

Kirkpatrick Honored



TEL AVIV LAUREATE -- Dr. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, being hooded by her husband Evron (left), and Prof. Moshe Many, president of Tel Aviv University, before receiving an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from Israel's largest institution for higher learning. Dr. Kirkpatrick was cited for her "Extraordinary service to the cause of democracy and America-Israel relations." In tribute to Dr. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Many announced the creation of the Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Institute for Public Leadership and Public Policy at Tel Aviv University.

Jerusalem Residents Adopt Trees In JNF "Urban Forest"



By Yehonathan Tommer

Residents of Jerusalem's Gilo suburb are actively helping to green their community's neglected school yards, residential areas and commercial spaces. An environmental spruce-up, jointly sponsored by the Jewish National Fund, the municipality of Gilo and the Gilo Neighborhood Council, will transform ecological eyesores into landscaped groves and gardens for the benefit of local residents.

Close to 40,000 people live in Gilo, making it one of the capital's biggest suburbs. Apart from an active recreation park established by JNF on Gilo's western edge, few other trees have been planted yet to shelter the neighborhood from buffeting winds. JNF is drawing up plans to landscape a hill in front of Gilo's principal commercial mall, which dominates the suburb's skyline. Small groves have already been established

along unused strips between apartment blocks, and JNF has planted trees and decorative shrubs in several school yards.

"We offer our trees for adoption," says Zvika Avni, director of JNF Afforestation for metropolitan Jerusalem. "Plantings are carried out only after the municipality and the Gilo Neighborhood Council have signed contracts with prospective parents to ensure that each tree has a family to take care of it."

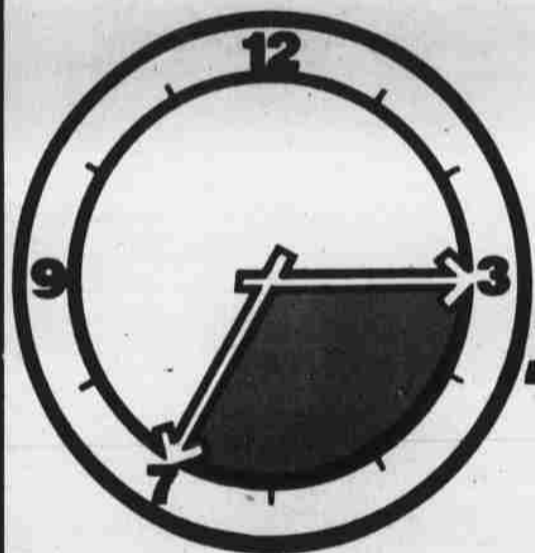
Gilo is the first Jerusalem suburb to benefit from this pilot JNF micro-afforestation program. If the project is successful, other suburbs will undoubtedly seek JNF assistance so that they can beautify their own neighborhoods, to make a crown of green for the city of gold.

NEW YORK (WNS) — During the first quarter of 1985, Israel's trade deficit was 24 per cent less than it was during the first three months of last year, according to Uri Oren, an Israeli consul and government economic spokesman in New York. The decline amounted to a drop of \$140,000, Oren said.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) — A new chief rabbi of Amsterdam has been appointed by the Amsterdam Ashkenazi Congregation Council. He is Rapahel Auerbach, 35, of Jerusalem. Rabbi Auerbach was born in Tel Aviv and was for a time a rabbi in the Agudath Israael kibbutz of Shaalvim.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — A young Israeli man, reportedly a soldier, was stabbed and slightly wounded in the Old City of Jerusalem during festivities marking the 18th anniversary of the reunification of the city. His assailants, described as two Arab youths, escaped in the crowd.

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