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Man Who Collaborated With Barbie Has Been Getting Resistance Pension

AMSTERDAM — A collaborator with Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie has been receiving a Dutch resistance pension of 100,000 Guilders (about \$33,000) a year for the past 10 years.

The disclosure has prompted a further investigation into the wartime activities of Guillaume Meertens and a decision by the pension authority to suspend payment pending its outcome.

Wiesenthal Announces Global Campaign to Pressure Chile

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal announced here that an international campaign has been launched to exert pressure on the government of Chile to expel a former Nazi official, Walter Rauff, who has been living in Santiago since 1958.

Wiesenthal said the campaign is taking the form of distributing some 1.5 million cards showing a wanted poster of Rauff and a photo of a camouflaged mobile gas van bearing the symbol of the Red Cross. The card is captioned, "Chile Protects Nazi Mass Murderer." The vans, invented by Rauff, were mobile gas trucks which the gestapo used to asphyxiate 250,000 Jews in Eastern Europe dur-

ing World War II. The trucks were disguised as Red Cross trucks. They were eventually replaced by gas chambers.

Lilith Magazine Charges Pornography Contributes To Violence Against Women In Israel

JEWISH WORLD — The prevalence of pornography in advertising, films and other aspects of popular culture in Israel is contributing to a sharp increase in violence against that country's women, three Jewish women leaders charged at a press conference sponsored last week by *Lilith*, the Jewish women's periodical.

The current situation in Israel seems to confirm this research. Parallel to the upsurge in pornographic advertising and pornographic films, including many with violent themes, Israel has witnessed a sharp increase in incidences of rape.

So serious has the situation become that late last year, Israel's army issued an order prohibiting women soldiers from hitchhiking. From time to time, suggestions even have been raised that there be a curfew for Israeli women. Schneider recalled former Prime Minister Golda Meir's comments that, if anything, the prevalence of rape should mandate that a curfew be extended only to Israeli men.

92nd Street Y Reports on Recent Growth of Programs

NEW YORK (JTA) — During the past seven years, the 92nd Street Y in upper Manhattan has developed a Y Chamber Symphony, established a Jewish Opera, created a nationally-known Parenting Center, established an Arts and Recreational Center for Children with Learning Disabilities and added an American Jewish Theater.

Massive Gift Endows Jewish Studies Chair at Washington U.

SEATTLE (JTA) — A gift of \$750,000 has been given to fund a chair in Jewish Studies at the Henry Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, on the basis of \$75,000 a year for a period of 10 years.

The money will be provided by the Seattle Foundation, the Stroum Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stroum of Seattle, and will be the only one of its kind to be housed in a school of international studies.

Canadian Film of Falashas Wins 'Best Film Award' At U.S. Fest

TORONTO (JTA) — "Falasha: Exile of the Black Jews," a Canadian-made feature-length documentary film about the plight of the

Jews of Ethiopia, has won the Award for Best Film at the 18th Annual Hemisfilm International Film Festival held in San Antonio, Texas, January 29 to February 1, 1984.

"Falasha" is up for a nomination at Canada's Genie Awards this year, and has also qualified for an Academy nomination for Best Theatrical Documentary. The hard-hitting controversial documentary explores the present-day destruction of the black Jews of Ethiopia, known as the Falashas.

The documentary was co-produced by Simcha Jacobovici, Jamie Boyd and Susan Price. It was written and directed by Israeli-born Jacobovici. The film is produced by Matara Film Productions with the support of the National Film Board of Canada and the Ontario Arts Council.

Irish Jewry Dwindling

NEW YORK (JTA) — Official census statistics from Ireland indicate a sharp decline in the country's Jewish population during the past decade. Figures released by the Irish census bureau in Dublin show that for the period 1971-1981 the Jewish population had dropped some 20 percent at a time that the general population had increased by 15 percent. In 1971, census records indicated that there were 2,128 Jews in the country. The most recent data cites an estimated figure for the Jewish population being between 1,500-1,900.

Israel Cost-of-Living Rises

TELAVIV (JTA) — The cost-of-living index rose by 14.9 percent in January, the highest increase ever for that month and several points above what the Treasury had expected. The announcement by the Central Bureau of Statistics drew an immediate response from Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel, who predicted that if the index continues to rise at its present rate, inflation in 1984 will reach 429 percent. The c.o.l. index has risen by 208 percent over the past 12 months.

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