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FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1972

**The Need for the Diaspora**

Within the past few years, culminating in the recent convention of Zionists in Israel, the Israelis have talked as though the people of the Diaspora (who provide Israel with a vast amount of money yearly for the settling of immigrants, among other things) are of little use for anything else. There is also the implication — as exemplified in the resolution that all Jewish organizational leaders must emigrate to Israel within two years of taking office or step down from their positions — that to continue living in the Diaspora is a traitorous way of life.

Outside of the practical aspects of the matter (such as the entire Jewish population of New York City ending up in Tel Aviv), what would Israel do without the members of the Diaspora who send them the money, which we are sure they will agree is vital, because of their faith in and love for Israel?

Several American Jewish leaders have spoken out lately on the need of a strong Diaspora for the good of the State of Israel. Among them have been:

Philip M. Klutznick, who warned that a weakened American Judaism would be detrimental to Israel regardless of her defense potential.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Congress, who said, "Of all the problems which will determine Israel's future and destiny, the No. 1 problem is the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora and the responsibility of the Diaspora for the existence of Israel."

He, also, asserted that a strong Diaspora is vital for the survival of Jewish life in Israel as well as in the free world. He said the interdependence of Israel and the Diaspora must be affirmed.

Rabbi Gerson D. Cohen, chief executive officer-elect of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, cited the emergence of an "Autonomous and self-sustaining Diaspora tradition on American soil."

What these leaders, and others, are saying does not mean that Diaspora help to Israel should not continue. It should and it must. But Israel must realize that the Diaspora, and particularly the American Diaspora, has a reason for being and is not simply here to send money to Israel. A Jew who lives in America must be recognized to be as good a Jew as one who emigrates to Israel, who perhaps, in his way is doing more for the State of Israel by remaining here.

**Your****Money's  
Worth**

By Sylvia Porter

**How To Buy a New Piano**

In our New York City apartment, we have a Knabe baby grand piano bought second-hand more than 30 years ago and recently rebuilt at a cost of \$802.50 because Knabe's serviceman said, "As it stands, this isn't musical instrument! It's a piece of furniture."

In our home in exurbia, we have one of Steinway's uprights bought new at least 15 years ago and maintained at proper pitch simply by three to four tunings annually.

In both cases, the instruments involved major initial investments and continuing costs of upkeep and care. Yet, through all these years, I have been stumbling around the field without any solid guides on purchase or maintenance.

There are now more than 9,350,000 pianos in American homes, an additional 500,000 in schools, churches, etc. Each year U.S. production approximates 200,000 new units, of which only a tiny number are exported. More than 21 million of us are amateur pianists; another 5 million-plus are children taking piano lessons.

The piano is now "recognized as the one supreme instrument in our modern musical culture," writes Carl D. Schmeckel, author of the just-published "Piano Owners' Guide" (Adams Press, Chicago, \$3.95), the first book

ever published in the entire 260-year history of the piano designed to help us, the piano owners.

To begin with, if you're buying a new piano:

(1) Buy the best quality you can honestly afford (the No. 1 rule in every sphere) and expect to pay from \$1,000 up for the better quality vertical pianos, says Schmeckel. If you must limit your purchase to a commercial-grade medium or low-priced instrument, select from the top one-third of any particular piano line.

(2) Buy only from a reputable piano dealer who will encourage you to shop for quality as well as for price.

(3) By-pass the cut-rate "junk piano" dealer who mixes "seconds" bought at fantastic factory discounts with a few first-grade pianos and undercuts the legitimate prices of every reputable dealer in your area. Watch out for this con-man, Schmeckel warns.

(4) Buy among the half-dozen or so top-quality brand-name pianos made in the U.S., which are well-known to pianists, teachers, etc. You'll find it much tougher to determine the quality on the great mass of commercial-grade instruments.

(5) For a small home piano, Schmeckel suggests you settle for

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**FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY****They Understand "A Krenk"**

By BERYL SEGAL

Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen of Temple Emanu-El is in the habit of using Yiddish words, phrases, idiomatic expressions and "wertlech" in his sermons. These are most difficult to render into other languages. The word "wertlech" itself is almost impossible to translate unless you write a lengthy explanation of the meaning of a "wertel."

Recently Rabbi Bohnen spoke at Temple Beth El, and in introducing him Rabbi Leslie Guterman read from the publicity sent in by the secretary of Emanu-El. There it said that Rabbi Bohnen was the recipient of four Doctorate degrees from various schools of higher learning. To which the Rabbi replied with the following story:

A man once asked an Orthodox Rabbi how it is that the Reform and Conservative Rabbis all have Doctor's degrees after their names and the Orthodox seldom have one. The Orthodox Rabbi, who as is well known does not think much of either the Reform or the Conservative Rabbis, said in Yiddish:

"Well zei farshteen a krenk," (Because they understand a disease).

Rabbi Bohnen did not bother to explain the quip because to do so would mean to kill it. Those who understood laughed, but many did not understand it and were therefore astonished at the outburst of laughter from the congregation.

Stanley Grossman was one of them.

"What does 'krenk,' sickness, have to do with Rabbis? Why did everybody laugh at the humor of the saying and it did not touch me?" asked Stanley.

He knows krenk in Yiddish means a disease, but what about the other meaning?

The delicate nuances of Yiddish have been lost on most people even when they enjoy a Yiddish joke, a Yiddish story, a Yiddish anecdote. But "Fershteen a Krenk" is not a joke nor an anecdote. It is a play on words, and the subtle meaning of words, which I will undertake to clarify as best I can.

All you who drank in Yiddish with your mother's milk, stop right here. This is not for you. To the Orthodox Rabbi who said "Zei Fershteen a Krenk" as well as to the Conservative Rabbi who told the story in his sermon, it needed no elucidation. For

Stanley, one of my favorite people, and to those who were puzzled by it, here is an explanation.

The saying "Zei Fershteen a Krenk" has two meanings. One is the actual, everyday meaning when we talk about a physician who understands a sickness. The patient tells him a few symptoms and the doctor understands what ails him. The other "Krenk" does not refer to a sickness at all. When we say that someone "Fershtet a Krenk" it means that he doesn't know a thing about the matter on hand. In the case of the Orthodox Rabbi who said that the Conservative and the Reform Rabbis "Fershteen a Krenk" he meant that when it comes to the Rabbinic in the Orthodox sense, the other Rabbis know nothing. They cannot decide between Kosher and Treif in a chicken or a beast or in a household query, Shaloh, which the Orthodox Rabbi only is authorized to answer. The Reform and the Conservative Rabbis did not study enough of the Talmud and the Shulhan Oruch to satisfy the Orthodox Rabbi. In the eyes of the Orthodox Rabbi only those who receive Smichah, Ordination, from a Yeshivah is authorized to bear the title Rabbi. The Conservative and Reform who graduated from their Rabbinical Seminaries, no matter how many Doctorates they have, "Fershteen a Krenk," know nothing.

The East European Jew who spoke Yiddish, knew only of Physicians whom they called Doctor and who understood about an illness. They had not heard of

Doctors of Philosophy, Doctors of Law, or Doctors of Hebrew Letters. The world of Academic Degrees, either earned or honorary, was entirely unknown to the Yiddish speaking Jew.

When told that someone called himself doctor, he immediately found something that hurt him and consulted him as to what to do about it. But when told that the man was not that kind of a doctor, that he was a Doctor of Philosophy, the Jew was astonished:

"What kind of a Doctor is that?"

And he would ask:

"What kind of a Doctor is he if he cannot diagnose a disease?"

To which he was told:

"Er Fershtet a Krenk," and they both, the one who asked the question and the one who answered, laughed.

He understands nothing in medicine.

From this evolved the saying:

"He is not a real Doctor. He understands a Krenk."

Rabbi Bohnen did not stop to explain it because it would have required another sermon to do so, and also because the dual meaning of the word "Krenk" is well known to him.

Krenk a disease, an illness.

Krenk a know nothing.

There are many variations to the story told by Rabbi Bohnen. In each of them the punch line is the same, and it never fails to get a laugh in an audience which understands Yiddish.

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(Mr. Segal's opinions are his own and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

**The  
Lyons  
Den**

By Leonard Lyons

**NEW YORK:** A novelist, a British nobleman, a radio personality and a composer all made impacts on the worlds of literature, oratory and music in New York last week. It started at the Plaza, when Simon & Schuster honored Irving Wallace for his new book, "The Word."

The author, who has many best sellers to his credit, was

asked what success means to him. He replied: "Absolute freedom and complete independence. Best of all, it means that no one can tell me what to do." Wallace started writing at 13, and his first piece published — under his own name — at 15. Now his books have been made into movies — "The Chapman Report," "The Prize," "Seven Minutes" and "The Man."

