

Munich Arson Kills Seven Aged Jews

MUNICH (JTA)—The West German Government has posted a 75,000 mark (\$20,500) reward for information leading to the capture of arsonists responsible for a fire here last Friday that took the lives of seven middle aged and elderly Jews.

President Gustav Heinemann of the Federal Republic denounced the outrage. He said he was particularly disgusted because the victims were persons who have suffered so much in the past.

Police in all ten West German states and in West Berlin are guarding Jewish community centers, synagogues, schools and kindergartens. The fire gutted a four-story stucco building that housed a community center, an old aged home and a synagogue.

Police Commissioner Hans Vogel declared that it was arson. Police discovered a gasoline can in the stairwell of the building. The flames broke out on the top floor and spread swiftly along the wooden corridors and stairs.

After announcing the reward, the highest in post-war German history, Interior Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher flew to Munich where he inspected the burned out building. A 30-man team of Federal and Bavarian State police is investigating the blaze.

They are the same team assigned to the case of three Arab terrorists who attacked El Al passengers at Munich Airport last Tuesday, killing one and injuring 23 other persons.

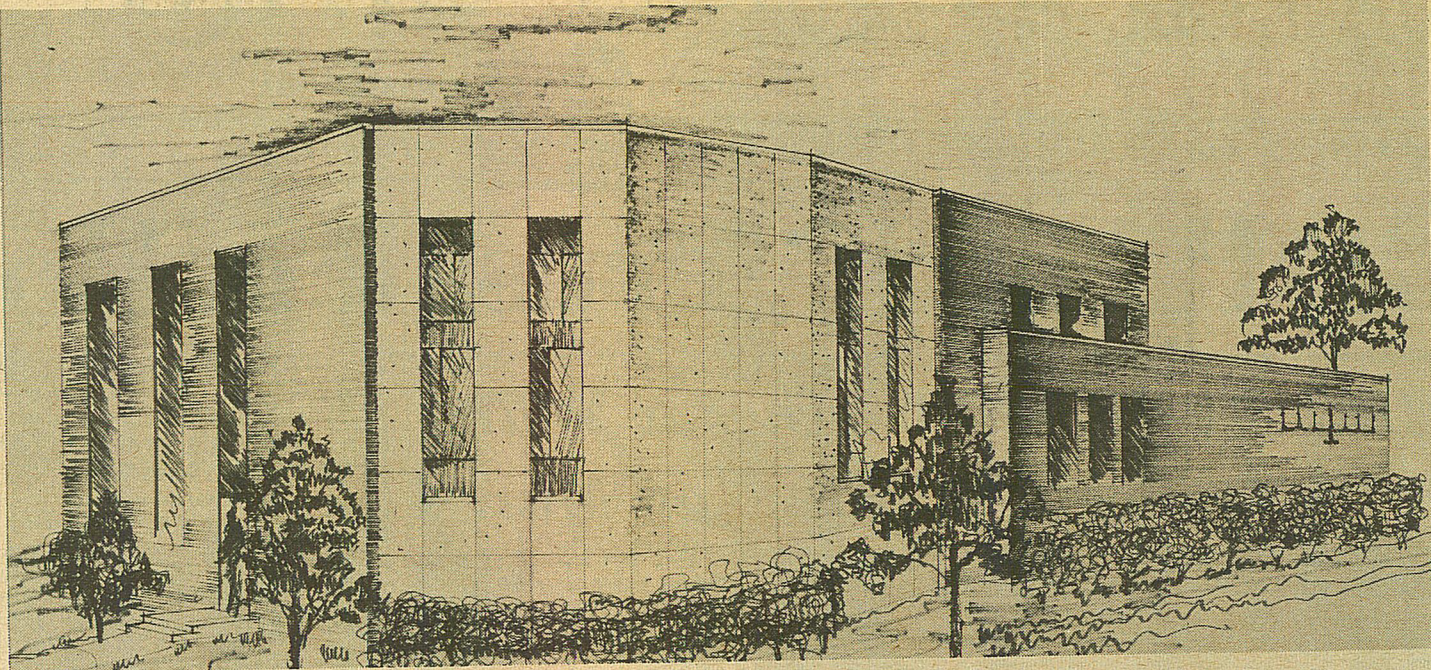
Pennsylvania Law For Non-Public Aid Challenged

WASHINGTON—The United States Supreme Court is now deciding whether it will hear a case involving a 1968-passed Pennsylvania law providing millions of dollars for "secular services" in non-public schools.

