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Beduin Guilty In Theft Of Temple Mount Gold

JERUSALEM: A 21-year-old Beduin has been convicted by a court here of stealing 40 gold coins unearthed in the excavations at the foot of the Temple Mount.

The coins, some minted during the period shortly prior to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70CE, are valued at about L600 each.

The stolen coins have since been recovered from dealers in and around this city. The Beduin had been employed as a worker at the excavation site.

US Govt. Donates Additional Funds

—GENEVA (JTA): The United States government has donated an additional \$22 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). This is in addition to the \$26.7 million which the U.S. has already contributed to the agency for 1977. Despite this, UNRWA's deficit is still \$17.6 million on an annual budget of \$135 million.

Street Demonstration

BRUSSELS: Several hundred persons held a street demonstration here to call for the release of Anatoly Sharansky. The demonstration was led by the Chief Rabbi of Belgium, Robert Dreyfuss, Mrs. Natalya Sharansky and representatives of Jewish organizations.

Representatives of the Socialist, Christian-Socialist and Liberal Parties told the dissident's wife they would plead her husband's case to Premier Leo Tindemans and Foreign Minister Henri Simonet in the hope that they will call on the Soviet Union to release him from prison.

ANNA (SCHECHTER) RENC, formerly of Providence, wishes to thank her relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy for the loss of her beloved husband, **ALBERT RENC**

Obituaries

ARTHUR H. FEINER

Funeral services for Arthur H. Feiner, 75, of Central Street, Narragansett, who died August 3 after a week's illness, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Esther (Gordon) Feiner, he was born in Providence on January 4, 1902, a son of the late Aaron and Amelia (Zwiebel) Feiner.

Mr. Feiner was a partner in the Providence law firm of Feiner, Winsten and Greenwald. A lawyer for more than 50 years, he earned his law degree at Harvard Law School in 1925 after graduating in 1922 from Brown University.

He was the first to hold the job of assistant cit.v solicitor in Providence.

The chairman of the Providence YMCA board of directors, he was a former chairman of the Public Utilities Commission Hearing Board and the Rhode Island Board of Bar Examiners. Mr. Feiner also was a member of Temple Beth El, the Providence Elks and the Rhode Island Bar Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Gordon Feiner, of Narragansett; a brother, Leonard Feiner, of Providence and a grandson.

BENJAMIN SALK

Funeral services for Benjamin Salk, 85, of North Miami Beach, Florida, who died August 6, were held Monday in the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mr. Salk ran the Fuller Brothers Upholstering Company in Pawtucket for 40 years before retiring in 1957.

The husband of Lillian (Cohen) Salk, he was born in Russia on September 25, 1891, a son of the late Louis and Rose Salk. He had lived in Providence for more than 40 years before moving to Florida in 1957.

He was a member of Temple Beth Israel and the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife, survivors include three sons, Albert Salk of Springfield, Massachusetts, Morton Salk of Chevy Chase, Maryland and Harvey Salk of Warwick; a daughter, Rose Grossman of Rochester, New York, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

JACOB COHEN

Graveside services for Jacob Cohen, 79, of 100 Broad Street, who died Sunday after a year's illness, were held the following day at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Agnes (Grady) McAvoy-Cohen, he was born in Providence on February 25, 1898, a son of the late Abraham and Yenta (Becker) Cohen. He had been a lifelong resident of the city.

Before he retired 10 years ago, he and his brother operated Twiny's Diner on Manton Avenue for 30 years.

He was a member of Temple Beth David. Besides his wife, he is survived by four brothers, Harold Coleman of Cranston, Ernest Coleman of Westerly, Martin Cohen of Lorraine, Ohio, and Sidney Cohen of Warwick; and a sister, Sadye Gomberg of Miami, Florida.

STUART G. WEXLER

Graveside services for Stuart G. Wexler, 27, of 156 Fourth Street, who died Monday, were held the following day at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

He was born in Providence on December 24, 1949, a son of Jean (Weinstein) Wexler of Providence and the late Martin Wexler.

Besides his mother, he leaves a sister, Karen Atherton of Pawtucket.

PAUL A. ROOD

Graveside services for Paul A. Rood, 68, of 12 Douglas Terrace, North Providence, who died August 1, were held the following day at Lincoln Memorial Park.

The husband of the late Gertrude (Wilson) Rood, he was born in Providence, a son of the late David and Mollie (Wischnitzer) Rood. Before moving to North Providence three years ago, he had lived in Riverside for 15 years.

Mr. Rood was an accountant with the Rau Fastener Company.

OSCAR ZETTER

Funeral services for Oscar Zetter, 71, of 3 Oak Hill Avenue, Pawtucket, who died August 2, were held August 4 at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Pauline (Krasnow) Zetter, he was born in Boston, Massachusetts, a son of the late Benjamin and Yolan (Fixler) Zetterbaum. He had lived in Pawtucket for 30 years.

He had operated Zetter's Ladies' Apparel, Inc., in Pawtucket, until his retirement five years ago.

Mr. Zetter was a member of Temple Beth El, Touro Fraternal Association and past president of Henry Friedman Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

Survivors, besides his wife, include a son, Dr. Bruce Zetter of San Francisco, California; a daughter, Lois C. Zetter of New York City; two sisters, Frances Modcaei of Rockport, Massachusetts and Charlotte Berger of Sharon, Massachusetts.

FLORENCE GOLDMAN

Funeral services for Florence Goldman, 47, of Potomac, Maryland, formerly of Providence, who died August 2 after a two month illness, were held August 5 at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The wife of Louis Goldman, she was born in Providence, a daughter of Elizabeth (Fabricant) Baru and the late Abraham Baru. She had been a resident of Providence for 32 years before moving to Potomac 15 years ago.

Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by a son, Barry Goldman, and two daughters, Sheri and Dina Goldman, all at home.

SAMUEL I. COHEN

Funeral services for Samuel I. Cohen, 80, of 530 Blackstone Boulevard, who died August 5, were held Sunday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Rose (Marinsky) Cohen, he was born in Providence on August 3, a son of the late Jacob and Rebecca (Mammis) Cohen. He had been a lifelong resident of the city.

Mr. Cohen, president of the Providence Electric Company of North Main Street, was a member of Roosevelt Lodge No. 42, F&AM, Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith, Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, and the Providence Fraternal Order of Police.

He was an active volunteer for the Rhode Island Heart Association, as well as for the Guiding Eyes for the Blind project.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two brothers, Norman Cohen of Cranston, and Murray Cohen of Providence.

WILLIAM HENRY SMIRA

Funeral services for William Henry Smira, 91, of 147 Emeline Street, who died Monday, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Lillian (Lipson) Smira, he was born in Austria, a son of the late Marcus and Clara (Rubin) Smira. He had lived in Providence for 75 years.

He was the founder and operator of W.H. Smira & Son on Bucklin Street for 35 years. He retired 20 years ago.

Mr. Smira was a member of Temple Beth El, the Jewish Home for the Aged, The Miriam Hospital and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife, survivors include one son, Stanley M. Smira of North Miami Beach, Florida; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

NEW GA. POLICE CHIEF

SAVANNAH, GA: Savannah's new police chief is David Epstein, a Jew, who was formerly chief of police in Iowa City Iowa. Epstein, who holds two masters degrees from Michigan State University and is working on his doctorate, is the second Jew to head the police in this bastion of the old South. The first was Charles Garfinkle who served from 1903-1907.