"I love writing," he said. "I used to write when I felt like it, because that is what we were taught at college. But now, I write every day, whether I feel like it or not. Otherwise I would never get finished." He continued: "Since I have no boss, I create an imaginary one who, I feel, is watching me if I am not producing and who criticizes my lack of productivity."

On the following day, at Town Hall, Lord Harlech gave a lecture, "Our World in the Seventies." Referring to the enormous strides Japan has made industrially, he told of a visitor being in a Japanese factory when the executives walked by. "The workers immediately sprang to attention, and bowed — something that has not happened in England or in America over the last hundred years . . ."

About Russia and the departure of the old guard at the Kremlin he said: "To look and listen, one can conclude that Kosygin and Brezhnev will soon follow their predecessors into oblivion." . . . Lord Harlech was naturally asked about Ireland. He was reluctant to broach this delicate matter in detail, but said, "I have for many years thought that it should be a single country."

"However, I am not qualified to judge, as I have spent the last nine weeks in Rhodesia — studying all the problems there."

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SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1972

9:30 a.m.  
Israel Bonds, Doctors' Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Congregation Mishkan Tifereth, Talmud Class

8:00 p.m.  
Benefit Concert of Institute and Cantor's Assembly Publication and Scholarship Fund

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1972

10:30 a.m.  
Women's Association, Miriam Hospital, Board Meeting  
12:30 p.m.  
Cranston Chapter of Hadassah, Regular Meeting  
Providence Chapter of Hadassah, Regular Meeting

8:00 p.m.  
Redwood Lodge #35, AF&AM, Regular Meeting

Department of Rhode Island Jewish War Veterans, Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1972

2:00 p.m.  
Ladies Auxiliary, Rhode Island Post #23, JWVA, Regular Meeting

Sisterhood Temple Beth David, Regular Meeting

8:00 p.m.  
Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Board Meeting

Ladies' Association, Providence Hebrew Day School, Regular Meeting

Sholem Chapter, Pioneer Women, Regular Meeting

Providence Fraternal Association, Board Meeting

8:00 p.m.  
South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1972

10:00 a.m.  
Sisterhood Temple Emanu-El, Study Group  
12:30 p.m.  
Newport Chapter of Hadassah, Board Meeting

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Young Women's Division, Regular Meeting

8:00 p.m.  
Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Regular Meeting

8:30 p.m.  
Sisterhood Temple Beth Am, Dessert and Fashion Show

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1972

9:30 a.m.  
Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region Women's American ORT, Regular Meeting

10:00 a.m.  
Providence Section, National Council of Jewish Women, Study Group

1:00 p.m.  
Pioneer Women of Providence, Clut #1, Board Meeting

7:30 p.m.  
Temple Emanu-El Garden Club

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Board Meeting

## BRIDGE



By Robert E. Starr

Today's hand is just a "fun" hand. It will illustrate no point. No lesson will be learned and it certainly is no example of good Bridge for basic principles were certainly violated. But I think it is cute because of the end result. After the score was written every pair who played the hand afterward questioned how so many tricks were won, yet there is a logical reason for everything that happened.

North  
♦7 3  
♦Void  
♦A 9 4 2  
♦Q 10 9 8 7 4 3

West  
♦K J 9  
♥A Q 10 9 8 6 4  
♦Q 10 3  
♦Void

East  
♦Q 10 6 2  
♥5 3 2  
♦8 7 6 5  
♦6 5

South  
♦A 8 5 4  
♦K J 7  
♦K J  
♦A K J 2

North was dealer, North-South vulnerable with this bidding:

N	E	S	W
3♣	P	3NT	4♥
P	P	4NT	5♥
P	P	5NT	P
6♦	P	6NT	End

The first violation of good Bridge came with the very first call, North's preemptive Three Club bid. It wasn't even close to what it should be. A vulnerable bid at the three level should be within two tricks of making the contract, meaning North should be able to take seven tricks if Clubs are Trump. She was quite short. Also, first or second hand there should be no outside Aces.

South took all this into consideration when he made his first bid. He had a tremendous Club fit including all the high ones. What could North have? She must have had at least eight or nine Clubs. Also, West was on lead and would probably give up a trick on the opening lead, especially if she led a red suit which was likely. But West was a fighter and not one to give up easily and kept bidding. Each time she did she gave South another problem which he kept solving by going on. He figured he had little defense, obviously no Club tricks and could almost count eleven tricks of his own with the lead coming to him.

The next violation came after South had bid the five No Trump. North got back into the act by bidding six Clubs. This was wrong even if she came out right for after one preempts one should never bid again. The partner takes over for the preempter supposedly gives a perfect description of his hand on his first and only bid. South heard this bid with disgust for he was one of those who would rather get a bad score doing things correctly than a good one the wrong way. Also, he felt that he could certainly make at least as many tricks in No Trump as his partner especially with the lead coming to him. So partially for this reason and partially from annoyance at his partner's action he went on to six fully expecting to lose two Aces and to be doubled in the bargain.

Now to make the tricks needed. West was on lead and had no good lead to make. She was sure South had the Heart King so a Heart lead would definitely give up a trick. If she had had a Club she would have led that but she didn't so she had to choose between the other suits and decided to lead a Diamond from the Queen-10. This proved to be disastrous for it was allowed to ride around to the King-Jack and gave Declarer a third Diamond trick. Now South could count to eleven. But he needed twelve.

He next cashed the Diamond King and was pleased to see West drop the 10. This made him feel the Queen was going to drop on North's Ace and if it did that 9 in Dummy would become good for

one Spade and the Heart Ace. She didn't know who had the Spade Queen. When she saw South drop the Heart King she hoped East had the Jack so she kept the guarded Spade King and threw the Heart Ace. South now came to his Spade Ace and cashed the Heart Jack for the thirteenth trick. Everything that happened in the play was feasible.

Moral: No matter how much you may want to, once you have made a preemptive bid, don't bid again. Give your all the first time.

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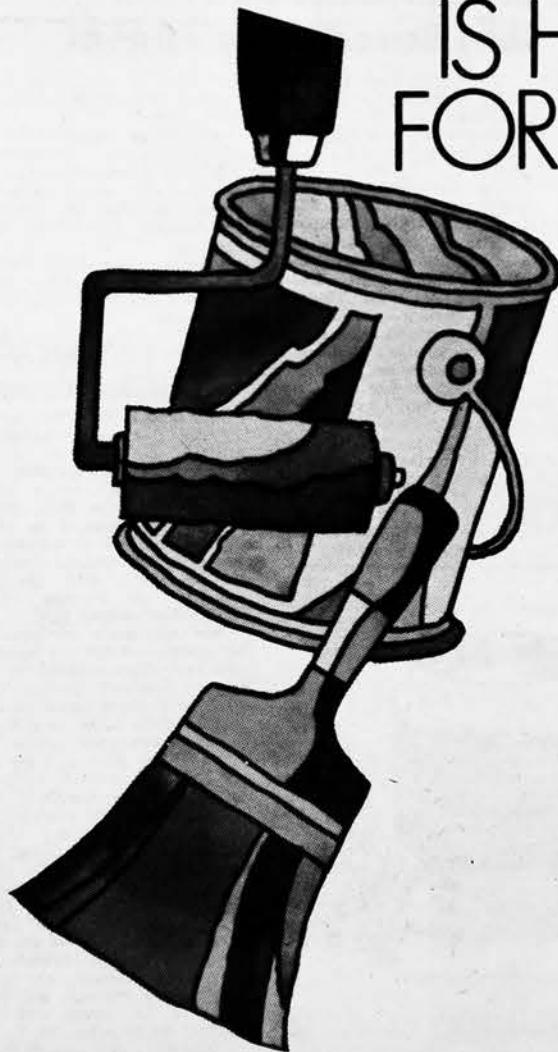
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LONDON — King Hussein's proposed federation of the West Bank with Jordan has been denounced by China as "a plot aimed at splitting the unity of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples and undermining their struggle against imperialism and

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TO BE GUEST SPEAKER: One of Israel's foremost authorities on immigrant absorption, Simcha Ronen, will be the guest speaker at the Physicians' and Dentists' Tribute Breakfast in behalf of the State of Israel Bonds on Sunday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the Miram Hospital.

Dr. Samuel Pritzker, staff consultant in anesthesiology at the hospital and past president of the hospital staff, will be honored at the breakfast.

Mr. Ronen, a Sabra and former officer in the Israel Defense Forces, is a graduate of the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa and holds a mechanical engineering degree from the University of New Brunswick in Canada. He is presently working toward his doctorate in industrial psychology at New York University.

The Tribute Breakfast committee is headed by Dr. Joseph Jay Fishebein and Dr. Jacob Stone, co-chairmen, and Dr. Nathan A. Boletow, honorary chairman. Bertram L. Bernhardt is master of ceremonies.