The suit contends that the law is unconstitutional as it encourages a "forbidden use of religious institutions to achieve a secular purpose" and creates a "forbidden interdependence between church and state."

The suit was filed by a group of individuals and the Pennsylvania Jewish Community Relations Conference, the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Pennsylvania State Education Association and the Pennsylvania Conference of NAACP.

New Light Plans March Ground Breaking



ARCHITECT'S drawing shows what the New Light Congregation at Forbes and Beechwood Boulevard will look like, when its remodeling

is completed. Groundbreaking for the modernization of the building will take place in March.

Montefiore Forms Traveling Rehab 'Stroke Team'



TEAM members observe as Dr. Sherman describes use of the resting hand splint by stroke patients. From the left, they include Miss Tempert, Miss Dias, Mrs. Horn, Mr. Erb, Miss Craig and Mrs. Olenik. Also shown are mealtime utensils important in the "activities of daily living" training for rehabilitation patients.

Under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Heart Association, Montefiore Hospital has formed a "stroke team" which is traveling throughout western Pennsylvania to demonstrate techniques in the rehabilitative care of stroke patients, according to a recent announcement by executive director Irwin Goldberg.

Headed by Dr. Samuel Sherman, medical director of the Rehabilitation Unit, they visited Sharon General Hospital recently for a day-long seminar. There they addressed medical and paramedical

members of the community on the theoretical aspects of rehabilitation care and later presented practical demonstrations, special techniques and equipment. An informal question-and-answer session followed.

Members of the team include Keith Erb, physical therapist; Bettie Dias, MAOTR, occupational therapist; Maureen Craig, speech pathologist; Mrs. Reva Horn, social services; Mrs. Cathy Olenik, RN, rehabilitation nursing; and Rose Marie Tempert, LPN, OT assistant.

New Light Congregation (Or Chadash) will break ground for its complete building renovation next month, according to Nathan Landy, president of the congregation.

Located at the corner of Forbes and Beechwood for the past 13 years, the New Light had its earlier site on Roberts Street in the Hill District. The congregation originated in Rumania and its members walked across Europe to get to

the seacoast to get a boat to America.

Once here, they stayed together and in April, 1874 received their charter. In 1909, they moved to the Roberts Street site. In 1957, the children of the original congregants moved the synagogue to its present site.

Chairman of the building committee is Jack Stone. Spiritual leader is Rabbi Pincus F. Miller. The congregation has 150 members.

Israel's First Nobel Prize Laureate Agnon, 81, Dies

JERUSALEM—Israel's first Nobel Prize Laureate, Shmuel Yosef Agnon, is being mourned here and in many parts of the world following his death in Israel on Monday.

Agnon, born on July 17, 1888, received the 1966 Nobel Prize for Literature, together with Jewish poet Nelly Sachs from Sweden's King Gustav Adolf.

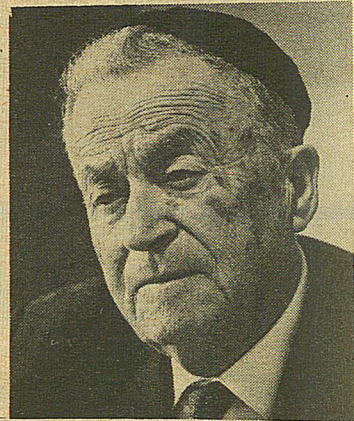
The 81-year old Nobel Laureate was the first Hebrew writer to win the coveted prize of the Swedish Academy of Letters.

Shmuel Yosef Agnon Czaczkes was born in Buczacz in eastern Galicia. He emigrated to Israel in 1908. Writing in Hebrew, his works centered around the innermost self of the Jewish people.

Twice he was awarded the Bialik prize for Literature (1934 and 1958) and twice the Israel Prize for Literature (1954 and 1958). He was considered the most original as well as the most perceptive of contemporary Hebrew writers.

Zalman Aranne, former Israel Minister of Education and Culture, summed up Agnon's place in Hebrew Literature thusly:

"For two generations or more, a great literary master has been at work among us, enriching the storehouse of Hebrew Literature, imbuing the ancient tongue with a new radiance, revitalizing the roots of Jewish tradition, reaching back to time immemorial..."



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