

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

ATHENS (WNS) — A bomb exploded in a building housing the Central Jewish Board of Greece here recently, but police believe it was intended for the Athens Workers' Union which has offices in the same building. The blast at 3 a.m. local time, caused minor damage. No one was hurt. The police theory is based on the fact that two other bombs exploded at about the same time at the offices of the General Federation of Greek Workers and another office of the Athens Workers Union. No group has claimed responsibility for the bombings.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The Mekorot water company shut down its main pipeline to central Israel and the Negev because the water level in the Sea of Galilee is at a near record low. It is the most time the pipeline was closed since its completion more than 30 years ago. Meanwhile, it will provide minimum water supplies to farmers and drinking water from local wells.

BALTIMORE (WNS) — Milton Shapiro of Great Neck, N.Y., was elected to a two-year term as president of the Zionist Organization of America, succeeding Alleck Resnick, at the closing session of the ZOA's 85th national convention here.

WASHINGTON (WNS) — Alvin Rosenfelt, well-known journalist and foreign correspondent who for the past eight years was director of public affairs at the Smithsonian Institution, has been appointed vice director for administration at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum which will be erected here on 14th Street not far from the Mall.

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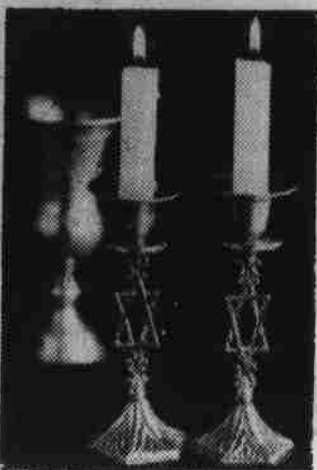
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BONN (WNS) — The plunge in oil prices has resulted, paradoxically, in a drastic reduction in trade between West Germany and the 21 Arab countries of the Middle East, and a sharp toning down of anti-Israel statements emanating from Bonn. German exports to the Arab countries were down by 8.9 billion Marks or 24.90 percent during the first six months of this year and imports from Arab countries declined by 5 billion Marks or 48.9 percent.

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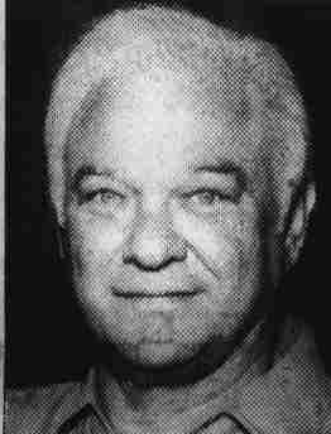
BONN (WNS) — The first Jewish school in West Berlin since World War II was opened at a celebration recently. The Chairman of the Jewish Community in Berlin, Heinz Galinski, called the school a "modest beginning." He said, however, that the Jewish community does not want to isolate itself with this step but rather hopes that non-Jewish children will also attend so that the school can become "a bridge of mutual understanding." Jewish schools in the Federal Republic have previously been opened in Munich and Frankfurt. The first Jewish school opened its doors in Berlin in 1788. By the time the Nazis took power there were numerous education institutions for the city's 173,000 Jewish citizens. There are now about 6,000 Jews in West Berlin.

SASKATOON, Canada (WNS) — A park located behind the Jewish community center/synagogue here was dedicated as Raoul Wallenberg Park during Holocaust Awareness Week this past summer. According to The Canadian Jewish Times, the park is a joint project of B'nai B'rith and this Canadian city.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — The tiny Japanese community of Jerusalem grew by seven this summer when a group from Japan came to study Hebrew at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. It is believed that this was the first time a group from Japan came to the university for the specific purpose of studying Hebrew.

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