

WORLD BEAT

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One-Legged Stork Crash Lands in Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A stork arrived in Israel recently, but it was not delivering a baby.

The migrant — on its annual flight from the approaching winter in Europe to the warmer climates of Africa — crash-landed minus one foot. Officials and bird watchers of the Nature Reserves Authority had seen the bird flying with its flock but apparently missing one leg.

Bird watchers throughout the country were immediately instructed to be on the lookout for the injured bird and report its landing. A group of observers saw it crash-land and watched as it keeled over, unable to fly again or barely even move. They took it to a kibbutz in the Galilee, which has an animal and bird support center, where the stork was outfitted with an artificial leg made of wood and plaster.

The stork is now taking off and landing normally, but is being kept in a nature preserve in the kibbutz for fear it might not survive in the wild. The stork appeared on Israeli television looking well, but surprised by the bright lights and cameras.

Store Helps Celebrate Israel's 40th

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jordan Marsh, the New England department store chain, recently concluded a successful two-week promotion event in its 26 branches, marking the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel. Jordan Marsh sold more than \$2 million worth of "made in Israel" merchandise.

A display of Israeli goods and several mounted exhibitions were at the main branch of the store in Boston. The Israeli goods included fashion, textile products, food, wine, flowers, jewelry, art and gift items.

Jordan Marsh featured an

exhibition of old maps from the collection of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, and an exhibition of old lamps and ethnic clothes from the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. An entire floor at the Boston store was transformed into a market, or shuk, which resembled the colorful market in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Scholarship Honors German Officer

NEW YORK (JTA) — A \$50,000 scholarship memorializing Georg Ferdinand Duckwitz, the German officer who alerted the Danish underground to the impending deportation of Danish Jews to concentration camps during World War II, has been established by Thanks to Scandinavia on its 25th anniversary.

The organization, founded by Richard Netter and entertainer Victor Borge, provides Scandinavians with scholarships and other grants for educational opportunities in the United States.

It was created to show an appreciation for the people, churches and governments of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden who rescued thousands of Jews during the Holocaust.

Thanks go to Scandinavia selected Duckwitz, who died in 1973 at the age of 69, because of his heroic aid to Danish Jews during the war. Duckwitz served as an official at German headquarters in Copenhagen in 1943 when secret word spread that the Nazis planned to round up and deport all Danish Jews during the celebration of Rosh Hashanah. Defying orders, Duckwitz alerted the Danish resistance leaders, allowing for more than 6,500 Danish Jews to escape to Sweden.

Inquiries regarding the Duckwitz scholarship should be addressed to Victor Borge, c/o Thanks to Scandinavia, 745 Fifth Ave., New York

City 10151.

American Jews Win Nobel Prizes

NEW YORK (JTA) — Three American physicists, who were once referred to as "the Jewish mafia at Columbia" (University), are recipients of this year's Nobel Prize in Physics.

Leon Lederman, Melvin Schwartz and Jack Steinberger were given the prestigious award for discovering the presence of a "ghostlike" particle in the building blocks of matter.

The three "ghostbusters" will share the \$390,000 prize for their work on the neutrino, defined as "ghost-like constituents of matter."

A Jewish woman, formerly from the Bronx and now residing in N.C., was named a co-recipient of the 1988 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

Gertrude Elion, 70, was awarded the prize, to be shared with her colleague George Hitchings, 83, with whom she has worked in drug research since 1945.

Senate Adopts Anti-Genocide Law After a 40-Year Crusade

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Senate adopted enabling legislation that will allow the U.S. to comply with an international treaty outlawing genocide.

The measure was approved by voice vote. President Reagan, who supports the treaty, is expected to sign the bill into law.

The Senate vote was the final step in a process that began 40 years ago when President Harry Truman first proposed the treaty. Since then it has been adopted by 97 countries.

But the U.S. failed to ratify the pact, largely because of opposition from conservatives in Congress, who claimed it

might infringe on America's sovereignty.

The Senate finally approved the treaty in February 1986. The measure will amend the U.S. Criminal Code to include penalties for genocide, which it defines as deliberate intent to destroy all or part of a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

The treaty was a direct response to the Nazis' extermination of six million European Jews during World War II, which gave the term genocide wide currency.

The maximum penalties for genocide under the amended U.S. code are a \$1 million fine and life imprisonment for a killing, and a \$1 million fine and 20 years' imprisonment for attempting to cause physical or mental impairment.

The enabling legislation was blocked in the Senate Judiciary Committee for six months, mainly by Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), who insisted that the legislation impose the death penalty on those convicted of genocide.

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wisc.), who crusaded for the treaty daily during his 19 years in the Senate, argued for enabling legislation with life imprisonment.

Thurmond withdrew his demand after committee Democrats agreed to expedite the confirmation of federal judges appointed by Reagan.

Israel is Largest Foreign Participant in Star Wars Research Program

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The granting of a \$160 million research and development contract makes Israel the largest foreign participant in the American Strategic Defense Initiative, the so-called "Star Wars" program.

The grant is for research involving the Arrow anti-tactical ballistic missile, which is designed to destroy incoming medium-range ballistic missiles at their highest point in flight.

European Parliament Ratifies Trade Agreements with Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Six cities in the Soviet Union have

become accessible to Israeli telephone users by direct dialing. Until now, calls to the USSR had to be booked through the international exchange operators, with frequent delays.

Israelis may reach Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Tbilisi, Tashkent and Kishinev. The cities were chosen because of the frequency of past operator-ordered calls. Reciprocal direct dial service from the Soviet Union to Israel is not yet available.

The direct link was made possible by British Telecom International. Israelis can now direct dial to 107 countries around the world.

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STRASBOURG, France (JTA) — The Parliament of Europe voted overwhelmingly to approve three economic agreements with Israel it had rejected in March.

The accords were signed by Israel and the 12-nation European Community in 1987. The first, known as the financial agreement, was endorsed by a 314-25 vote, with 19 abstentions. Ratification requires a minimum of 260 votes. In view of the strong showing, the other two accords were carried by a show of hands, without count.

This was a major victory for Israel and reversal of sentiment in the 518-member parliament, which is the European Community's legislative body.

German Church Condemns Kristallnacht Silence

GENEVA (JTA) — "What happened in November 1938 happened in public, in full view of everyone...And no one could say he or she knew nothing about what was going on," the German Evangelical Church declared. The statement noted the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the first organized Nazi pogrom against German Jews. It acknowledged and condemned historic Christian guilt for the persecution of Jews, and its support, indifference.

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