

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TORONTO (WNS) — Canada should recognize the PLO as "the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," the Canadian Arab Federation has suggested to a parliamentary committee on Canada's international relations. Canada does not currently recognize the PLO. Its policy is not to do so until the PLO renounces the use of terrorism and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, presenting certificates to Arab local officials from Gaza who completed courses in civil administration at Tel Aviv University, promised that the defense establishment plans to transfer "as many functions as possible" to Arab officials in the administered territories.

STRASBOURG (WNS) — Israeli Premier Shimon Peres, addressing the 21-nation Council of Europe here recently, urged the Western European countries to support all actions against terrorism and show no weakness in fighting what he called the scourge of modern times.

BRUSSELS (WNS) — Pieter Menten, the Dutch Nazi war criminal responsible for the killing of 120 Jews in Podhoroce, Poland, during World War II, has been declared an unwanted person by the Belgian authorities, official sources said. Menten, who is 86 years old, has tried over the past few weeks to settle in a residential section north of Antwerp, near the Dutch border, but the mayor and a large number of inhabitants have protested against Menten's presence in their midst.

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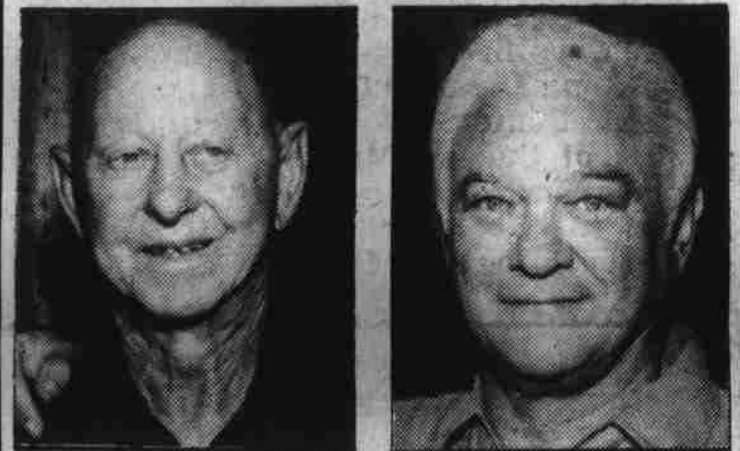
LINCOLN, Neb. (WNS) — Governor Robert Kerrey has signed into law a bill which seeks to outlaw paramilitary organizations from training in the state. The governor's action on the bill, based upon model legislation drafted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, makes Nebraska the 12th state to enact such legislation. The action is in response to reported increases in the activities of anti-Semitic and racial groups in the region, ADL officials said.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Egypt has cut the price of oil it sells Israel by approximately 25 percent as of April 28. Israel receives one quarter of its total oil needs from Egypt. "A reduction of every dollar in the price of a barrel of oil means a saving of 150 million a year," said Energy Minister Moshe Shahal in a radio interview. He expressed the hope that the price cut will be transferred to the consumer immediately after the holidays, "with a substantial reduction in prices."

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Every unit of blood donated in Israel will be tested for the presence of the Anti HTLV-3 bodies, the virus causing AIDS, by Magen David Odom, Israel's National Blood Service. In making this procedure mandatory, the State of Israel joins the western world countries in the struggle against the fatal AIDS disease.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — The U.S. Department of Defense may open a procurement office in Israel, it was reported. According to the report, Premier Shimon Peres received a favorable reply from the Pentagon to the request made on his visit to Washington last month that the U.S. increase its military purchases in Israel for army units stationed in Western Europe. Peres asked that they be increased from \$100 million to \$500 million.

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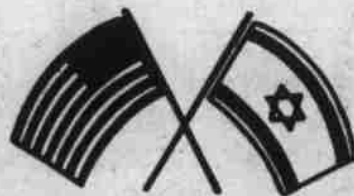


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