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TEPPER - FLESCHER

Miss Ruth Tovah Flescher of Cambridge, Massachusetts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Flescher of Vassar Avenue, was married to Jonathan Bart Tepper of Allston, Massachusetts, at Temple Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, on July 31 at an afternoon ceremony. Mr. Tepper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tepper of Navarre Drive, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Officiating at the ceremony were Rabbi Richard Yellin of Temple Mishkan Tefila; Rabbi Morris Gordon of Washington, DC; and Cantor Lester Tepper, father of the bridegroom.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Maid of honor was Roberta Solar. Other attendants included Neema Egozi, Barbara Kramer and Janie Fain.

Best man was Mark S. Daskin. Ushers were Neal Meiselman, Albert Cohen, Nathan Sanders, and Eric and Joel Flescher, brothers of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Simmons College and will attend Boston University School of Social Work in the fall. The bridegroom graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received a master's degree from the Sloan School of Business at MIT. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is a management consultant for the Dynamics Associates in Cambridge.

Following a wedding trip to Canada, the couple will make their home in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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SECOND DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Bakelman of Riverside announce the birth of their fourth child and second daughter, Elana Esther, on July 30.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brooks of Providence. Paternal grandfather is John Bakelman of Providence.

RECEIVES DEGREE

Hillary Ann Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roth of 5 Chatham Road,

Cranston, recently received her master's degree in education in the field of special education (mental retardation) from Providence College. Miss Roth received her BA in speech pathology from the University of Rhode Island in 1973. She also attended the graduate program of communication disorders at Montclair State College in New Jersey.

She is currently employed as a special education teacher for the State of Rhode Island at Zambarano Memorial Hospital, Child Development Center.

Notices

PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. All Jewish organizations have been asked to send their presidents and/or representatives to this meeting.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by B'nai B'rith Men and Women and the Jewish Community Relations Council and is being called to plan a 30th anniversary of Israel

celebration to be held next May 11.

MELAVAH MALKAH

The Providence Hebrew Day School will sponsor a Melavah Malkah on Saturday, August 13, at 9:30 p.m. for Rabbi Yaakov Uvitszky.

Rabbi Uvitszky who has been rabbi of Congregation Ohave Shalom, is leaving for a teaching position in Cincinnati, Ohio. The community is invited to attend.

6 Maccabiah Winners Plan Settling In Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA): Six American Gold medalists in the recently held 10th Maccabiah games have said they plan to settle permanently in Israel and are looking into job prospects in their particular fields. The group is receiving assistance from an Israeli coach and from the American Committee Sports for Israel which sponsored the 300-member U.S. Maccabiah contingent.

The prospective immigrants are: Elias Jerassi, who was born in Haifa and wants to enroll in medical school here, who won a gold medal in the hammer-throw; Joe Gould, 22, of Los Angeles, who won two gold and two silver medals in track and field events and wants to continue his career as a gym instructor in Israel; Ken Kring, 26, who aspires to be a psychologist, and his brother, Barry; Jay Pushkin, of New York,

a discus thrower; and Gerry Cohen of Arizona, who won the five and ten-kilometer races.

It was learned that about 80 other Maccabiah participants from abroad have extended their stays in Israel to consider the possibility of settling here.

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SHARING THEATRE EXPERIENCES: Liz Ross, left, and Sarah Baum discuss the values of belonging to the Young People's School for the Performing Arts — among them, just plain FUN!

Young People's School - Performing Arts Is A Unique Theatrical Inspiration In NE

For Jewish girls, an early interest in theatre is not unusual. Almost every one of them has the opportunity in Hebrew school to portray Queen Esther in at least one annual Purim pageant, or so Liz Ross and Sarah Baum will agree. Both girls are members of a very special group: the Young People's School for Performing Arts, Inc., which operates out of the Mildred Aitkin School in Seekonk, Massachusetts. A summer theatre workshop, it provides professional instruction in the performing arts for youngsters, and fills a long existent void. The group will culminate its summer program this weekend with "A Cabaret Revue," based upon how a young actor makes it to the top. Performances are on Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, 8 p.m., at the Mildred Aitkin School, 135 Newman Avenue, Seekonk. There will be a special performance, by invitation only, on Monday, August 15, on the lawn of the Leonard's in Barrington, at which 200 guests are anticipated.

This production is being directed by Sheila Ribeiro, with musical direction by Steve Dawson and choreography by William Carter. The theatre sound system is compliments of Backstage e.t.c. in Providence.

The YPSPA production will encompass music from a variety of Broadway shows and will include a cast of 32 young performers. The show is the result of some

intense training in the areas of acting, Choreography, creative dramatics, dance and movement, makeup, music, scenic design and technical direction and theatre production. Says Myrna Ross, mother of Liz, "I can't believe that in such a short time they have put together a complete production!" The credit has to be given to a group of dedicated children and a highly professional coaching staff.

The school's summer program also includes two touring children's musicals — this year "Monster Revue" and "Metric Magic" — which is performed by advanced students in the group. The shows currently have 45 bookings including such spots as the Pawtucket and Providence Recreation Departments, Lincoln, Midland and Warwick Malls.

According to Bernard G. Masterson, president and founder of the group which is celebrating its seventh year of operation, YPSPA was the first and remains the only professional children's theatre school in the Rhode Island and Massachusetts area — and possibly in all New England. Besides its intense six-week summer program, YPSPA operates during the school year, meeting on a weekly basis. The proceeds from these performances will benefit the building fund, in anticipation of private facilities to accommodate the needs of the young theatre group.

Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baum of the Providence East Side, is 13 and

in the 8th grade. Though this is her first summer with the group and she joined merely "for something to do during the summer instead of just hanging around," she says she is definitely interested in the professional theatre as a career. Her experience before joining YPSPA had been courses in advanced acting and filmmaking in Princeton, New Jersey.

Liz is 14 and in the 9th grade, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morry Ross of Pawtucket. She tells us that her interests have always been in the creative sphere; besides acting, she holds an interest in writing and painting. This is her third year with YPSPA. The past two seasons, she toured with the summer children's shows.

"Certain people make a big impression on you," Liz commented by way of explaining her early interest in theatre. She added, "People come here to polish their acts. Everyone does something a little different, but we all work well together. Many of our graduates come back to visit and it is rewarding to see where they have gone since they left here."

Although we understand Liz was a little uncertain of her vocal abilities ("They said it sounded fine, but I can't really tell."), she will be performing her first solo number, "Be A Clown," in the revue.

Asked to reflect on the value of the school, Liz told us, "If anyone is interested in theatre, this is the place. It gives you a kick in the behind!"

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Your Money's Worth

By Sylvia Porter



New Standards for Auto Tires

After a tortuously long period of testing, hearings and court battles, the Department of Transportation is slated to issue final regulations soon requiring auto tire manufacturers to brand and label tires for treadwear, traction and heat resistance.

The information is designed to help America's motorists, who now buy more than 187 million passenger car tires a year, choose from more than 3,000 different tire brands and sizes.

Uniform tire grading regulations will not give us a definite answer on which tire is best or precisely how a certain tire will perform. Too much depends on where you live, how you drive, what type of driving you do, other factors. But the standards will give you some basis for deciding which tire is best suited to your needs and pocketbook — thereby help you comparison shop.

