

Struggle for Soviet Jewry Continues



Seven police officers guard the Soviet UN Mission against a Torah scroll and a copy of Anatoly Sharansky's prison letters. The latter was placed at its gates after Russian officials refused to accept it. This occurred during the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry's annual Tisha B'Av prayer service at the Mission, this year dedicated to Sharansky, Dr. Joseph Begun and the other Prisoners of Conscience.

Archivist in West German Town Resigns Over Anti-Jewish Book

BONN (WNS) — Walter Ohmer, the archivist of the town of Moringen on Lower Saxony, has resigned, following protests over the publication of an official book about the town which contains a clear anti-Jewish bias. The book was sharply condemned by Prime Minister Ernst Albrecht of the federal state of Lower Saxony. Ohmer had written a chronicle called "1,000 Years of Moringen" in which Kristallnacht (the night of shattered glass, referring to the Nazi rampage during which the windows of Jewish owned stores in Germany were shattered) was attributed to Jewish

provocations. The chronicle referred to the members of the former Jewish community in Moringen as people who were unwilling to earn their livelihood by honest work. Albrecht, in a letter to Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Jewish community of Berlin, wrote that the prosecutor's office is considering the possibility of opening an investigation against those who were responsible for the chronicle's publication. Ohmer's job was to keep the records of the town of Moringen. It was an honorary position.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Premier Menachem Begin denounced the killing of three Palestinian Arab students and the wounding of 33 by masked gunmen in Hebron last July as crimes "which we not only regret, but if we shall find out who did this evil thing to our neighbors, no doubt he will be brought to court, whoever he is, of course."

Begin, who was addressing a dinner in honor of the 35th anniversary international conference of Israel Bonds, told the 500 Bond leaders, "We want to live in mutual respect and peace." He declared that "the crime perpetrated against an Arab inhabitant is a crime" and warned that there must be due process of law.

Begin reiterated Israel's support of the Camp David agreements with Egypt and Israel's commitment to implement them. "As an international agreement, we should all be faithful to it," he said. "We negotiated in good faith, but those negotiations have not been disrupted by us... We are prepared to do our share to reach a peaceful solution. Now somebody else should be told to follow the peaceful example of Is-

rael." The spirited Premier, who appeared to have regained some of his strength and buoyancy, was greeted by the 500 Israel Bond leaders with a standing ovation

and a chant of "happy birthday" in honor of his 70th birthday which was marked last month. He appealed to the assembled leaders "to help develop the economy of Israel,

especially in this time of great difficulty." At the conclusion of the dinner, 70 of the 500 Bond leaders present pledged between \$25,000 to \$1 million in Bond purchases.

French Reaction To U.S. Report On Barbie

PARIS (WNS) — France deplored American intelligence practices which enabled Nazi war criminal, Klaus Barbie, "the Butcher of Lyon," to evade justice for years. Government spokesman Max Gallo, however, also praised the frankness of the U.S. Justice Department report by Allan Ryan, Jr., a special assistant in the Department's criminal division, but condemned the fact that certain U.S.

intelligence agencies "had shielded him (Barbie)" and later "enabled him to escape from Europe to Latin America." Gallo said that as far as France knew, the American services which had protected Barbie had acted without the consent or even the knowledge of the American government at the time. He confirmed the Ryan report which held U.S. Army intelligence officers directly responsible for slipping Barbie out of Europe but said they had acted on their own.

Barbie, who is now awaiting trial in Lyon on charges of "crimes against humanity," was returned to France from Bolivia six months ago. If he is found guilty of the charges he faces a life sentence. Gallo said that the main thing now "is that Barbie has at long last been arrested and will be brought to trial on the very site where he committed most of his crimes." The French Ministry of Justice is investigating charges that Barbie, who served as Lyon's gestapo chief from 1942 to 1944, ordered the execution of some 4,000 and the deportation of 7,000 more, most of whom never returned from the death camps in Eastern Europe.



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