

Richard Jaffe, Leading Jewish Journalist, Dead At 83

NEW YORK (WNS) — Richard Yaffe, a leading Jewish journalist died. He was 83 years old. His entire adult life was marked by what he called the chance for a good fight. He was a journalist in the cause of humanity. Yaffe did not stand aloof from the issues and events of his time. As a writer, lecturer, editor, political activist and a founder of Americans for Progressive Israel.

which reflected the views of Mapam, he was involved in countless causes and campaigns for human rights and dignity everywhere. He was a journalist in the cause of humanity who sought not only to interpret events but to change the world to one in which peace and

freedom reigns.

As a foreign correspondent for CBS after the war, he recorded the history of a war-torn Europe arising out of the ashes, the emigration of European Jews to Palestine, and the establishment of the State of Israel.

Upon his return to America, Yaffe continued his involvement in the campaigns and struggles for civil rights and civil liberties. He warned against the rise of hidden and open anti-Semitism and also warned that under certain conditions, America would not be immune to fascism, albeit in a guise dif-

ferent from that which emerged in Europe. He pointed out time and again that Israel's security was bound up with a free and democratic America.

Yaffe received his Bachelor's Degree from Boston University and Master's Degree from Harvard. He began his journalism career in 1926 on the Atlantic City Times and it continued for the next 60 years through the Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Post, New York Journal-American, PM and CBS.

He was the United Nations correspondent for the Israeli daily Al Hamishmar, associate

director of the New York Jewish Week, and editor-in-chief of Israel Horizon which reflects the views of Mapam. He was the American bureau chief of the London Jewish Chronicle and contributed articles to the New York German-Jewish weekly Aufbau, National Jewish Monthly and the Congress Weekly.

Yaffe was the author of three books: "Yugoslavia Way," "Nathan Rappaport - Sculptures and Monuments," and "A Short History of the American Jews." During his long career, he was active and held posts in numerous organizations, including the Jewish National Fund, World Zionist Organization-American Section, American Zionist Federation, Foreign Press Association, Overseas Press Club, and the United Nations Press Association.

Last month, Yaffe was named the recipient of the Council of Jewish Federations' Boris Smolar Awards' first "Special Citation for Lifetime Achievement in Jewish Journalism." He received the news with great joy.



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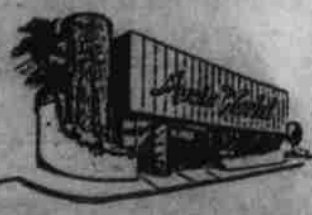


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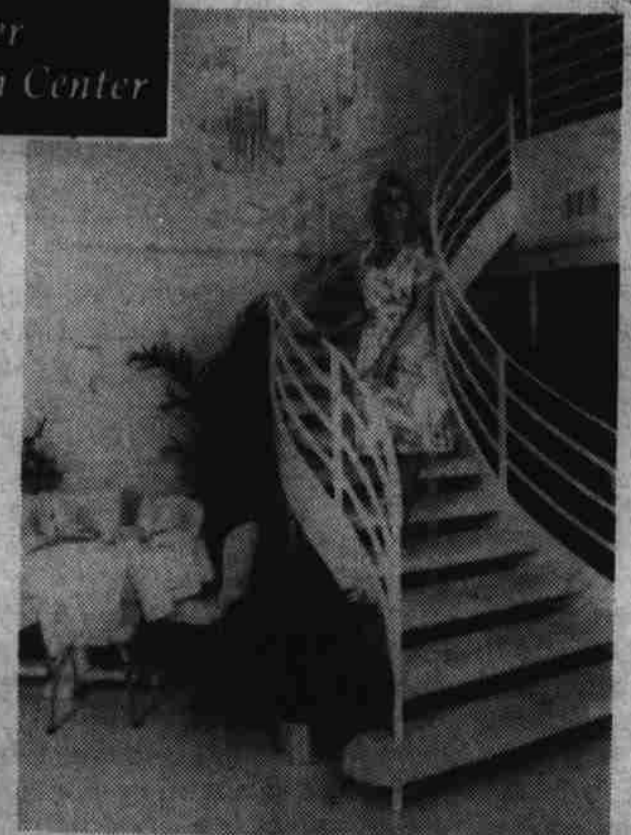
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