

WORLD BEAT

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Costa Rica Boycotted By Arabs, Moslems

GENEVA (JTA) — The delegations of Arab and Moslem countries walked out of the annual conference of the International Labor Organization in a gesture of protest against President Louis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica which recently moved its Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The delegates, joined by representatives of a number of African and Asian countries, filed slowly past the rostrum and out of the hall as Monge rose to speak. The Costa Rican President received a standing ovation however from the Western nations, led by the United States.

About the First Jewish Woman Astronaut

(JTA) — Judith Resnik's Jewish background goes back to Kiev, Russia, which her paternal grandparents fled in the late 1920s. They first settled in Palestine where her father attended a yeshiva.

Later the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where her grandfather, Jacob, was a shochet, and her grandmother, Anna, worked for many Jewish organizations. Her father, optometrist Dr. Marvin Resnik, is also active in many Jewish causes.

Israel, U.S. Forces Hold First Joint Medical Exercise

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force and U.S. armed forces have held their first joint exercise under an agreement by both countries to provide medical assistance in cases of accident or natural disaster to the forces of either in the region.

Voice of Israel Radio, quoting an IDF spokesman, said the exercise involved the transportation of hypothetical wounded American servicemen from a U.S. vessel at sea in the Eastern Mediterranean to an Israeli hospital ashore.

The agreement between the two countries, concluded

several months ago, came about after Israel reproached the U.S. for not using its nearby medical facilities for marines wounded in the truck bomb attack on their headquarters in Beirut last October.

Nazi Hunter Denies Mengele Hiding

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Tuvia Friedman, who heads the Nazi war crimes documentation center in Haifa, claims that the notorious Auschwitz doctor, Josef Mengele, is not hiding out in the jungles of Paraguay but in fact makes frequent visits to the United States.

Friedman told a press conference that Mengele has assets in the millions of dollars in the U.S. and maintained that a combined effort by the governments of the U.S., West Germany and Israel could affect his capture.

NY Governor Signs Law For Disclosure of Foreign Gifts To Schools

NEW YORK (JTA) — Governor Mario Cuomo signed a bill requiring public disclosure of gifts by foreign sources of more than \$100,000 to New York state institutions of higher learning.

The new law requires the state's colleges and universities not only to inform the State Education Department of grants from foreign sources which exceed \$100,000 in any given year, but also about the accompanying conditions and purposes of the gift.

The new law will ensure that such grants "do not undermine academic integrity".

The measure was drafted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. ADL became concerned several years ago by reports of large gifts from Middle East countries being made to American colleges and universities which contained conditions which breached academic responsibilities. Some tried to control the hiring and firing of faculty, admission of students and

what fees should be charged. Other gifts appeared to have been made on condition certain public stands or actions be taken by the recipient school.

The measure was approved in the State Senate by 52 to 6 and by the Assembly, 139 to zero.

Europeans Concerned About Soviet Jews

STRASSBOURG (JTA) — A formal declaration expressing concern over the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union and viewing the curtailment of their rights to emigrate as an impediment to improved East-West relations, was released here bearing the signatures of 240 members of the Parliament of Europe.

Latin American Jews Target of Leftists

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish businessmen in Central and South America are special targets of left-wing guerrillas, according to Richard Stone, President Reagan's former special envoy to Central America. He said they have become victims of kidnapping, extortion and anti-Zionist propaganda.

Formation of Arab Political Party

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An expert on Arab affairs predicted that Israeli Arabs, seeking a channel for political expression, may soon form their own independent Arab political party. Given Israel's Arab population of close to 600,000, it would have the potential to win 12 Knesset seats.

Israeli Scholars

NEW YORK (JTA) — Five Israeli students will participate, along with 50 high school students from 46 states in the United States, at the Rickover Summer Science Institute (RSI) which will hold its first courses from July 8 to August 18 in Leesburg, Va. These students "were selected for excellence in their studies and also for their participation in extra-curricular academic activities and their capacity to be worthy good-will ambassadors of Israel."

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prof. Shmuel Shoshan, a Hebrew University scientist, has been invited by the European Space Agency (ESA) to submit proposals for biomedical experiments in space related to the phenomenon of weightlessness.

The scientist is recognized as an expert in the field of connective tissue, of which the body's bone tissue is a part, and for his research on collagen, which is one of the major materials comprising connective tissue in the body. Collagen and connective tissue play an important role in the body's process for healing of wounds.

Anti-Semitism in the U.S. and the World

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A New York Federal Court has awarded \$550,000 in compensation and punitive damages to the family of Yaakov Elkon of Long Island, N.Y. who for two years suffered "a wave of violence, intimidation and harassment" motivated by anti-Semitism.

The judgement was issued against Brad Barry, also of Long Island, accused of harassing Mr. and Mrs. Elkon and their children.

According to the complaint, the Elkon's home was defaced with swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans; fires were set on the Elkon's property; windows were shot out and broken; firecrackers were thrown into the house; and obscene and anti-Semitic statements about Mrs. Elkon were spray-painted on a public street.

IRELAND (JTA) — The Jews of Northern Ireland, with Harold Smith, an Officer of the British Empire, as their head, are in Belfast and Londonderry, and number between 400 and 500 persons. They intermingle freely with their Protestant and Catholic neighbors and are highly regarded.

One of life's ironies is that while the other faiths live in constant tension and crisis, being Jewish in Northern Ireland means being relatively safe. There is even less anti-

Semitism in Belfast than in the Irish Republic where incidents are scarce and pose no real problems.

TORONTO (JTA) — The Canadian government has banned the importation of a book, "The Hoax of the Twentieth Century," by Arthur Butz, an associate professor of chemical engineering at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Butz claimed that the attempt of the Nazis during World War II to exterminate Jews and that the Nazis killed six million Jews was a hoax.

GLASGOW (JTA) — The Church of Scotland has joined the Jewish Representative Council of Glasgow in a strong condemnation of anti-Semitism and an acknowledgment that the Christian church has been guilty over the centuries of fostering anti-Semitic attitudes.

Israeli Industry, Agriculture and Medicine

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli industries have received orders from the U.S. totalling \$1 billion to offset the large defense purchases Israel has made in the U.S., Defense Minister Moshe Arens said here.

During 1981-82, Israel exported 66 percent of its celery, 35 percent of its melons, 46 percent of its oranges, 28 percent of its grapefruit, 41 percent of its lemons, 82 percent of its avocados and 21 percent of its carrots.

Israeli physicians believe they have made an important breakthrough in the treatment of burns. Medical researchers at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School and doctors at Shaare Zedek Hospital, both in Jerusalem, are reported to have perfected a new technique for culturing skin tissues. The Israeli researchers say they can grow a 4 by 8 inch sheet of skin from a few cells in about two weeks.

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