- All three major types of tires — biased, belted biased and radials — will be graded according to how many miles they will last (treadwear), how well they will stop on a wet road (traction), and how well they can withstand heat (heat resistance). Treadwear will be graded by number. A grade of "60," for instance, means this type and brand of tire control tested on a government test course in Texas lasted for at least 18,000 miles. A "100" tire should give you about 30,000 miles of wear; a "150" about 45,000 miles; a "200" about 60,000 miles or more.

- When tire shopping, this treadwear label will help you note that a "120" grade will probably will give you about 20 percent more mileage than, say, a "100" grade tire. But it's no guarantee, for a tire's lifespan depends on such factors as the climate where you live, road conditions, how and what you drive.

The same basic biased tire might last for 17,000 miles in Washington, 10,000 miles in Salt Lake City, closer to 28,000 miles in Michigan.

- Traction will be graded by zero, one star or two, with zero representing poor traction performance. A grade of one star will tell you that the tire's ability to stop on a wet road is average, while two stars will say its traction performance is better than average. Here, too, it's impossible to be precise because traction varies according to a car's size, speed of travel, wetness of road, etc.

Although you may care most about how long a tire will wear, the traction standards serve as a vital check on excessive treadwear or durability. Generally, a longer lasting tire is made of harder rubber which reduces its traction. The softer a tire, the better its traction but the shorter its usable life. The traction grade is a safeguard against development of a tire with great treadwear which would also skid easily.

- The heat-resistance standard is a variation of the existing high-speed performance rating. It will be noted by numbers. A grade "A" tire should withstand heat better than a grade "B" or "C".

The grading requirements will add only an estimated 25 cents to the cost of a tire, DOT experts say — a tiny sum to pay for this basic data in addition to brand names to compare tires.

The date for this grading system is tentatively set for next year, and it likely will be phased in for the three types over six-month intervals, biased first, belted biased next, radials last.

Tiremakers oppose the system, have battled against it for years in courts, argue the minimum performance standards for

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GOLDSTEIN - SUGARMAN

The marriage of Iris Sugarman, daughter of Mrs. Joseph R. Paolino and the late Harold D. Sugarman, to Steven M. Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Goldstein of Cranston, took place on Sunday, July 31. The home of the bride's mother and stepfather was the setting of the ceremony conducted by Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Sugarman and Mr. and Mrs. L. James Kwasha were the grandparents of the bride.

Maternal grandparents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaminsky. Paternal grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldstein.

The couple will reside in Warwick.

Bomb In Haifa Was Harmless Explosive Used By Police

TEL AVIV (JTA): The recent bomb alert in the Haifa market place was an exercise ordered by the police high command to test the efficiency of the police and the response of the public without the prior knowledge of either, it was disclosed. A "bomb" was planted in the market, it was spotted by a vendor and police sappers did detonate the device after clearing the area.

The device was not a bomb but a harmless explosive which sounded like a bomb, police sources revealed. Only the top echelon of the police was aware of this and the men who responded to the bomb warning and the civil guard who evacuated the market were deliberately kept in the dark. So was the news media. Kol Israel Radio reported a terrorist act narrowly averted. The embarrassed radio management was

investigating why the report was broadcast without first checking with the authorities.

Meanwhile, security circles expressed satisfaction that the public was indeed alert and that the police responded swiftly and effectively. The exercise was apparently ordered because of the recent wave of terrorist bombings in urban market places which caused more than 40 casualties in the past few weeks. Only a short while ago, police announced Ramallah believed responsible for the outrages. Some observers noted that in the future, the public might mistake a genuine bomb threat for another security exercise.

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A: Your stocks range from mildly to wildly speculative. Starting at the bottom, Wyly Corp. is attempting to restructure its capitalization in order to prevent bankruptcy. An exchange offer to holders of \$39 million of 7 1/4% subordinated debentures has been about 50% successful. The offer, which would exchange common and preferred for the debentures, has been extended once again to the end of September. Conditional on 90% acceptance by bondholders is another debt exchange offer by a Swiss firm which is owed \$56 million. At the end of the first quarter current assets were \$23 million while current liabilities were \$130 million. Since your shares have so little value left you may as well hold and hope.

Alleghany Corp. owns and operates three subsidiaries, 100% of MSL Industries and Jones Motor, and 29% of the equity and 45% of the voting stock of Investors Diversified Services. Operating results have been favorable so far this year, reflecting improvement in all three divisions. Sale of IDS property in Minneapolis should result in a sizable capital gain later this year. However, the company's mortgage banking division is still a problem, although losses are narrowing. The effects of a \$173 million lawsuit against IDS — Alleghany is included as a defendant — pose a major uncertainty. These shares have potential otherwise and may be held.

Saxon's earnings over the years have been erratic, following the ups and downs in the business community. The company is a leading distributor of paper products and manufactures a low-priced line of copiers. If earnings begin to recover these speculative shares should do the same.

The reinvestment of dividends in shares of Transco should have no effect on future earnings or the general progress of the company. The company dividend investment plan is managed by a bank that buys the required number of shares for reinvestment on the open market. Since these are not newly issued but already outstanding shares, there is no earnings dilution from them. However, prospects for this issue, near-term, are only mediocre. The recent excellent market action has discounted any

benefits from gas price increases. Full deregulation seems unlikely to be passed. I would take the profit here. For the future you should raise your sights and look for higher quality issues.

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TWO BOND FUNDS AT IDS

Q: Please send me information as to what bond funds are offered by IDS management. B.W., Nebraska

A: This giant \$5.5 billion mutual fund group has joined the growing number of funds to move to no-load status. By the end of summer, management expects to have received approval necessary to make the move. IDS offers two bond funds — Investors Selective and IDS Bond Fund. The latter is smaller with assets of \$95 million. The bulk of the bonds held are in the four top quality categories, but there is a heavy concentration in higher yield A and BBB rated issues. As a result the fund yields a generous 8.4% currently. Since the fund was founded in 1974 it has achieved a respectable performance record. A minimum of \$2,000 is required for the initial investment in this fund.

Investors Selective has been around since 1945, consequently is much larger, with assets totaling \$365 million. About 60% of assets are in A and BBB rated bonds, 10% in Treasury and Agency issues, 5% in foreign bonds, with the balance unrated. A significant portion of the portfolio is comprised of low coupon securities, hence the fund yields 7% currently. The fund has achieved an above-average performance record long term, but has not matched the performance of IDS Bond Fund in the last few years. Selective requires a \$1,000 initial investment.

Q: I have \$10,000 to invest. What good stocks would you suggest for growth? Could you also give me the yield on any stocks you mention? C.R., Wisconsin

A: A couple of possible candidates for your portfolio are Emerson Electric and Northwest Industries, both on the New York Stock Exchange. Emerson in the September 1977 year is expected to earn about \$2.45 a share, up for the 20th consecutive year. Sales increases are being recorded pretty much across the board, with housing related products, industrial process controls, professional tools and international markets particularly strong. Signs of significant recovery in the company's capital goods and utility equipment markets have been noted. The \$1 dividend, which yields 2.9% currently could be raised soon. Buy.



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Money's Worth

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tires today are adequate, and that the new system will be unworkable because tire performance and quality depend on so many variables. They contend that even if the grading system were implemented, it would supply us with information so vague it would be meaningless.

Just recently, though, the Supreme Court refused to hear another of the tire makers' challenges. But even so, it is still possible that one or two portions of the revised version of the regulation may be disputed in court, delaying implementation again.

It was back in 1966, upon passage of the Vehicle Safety Act of that year, that the DOT's National Traffic Safety Administration began working on a tire-grading program.

