

Art Brand Elected Member Of District Four B'nai B'rith Executive Board

Art Brand of Las Vegas was sworn in last Wednesday as one of 21 members elected to the executive board at the installation luncheon marking the end of the 123rd annual convention of District Four B'nai B'rith at the Hilton Hotel in downtown San Francisco.

A past president of Nate Mack-Las Vegas Lodge No. 2825, Brand was elected during a caucus of delegates from the district's interior area, comprised of Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Nearly 300 delegates and alternates gathering for four days of business meetings, elections and social events represented their constituent lodges in 10 Western states and the province of British Columbia. Earl Weiss of Woodland Hills, Calif., has replaced Jack Mihalovich of Daly City as District Four president.

Bernard Kaufman, who served the past two years as one of four district vice presidents, and Mort Kirsch were elected, along with 27 others, to serve as delegates representing the 18,000-member district at the B'nai B'rith International Convention, slated Aug. 24-29 in Las Vegas.

Kirsch, financial secretary of Nate Mack Lodge this past year, and Kaufman, a past president of the lodge, will be joined by Brand and Bernard Anapolsky, who were chosen as two of the nine alternates for the district at the Las Vegas convention.

The gathering last week in San Francisco was highlighted by a keynote address by U.S. Senator Pete Wilson (R-Calif.) and a dinner-dance featuring entertainment by the Golden Gate Gypsy Orchestra.

U.S. Ambassador To United Nations To Address B'nai B'rith Convention In Las Vegas

American Ambassador to the United Nations Gen. Vernon Walters will address B'nai B'rith International at the Jewish service organization's biennial convention in Las Vegas August 26.

Walters, who was appointed by President Reagan to the United States U.N. mission in May 1985, is expected to discuss terrorism, Zionism-racism and Israel's status in the U.N.

Also addressing the B'nai B'rith convention will be Meir Rosenne, Israel's ambassador to the United States.

Before his appointment to the U.N., Walters was senior advisor to then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig and U.S. ambassador-at-large. In the latter position, he visited 108 nations as the Reagan Administration's chief diplomatic trouble-shooter.

In his military career, Walters served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1976, retiring as a lieutenant general. Fluent in eight languages, he had been a special aide and interpreter to numerous generals, senior diplomats and presidents, including Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Nixon, on their travels.

In 1972 Walters was named deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency. From 1976 until 1981 he was a consultant, lecturer and author.

Walters was born in New York City in 1917. At the age of six, he moved to Europe with his parents and attended school in France and college in Great Britain.

Judaica Preserved In Japan



WORLD-FAMOUS JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHER, Kampo Harada (center), recently gave Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Shaw of Woodbridge, CT, a personal tour of the largest assortment of Judaica in the Far East, which he has assembled in a museum in Kyoto, Japan. Mr. Harada, who is believed of Jewish ancestry, is the driving force behind the expression of intercultural interest in Japan.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon announced that Israel will send a commercial attache to Hong Kong within the coming year. Israel already has commercial attaches in Japan and Singapore.

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