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Dr. Morris L. Povar, associate professor of biomedical sciences and director of animal health at Brown, said that the function of the AAALAC is to maintain high standards of care for laboratory animals and to

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Dr. Povar explained that to achieve this accreditation, AAALAC specialists in laboratory care inspected Brown's facilities and submitted a favorable report on their findings.

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## Cabinet Accepts Allon Plan On Boundaries

JERUSALEM — The Israeli government remains undecided as to what the country's future boundaries with Jordan should be. But the Cabinet as a whole accepts the Allon plan, which would return much of the West Bank to Arab rule as a minimum basis for discussion. Premier Golda Meir told newsmen attending the Foreign Press Association luncheon here.

She said some members of her government are not satisfied with the borders envisaged by the plan and want more territory than would be ceded to Israel were it to become the basis for a future peace settlement with Jordan.

The Allon plan calls for the establishment of Israeli strongholds along the West Bank of the Jordan while much of the West Bank hinterland would revert to the Arabs though not necessarily to Jordan. The plan, proposed more than two years ago by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, became the focus of public attention in the wake of the new proposal by King Hussein of Jordan to create an Arab federation of the east and west banks of the Jordan with its political center in Amman.

Israel has categorically rejected that proposal but officially has proposed no alternative.

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**GENUINE EXCITEMENT:** It surrounds the Model Cities-Pawtucket Recreation Hockey League play. And that excitement will continue right into the First Annual Awards Banquet that will be held on April 23 at the Blackstone Civic Center in Pawtucket. It has been a great first season with six teams in the PEE-WEE and a like number in the BANTAM Divisions, 18 boys on each team; participation of a high percentage. It has been a fine effort by Recreation Director Joe Dragon of Pawtucket, assisted by Leo Duffy, Dick Partridge, Andy Ferland and Mitch Asermely. Who can tell? Maybe some of these lads will be playing in the pro hockey ranks some day. They're learning the game, and, more important, learning good sportsmanship which means so much in the success of good citizens. You should hear the enthusiastic, gentlemanly manner in which Gus DeComitis describes hockey play in the league and plans for the big banquet.

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**HEY JOE! WHADYA KNOW?** At Newport Boys Club every Saturday starting April 15 through May 6, the "Silver Mittens" boxing tournament will be held. It's for 10 year olds to 16 year olds and will involve youthful boxers from different parts of N.E. "So there'll be a New England Champion," says Joe who is Joe Celletti. "And it's named after the great Chick Suggs, never to be forgotten 'artist' of the boxing ring," Celletti adds . . . Boston's Mayor Kevin White will proclaim April 16 as "Veteran Boxers Day." There'll be big doin's at Hotel Bradford that night; also, the placing of a wreath at George Washington's statue in Boston Public Gardens, the "Father of our Country" having been the first amateur heavyweight boxing champion. (Zat right, Joe?) Mr. Celletti says, "yes" . . . So, have sportsmanship like Johnny of the Glendale Spa Restaurant who banquets the Burrillville High Hockey team — win, lose or draw! — CARRY ON!



**PLAN ISRAEL BOND DINNER:** The initial meeting to plan the Rhode Island Israel Bond Dinner of State in honor of Robert A. Riesman was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Weil of Providence, chairmen, of the dinner. Seated, left to right, are Mr. and Mrs. Weil and Samuel Medoff of Woonsocket, a member of the hosts committee. Standing are hosts committee members, Israel Resnick of Pawtucket and Joe Thaler of Providence. The dinner will be held on Sunday evening, April 23, at the Jewish Community Center.

Fred Kelman Photo

## Mr., Mrs. Manfred Weil To Chair Israel Bond Dinner For Riesman

Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Weil have been named chairmen of the Rhode Island Israel Bond Dinner of State honoring Robert A. Riesman, community and civic leader, it has been announced by Stanley P. Blacher, chairman of the 1972 Rhode Island Israel Bond campaign.

At the dinner to be held Sunday, April 23, at 6 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center, Ambassador Jacob Barlowe will present the Prime Minister's Medal of the State of Israel to Mr. Riesman for his leadership in preserving and strengthening Israel.

Mr. Weil is immediate past chairman of the R.I. Israel Bond campaign and is a local industrialist active in many Jewish local and national organizations.

Mrs. Weil, also active in many local Jewish community organizations, is currently the co-chairman of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Governor and Mrs. Frank Licht will serve as honorary chairmen of the dinner. Other chairmen include Mr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Alperin, hosts; Mr. and Mrs. Max Leach, arrangements; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Blacher, reservations; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Foss, program; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grossman, decorations; and Mr. and Mrs. David Horvitz, telephone.

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## Mervin Bolusky To Be Installed As Head Emanu-El Men's Club

Mervin Bolusky will be installed as president of the Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El at its 44th annual installation of officers which will be held during Friday evening services on April 14 starting at 8:10 o'clock in the main sanctuary.

Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen will be the installing officer. A reception in honor of the incoming slate of officers will be held in the meeting house following the services.

Other officers are S. Samuel Kestenman and Dr. Richard C. Kumins, vice presidents; Dr. Albert Kumins, treasurer; Benjamin Eisenberg, financial secretary, and Stephen A. Wasser, recording secretary.

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## JCRC Agencies Conduct Programs To Aid Philadelphia Merchants

PHILADELPHIA — A total of 21 Jewish-owned business enterprises in Philadelphia slum areas have been sold to qualified Puerto Ricans and Blacks in the past 18 months, involving loans exceeding \$500,000, according to a report of the Jewish Community Relations Council. The program is one of a number of activities conducted by the JCRC for Jewish businessmen in high crime areas which has included a series of meetings with top city officials. The Merchants Exchange program grew directly out of a comprehensive survey of Jewish merchants in the inner city by Temple University jointly with the JCRC and its members agencies in 1969.

Representatives of the JCRC and its member agencies met with Hillel S. Levison, managing director of the city government, and Thomas C. Piccoli, deputy managing director. The focus of the meeting was on the problem of Jewish merchants in crime areas. The meeting was a follow-up to a meeting with Mayor Frank L. Rizzo, Police Commissioner Joseph O'Neill and Levison to discuss such problems.

The JCRC representatives asked that the city hire auxiliary patrols in the high crime areas. The Jewish spokesmen also expressed concern about the

likelihood that 15 pharmacies in such areas would close down and help from the city was asked in finding ways to prevent such shutdowns and to keep the areas viable.

The JCRC member agencies convened a city-wide meeting of some 100 Jewish merchants at this meeting, government experts discussed with the merchants crime prevention methods and details of a federal program to help them buy burglary and robbery insurance at lower costs. As a result a number of additional programs were started. These included plans to distribute to merchants kits of materials on protective devices and how to respond to holdups; neighborhood meetings of merchants in high crime areas; plans for a meeting in Washington with officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to enable merchants to urge cuts in burglary and holdup insurance rates; and plans to organize a city-wide merchants group with representatives from each high crime area.

The JCRC recently completed an investigation of economically feasible protective devices which could be used by merchants in their stores, such as electronic alarm devices, bullet-proof plexiglass panels and bullet-proof vests. During the past two months, officials said, representatives of the American Jewish Committee met with Gov. Milton Shapp to encourage legislation to provide compensation to innocent victims of crime.

The AJCommittee also is helping merchants who have suffered economic losses resulting from the city's failure to condemn business properties in connection with proposed improvements. The AJCommittee said that in many instances, notification of intent to condemn had practically destroyed the business of affected small merchants. The American Jewish Congress also has been advocating enactment of anti-crime legislation by the State Legislature.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has been working with the Philadelphia police department in seeking citizen participation in Operation Town Watch, designed to help the police department in crime prevention and seizure of criminals, as well as neighborhood protection. The ADL also provides guidance and protective relief to merchants and other Jewish citizens who have been jeopardized or harassed.

## Rabbi Of Soviet Georgian Republic Says Situation Not At All Bad

TEL AVIV — Chief Rabbi Yaacov Dabarashvili of the Soviet Georgian Republic arrived here last week and reported the situation of Georgian Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel was not at all bad. The 70-year-old white-bearded rabbi from Koutaisi, who speaks modern Hebrew fluently, said there seemed to be no obstacles preventing Georgian Jews from getting exit visas.

He also reported that the Soviet authorities permit Georgian Jews to observe Jewish law and that synagogues are functioning unhindered. Rabbi Dabarashvili had an enthusiastic reunion at the airport with his brother, Michael, who settled in Palestine 50 years ago and whom he had not seen during that time.

Other Soviet immigrants arriving on the same plane told relatives that Soviet police had boarded their train at its last stop in Russia and confiscated electrical appliances and other valuables in the possession of the immigrants. They said the police claimed the items were being

smuggled because "as workers you could not afford to buy such things."