Denies Use Of Torture

JERUSALEM (JTA): State Attorney Gabriel Bach strongly denied charges that Israeli security agents deliberately torture Arab political prisoners under interrogation and assailed a report to that effect published recently in the Sunday Times of London. But Bach, addressing foreign correspondents here, admitted that "such things may occasionally happen."

He also disclosed that a dozen Israeli soldiers would be brought to trial shortly for alleged involvement in the death of an elderly Arab resident of Nablus, Ahmed Dahloul, who was arrested for questioning in March, 1976 in connection with disturbances on the West Bank. He said the prosecution brief was in preparation.

Dahloul died after he was taken into custody for allegedly inciting anti-Israel riots. The cause of death was initially listed as heart attack but investigations showed

that he had been beaten to death. Bach said that until now only the officer in command of the unit had been tried. He was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to two years in prison and stripped of his Major's rank.

But subsequently, evidence came to light involving 12 soldiers, Bach said. He also disclosed that his office was preparing to prosecute six Arab inmates of the Nablus jail who allegedly "interrogated, tried" and severely beat four fellow inmates to find out if they had "cooperated" with police. He showed newsmen photos of one of the four exhibiting extensive bruises.

Bach denounced the Sunday Times report as "tendentious, vicious and definitely unfounded." He stated that Israel's military courts were as punctilious as civilian courts and therefore without bias against Arab defendants. He noted that the

presiding military judges were usually reserve officers who practice law in civilian life "and are therefore fully imbued with the sense of natural justice."

Moscow Rabbi Hospitalized

NEW YORK (JTA): Rabbi Jacob Fishman of the Moscow Synagogue has been hospitalized with acute appendicitis, according to Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue. In a phone conversation with Shalom Kleinman, president of the Moscow Choral Synagogue, Schneier said he was told that Fishman underwent surgery for the removal of the appendix and is in stable condition. Fishman, 64, has had a history of heart ailments.

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By Robert E. Starr



Some of the players made today's hand with an overtrick. Others went down when they misguessed the whereabouts of the key opposing honor. True, the hand is such that it might come down to that if the Defenders had cashed their takeable tricks first but as the cards are they wouldn't. The thing here is that when they didn't right away there must have been a reason so maybe they won't later either. At least give them a guess that might solve yours. It does give you a much better chance to make this hand.

North
 ♦ 10 5 4
 ♠ Q 6
 ♥ A K 7 2
 ♣ K 10 5 3

West
 ♦ K J
 ♥ 9 8 3
 ♠ Q J 10
 ♣ Q 8 7 4 2

East
 ♦ A Q 8 7 2
 ♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ 9 6 5 3
 ♣ 6

South
 ♦ 9 6 3
 ♥ A K J 10 4
 ♠ 8 4
 ♣ A J 9

East was Dealer, East and West vulnerable with this bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	1 Heart	P	2 Diamonds
P	2 Hearts	P	4 Hearts

One North decided to try No Trump but East's Spade lead ruined that. The rest ended in Four Hearts with West leading the Diamond Queen even when North bid that suit. Three card honor sequences are usually good leads and it turned out to be the best lead in this hand.

After that what happened at each table was to draw Trumps and then try to guess where the Club Queen was. With nothing to go on it was a guess and more than half the players guessed wrong. One came out all right when West continued with Diamonds instead of switching to Spades so a Spade was still discarded on the fourth Club to make the hand. The rest did get their three Spade tricks.

What then makes this hand other than that Club guess? Two things, one a count can be obtained if enough cards are played before Clubs are touched and second, given a good chance the opponents can very well remove the guess. Remember they, too, have a guess. West didn't open a Spade so why should he lead one later?

The best way to play this hand is as safely as possible. As soon as Dummy is spread you can see that three Spades could have been cashed and you should feel that maybe they were at other tables so an overtrick at the risk of the contract is not a good idea. With that in mind win trick one and draw Trumps. Then play the other high Diamond and a third discarding a losing Spade putting West on lead again. If West had another Diamond he could lead it but he doesn't. And as stated above West was reluctant to lead Spades before so maybe he will donate the Club. But let's say he goes right at this point and does lead the Spade King continuing with the Jack when East signals high. East overtakes and will probably lead another which you ruff.

You will most likely say now that you are right back where you were in the first place with the Club guess but is it a guess now or do you have enough information to make you certain to catch the Queen. Start counting the suits and the cards you either know about or can infer. West followed on all three Trump leads and had also played three Diamonds but didn't lead the fourth when it would have been a sure lead so had but three. He didn't lead a Spade but when he did he led the King and then the Jack overtaken by East who then would expose the whole suit if he played a third. But even if he led his Diamond instead by inference you can figure the Spades. West would have led a low one if he had one instead of playing as he did.

Regardless this is what you should know. That West must have five Clubs leaving East with but one. Yes, that one could be the Queen but it is easy to find out safely by simply leading South's Ace and noting just what East's known singleton was. If not the Queen then we are sure West has it and take the marked finesse. So if the opponents do not actually give you the hand you can get enough yourself to make it without guessing.

Moral: I hate to guess unless I have to. Postpone any guess if possible. You will be amazed how either the opponents will solve it for you or something will happen to help. If not, what have you lost?

CON-MEN ON RISE

TEL AVIV: Deputy Commander of Police, Benjamin Siegel, issued a warning at a press conference to the public, and particularly to tourists, to beware of an increasing incidence of frauds being perpetrated by swindlers and con men.

Cabinet Names Committee To Study Repatriating Of Christians

JERUSALEM (JTA): A four-member ministerial committee was named by the Cabinet to study the possibility of repatriating some 200 Christian Arabs to the sites of Ikrit and Biram, their former villages near the Lebanese border and to report to Premier Menachem Begin as soon as possible. Begin said that he personally favored the return but stressed that the final decision rested with the government.

The committee, headed by Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon, consists of Housing Minister Gideon Patt, Minister of Commerce Yigael Hurwitz and Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abu Hatzeira. Patt, a member of Likud's Liberal Party wing and Abu Hatzeira of the National Religious Party are known to sympathize with the villagers' long-standing appeal for repatriation. Hurwitz, who represents the State List (La'am) faction in Likud, is opposed. Observers believe that the committee's recommendations will depend largely on the attitude of Sharon who has not yet expressed himself publicly on the issue.

Ikrit and Biram were evacuated for security reasons during Israel's War of Independence in 1948. The army reportedly promised the villagers they would be returned within two weeks. But nearly 30 years have elapsed and successive Labor-led governments have refused to repatriate them on grounds that the original security situation still prevails. Both villages were razed by the army in the late 1950's and the villagers, members of the Maronite and Greek Catholic communities, were resettled in other Arab Christian towns.

They never abandoned hope of returning, however, and claim that Likud leaders promised them repatriation once Likud came into power. Likud circles said they

knew of no such promise but were willing to look into the matter.

Labor Opposes Repatriation
 The Labor Alignment, officially, remains adamant against repatriation but is sharply split over the issue. A meeting of the Labor Central Committee decided over the weekend to instruct the party's Knesset faction to vote against the villagers' return. But only a few of the Committee's 701 members attended and Labor MK Yossi Sarid has demanded another vote. Labor's Alignment partner, Mapam, has indicated that it would support repatriation.

Labor's official argument is that security considerations still govern the Lebanese border region. They also note that the land around the former villages has been under cultivation by neighboring kibbutzim and moshavim for almost 30 years and that repatriation would set a precedent for the return of other Arabs to the towns from which they were displaced during the 1948 war, such as Jaffa and Ramleh.

