

WORLD BEAT

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A Heady Venture

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's national beer brewery monopoly started production of its locally-brewed Budweiser beer which is identical to the 108-year-old American original.

The new brand was being produced under license from Anheuser-Busch, of St. Louis, which produces Budweiser in the U.S. and which is providing the Israeli brewery with some of the raw materials and some of the secret ingredients they use.

Israelis drink little beer in comparison to Americans and Europeans. Average consumption here is 20 quarts a year, compared to 120 quarts annually in the U.S. and 170 in beer-thirsty West Germany as a whole, with a record of 275 quarts in Bavaria.

First National Jewish Archive Of Broadcasting At Jewish Museum

NEW YORK (JTA) — The first National Jewish Archive of Broadcasting, a comprehensive collection of Jewish related material broadcast on radio and television over the past 35 years, has opened at the Jewish Museum here.

The archive, which will be a department of the museum, was initiated in 1980 with a \$550,000 three-year start-up grant from the Charles H. Revson Foundation.

The archive has collected, catalogued and preserved hundreds of acquisitions with the cooperation of the three major commercial networks—ABC, CBS and NBC and the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

'Protocols' Again Surface In Britain

LONDON (JTA) — The world's most notorious anti-Jewish forgery, the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," has once again surfaced in Britain. The Iranian Embassy in London marked the fifth anniversary of the overthrow of the Shah by summarizing the "Protocols" in an English magazine, Imam.

In the summary, the Iranians describe Zionism as "an enemy of humanity" and assert that the "Protocols" are "being adhered to word by word by the Jewish-influenced Western governments."

General Played Key Role In Helping Holocaust Survivors

CHICAGO (JTA) — Obituary reports about four-star General Mark Clark, who died at the age of 87, left unmentioned the key role he played in the rehabilitation and resettlement of Holocaust survivors in the Displaced Persons camps of post-war Austria.

In the summer of 1945, President Harry Truman was highly disturbed by media reports of mistreatment of Jewish survivors in the U.S. Army-controlled DP camps. Truman rebuked General Dwight Eisenhower for these conditions. The Army was trying to move Jewish refugees from one bad camp to another. Clark, the U.S. Commanding General in Austria, sharply reprimanded his staff because they "had not carried out his orders" to provide proper facilities for the Jewish refugees.

Iraqi Woman Released From Status of 'Aguna'

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court has released an Iraqi Jewish woman from the bonds of being an "aguna," declaring that there is no doubt that her husband was executed by the Baghdad authorities. The decision means that several other Iraqi women whose husbands are now considered dead will be able to remarry.

"Aguna" is the halachic term for a woman whose husband is missing and presumed dead.

Businessmen Attend Economic Conference

JERUSALEM (JTA) — About 350 businessmen and industrialists from all over the world have confirmed their participation in an international economic conference to be held in Jerusalem. The conference was called in an effort to boost foreign investments in Israel. The participants were described as business leaders who head companies with annual turnovers of over \$100 million.

Mizrachi Bank Suffers Large Loss

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Mizrachi Bank, one of the four largest in Israel, announced a 948 million Shekel loss last year, the equivalent of \$5.4 million at the current exchange rate. This compared to a 1.3 billion Shekel (\$7.7 million) profit in 1982.

Two more major Israeli banks announced heavy losses for last year and the heads of both blamed government policies for their predicament.

The Bank Leumi, Israel's largest bank, published its balance sheet showing a loss in 1983 of 7.750 billion Shekels (\$43 million). The Bank Hapoalim released its balance sheet showing a 10.9 billion Shekel loss in 1983 compared to a profit the previous year. It was the most severe loss of any of the major banks so far.

Tid-Bits

GENEVA (JTA) — A Jewish Socialist member of Parliament from Zurich, Emanuel Hurwitz, has resigned from the legislature and from the party following a manifesto the Socialist Party prepared in observance of May Day which stated its "full support and sympathy for the PLO and its struggle." The president of the party in Zurich, said it is expected that more Jews will leave the party as a result of this incident. The PLO has a lot of influence on leftwing movements in Switzerland because of their financial contributions.

BOSTON (JTA) — Rep.

Samuel Geidenson (D. Conn.) addressed the biennial convention of the JWB on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day. Geidenson, the first child of Holocaust survivors to serve in Congress, told the nearly 1,000 Jewish communal leaders from the U.S., Canada, Israel, Argentina, Belgium and France, "There are those who say that the U.S. gives too much aid to Israel. But in fact we give far less to Israel than we give to democracies in Western Europe and throughout the world."

NEW YORK (JTA) — A \$500,000 New American Scholarship Fund has been established at Yeshiva University to make it possible for the university to provide, in perpetuity, educational opportunities for immigrants arriving from lands of oppression.

(JTA) — Nine Neo-Nazis found guilty by Vienna court of anti-Semitic acts, including the bombings of Jewish homes and Jewish-owned businesses, and spreading propaganda that the Holocaust was a hoax. All received prison sentences ranging from three months to five years.

Apart from the criminal charges, all of the accused were found guilty of using the greeting "Heil Hitler," distributing literature titled "The Auschwitz Lie," wearing Nazi uniforms and attempting to recruit young soccer fans to their rightist organizations. All of these acts are offenses under Austria's laws forbidding Nazi activities.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department said that it has "expressed concern" to the Rumanian government "at high levels" about reports of increased anti-Semitism in that Communist country.

"These reports center on a book of poems published recently which attacked Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen personally and Jews in general. The fact that such a poem was published in Rumania, the country in which the government controls the media, is of particular concern."

PARIS (JTA) — Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld has been awarded the Legion of Honor for services "rendered to France and humanity as a whole." Several other Jews were also given the coveted award: Jean Schwoebel and Lucien Israel, both highly respected university professors; Marcel Lupovici, a motion picture and theater producer; and Pierre Schwinte, a mathematician.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Anti-Semitic graffiti and swastikas were smeared on at least 50 doors of apartments in one of the buildings of Co-Op City, the massive cooperative in the Bronx. All the apartments daubed had mezuzahs on their doors.

Short-Takes

SHAMIR: ISRAEL MAY HAVE TO FACE 'THOUSANDS OF YEARS' OF TERRORISM.

ISRAEL'S FIRST ECONOMIC PRIORITY IS TO FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION, GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ISRAEL WARNS.

A TURN FOR THE BETTER IN AUSTRIA'S RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

'A Major Cause For Celebration' - FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WWII THE CZECHOSLOVAK JEWISH COMMUNITY WILL GET ITS OWN RABBI THIS SUMMER.

COSTA RICA'S PRESIDENT SAYS HE WILL DEFY 'DIPLOMATIC TERRORISM' AND KEEP HIS EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM.

EL SALVADOR MOVES ITS EMBASSY IN ISRAEL FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM.

In recent months Arab nations, including Egypt, have threatened to act against any country considering moving its Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.



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