About 200 immigrants from Western countries, mainly Latin America, arrived recently in Haifa aboard the Israeli motorship Dan which they had boarded in Europe for the final leg of their journey. A total of 170 were from Latin America and the largest single group, 155, from Argentina.

Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, greeted the newcomers before they disembarked. He said 3,000 immigrants are expected from Latin America this year, compared to 2,500 last year. Rabbi Kirshblum attributed the increase to Zionist sentiments and the deteriorating economic situation in Latin America which has caused the shut-down of many Jewish schools.

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PLANNING FOR A PETIT LUNCHEON of the Young Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island are, left to right, Mrs. Gary Prescott, Mrs. Donald Forman, Mrs. Robert Fain and Mrs. Donald Dwares. The luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday, April 12, at the home of Mrs. Prescott at 29 Winfield Road.

### Dr. George Pollak To Speak At Luncheon Of Young Women's Division, JFRI

Dr. George Pollak, coordinator of the recent study of "The Status of Jewish Education in Greater Rhode Island," will be the guest speaker at a petit luncheon of the Young Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island next Wednesday, April 12, at noon. The affair will be held at the home of Mrs. Gary Prescott at 29 Winfield Road.

A consultant for the Department of Community Service and Studies of the American Association for Jewish Education, Dr. Pollak is a graduate of the University of Ontario, London, Ontario. He received graduate degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University; the Jewish Theological Seminary of

America, and Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Pollak is a native of Hungary and came to the United States in 1952. His prime area of interest is in Jewish educational research and application of educational developments in the general field to Jewish education.

Before joining the American Association for Jewish Education, he served as educational director at Temple Beth El in Fall River, Massachusetts, and at the Park Synagogue in Cleveland. He has contributed articles on Jewish education to several magazines.

Members of the committee for the petit luncheon are Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Donald Forman, Mrs. Robert Fain and Mrs. Donald Dwares.

### Written By Jordanian Officials

### French Weekly Publishes Texts Of 'Secret Letters'

PARIS — The French weekly "L'Express" has published the texts of three top secret letters said to have been written by Jordanian officials in October of 1967 which, the magazine says, establish the fact that "secret agreements" exist between Israel and Jordan and that their respective representatives met several times.

"L'Express" says the documents prove that the day after the Six-Day War, in June, 1967, Jordan chose to practice dual policy towards Israel outwardly, solidarity with the other Arab states, but covertly, a policy of negotiations with Israel. The magazine published copies of the three letters. The first marked "confidential and urgent," dated October 11, 1967, and addressed to the Jordanian ambassador in Washington is from Premier Bahgat Talhouni.

It reads: "Will you establish urgent contacts with United States Secretary of State Dean Rusk to discuss pressure to be put on the Israeli government to renounce its policy of creation of a Palestinian state in which Palestinian deputies and notables of the West Bank would participate. Let Dean Rusk know that if Israel persists in this project we will be obliged to annul the secret and non-secret agreements which tie us to Israel, and, to assure our rights, cooperate with the Arab states and the Eastern European bloc."

Another letter, marked "secret and urgent," was dated October 10, 1967 and was from Talhouni to the Jordanian ambassador in Rome. It says: "In reference to what was published in the Rome 'Daily American'

(Rome's English language newspaper) I pray you to establish contact in a very confidential manner with the Italian Minister of Information to convince him to induce the Italian press to refrain from publishing anything about the secret encounters between the king of Jordan and representatives of Israeli authorities. Also establish contact with the directors of the large Italian newspapers to deny the information in any manner possible, even if it would cost 5,000 dinars." The latter letter further asked the Jordanian ambassador in Rome to convince the Israeli ambassador "to deny what was published in the 'Daily American' about the encounter between the king's envoy and Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol."

Talhouni also instructed the ambassador to inform the Israeli ambassador that Jordan's foreign policy will not be affected by the new Jordanian government and that "the secret agreements concluded with Israel are still in effect."

#### WANTS MORE UNITY

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. — Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America told the 72nd annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative rabbis) there should be greater unity, cooperation and understanding between the three branches of American Judaism. He said there is too much "venom in Jewish life" and that its elimination is "indispensable for the survival of the Jewish people — here and in Israel."

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## Argentine Jews Worried About Anti-Semitic Drive

BUENOS AIRES. — Argentine Jews are seriously concerned over an allegedly Arab-financed anti-Semitic campaign using slander characteristic of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion to disrupt Argentina's trade and other relations with Israel. The campaign surfaced recently with the appearance of leaflets claiming that "Zionist Jews" control virtually every aspect of

the country's business and cultural affairs and were plotting to dismember Argentina.

The leaflets were produced by Walter Berveraggi Allende, a right-wing political figure. According to the rightist weekly, Prensa Confidencial, edited by Jorge Vago, the leaflets were financed by the new cultural attaché of an unnamed Arab Embassy and will be distributed commercially in the coming weeks by members of the "Verbum," a local section of the French nationalist Catholic movement.

Vago named Col. Juan F. Guevara, former ambassador to Colombia, as one of the most prominent members of the group. According to Vago, sources close to the "Israeli Agency" have expressed serious concern over the imminence of an anti-Semitic campaign worse than that of the Nazi era. Vago claimed that behind the slander of Jews, the target is commercial relations between Argentina and Israel.

This country is believed to be a staging area for the shipment to Israel of U.S. war materials otherwise banned, according to Prensa Confidencial. It mentioned the acquisition of large quantities of fighter bombers by Argentina for shipment to Israel. According to Vago, Washington has expressed dissatisfaction with the supply from Argentina of enriched plutonium for Israeli tactical missiles. The anti-Semitic campaign is intended to counteract "excessive pledges" to Israel, Vago wrote.

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## Insists Strong Diaspora Vital For Survival

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. — A prominent figure in world Jewish affairs warned against what he described as "an extreme tendency" in Israel to disregard the role of the Diaspora, or Jews living outside of Israel, and the Jewish state's attempt to dominate its thinking and actions.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, who for many years was president of the World Zionist Organization, said, "Of all the problems which will determine Israel's future and destiny, the No. 1 is the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora and the responsibility of the Diaspora for the existence of Israel."

The Jewish leader, whose premise was supported strongly by rabbis here, spoke at the 72d annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of more than 1,000 Conservative rabbis at the Concord Hotel.

In essence, Dr. Goldmann asserted that a strong Diaspora was vital for a survival of Jewish life in Israel as well as in the free world. In urging a greater understanding of the Diaspora by the Israeli people and a closer relationship between both, Dr. Goldmann said that the interdependence of Israel and the Diaspora must be reaffirmed.

Jewish secular and religious leaders have repeatedly emphasized the need for a strong Diaspora to give Israel moral and financial support. At a recent meeting of the World Jewish Congress in Jerusalem, a delegation from Hadassah, the Jewish women's organization, which is the world's largest Zionist bloc, walked out of a meeting when a resolution was

presented by an Israeli delegation calling for the settlement of Zionist leaders in Israel.

Rabbi Gerson D. Cohen, chief executive officer-elect of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, spoke of the emergence of an "autonomous and self-sustaining Diaspora tradition on American soil." He said that American Conservative Judaism had opened a new chapter in communication between "secular and religious elements in this

country and Israel."

In stressing the need for spreading Jewish cultural and spiritual life in the Diaspora, both Rabbi Cohen and Dr. Goldmann agreed that "the recapture of our youthful Jewish intellectuals is one of the more fundamental basic necessities for Jewish survival."

Rabbi Cohen contended that there was an "increasing quest among college youth for closely-knit communities."

## The Lyons Den

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When questioned as to how the UN could improve its image, Lord Harlech said, "The problem with the UN is the way it has been abused. It could achieve a great deal, but with its members behaving as though it is an extension of local politics, the organization has not been given a chance to work, and most countries are not prepared to regard it as a world authority."

"I'm controversial," said Long John Nebel at the Rainbow Room, "and I prefer it that way. It makes me more interesting than just being known as a nice guy." The talk show personality, who has been on WOR or WNBC radio since 1956, said that the "Long" in his name refers "not to my height (he's 6 feet 4) but to length. I'm a lengthy speaker, both on the radio and off."

The week ended at the Imperial Theatre. It glittered and sparkled with the stars participating in and attending the "Celebration of Richard Rodgers," to benefit the Theatre Collection of the Museum of New York. In 1951, the composer was the first to have three shows on

West 44th Street — "South Pacific," "The King and I," and "Pal Joey." In honor of the occasion, the mayor temporarily designated it Richard Rodgers Street.

Rodgers is not the product of the tenements, for his family was wealthy. When one of his friends learned of his background, he said: "Then you were born with a silver spoon in your mouth." The composer replied: "No, with a Steinway."