'Invitation' Rapped As Hypocrisy

NEW YORK (JTA): The World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC) branded the recent invitation by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Jews who had formerly lived in Egypt to return to that country as "nothing but hypocrisy intended to mislead public opinion."

Norma Balass, WOJAC's executive director, reminded Sadat that in 1947, Egypt's United Nations representative threatened the Jews then living in Israel with imminent massacre. "The Jews from Egypt will never again let Egypt make them hostages for Arab brutality," she said.

Ms. Balass pointed out that as a result of anti-Jewish measures, only five percent of Egyptian Jews had had Egyptian citizenship. During the period from 1956 to 1958, she said, the Egyptian government enacted laws that indicated clearly its implacable enmity towards Jews. Today, there are only about 400 Jews still living there out of a Jewish population of 80,000 in 1949, she noted.

"The government of Egypt went to great lengths," Ms. Balass said, "to make sure that the Jews left stripped of all their possessions." Among those Jews, she stated, were many whose families had lived in Egypt for centuries and who had repeatedly petitioned for citizenship.

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South Africa To Rule On Anti-Semitic Book

JOHANNESBURG: The South African Supreme Court in Pretoria is to be asked to rule whether the anti-semitic publication "Did Six Million Really Die - the Truth at Last," should be freely available to the public.

Its publication and sale was banned last year by the Publications Committee which censors films and publications in terms of the Publications Act. This action was taken after an application by the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Recently, however, a group of rightists, including S.E.D. Brown, editor of the South African Observer which has published parts of the pamphlet, with the secretary of a German organization, appealed against the ban.

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Stone Bridge Troupe Salutes Stephen Who?

If you enjoy good music, but are not necessarily a serious student of the discipline, the name Stephen Sondheim won't mean as much to you as a list of his credits. It's hard to be anything but enchanted by such traditional greats as *West Side Story* (1957) with its "Something's Coming," "Maria," "A Boy Like That," "Officer Krupke," "Tonight" and "Somewhere" — or by *Company* (1970) with its title number in addition to "Barcelona," "You Could Drive A Person Crazy," "Being Alive" and "Side by Side by Side" — or by *A Little Night Music* (1973) with its "It Would Have Been Wonderful," "The Millers Son," "You Must Meet My Wife," "Send In the Clowns," and "A Weekend In the Country" as well as that magnificent overture — or by *Gypsy* (1959) with its "Some People," "If Mama Was Married," "Small World," "All I Need Is the Girl" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses."

The staggering list spans two decades of musical accomplishment, yet this remains merely the tip of the iceberg. That one composer-lyricist has made such a deep imprint in the musical field is astounding; that people continue to ask, "and who did you say is Stephen Sondheim?" is amazing.

It has therefore been a very worthwhile effort for performers at the Stone Bridge Inn in Tiverton to assemble a complete program entitled "A Salute to Stephen Sondheim, allowing the listening public to pay auditory homage to one of our Unsung Heros. The evening's musical offering leaves us only to marvel at the infectious quality of Stephen Sondheim's work. Those who attend the Stone Bridge Inn supper theatre through August 14 will leave with a song in their hearts and the name of Stephen Sondheim indelibly fixed in their memory. May it never again be asked, "and who did you say is Stephen Sondheim?"

Cast & Crew Miss the Crowd

It is unfortunate that the Stone Bridge Inn cannot always draw a full house on week nights. It is unfortunate for the box office, but more so for a highly professional cast and crew who pour their hearts out regardless of the size of their audience. The six-member team is highlighted by Lisa Paulino, an impish Liza Minnelli look-alike, and Sherie Seff, whose rich voice provides the vocal backbone for the ensemble.

The company includes Fred J. Anzevino, Jr., of Cranston who has covered a kaleidoscope of theatrical roles in the past few years. He has acted in *Crime on Goat Island*, *The Lady's Not For Burning*, *The Devil's Dilemma*, *No Exit*, *Dracula* and that children's favorite, *The Hobbit*. His musical roles have included "Tevee" in *Fiddler On the Roof*, the "M.C." in *Cabaret*, "Sir Evelyn Oakleigh" in *Anything Goes* and young "Eddie" in *Funny Girl*.

Jon Caliri began as a psychology major at Roger Williams College until producer William N. Grandgeorge heard him singing in the hall and signed him for two summer seasons at the Carriage House Theatre. A theatre major ever since, his appearances have included *The Fantasticks*, *Celebration*, *Camelot*, *Stop the World — I Want to Get Off*, *The Roar of the Greasepaint and the Smell of the Crowd*, *Company*, *The Apple Tree* and *That Man Jesus, Who Is!*

Laura Donovan, a native of Lancaster, New Hampshire, previously worked in summer stock with the Weatherlane Theatre company. She has captured "best actor" awards in New England Drama Festivals, as well as in regional run-offs in Whitefield, New Hampshire, while appearing with Colonial Town Players in her hometown. A theatre major at Roger Williams College, she was seen this past

season in the Marilyn Monroe (movie) role of Cherie in *Bus Stop*.

Peter Johnson now calls Providence his home after returning from New York City four years ago. He previously appeared in various clubs throughout the New England area, as well as on television with Ron Ericson and Andy Jackson shows in Boston and Providence. He has made commercials for American Airlines, the Chevrolet Car Dealers of America, a solo album for the AAA Studio release of "When I Was Just a Boy," and a number of "voice-over" dubbings for CBS including "The Life of Leonardo DaVinci."

Lisa Paulino comes to Stone Bridge from Clinton, Massachusetts, and supports a staggering background of 15 years of training in tap and ballet, as well as a number of years of instruction in jazz, modern dance and voice. While serving as a member of the Dance Caravan in Boston for two years, she was teaching in Clinton and acting as demonstrator-assistant to Jerry Newby in Boylston, Massachusetts.

Sherie Seff is a graduate of Roger Williams College who will begin graduate work in theatre at New York University in the fall. She graduated from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York and has performed in summer stock in the South, as well as having directed the theatre department at Camp Louise in Cascade, Maryland, near her Baltimore hometown. Her list of musical comedy roles is impressive, to say the least, and includes *Anything Goes*, *Stop the World — I Want to Get Off*, *Man of La Mancha*, *South Pacific*, *Hello Dolly*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Oliver*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *The Mikado*, *Funny Girl* and the Marlo Thomas children's touring special, *Free to Be ... You and Me*.

'BASIC LAW' PASSED

JERUSALEM: The Knesset has passed on first reading a "basic law" declaring that the State of Israel is the materialization of Zionism and that its capital is "undivided Jerusalem which is sacred to the Jewish people from the beginning of its history." members bill in responding to last year's United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. Basic laws are drafted with the intention of eventual incorporation into a written constitution.

Evangelical Christians Will Meet In Israel

LA MIRADA, Cal.: To mark the 30th anniversary of Israel's statehood, evangelical Christians are planning an International Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem, slated Jan. 31 to Feb. 1, 1978, in Jerusalem.

According to Dr. Israel Carmona, chairman of the steering committee, the purpose of the congress is "to demonstrate Christian support of the nation of Israel and its right to exist under a just peace."

Syria Rejects Idea Of Convening In U.S. First

(Continued from page 1)

Geneva conference this year. When asked why, he said that he had been provided with no new "data," meaning the issues remained the same.

