

WORLD BEAT

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Christian Zionist Congress Makes Appeals

BASEL (JTA) — The first Christian Zionist Congress, a three-day event, ended with an appeal to all Jews to consider aliya and to all Christians to give active help to Israel. The Congress was organized by the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

The appeals were contained in a final resolution adopted by 589 delegates from 27 countries, including the U.S., Canada, Australia, Britain, France, West Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Zaire and Taiwan.

The resolution also provided for creation of a special fund to invest \$100 million dollars in industrial projects in Israel. Investments from the fund will be made through a company to be based in Basel.

Helms Says He will Seek Israel - U.S. Defense Pact

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Sen. Jesse Helms (R. NC) when he visited Israel in August told reporters at a news conference that he will initiate a defense agreement between the U.S. and Israel that would include military air strips, joint research and development, and cooperation in other fields.

Helms, who at one time was regarded as highly critical of Israel, has recently changed his views and now said that Israel should incorporate the West Bank and Gaza Strip into Israel.

He said that after visiting "Judea and Samaria" he fully agreed with the position that the area is not only important to the defense of Israel but also is part of the nation's heritage. According to Helms, the American people should realize that Israel is the "only reliable ally of America in this area which is anti-Communist, with impeccable moral principles."

He said that many Americans might believe that a defense agreement with Israel

might mean U.S. troops would have to fight in the Jewish State. "But that is not so," he said. "I have met Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and understand that Israel does not need nor want American troops to fight here." Helms was in Israel on a private visit together with Sen. Chic Hecht (R. NEV).

Catholic Cathedral Built By Israeli Construction Firm

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Roman Catholic cathedral dedicated by Pope John Paul II in the Ivory Coast capital of Abidjan was built by the Israeli construction firm of Solel Boneh, working in joint partnership with the Ivory Coast government. The Pope visited the Ivory Coast during a tour of West and Central Africa.

The second largest Roman Catholic cathedral in the world, after St. Peter's in Rome, it was built in just under two years. The cathedral, which has three bell towers (the highest reaching to 70 meters), can hold 6,000 persons. It is located on a 30-acre plot and cost about \$15 million to build.

Solel Boneh officials were present at the dedication ceremony and were presented to the Pope during his visit.

The Abidjan cathedral is not the first major church built by Solel Boneh. The firm, owned by the Histadrut and the largest construction firm in Israel, also built the new Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

Israel's Teachers Register To Teach In New York Schools

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Thousands of Israeli school teachers registered here to teach in New York public schools for a year or two. They were answering an advertisement in Israeli newspapers, asking those interested with at least a bachelor's degree, to come and be interviewed by Richard Wollin, principal of

the Taft public school in The Bronx.

Wollin said he thought the large number of applicants for the \$15,000 a year job was because of the bad economic situation in Israel, where teachers and others are threatened by unemployment. He said that none he had spoken to said they wanted to leave Israel permanently. They all said they would like to teach in New York for a year or two, and then return to Israel when the economic situation improves.

Major Archaeological Find Made

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The very first houses built in Jerusalem have been unearthed in the Kidron Valley, just southeast of the Old City walls. The settlements in the city, 1,000 years before King David, were surrounded by a protective wall or were merely a village-like complex open to the surrounding hillsides.

The unearthed houses comprise walls with built-in benches protruding from them and surrounding a central living area.

Among the most arresting finds is a six-story stepped stone structure, built along the slope of the hill. Under this, veritably intact, are houses of the Davidic Period, complete with pillars, plaster, and even indoor latrines. Signet rings and shards afforded precise dating — and in some cases corresponded to actual Biblical names.

Boys Town Jerusalem Gets Aid From U.S.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Boys Town Jerusalem has been awarded a \$300,000 U.S. government grant from the Agency for International Development (AID) to acquire new technical equipment for its College of Applied Engineering.

The College has graduated over 400 students with degrees as mechanical and electronics engineers and technicians who have taken positions in Israel's high tech industries, vocational high schools or armed forces with responsibility for critical defense systems. The majority of those students are the children of underprivileged immigrant families who first attended Boys Town's High Schools of Electronics or Precision Mechanics, two of the eight institutions it maintains on an 18-acre residential campus in the Jerusalem suburb of Bayit Vegan.

Tid-Bits

NEW YORK (JTA) — Twelve major rational Jewish

organizations joined in vehemently denouncing Rabbi Meir Kahane, the leader of the Kach Party in Israel, calling his policies "racism," "demagoguery," and "a perversion of Jewish religious, ethical, and traditional values and practices."

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rabbi Meir Kahane was prevented from speaking at a rally in downtown Jerusalem by angry demonstrators. Hundreds of Jerusalemites, many of them members of the Labor youth movement, heckled the extremist leader as he tried to speak. After half an hour of this, Kahane was forced to leave.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The president of Mormon Brigham Young University, Prof. Jeffrey Holland, in a written pledge handed to Mayor Teddy Kollek, promised there would be no missionary activity in the educational center it is constructing next to the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus. The center is to be an extension of Brigham Young U.

The construction of the Mormon center has come under large-scale attack by Orthodox circles, including the two Chief Rabbis of Israel, who have warned that its real purpose was to try to convert Jews.

PARIS (JTA) — Poland will show both on TV and in cinemas the nine-hour film "Shoah," which describes in painful detail the horrors of the Holocaust and recalls some of the worst incidents of local collaboration with the Nazi authorities.

After the screening of the film, first decried by the Warsaw government as "anti-Polish propaganda," the Warsaw authorities apparently changed their view.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Prof. Daniel Carpi, who has just completed three years as head of Tel Aviv University's Chaim Rosenberg School for Jewish Studies, has been invited by the Vatican's Gregoriana University to help set up a center for Jewish studies there.

The dean of Gregoriana's Faculty of Theology, Prof. Arye Crolius, visited Tel Aviv University earlier this year, at which time proposals and plans for cooperation, joint research and the exchange of professors and students were discussed.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Dr. William Mayer, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, presented a plaque to officials of the Hadassah-Hebrew University

Medical Center in Ein Karem formally recognizing the Center's cooperation in making its medical resources available to the American military last April after the U.S. military installation in Beirut was bombed by terrorists.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Researchers at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, are devising a nursing robot that will run errands, fetch objects, serve and even cook — in response to verbal commands, it was reported by the American Society for Technion.

NEW YORK (JTA) — A warning has been issued to observant Jewish husbands throughout the world that they may not be present in the delivery room when their wives are giving birth.

"It is forbidden in Jewish Law for a husband to be in the same room with his spouse during childbirth. The practice goes against the grain of the Halachah and violates the precious trait of Znius. The world at large has always admired the Jewish people for their modesty and pure family life. These solid foundations of Judaism are now being threatened by the new custom."

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum has been awarded \$75,000 to organize a traveling exhibit of 36 works of art by Hungarian artist Alice Cahana. The exhibit, chronicling her Holocaust experiences and subsequent rebuilding of her life in Israel and the U.S., is dedicated to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis before vanishing mysteriously into Soviet control.

NEW YORK (JTA) — The first ranch of Brangus — considered the best beef cattle in the world — outside the U.S. is being established in Israel through the method of embryo transfer from Brangus cows in Texas into Israeli cows.

(JTA) — The Egyptian tourism minister states that Egypt has cancelled all restrictions on Egyptian tourists coming to Israel.

PARIS (JTA) — Israeli-born conductor Daniel Barenboim has been chosen to head the production of five of Richard Wagner's operas at the 1988 Bayreuth Festival. The 42-year-old Barenboim, who heads the Paris Symphonic Orchestra, was selected from dozens of top internationally renowned conductors.

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