One evening, the composer received a phone call from Abram Chasins, of WQXR. "I'd like you to come to a birthday dinner at my house tonight," said Chasins. The dinner was for his wife, Constance Keane, the pianist. "One of the guests has a cold and had to cancel. We need a man" . . . "Who canceled?" asked Rodgers. "Vladimir Horowitz," said the host. "Then I can't come," said Rodgers. "I'm terribly sorry, but I haven't touched a piano in 48 hours."

On the occasion of his being presented with another gold record from Columbia for "The Flower Drum Song," his daughter, Mary Rodgers, said: "My father now has enough gold records for a full dinner service." . . . In preparation for a new book about music, Sigmund Spaeth once sent questionnaires to the top men in the field. One question was: "Are you satisfied with your present economic situation?" Richard Rodgers' answer was "Yes!"

Rodgers attended a party, where his songs were being played. A man asked him how it felt to be Richard Rodgers. "I'll tell you in three words," said the composer. "It feels great."

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(10) After purchase and delivery to your home, have your new piano tuned again by a capable piano service man within three to six weeks. If this first tuning is to be "free," get this fact down in writing, stating the proper time limits.

## INVESTIGATE RING

TEL AVIV — Israeli police are investigating a criminal ring believed to be smuggling counterfeit dollars into the country. Several arrests have been made including two persons named by a third who was fatally wounded, apparently by the smugglers. The man, who subsequently died, was known by police to have underworld connections. He reportedly told them that the shooting was connected with a dispute over the bogus bills.



**ENGAGED:** Mr. and Mrs. Irving Wattman of Holly Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Judith Gale Wattman of Newtonville, Massachusetts, to Joseph Paul Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leonard of Newton, Massachusetts.

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A graduate of Newton High School, Mr. Leonard is an alumnus of the Boston University College of Engineering.

A May 7 wedding is planned.



**ENGAGED:** Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bomes of Freeman Parkway announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Ronnie Mark Edell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Edell of West Orange, New Jersey.

Miss Bomes is an alumna of Hope High School and is an elementary major at the University of Miami where she will be graduated in January 1973.

Mr. Edell is a graduate of the University of Miami and is vice president of the Hudson Central Drug Stores of New York City.

A September wedding is planned.



**ENGAGED:** Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Levin of 131 Massasoit Avenue, Cranston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sandra Ilene Levin, to Jay Stephen Bilow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bilow of 12 Mount Avenue.

Miss Levin is a graduate of Cranston High School East.

Mr. Bilow, who was graduated from Cape Cod Preparatory School, attends the University of Rhode Island.

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## Naomi Bronheim Levine

# First Woman To Head Staff Of Major Jewish Group

NEW YORK — When Naomi Bronheim Levine was growing up in the Bronx she had a lisp and later, after college, it kept her from becoming a school teacher.

But it was a challenge to overcome, as she was to overcome the challenge of combining a career with family. She succeeded with both, and last week Mrs. Levine, wife and mother, was appointed executive director of the American Jewish Congress, the first woman to head the staff of a major Jewish organization of both men and women.

Her appointment was, she said, "a complete surprise," but the job itself, directing the work of about 75,000 members scattered throughout 18 regional offices and 300 chapters, was something she was sure she could handle. "I'm not a particularly modest person," Mrs. Levine said.

Mrs. Levine is tough but feminine, able and articulate, yet she is afraid to go into politics, which attracts her, because, she said, a politician cannot say what he or she thinks and be successful. And, she acknowledged, she does want to be successful.

Philosophically, she bridges the time when women first became seriously career-minded and today's "women's liberation" movement.

"Women's lib is probably correct, but it's not my style," she said.

"I still feel somewhat guilty when I spend too much time away from home and if my daughter got sick I would stay home and care for her — I wouldn't expect my husband to. The young girls today think differently and they're right."

Nonetheless, because she is a successful career woman — not despite the fact — she has had to work harder than most perhaps at her marriage of 23 years to Leonard Levine, an accountant.

"There have been problems, but we share many things at home, and we've never had to discuss my working much," she says. "We just do and help each other."

"He lets me handle the social problems of the world, and he makes the money," Mrs. Levine says of her husband. "What I do is very important to me, and I could have life no other way."

The couple have a daughter, Joan, 23, recent graduate of New York University, who has an apartment in Greenwich Village.

Miss Levine, who plans to become a teacher, said that she could not recall having ever suffered from having a successful mother.

"I always looked up to her and thought of her as a brilliant woman," she continued. "It's hard for me to imagine a woman who didn't have a career. She made me look to a career. There are a lot of men frightened of such a woman, but my father is obviously not one of them."

Naomi Bronheim was born on April 15, 1923, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Bronheim. Her younger brother, David, was director of the Alliance for Progress under President John F. Kennedy and was a director of the Center of Inter-American Affairs.

Mrs. Levine attended Hunter College High School, one of the most difficult in the city to get into, and then Hunter College, from which she graduated in 1940, intending to become a public school teacher. "I passed the written exam, but failed the oral because of my lisp," she recalled.

A teacher suggested that she go to law school instead, and so she enrolled at Columbia. She graduated in 1944 and was an editor of the Law Review.

Only for a short period of time did she engage in private

law practice. "But there, you see, I felt guilty about the time I was taking away from my family so I quit."

Mrs. Levine, who has been at the American-Jewish Congress for 21 years, succeeds Will Maslow as executive director. Mr. Maslow served in the post for 12 years and will continue as general counsel.

Mrs. Levine's only major regret about her new job, she said, is that she will have to give her professorship at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice where, for four years, she has been teaching policemen about law and race relations and the American judicial system.

Her minor regret is the prospect of flying, which she hates. As executive director of an organization with an annual budget of \$2.5-million she will, in her new job, have to do a lot of traveling to speak and raise funds.

Mrs. Levine and her husband live in a seven-room apartment on West End Avenue and 85th Street.

Her hobbies are reading and going to the theater. Recently she hired two young scholars at Yeshiva University to give her private tutoring in Jewish history, "all of which proves," her husband says, "is that she is extravagant."

## Forest Hills B'nai B'rith Criticizes NY Department For Discrimination

NEW YORK — The leader of a B'nai B'rith lodge in Forest Hills, Queens, excoriated the New York State Department of Civil Service for practicing "racial discrimination" in job offerings.

Howard Abadinsky, president-elect of the FDR Lodge, reported that the Civil Service Department had sent out an announcement for correction counselors stating: "the federal government has made available funds to place 19 corrections counselors immediately with the proviso that they be members of the Black or Spanish-speaking communities." The salary range for the jobs is \$12,103-\$14,043.

According to the announcement, the rationale for the ethnic proviso is based on recent developments in New York State and across the nation which make it clear that positive action must be taken to alleviate some of the pressures caused by differences of ethnic background in the inmate population of correctional

institutions."

Abadinsky expressed "dismay" that the Civil Service Department, whose motto is "personnel Chosen for Merit in Fair Competition," would base the selection of civil service employment on racial and ethnic considerations. "I note," he added in a letter to Alex Miller, acting director of the New York Area Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, "that at the bottom of the announcement is the employment credo of the State of New York, 'An Equal Opportunity Employer.' What a travesty."

Abadinsky stated that the attempt by the Civil Service Department "to set up quotas" must be stopped and requested the ADL to take "immediate legal action to prevent the hiring of any civil service employees on the discriminatory basis" contained in the announcement.

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## Israel Denounces Resolution Passed By UN Commission

UNITED NATIONS — Israel has denounced as slanderous and invalid a resolution passed by the Human Rights Commission charging Israel with "war crimes and an affront to humanity" in its administration of the Arab territories.

The resolution also demanded that Israel restore what it called the human, religious and property rights of the residents of the territories, and asserted that Israeli settlements in or annexations of the territories were forbidden.

Israeli Deputy Ambassador Jacob Doron, pointing to the resolution which sought to link Israeli practices and Nazi practices during World War II, said: "The very proposal is an affront to the memory of the six million Jews who lost their lives in the holocaust of Europe."

The Israeli Mission added in a statement that the resolution was "devoid of any moral, political or juridical validity," having been supported by a minority of the commission, and more than that by a minority composed of Arab and pro-Arab states that have maintained "complete disregard for the merits of the question at issue."

Informed sources called the resolution "a propaganda

exercise by the Russians and the Arabs" and said it would have as much effect as a similar measure last year, which has never been acted upon.

"The same thing will happen now," one diplomat remarked. He added that this year's text was "much worse" and "more unacceptable" to such an influential power as the US, which last year abstained on the similar but weaker text.

The Israelis singled out Egypt, Iraq and Pakistan, declaring that their "slanderous legitimate security measures undertaken by other states to prevent crimes of violence is tantamount to unrepentant criminals" complaining that the measures aimed at preventing their crimes of violence and murder are too firm and too effective." The success of the resolution, Israel concluded, represents "another severe blow to the (world) organization."