An official Syrian statement about the Vance-Assad talks, issued later in the day, underscored that there had been no change in position. It said:

"Syria affirmed its firm position with regard to the necessity of full Israeli withdrawal from Arab territory occupied in 1967 and the confirmation of the rights of the Palestinian people as well as the necessity to work on such a basis that would lead to the realization of these two goals, which are considered to be part and parcel of any proposals for a just peace."

The reference to Palestinian rights alludes to the Arab view that the Palestine Liberation Organization should represent the Palestinian people at any conference to negotiate the formation of a Palestinian state. Such an entity, in Mr. Assad's view, may be limited to the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip, both now occupied by Israel.

Difficulties Facing US

Mr. Assad said that the main issue was not Israel's objection to PLO participation at Geneva but Israel's denial of Palestinian rights. In theory this left open the possibility that the PLO might be excluded from a Geneva parley so long as Israel accepted the Palestinian rights; in fact, however, the rights include the presence of the PLO to negotiate on behalf of Palestinian interests.



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'The Sunshine Boys' Is Too Good To Miss

The *Sunshine Boys* is too good to miss. Not only is it one of Neil Simon's most satisfactory plays (so often he got tired of an idea before the middle of Act II) but Ray Fry and William Cain are close to perfect in the leading roles.

Fry plays Willie Clark, an old actor who's always hoping for a call. He lives alone in a seedy New York hotel, watches television all day long in his pajamas, and waits for his nephew's weekly visit with the latest issue of *Variety*.

Willie is lovable, cantankerous, difficult, opinionated and maddening.

Nephew Ben is an agent, but Uncle Willie gives more trouble than all his other clients. Now he has found a booking for Willie: CBS wants to do a special on the golden age of vaudeville and the great Lewis and Clark act—the "Sunshine Boys"—is part of it . . . if Willie and Al Lewis can be persuaded. The money is good, and it will help Ben, so Willie at least agrees to consider doing the "doctor" skit.

So Al Lewis (played by Cain) enters the scene. He has been living with his daughter in her spare room in New Jersey ever since the act broke up. He is less sure of himself than Willie, more cautious, waiting longer to get the tone of a scene or pick up a nuance than Willie, who plunges right in. He is also carefully dressed for this encounter with his old partner. The two men come together reluctantly, feeling their way bit by bit into some kind of rapport. Finally they go so far as to begin rehearsal of the doctor skit, and one of the funniest scenes Simon ever wrote begins. As Willie moves furniture into place for the skit, Lewis moves it elsewhere, both in complete ignorance of the other's action. Here, as elsewhere, Mary O'Leary's direction is excellent.

The third scene is the doctor skit in the TV studio, and it plays very nicely. There's a naive innocence about this kind of act which is charming, as the old team enters with gusto into their first venture together since they split 11 years ago. Every scene is

well handled, and there are not only hilarious situations but also a lot of good one-liners. Ben's characterization (by James Handy) is nicely done, with briskness, concern and exasperation. Meg Patterson plays the wide-eyed, well-rounded nurse in the skit, and Gina Wesley does well as the no-nonsense other nurse. Others in the cast are Francis Ballard or Richard Dulgarian and Tom Carson or Owen Flynn (Dulgarian and Flynn, the night I saw it). Peter Anderson did the effective scenery and lighting.

But *The Sunshine Boys* is a tour de force; and if your old actors are good you can't lose. They are very good. Fry is young for his role but that never occurred to me when he was onstage. His stiff shuffle, grumpiness, refusal to make concessions, assurance that anything wrong is somebody else's doing, all add up to an unforgettable character creation. Bill Cain is as memorable in his more conventional role, moving with the deliberation of his years, playing each moment as it comes from Willie's cue. One can see why their act lasted 43 years but not how they managed to stay together that long.

The only flaws, and they are minor, were a slight confusion at the end—this might have been mitigated if the final lines had been played as part of the curtain call (which at least one version of the script calls for), a certain lack of precision by the TV people during their scene, and a surprisingly slow scene change that was covered well with a taped replay of the previous scene.

The Sunshine Boys is memorable and funny. It will play through August 14; you may call 521-0561 for reservations.

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Bombing Atrocity Is Thwarted; Eight Terrorists Are Arrested

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (JTA): Police sappers safely de-fused a bomb in the downtown Haifa marketplace after being summoned by an alert vendor. The market was closed for several hours but re-opened later in the day. The vendor, who saw a suspicious-looking object under a vegetable cart, was credited with helping avert another in the series of bombings that caused injuries to more than 40 persons in the marketplaces of Tel Aviv and Beersheba and outside a Jerusalem

movie house recently.

The latest incident occurred only two days after security sources reported the arrests of eight terrorists in Nablus and Ramallah believed responsible for the recent wave of bombings throughout Israel aimed at causing civilian casualties. The terrorist cells in both towns operated independently but are believed to be linked to Naif Hawatme's Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Hawatme's radio station in Beirut boasted that the Tel Aviv bombing was its doing and warned American and European tourists to stay away from Israel because there would be more bombings.

Montreal Rabbi Wins Top History Medal

TORONTO: A Montreal professor and rabbi has become the first Canadian to win the prestigious Broquette-Gonin Award for History, from the French Academy, for an 800-page work on the emancipation of French Jews.

Dr. David Feuerwerker, 64, founder of the department of Jewish studies at the University of Montreal, was notified of the Academy's decision by letter several days ago. Feuerwerker said his book, *The Emancipation of Jews in France from the Old Regime to the End of the Second Empire*, took 30 years to research.

"IT WAS during my 10 years at the University of Montreal that my work matured," he said, adding that the book, published in Paris, contained previously unpublished material from archives in France, Switzerland, Austria and England.

Feuerwerker, who came to Canada from France 11 years ago after teaching at the Sorbonne, said he was prompted to begin research during World War II when he came across a book on the subject.

"I knew it was worth nothing, but it was the only book on the topic and everyone was quoting it." He fought in the French Resistance in World War II and was decorated with the Croix de Guerre and the Legion of Honor. The award amounts to 2000 French francs, about \$450.

The Nablus cell is believed responsible for bombing the Petach Tikva marketplace in which a housewife was killed and the Carmel market in Tel Aviv last week where 11 persons were injured. It is also accused of planting a bomb in a Kfar Saba bus on July 18, 1976 in which 11 passengers were injured. Members of the same ring allegedly threw a bomb at an Israeli Army vehicle in Nablus last March. The bomb did not explode and was dismantled by sappers.

Members of the Ramallah cell are held responsible for planting bombs in three Jerusalem buses and at three locations in Jerusalem — the Mahneh Yehuda market, Hagana Square and the Shami St. movie house. The group was reportedly in possession of fire arms and explosives when captured.

Urged To Join Civil Guard

Meanwhile the Cabinet issued a call to the public to step up enlistment in the civil guard in view of the latest series of terrorist bombing outrages. Interior Minister Yosef Burg told the Cabinet that the police department has set up a "think tank" which will devise new methods of combatting the wave of terrorism. One suggestion already circulating in the news media is the digging of more "security pits" in public thoroughfares so that a suspected explosive charge can be quickly and safely disposed of and allowed to blow up harmlessly.

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Will He Be Loved In December As Much As He Was In July?

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM: (JTA): Premier Menachem Begin's trip to the U.S. may well be the high point of the political "honeymoon" that Likud has enjoyed since it emerged victorious from the elections two months ago.

