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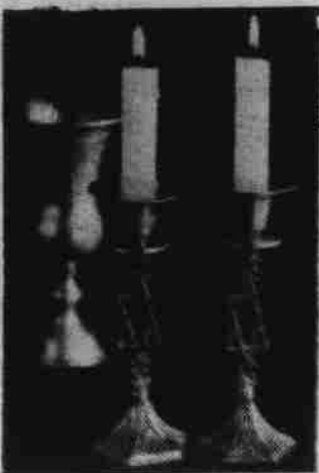
BONN (WNS) — 83 Bundestag deputies, including members of the three main political parties, have joined to recommend that Elie Wiesel, Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, be awarded the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize. The initiators of the proposal, in their letters to the selection committee in Oslo, state that Wiesel is a worthy candidate because as a survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald he has for years been committed to reconciliation and understanding among peoples, acting on the firm belief that a second Holocaust can only be prevented if the first is not forgotten.

BONN (WNS) — Elie Wiesel, chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, was in Berlin two weeks ago for a two-day meeting of the German-American Council of the U.S. Holocaust Council which was founded last summer after President Reagan's visit to the Bitburg cemetery. This was the first time Wiesel returned to Germany since he was released from concentration camps more than 40 years ago.

NEW YORK — Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, commends the Administration for adhering to its long-standing commitment not to meet or negotiate with the PLO or its members unless and until the PLO publicly, explicitly and without qualification accepts U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, Israel's right to exist and ceases acts of terrorism. Continuing acts of terrorism committed by the PLO underscore the fact that the PLO has changed neither its methods nor objectives and is not an acceptable partner for the peace process.

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TEL AVIV (WNS) — A Tel Aviv University astronomer is one of a small team of specialists analyzing data radioed back to earth from the unmanned U.S. spacecraft Voyager II when it passed within 50,000 miles of Uranus. Prof. Aharon Avitar flew to Pasadena, Calif. last week at the invitation of the Jet Propulsion Laboratories to join the 17-member plasma study team there.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Three Jewish chaplains in the U.S. military have been promoted to top rank. Rabbi Aaron Landes of Elkins Park, Pa., chairman of the executive committee of the JWB Commission on Chaplaincy, was promoted to Rear Admiral, Naval Reserve. Receiving the appointment to Brigadier General were Dr. Israel Drazin, named Assistant Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Army in charge of mobilization; and Rabbi Simeon Kobrinetz, director of the Veterans Administration Chaplaincy Service.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Pan-American Airlines officially opened its U.S. to Israel service. The "inaugural flight" which brought 34 American VIPs, including former Vice President Walter Mondale, on a junket to Israel as guests of the carrier, took place nearly three months after the service actually began. Pan Am's first commercial flight to Israel landed at Ben Gurion Airport last November.


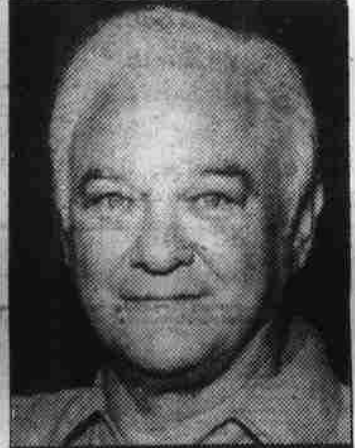
AMSTERDAM (WNS) — Shoah, the nine-and-a-half hour epic documentary on the Holocaust by Claude Lanzmann, was awarded the prize for best documentary of 1985 at the first Rotterdam Film Festival. More than one-third of the 70 judges, including international film critics and festival directors, voted for Shoah. Lanzmann was present to receive the award during the televised ceremony.

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