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## Metzenbaum In Group Buying Baseball Team

CLEVELAND — Howard M. Metzenbaum, a millionaire Jewish industrialist, is one of the members of the eight-member group whose purchase of the Cleveland Indians baseball team was approved unanimously by the American League owners. The purchase price was reportedly \$9.7 million.

Metzenbaum, 54, business executive and lawyer, has been chairman of Airport Parking Company of America since 1947, served as a state representative to the Ohio General Assembly 1943-46, was a State Senator 1947-50 and served on the Ohio Judicial Council 1949-50.

A vice president of the American Jewish Congress since 1959, Metzenbaum has also served on the local boards of the Jewish Community Federation, the Jewish Community Center, Fairmount Temple, Mt. Sinai Hospital, the United Cerebral Palsy Association, the Consumers League, the Council on Human Relations, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Brandeis Club.

## Turkey Stays Neutral In Mid-East Conflict

WASHINGTON — Premier Nihat Erkin of Turkey said here that his country remains neutral in the Arab-Israeli conflict and because of that has become a target of Palestinian terrorists. Replying to questions after he addressed the National Press Club, Erkin said, "We wish to see an end of this conflict by peaceful means in the light of the United Nations resolution (242). We are neutral. We will not intervene. We will do all we can to find a peaceful solution."

Erkin did not pinpoint the training sites in Palestine or identify the terrorist organization. He said the terrorist subversion was the work of "a very well organized group because Turkey by its position, is like a firewall."

**ESTABLISH COALITION**  
WASHINGTON — A national coalition of non-public school leaders of all faiths to seek the enactment of federal tax credit legislation to benefit non-public school parents has been established in the nation's capital. This new group is headed by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America. The coalition is Citizens Relief for Education by Income Tax (CREDIT).

**ELECTED CHAIRMAN**  
NEW YORK — Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson of New York was elected chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization at its first meeting since the conclusion of the 28th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem at which she was one of eight Americans elected to the twenty member World Executive.

## SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

By Roger E. Spear

### ARD-TXT Merger Reviewed

Q: I hold shares of American Research & Development and Textron. Should I sell ARD before the merger or hold? L.T.

A: If the merger proposal: (1) is approved by shareholders, (2) receives a favorable tax ruling and (3) is adjudged by Lehman Brothers as being fair to ARD holders, it would be advantageous for you to hold. ARD will distribute its 45% equity interest in Digital Equipment to shareholders, prior to the merger, on a .75-for-1 basis. In addition .3 of a share of Textron will be given for each ARD share held. Based on present trading levels for the three Big Board stocks, the exchange has a market value 12-1/2% greater than ARD's current, which is selling at a 2% discount from its December 31, 1971 net asset value.

If and when the merger is consummated, the market price for Digital will probably experience some weakness as shares move into public hands. The expansion in the floating supply of shares is viewed favorably, though, over the longer term. Even without DEC, ARD's portfolio will have a market value estimated to be in excess of \$60 million. In order to counterbalance the dilutive effects of the 1.84 million (current market worth — \$64 million) shares to be distributed in the merger, TXT may dispose of some portions of the ARD portfolio.

Textron, a broadly diversified multicorporation, recently reported earnings of \$2.06 share versus \$1.90 in 1970, despite virtually flat year-to-year sales comparisons. Probable write-offs in the Metal Products and Industrial groups may have been partially responsible for the lower 1971 sales figure. Unlike many of the so-called conglomerates, Textron's acquisition policy has been highly selective and its accounting policies conservative. Consolidation with ARD will reinforce and strengthen TXT's capability for pinpointing promising merger candidates.

Assuming IRS approval, tax cost on new TXT shares will be nil and for DEC, price as of distribution date. The difference between your ARD cost and DEC value will be taxable in 1972.

### Winnebago Shares At Premium

Q: Is Winnebago, trading on the New York exchange at \$66, a good buy? L.D.

A: Winnebago has the distinction of being "high flyer of the year" for 1971 — shares shot up 46%. Since the close of 1971, WGO pushed ahead another 48% to 72. It took news of GM's entry into the motor home field, Winnebago's bailiwick, to put the lid on the stock's almost vertical rise. While it is hard to argue with this kind of success, shares are discounting growth several years out.

Some of the impetus for the stock's winning performance has been generated by the ballooning in operating results this year. In the first nine months of the fiscal year ended February 29, 1972, sales increased 82% and earnings 206%. Net of close to \$1.00 a share will probably be reported for the full year, for an indicated average annual growth rate in excess of 90%. While this level of growth would justify some premium, a 66 times earnings multiple seems overly steep for new purchases.

Q: I am retired and interested in additional income. With its 3% in stock plus cash dividends, Rochester Gas & Electric yields over 8% tax free. Would you comment on the advisability of purchasing this stock? E.L.

A: Some clarification on the

tax status of Rochester Gas' dividend is in order. Although the cash distribution was considered 100% nontaxable as income in 1971, what portion will be tax exempt in 1972 is as yet not known. Furthermore, utilities will lose this advantageous tax shelter after this year. The stock dividend, initiated in 1960, reduces your basic cost basis and upon sale of the shares is in effect subject to a capital gain tax. Similar treatment is accorded the cash distribution, therefore, the tax liability is postponed rather than escaped.

Proximity to the Saint Lawrence Seaway should continue to spur industrial expansion in the service area. In addition, rate increases are expected to be granted. Shares are trading at a very modest multiple of earnings, an appraisal which should be revised upward. Bu.

### Amex Earnings Upward Bond

Q: I hold 84 shares of American Express \$1.50 convertible preferred (OTC) received when Fireman's Fund Insurance was acquired. Do I have to convert these shares and will the company advise me when that time comes? I really need more income than I am receiving. D.J.

A: Your convertible preferred shares may be exchanged share for share for common at any time. As long as the dividend on the preferred remains greater than that on the common there is no justification for the exchange. Although directors have proposed a 3-for-1 split of the common, the preferred conversion ratio would be protected should investors approve the split at the April 24 annual meeting. New shares tentatively will carry a 12 cents a share quarterly dividend rate, equal to \$1.44 on present capitalization.

Your shares have more than doubled in value since mid-1967 takeover of Fireman's, more than offsetting the modest dividend rate. Net income in 1971 rose 21% to \$4.31 a share. Further gains are anticipated for the current year and shares should be held.

Q: I hold 50 shares of GAC bought in 1958. The stock has plunged to 12. What has caused the decline? My other holdings are all blue chips. L.H.

A: A \$56.4 million loss was reported by this land developer. The deficit exceeds net income of the previous two years combined. Operations accounted for \$7 million of the loss and real estate write-downs \$18.7 million. Special charges of \$30 million were from unprofitable investments which were written off and for provisions for losses from an airline subsidiary.

Land development companies in general have been under a cloud as a result of investigations into industry accounting practices. Additional bad publicity has been focused on a subsidiary's sales methods. A suit against the company in Rhode Island has resulted in regulatory action. These NYSE listed shares add nothing to your portfolio. Sell.

## Asks That Nazi Serves Sentence

NEW YORK — An interdenominational, nonpolitical action group called Survivors of Nazi-Camps and Resistance Fighters has issued an appeal for rectification of "an awful miscarriage of justice" in the release from a Bavarian prison of Martin Sommer, a convicted Nazi mass murderer.

John Ranz, chairman of the Bronx-based national organization of several hundred members, said he had learned from the Buchenwald Society of West Germany that Sommer had been set free because doctors said he was not well enough to



**AT MANSION HOUSE:** Patti Nero will appear as Eve in the new production which will start tonight at the Mansion House in the Biltmore Hotel. "Adam and Eve," Part I of "The Apple Tree," will be shown with "Passionella," Part III of the same play, which has been appearing at the new cabaret theater at the Biltmore, starring Leto Anderson. The show will be presented at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. this evening, April 7.

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**TO APPEAR HERE:** Barry Morell will sing Rodolfo in the Rhode Island Philharmonic's "La Boheme" which will be presented on Saturday, April 8, at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

Francis Madeira, music director of the orchestra, will return to the podium for this performance. He has been recuperating from surgery following an attack while rehearsing for the January 29 Series Concert.

Others who will appear in the opera are Karan Armstrong, soprano; Louis Budd, John Darrakamp, Richard McKee and Alan Abelson.

## Protest Against High Cost Of Housing In Israel

**TEL AVIV:** Two associations representing immigrants from North America and from Britain have protested bitterly over the high cost of housing in Israel and demanded that the government do something about it without delay. The convention of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel which wound up a two-day session in Haifa called on the government and the Jewish Agency to implement "a radical change" in the present housing policy to bring down soaring prices and to provide more rental housing.