Begin, the opposition leader for 29 years, was regarded before the elections as just another politician who failed to adjust to changing times. He returned from Washington projecting the image of a national leader of purpose who knows exactly where he is going. Israelis who regarded his elevation to the Premiership with apprehension, now express relief that finally someone is steering the ship of state. Begin's new popularity stems in part from the contrast he presents to the opposition Labor Alignment leadership.

Labor Alignment leaders are still busy blaming each other for the May 17 election disaster. Prof. Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) whose strong election showing at the expense of Labor was largely responsible for Likud's victory, is currently wracked by internal debates over whether or not to join Begin's coalition.

Likud Moves On Coalition

Likud is the only party which seems to be in control of the situation and it is exploiting every public relations device to enhance that image. In fact, Likud is acting as if the election campaign still was in full swing. It is making a determined effort not only to enlarge its narrow coalition but to win over a majority of the electorate — permanently. One pundit, Prof. Yirmiyahu Yovel of the Hebrew University, warned in Haaretz last weekend that if Labor does not close ranks soon it risks the danger of losing a substantial section of the moderates who supported it to Likud.

Of course there are plenty of skeptics who view Begin's foray into international diplomacy in Washington as a triumph of cosmetics over substance. But the general public seems satisfied. At last, they say Israel has a leader who knows the art of public relations, an area in which the previous government was often awkward and heavy-handed.

There is, nevertheless, an undercurrent of concern that Begin's government partners are the two religious parties which apparently feel that now is the time to increase the influence of Orthodoxy in all aspects of Israeli life. There is much uneasiness over Begin's commitments to the religious establishment to kill Israel's new, liberal abortion law, to exempt women from military service, to tighten rules against Sabbath work and to try to get a majority of the Knesset to amend the Law of Return to suit Orthodox demands.

But even the secular elements have pushed these worries aside for the moment in the wake of Begin's talks with President Carter which the Likud publicity machine is depicting as a glittering success.

Ehrlich Emerges Hero

Begin is not the sole beneficiary of this "era of Good feeling." Likud's No. 2 man, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, until recently a faceless behind-the-scenes politician with what many regarded as a 19th Century petit bourgeois mentality in economic affairs, has emerged as something of an economic hero.

The tough fiscal measures he just pushed through the Knesset might have raised a storm under the previous government. But after some initial anger, mostly on the part of Histadrut for not having been consulted in advance, the measures were accepted by the public as necessary to aid the nation's faltering economy and fight inflation.

Ehrlich got an excellent press for keeping his fiscal package under tight secrecy until he was ready to announce it. His predecessor, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, was noted, never managed to prevent leaks and the results in the past were wild buying sprees and hoarding whenever the public knew that price increases were imminent.

Ehrlich increased his popularity by announcing that he will abolish control over foreign currency, simplify the investment law to attract more overseas investors and not deliberately use unemployment as a weapon against inflation.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, whom many Israelis once thought too inexperienced and too impulsive to be trusted with a major government post, aroused cheers

from many former opponents of Likud when he spoke of the need to allow the displaced Arab villagers from Ikrit and Baram to return to the sites of their villages near the Lebanese border.

The Labor Alignment had stubbornly resisted any such move by the villagers who are maronite Christians and no threat to the security of the State. The Labor position, especially the hard line taken by Premier Golda Meir, was seen as symbolic of the old regime's inability to make a simple gesture that would have enhanced Israel's image abroad.

An Astonishing Turn-Around

Perhaps the most astonishing turn-about is the criticism now being leveled at Begin from the political left because he has indicated a willingness to return territory on the Golan Heights. The astuteness of Likud is also demonstrated by the low profile maintained by Moshe Dayan since his elevation the office of Foreign Minister. Dayan, regarded as a renegade by former Labor colleagues, is well aware that many Israelis still hold him responsible for the lack of preparedness on the eve of the Yom Kippur War when he was Defense Minister.

Perhaps Likud's biggest public relations coup was the retention of most of the senior civil servants of the old regime. Few were removed from their jobs after the new government took office although most were apparently expecting to be unemployed. The new political leadership says it wants to establish a civil service tradition based on continuity similar to that of Great Britain.

Begin thus returns from the U.S. with greatly increased prestige and credit among the people. Whether it will last depends on whether he can reinforce his public relations image with concrete political acts that will meet with equally wide approval.

France Overturns Anti-Boycott Law

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS (JTA): The French government recently decided that the recent anti-boycott law will not be applicable to Arab-imposed restrictions on trade with Israel. The government managed to overturn the practical applications of the law, approved by Parliament on June 7, by issuing an "executive directive" instructing the state-controlled Foreign Trade Insurance Commission that the law does not cover French trade in the Middle East.

The law, proposed by both opposition and majority members, outlawed all boycotts if based on national origin, race or religion. The law also included a paragraph enabling the government to overrule Parliament "if the national interests demand it."

The government has decided to act in a more direct manner. French exports are insured by a state-controlled commission which guarantees industrialists and businessmen the payment of their exports. Since the law was passed last month, the commission has refused to approve contracts which include anti-Israeli boycott conditions.

Not long ago, the government published an executive directive in the official gazette lifting the law's provisions on trade with the Middle East. The directive says, "exporting firms should be helped to conquer new markets, especially in oil-producing countries engaged in an industrialization process."

The directive adds: "In order to balance our foreign trade and half unemployment the country's export drive must be considered a national priority." The government's directive will enable the commission, known as COFACE, to resume underwriting French exports to the Middle East even if the contracts contain an anti-Israeli boycott condition.

The "Free Trade Movement," a pro-Israeli organization, announced that it will challenge the government directive in the Supreme Court. The "Free Trade Movement" says it will prove that the government's action is not necessary as "other countries, which have resisted Arab boycott demands, have not suffered economic difficulties and even managed, as Holland has done, to increase their exports to the Arab world."

The French Zionist Organization has also protested against the government directive which it describes as "another instance of the government's anti-Israel bias."

Assays Role Of Jews

MOSCOW: Unusual publicity was recently given by Moscow to a study by Soviet specialists about the power they said was wielded by Jews in the United States. According to a commentary by the official Taas news agency, the study, published earlier this year, contended that Jewish capital and influence in the United States would prevent a change in American policy toward Israel.

The agency also named several major American news organizations in which it claimed Jews held strong positions.

Although the Soviet press frequently publishes attacks on the United States' pro-Israel lobby, observers were shocked by the free use of the word "Jew." Soviet commentators, it is noted, usually employ the term "Zionist" to refer to supporters of Israel, apparently to avoid the risk of being accused of anti-Semitism.

Followed Begin-Carter Talks

The Tass report, which was distributed after Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin conferred with President Carter in Washington, quoted the experts as having said that one in five American millionaires was Jewish.

"Jewish capital plays a prominent role in the sphere of banking, trade and industry," the Soviet report said.

"The Jewish bourgeoisie has strong positions in the American press, in particular in the newspapers New York Times and the Washington Post and the radio corporations Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), Radio Corporation of America (RCA) and National Broadcasting Company (NBC)," Tass added. Actually, NBC is a subsidiary of RCA, which does not in itself engage in broadcasting.

"The financial possibilities and political influence of the American Jewish bourgeoisie," Tass said, "is illustrated by the fact that the monopolist Jews comprised a fifth part of the biggest contributors to Richard Nixon's election fund."

Jews have even closer ties with the Democratic Party, it added, and the Zionist lobby holds a solid and durable position in American political circles.

