JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In the biggest heist in Jerusalem's -- and possibly Israel's history --\$5 million worth of rare and precious clocks and watches were stolen from an Islamic museum in West Jerusalem. Police said the gang of thieves had obviously known what they were looking for and removed the most valuable items from the display cases. The plundered museum is the L.A. Mayer Memorial Institute for Islamic Art, located in the residential area of Katamon.

PARIS (WNS) -- The French Court of Appeals confirmed the sentence imposed by a lower court on Rene Faurisson, a senior lecturer at Lyon University who has denied, in public speeches and writings, that the Holocaust never took place. He had been sued originally by several Jewish organizations. Faurisson was convicted by a Paris court in July, 1981, of "insulting the memory of Nazi victims" and was ordered to pay one Franc (15 cents) in damages to organizations of former deportees and resistance fighters plus 14,000 Francs (about \$2,000) in legal costs to the plaintiffs.

TORONTO (WNS) -- Attorneys for Albert Helmut Rauca, a naturalized Canadian charged with the wartime murders of thousands of Jews in Lithuania, said that they may appeal a ruling by the Ontario Supreme Court ordering his extradition to West Germany to stand trial. The unanimous decision upheld a lower court ruling holding Rauca, 74, should be extradited to face trial on five indictments charging he murdered 11,864 Lithuanian Jews in a Nazi camp in Kaunas.

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NEW YORK (WNS) -- Joseph Churba, the director of the Center for International Security, has suggested here that because of U.S. inability to offset Soviet adventurism in the Mideast, Israel might consider reshifting its policy away from the U.S. and become an "unaligned" third power in the region. Speaking to some 100 persons at a luncheon sponsored by the Sephardic House at Shearith Israel, Churbai said that such a policy would allow Israel to shift "its weight East or West in accordance with its security needs."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- An Israeli was killed and another was wounded when two army vehicles came under small arms fire from an ambush in the Dierel Kamar region of the Shouf mountains in Lebanon. That attack brought the number of Israeli casualties since the war in Lebanon began last June to more than 470 killed and about 2,600 wounded.

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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel lodged a stiff protest with the British government over De-puty Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd's meeting with a Palestine Liberation Organization official in Tunis and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym's recent remarks which were viewed here as hostile to Israel.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (WNS) --. The month-long Memphis in May International Festival. which in each of its six years has honored a foreign country, will honor Israel this year, Tom Hutton, Jr., president, has announced. The event will be held from April 30 to May 29. The celebration of culture, art, music, and cuisine, which consists of five free weekend events, as well as art exhibits, is expected to attract nearly one million visitors this year. Hutton said.