The Association of British Settlers which closed its convention in Jerusalem, accused the government of "surrender to vested interests" which has permitted the price of flats to rise. "This conference views with concern and alarm the abandonment of all semblance of official control over the price of private apartments, especially in Jerusalem," its resolution declared. It demanded "energetic action" on the part of the government to reverse the trend.

The British settlers called for the mass construction of low rental housing for young single adults and married couples. The Americans and Canadians suggested that the authorities change the present restrictions imposed by the Government Land Authority and release public land which it was holding back so that prices could be reduced.

The North American immigrants also protested the government's plan to reduce the incentives presently granted new settlers in the acquisition of housing and the exemption from customs levies on certain dutiable items they bring into the country. The government's plan, announced last year, was in response to economic exigencies and also to complaints in many quarters that new immigrants

were getting favored treatment. At the convention representing 40,000 Americans and Canadians in Israel, serious concern was voiced over the lag in immigration from North America which fell below expectations last year and over the high rate of return among immigrants from the U.S. and Canada. Speakers blamed the situation in part on what they described as the negative atmosphere toward immigrants prevailing in substantial segments of Israeli society. The plan to reduce incentives was a contributory factor, they said.

Dr. George Wise, chancellor of Tel Aviv University, who was the principal speaker at the opening session blamed the negative atmosphere for the high percentage of returnees among American and Canadian olim. He said that while the rate of return decreased somewhat last year, it was still in the neighborhood of 30 percent compared to ten percent among immigrants from other areas.

The convention expressed concern over the fact that only 8500 persons emigrated from North America last year instead of the 10,000 anticipated. Dr. Wise said the negative atmosphere was found not only among the general public but in certain governmental and Jewish Agency circles. He urged American and Canadian settlers nevertheless to make all possible efforts to become integrated into the Israeli population because Israel is now their home and the home of their children.

### FORM COMMITTEE

**NEW YORK:** The Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations have formed a committee to establish programs to aid the Jewish poor in 28 cities across the country.

"sentences," declared Ranz, himself a survivor of several concentration camps. "Martin Sommer must serve his sentence."

**TO VISIT ISRAEL**  
**JERUSALEM:** The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Rudolf Kirchschlaeger, will arrive here on an official visit at the invitation of Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Political circles here said the visit will be important because Vienna is the main way station for Soviet emigres bound for Israel. In addition, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, is not only Austrian himself but a former Foreign Minister.



WITH MRS. ANNA CARCHIO, director of dietetics at The Miriam Hospital, right, are Rachel Alden and J. Drisko Allen, volunteer participants in the community-wide "Meals on Wheels" service.

## 'Meals on Wheels' Brings Nutritious Food To Shut-Ins

Some 50 "shut-ins" are being assured of warm, nutritious noontime meals as a result of the growing "Meals on Wheels" program and the effort of the personnel at The Miriam Hospital's dietary department.

Five days each week, the meals are prepared and placed in disposable containers, then packed in bright red picnic boxes for the volunteers who make the rounds of the homes of persons over 65 years old, many of whom have handicaps which prevent them from preparing their own food or going shopping.

Each meal contains hot soup, meat, potato, vegetable, bread, butter, crackers, salad, dessert and milk. For some of the

elderly, it is their most complete meal of the day.

The Miriam and several other hospitals have joined in providing this community service, contributing labor costs. The program, which has spread across the country from its beginning in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, originally was founded by churches and volunteers.

Now, the federal government provides 60 per cent of the funds, and the remainder is raised in the community. Although names of the needy come from nurses, social workers, clergymen and friends, this is not considered a poverty program, and those persons who are served contribute within their means.

## Only In America

By Harry Golden

### Jesus and Josephus

Two Hebrew scholars in Jerusalem have uncovered new evidence for the historical existence of Jesus Christ.

Shlomo Pines, a professor of philosophy at Hebrew University, has come across a long-forgotten passage about Jesus written by Josephus, the Jewish historian of Roman Judaea. Theologians and scholars have long suspected the text by Josephus that had descended to us has been several times rewritten by early and middle Christians to suit the time. In this text, Josephus declares the divinity of Jesus and his resurrection; in the new text Josephus reports only about the crucifixion.

What I find interesting about this discovery is that it made the front page in many newspapers. And what Shlomo Pines adduces is not simple to understand. Indeed it is very complex. Yet editors know their readers want this information.

Whether Jew or Christian, agnostic or infidel, any new discovery from that tiny triangle in the middle east bears importantly upon us because that little triangle that once was Judaea is the cradle of our civilization.

Pines' discovery is championed by Professor David Flusser, one of the world's leading authorities on religion. I met Flusser in Jerusalem the last time I was there and reported my conversation with him.

To call David Flusser porty is inaccurate but flattering because the simple act of sitting can make him huff and puff. To say he is impatient is obvious. To say he knows what he is talking about is a vast understatement.

In this instance, Flusser not only insists that the passage discovered by Pines is the original Josephus, but he can pinpoint who inserted the glosses in the original. Flusser says it is Eusebius, a Palestinian prelate, who tampered with the original text in the hopes of establishing a common doctrine for all Christians.

Eusebius, Flusser goes on, was a central political influence in the Council of Nicaea and he is known to have made numerous compromises to insure church unity.

The Council of Nicaea in 325 substantially created the Roman Catholic doctrine. The councilors determined that Jesus was the same substance as God and not "like" God, as Arian insisted. The difference between the words "like" and "same" in Greek is only in an iota (the letter "i"), an argument at the time which gave birth to the phrase, "not one iota."

I find this review of ancient history as compelling as the most recent theory. I am also happy that Flusser is in there taking charge.

Edmund Wilson, our premier critic, who offered us the first popular study of the Dead Sea scrolls, remarked, "To visit modern Israel and to see what is going on there now (in historical studies) is to feel oneself partly released from the narrow constrictions of today's and yesterday's newspaper and to find oneself thus rising above the years with their catastrophes and their coming and goings in touch with one of the greatest forces for the tenacity and authority of our race."

## Hold Family Seder At Sing Sing; First Time In History Of Prison

OSSINING, N.Y. — "Why is this night different from all other nights?" the stocky gray-haired man asked in Hebrew, and the untraditional answer to the first of the four traditional Passover questions was obvious to everyone listening.

The man is an inmate at the Ossining Correctional Facility here. On this night, for the first time in the history of the state prison system, families joined inmates at a seder, the festival meal of the Passover.

Fifty-three relatives and guests joined the institution's 30 Jewish inmates in the hospital dining room at the 147-year-old maximum security prison still known to the world as Sing Sing.

The menu — everything from the symbolic bitter herbs and parsley to gefilte fish, matzohball soup and stuffed derma — was provided by the Joint Passover Appeal Association, an agency of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Red paper tablecloths lent a festive atmosphere, and there were paper napkins with "Sing Sing Seder" printed on them in red. Rabbi Irving Koslowe, who makes a weekly visit here, led the gathering through the reading of the Haggadah, the Passover story.

But the location was obviously uppermost in the minds of the participants, and some passages of the Haggadah took on a special meaning when they were read aloud by prison inmates.

"This year we are here; next year we shall be in the land of Israel," one tall dark-haired man in his early 30's read from the book. "This year we are slaves; next year we shall be free men."

Like nearly all of the inmates and relatives here, he declined to give his name. It was, he said, difficult for him to express what

he was feeling. "This is very beautiful now," he said, looking at his wife beside him. "But the minute it's over, we're back inside, and the dream ends — until the next time."

Rabbi Koslowe has conducted a yearly seder in the prison for many years. It was his idea to seek the permission of Russell G. Oswald, the State Commissioner of Corrections, to allow families to attend the seder.

The two main problems, he said, were allowing women into the heart of the all-male facility — usually visitors stay in the visiting room just inside the main entrance — and the general security question.

None of the visitors were searched, and security was left largely to the honor system. Before the families boarded two green prison buses for the five-minute ride to the hospital, Rabbi Koslowe asked them to leave any medicine with the guards, "or otherwise you'll be visiting me here."

The service was in both Hebrew and English, and most of the inmates seemed to have no trouble following along with the Hebrew blessings and songs. "It all comes back to you," said the man who had recited the four questions. "All you've got here is time, so if you have time to think, you have time to remember."

There was little conversation. Wives and mothers sat, slightly tense, dressed in new spring clothes, often holding the hands of their husbands or sons. Rabbi Koslowe seemed to speak for all of them when he added to the traditional Haggadah verse "Blessed art thou, O Lord, who has enabled us to gather here with the hope of redemption and the quick return to our families."

"I'll buy that," one mother said softly to her son. "I'll buy that."

