Conference said it will seek permission for such a delegation to visit the USSR and negotiate with the Soviet authorities.

HOUSTON (WNS) -- The Anti - Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has asked a federal court to prohibit the Ku Klux Klan from operating para - military training camps in Texas. In announcing the filing of an amicus curiae brief with the U.S. district court in Houston, ADL civil rights director Justin Finger declared that armed racists, pathological haters of Blacks, Jews and other minorities are engaging in guerrilla warfare training that could expose society to bloodshed.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A Federal grand jury found two Ku Klux Klansmen and a neo-Nazi guilty of plotting to blow up a synagogue, a television transmission tower and Jewish owned businesses in Nashville Tenn. The jury deliberated eight hours before convicting Gladys Girgenti, 50, and Bobby Joe Norton, 32, both members of the Confederate Vigilantes of the Ku Klux Klan and William Foutch, 48, a member of the American Nazi Party. The neo-Nazi was convicted on two counts of conspiracy while the Klansmen were found guilty on two counts of transporting explosives and two counts of conspiracy.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan said that Palestinian terrorists in Lebanon are rapidly building up their military capability which they might use against the Christian enclave or against Israel.



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