

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS (WNS) — Spain established full diplomatic relations with Israel and, at the same time, called for the participation of Palestine Liberation Organization in Middle East peace talks.

Foreign Ministry officials from both Israel and Spain signed the document at a heavily-guarded secret meeting in The Hague, Holland after the Dutch government was warned of possible terrorist attacks.

Felipe Gonzalez of Spain and Israeli Premier Shimon Peres met in The Hague and officially concluded the agreement.

The Spanish government issued a statement saying it would retain close ties with the Arab world and calling for recognition of Palestinian rights in any peace settlement. It called for talks under international auspices with the participation of the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people.

MONTREAL (WNS) — The Canadian Jewish Congress has called upon all Canadian synagogues to reflect, in Sabbath services in January, on the heroism and the uncertain fate of Raoul Wallenberg. It urged people of all faiths "to contemplate this man's heroic actions on behalf of humanity." Last month he was granted honorary Canadian citizenship, Canada's first honorary citizen.

GENEVA (WNS) — Avraham Confort, an Israeli concert violinist, has become the first foreign recipient of the Recognition Prize awarded annually by the Swiss city of Winterthur for outstanding contributions to the city in the field of art.

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JERUSALEM (WNS) - Israel is expected to ask the United States for the extradition of Craig Leitner, a Kach activist, suspected of an attack on an Arab bus and the setting on fire of other vehicles owned by Arabs in the West Bank. The attack on the bus took place in June, 1983, on the outskirts of the village of Mazra A-Sharkiya, near Ramallah. Six Arabs were wounded in the attack. Leitner fled from the country, shortly after the attack. He was arrested in the United States, recently.

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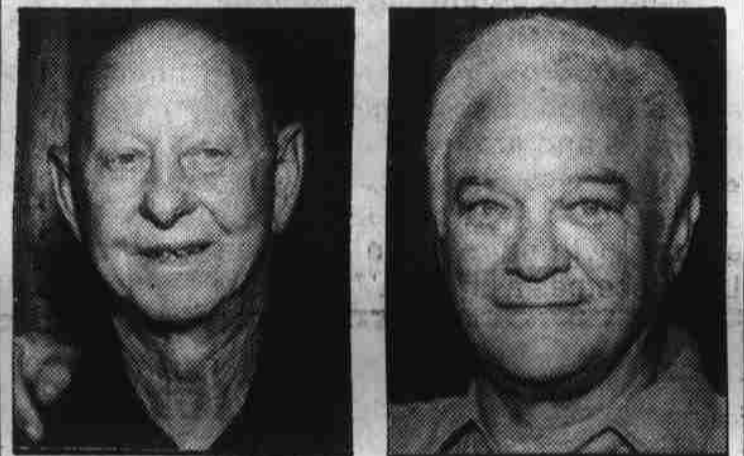
MADRID (WNS) — The Jewish cemetery in Barcelona was desecrated recently. Tombstones were overturned and anti-Semitic inscriptions were daubed on the monuments, according to Spanish radio reports here. Police are investigating but are quoted as saying that they have no concrete clues as yet.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from Nazi extermination camps during World War II, became the first person on January 16 to receive honorary Israeli citizenship under a law which gives honorary citizenship to non-Jews recognized as "righteous gentiles" by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The Zim Line, Israel's national shipping company headquartered in Haifa, reported a net profit of \$8.5 million in 1985, compared to a net loss of \$43.5 million in 1984. Zim's operational balance sheet -- earnings from operations of its fleet -- posted a \$96 million profit last year compared to \$44 million the previous year.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — A factory worker from a camp in the Gaza Strip won a record \$360,000 in the soccer pools, the first Palestinian to win the top prize. Salem Barbah, 36, a father of three, was the only person to pick correctly the 13 winning teams.

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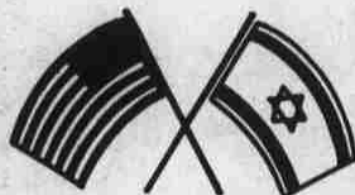
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