## Postal Authorities Wonder What To Do With Matzos

WASHINGTON — U.S. Postal authorities are wondering what to do with some 20,000 pounds of Passover matzoh intended for Soviet Jews which has been piling up in the basement of the main Post Office here and at various postal sub-stations in the area.

One pound boxes of matzoh have been mailed by the thousands from various states, including Florida, to the Soviet Embassy and to the Soviet Cultural Office building about seven blocks from the Embassy. The Soviet Embassy had been asked to forward the matzoh to the USSR for use by Russian Jews, but Soviet officials refused to accept them.

The mail campaign was conceived by the Advisory Board of the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League as a means of dramatizing Soviet Jews' lack of freedom to emigrate. It was organized by the B'nai B'rith's Pennsylvania, Delaware and West Virginia region and coordinated by Robert C. Kohler, director of the ADL regional office in Newark, N.J.

The Jewish Welfare Federation of Greater Hollywood has distributed more than 3,000 mailing labels and printed letters to be used in the campaign, it was reported here.

Mr. Kohler said that Local 701 of the Teamsters Union in North Brunswick, New Jersey, has volunteered to provide the men and trucks to pick up the matzoh at the Post Office and deliver it to any charitable institution the ADL might name.

But the Post Office says there are several obstacles blocking this procedure. For one thing, the Post Office needs a formal waiver from the addressee, in this case the Soviet Mission to the United States. If that problem is overcome, it remains for the Post Office to weed out the matzoh packages from hundreds of other parcels since they are not marked and many do not have return addresses.

Finally, the officials said, there was the problem of



AT TEMPLE BETH EL: Rabbi Harold S. Silver, senior rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel of Hartford, Connecticut, will occupy the pulpit at Temple Beth El on Friday evening, April 7.

Rabbi Silver was installed as senior rabbi of Beth Israel in 1968. He had served for 13 years before that as rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rabbi Silver, along with his cousin, Rabbi Daniel Silver of Cleveland, Ohio, represents the sixth generation of rabbis in their family.

Rabbi Silver is a member of the Commission on Jewish Education of the UAHC which is the national policy making educational arm of the Reform Jewish movement.

### Vietnam Chaplain Sends Check To JNF For Trees

NEW YORK — Capt. Mark A. Abramowitz, Jewish chaplain for the Second Military Region of Vietnam, has forwarded a check to the Jewish National Fund for planting trees in Israel from Jewish soldiers stationed in his region. In a letter accompanying the check, Capt. Abramowitz stated: "As the rabbi covering the Second Military Region of Vietnam I represent the Jewish personnel of many military installations. Recently, we collected funds for purchasing trees in Israel."



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It is not easy to argue with the Israelis. The proposition that the Israeli government has, since its military victory over the Arabs in 1967, missed a number of chances that might — no more than might — have led to a lasting peace is countered by demonstrative evidence that Israel has done very nicely indeed just by not gambling on that "might" hypothesis, in other words, is trumped by actuality. So most people concede the present and wonder about the future. And a lot of Israelis will join in the wondering; the most valid criticism that many Israelis make about Mrs. Golda Meir and her immediate entourage is that their memories, and the fears that arise from them, dominate their thinking. These arguments, doubts and limitations were encapsulated in Israel's response to King Hussein's proposals, announced a couple of weeks ago, for a federal relationship between Jordan and the Palestinians on the West Bank.

The king's proposals did not, as they stood, call upon Israel to do anything. He has at other times expressed his belief that peace negotiations between Jordan and Israel need not wait upon the breaking of the Egyptian-Israeli deadlock. His federal plan was a unilateral declaration that the Palestinians could count on a certain autonomy within the Jordanian kingdom; in his original message he left unsaid the obvious precondition that there would first have to be Jordanian-Israeli negotiations and that as a result of these

Israel would have to withdraw from part of the territory it now holds. Mrs. Meir's immediate reaction was to attack the king's presumption in mapping a future for a territory and its people that were not his to control. This, while missing the point, was a predictable piece of side-stepping.

Of far greater import is the chain reaction in Israel set in motion by the king's proposals. This has revealed that the argument within Israel is less about the extent of future withdrawal from the West Bank than between those who advocate its annexation and those who prefer to leave things as they are. This is not to suggest that there is any likelihood, under Israel's present government, of the annexationists winning the battle; it does suggest a political development in which moderate Israeli opinion is more concerned with restraining those who want to legalize the military occupation of the West Bank than with planning an eventual agreed solution with either King Hussein or the Palestinians themselves.

Yigal Allon, the deputy prime minister, is the one leading politician to step out of the negative line towards King Hussein's proposals laid down by Mrs. Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan. In an interview with the same correspondent on the Israeli newspaper, *Maariv*, who drew from King Hussein his declared willingness to negotiate, Mr. Allon commented that it might be easier to find a solution to the Palestine problem within a

federative framework than in any other. At the same time he dismissed the king's ideas about how much of the West Bank would be free to federate and reverted to his own map of a wide security belt of Israeli settlements along the length of the Jordan river and the Dead Sea. Indeed, he went beyond his original plan, which envisaged a Jordanian corridor through the security belt at Jericho; he, and, more important, Mr. Dayan have now given their approval to the building of a new Israeli town on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho. This, if it is built, would complete both the security belt and the Israeli encirclement of Arab Jerusalem.

At a lunch with the foreign press on March 21 Mrs. Meir admitted to differences within her cabinet about the West Bank but stressed that there was nobody who wanted less than Mr. Allon; on the contrary, there were those who wanted the ceasefire line along the Jordan river to be the frontier. She did not name names but Israel Galili, a fellow-member of Mr. Allon's political faction but also, unlike Mr. Allon, a member of Mrs. Meir's inner circle within the cabinet, had already said on Israeli television that the river should be Israel's agreed border. Mrs. Meir herself cautiously commended Mr. Allon's plan: Its acceptable elements, she said, were that it required major and not minor changes to the pre-1967 frontier; it made the Jordan river the border (she shrugged her shoulders over whether this was called "security border" or just plain border) and it put most of the West Bank Arabs back into an

Arabs against its 2.7m Jews. This is the prospect that dismays many old-guard Zionists, among whom the most notable are the finance minister, Pinhas Sapir, and the prime minister herself. With the annexationists on the march, not a whisper has been heard from Mr. Sapir or other like-minded colleagues in the cabinet. True, when the furor dies down, they are likely to emerge, as before, in control of the Labour party's, and therefore the country's affairs. But if the Allon plan with all its "acceptable elements" is really, as Mrs. Meir says, the Israeli government's most conciliatory position, it is not going to be easy to get an agreed Jordanian-Israeli solution.

It is possible, though difficult, to imagine a compromise squeezed out of King Hussein's maximum objectives, which include, as he told a press conference, absolute Jordanian sovereignty over Arab Jerusalem, and the maximum objectives outlined by Mr. Allon. But in the present Israeli scene, with the advocates of annexation no longer confined to the Gahal opposition or the militant young wing of the religious parties, it is unlikely that any Israeli government will offer concessions on the Allon scheme. And without concessions it does not amount to a proposition that King Hussein can be expected to accept.

The most likely outcome from the fever engendered by King Hussein's proposals is that it will die down, leaving everything exactly as it was. The municipal election in Nablus and surrounding towns took place on Tuesday as planned. But all it proved was that the Palestinian guerrillas' attempt to make the West Bankers boycott it was less successful than the Israelis' pressure on them to ignore the guerrillas. Mrs. Meir made it plain at the foreign correspondents' lunch that the newly elected, or re-elected,

local authorities would have no additional powers: the various mayors, she said, would be allowed to get together — depending on what they wanted to get together about. And, indeed, there can be no reason for Israel to soften its security checks until it has reached the apparently unattainable position of offering the Palestinians a solution that is accepted by most of them.

It can be argued that the West Bankers should seize any path that offers escape from their present status as a leaderless people under military occupation. But at least their present status leaves it open to them to believe that it is only temporary. So long as they are not part of Israel or a truncated, cut-off part of Jordan, they can still dream of miracles. True, it is presumption to attempt to define the views of a people who rarely have the opportunity to express their opinions without intimidation from one side or the other. Even so, it is reasonable to suppose that most of them, given the choice, would prefer their present situation, unpleasant for most of them but intolerable only to a few, to a settlement that sliced through all grander hopes.

Israelis, too, see advantages in the present situation continuing unchanged. And for the very simple reason: it works. Mr. Dayan and his officials in the defense ministry argue that there is nothing to be gained from moving into the unknown; they can administer the West Bank with very little trouble, and now in Gaza, also, they are in control. Relations with Egypt raise different problems but with Jordan all is fine and peaceful. So why change anything? The answer is that the indefinite military occupation is liable to backfire one day. In the long run the relationship is likely to change the character both of the occupying Israelis and the occupied Palestinians.

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