"It is for this reason," the Soviet specialists concluded, "that one must not expect a change in American policy supporting Israel."

The Soviet press, including the government newspaper Izvestia, has published a series of articles over the past year accusing dissident Soviet Jews of working for the United States Central Intelligence Agency. Last month one Moscow newspaper referred to several Jewish dissident leaders as "scum."

Tass said the Soviet study had been published by the Science Publishing House under the title "International Zionism: History and Policy."

11 Countries Participating In Annual Summer Institute

TEL AVIV (JTA): Seventy-seven science enthusiasts from 11 countries are participating in the Weizmann Institute's annual international summer institute in Rehovot. The teenagers are from the United States, Canada, Holland, Sweden, Belgium, Britain, Italy, Switzerland, West Germany, Israel and the Dominican Republic.

They are divided into small groups specializing in laboratory work in physics, biology, chemistry and mathematics. The youngsters will work two weeks in laboratories and then tour the country to socialize with Israeli youth. They will also spend several days in the Negev studying the flora and fauna of the desert region.

Chudnovsky Beaten

NEW YORK (JTA): The National Conference on Soviet Jewry learned that Wolf Chudnovsky, a Kiev refusenik, was violently beaten on July 29, the second time, within a one-week period. Chudnovsky is the father of Grigory Chudnovsky, who has been suffering from myasthenia gravis, a muscle-wasting and possibly fatal disorder, for the last 14 of his 25 years.

Since their application to emigrate to Israel eight months ago the family has been subjected to severe harassment. The NCSJ is coordinating a major campaign on behalf of the Chudnovsky family.

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Arab Delegation Visits

WASHINGTON: A delegation from American Arab organizations visited the White House to urge President Carter to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization, invite its chief, Yasir Arafat to the White House and to stop "pressing the Arab states to make peace with Israel."

The delegation, headed by Dr. William Small, president of the American-Arab Relations Committee and executive director of the Federation, was received by William B. Quandt, a staff member of the National Security Council in charge of Middle East affairs. The group charged that by receiving only Jewish leaders, the President discriminated against Arab Americans in favor of American Jews. They asked for a meeting with the President.

Senate Resolution

WASHINGTON: The Senate passed a resolution expressing its desire to indicate to the Soviet Union and other states represented at the Belgrade conference the "official concern of the United States over the treatment of Anatoly Sharansky, who has been charged with treason, Yuri Orlov and others who sought to monitor compliance with the Helsinki accords." The resolution was sponsored by Senators Edward W. Brooke (R. Mass.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.) and Clifford P. Case (R. N.J.).

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WZO 1978 Congress To Honor 80th Year

JERUSALEM: The Executive of the World Zionist Organization announced that the 29th World Zionist Congress will open here on Feb. 20, 1978. It will last nine days and will mark both the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist movement by Theodor Herzl and the start of celebrations of the 30th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Only a partial agenda was announced. It will include a four-year program drafted by a team headed by Prof. Ranaa Weitz to deal with the structure of the WZO in Israel and abroad. Other items will be Zionism today and the progress made over the last eight decades.

The World Zionist Congress was originally scheduled to be held in January of this year. It was postponed because of the Israeli elections and is expected to reflect the major political change that the May 17 elections brought about. No one here doubts that Likud, represented in the WZO by Herut-Hatzohar and the General Zionists (Liberals), will gain much power at the Congress.

A key event will be the election of a new chairman of WZO and Jewish Agency Executives. Incumbent Yosef Almogi of the Labor Party has announced that he will not stand for re-election. Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin is the Likud candidate for the dual office. Labor has not decided yet whether it will enter the contest but if it does the Labor candidate is virtually certain to be Yitzhak Navon, currently chairman of the Zionist General Council.

Some Laborites maintain that Navon would have a good chance of winning if he can rally the support of the American delegates. But others believe that neither the Americans nor any other Congress delegates from abroad would vote for a candidate who does not represent the governing party in Israel. To do so, they said, would be to imply non-support of the government. The WZO chairman traditionally has been a member of the governing party which for 29 years was the Labor Party.

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Israel Legalizes Three West Bank Settlements

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin, who returned to Israel a hero after achieving what even his critics conceded was a public relations triumph in the U.S., swiftly became involved in a bitter imbroglio with the Labor opposition and in a new quarrel with Washington. The latter, which could have serious repercussions for the early resumption of the Geneva conference, came about when the Likud government granted legal status to three Jewish settlements on the West Bank established some time ago by the militant Gush Emunim without the sanction of the previous government and in defiance of its edicts.

The action taken by the Ministerial Settlement Committee apparently with Begin's full knowledge and approval, brought a sharp rebuke from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. The State Department expressed "deep disappointment" in a note conveyed to Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and made it clear that it regarded the Israeli action as a contravention of international law and of the Geneva Convention regarding the conduct of an occupying power in occupied territory. Begin promptly rejected the American note, reiterating his claim that the Judea and Samaria regions were not occupied territory but rightfully part of Israel. He insisted that the incident would not affect the good relations he established in his talks with President Carter.

Begin's verbal confrontation with the Labor Alignment, though not unexpected, jarred the facade of unity that has marked the "honeymoon" period since the Likud government took office last month. Begin had no sooner alighted from his plane when he accused Labor members of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee of having "leaked" portions of the secret "peace plan" he brought to President Carter before it was shown to the President and made public in Washington.

Begin was apparently smarting from criticism of his plan made by former Premier Yitzhak Rabin while he was still in the U.S. Rabin charged in an Army Radio Interview that the Premier had failed to coordinate U.S.-Israeli policies on key sub-

stantive issues and thereby made a confrontation with Washington inevitable when the Geneva conference reconvenes. Begin said that as a result of the "leak" his government would be more circumspect in divulging information to the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee. He made clear his attitude toward that panel by failing to brief it in advance of his report to the full Knesset, a deviation from the regular practice.

Labor Alignment leader Shimon Peres flatly rejected Begin's allegation that Labor was responsible for the "leak." Noting that the Begin plan appeared in three newspapers before Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan briefed the Knesset committee, he charged that the "leak" must have emanated from parties close to the Premier. The battle was continued during the Knesset debate when Peres accused the government of behaving in a "capricious" manner toward the parliament and its duly constituted committees. The charge was angrily denied by Begin and other Likud members.

Begin Defends Efforts

A large part of Begin's report to the Knesset was devoted to a defense of his government's action on the West Bank. He expressed "deep regret" over Vance's note. He claimed that Jews had a perfect right to settle in Judea and Samaria, that the government's decision was no more than a routine action intended to legalize a de facto situation and that "no injury or injustice will be caused to a single Arab family." The controversial settlements are Ofra near Ramallah, Maale Edumim east of Jerusalem and Eilon Moreh near the military base at Kadum in the heart of Samaria near Nablus. In practical terms, legalization of those settlements means that they are eligible for government assistance denied them by the previous government.

Begin told the Knesset that the settlements were not illegal because the Knesset had passed an enabling law in June, 1967, permitting the government, by administrative ordinance, to apply Israeli law to any part of the administered territories. Until now, that power was exercised only in East Jerusalem.

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Arab Center To Work On Image

LONDON: A new Arab-British Center in Kensington was opened here by Britain Foreign Secretary, Dr. David Owen. Also present was the secretary-general of the Arab League, Mahmoud Riad, who said that the center, which accommodates a number of non-official Anglo-Arab bodies, could play an exceedingly important role in changing the image which Arabs and Britons had of each other and "promoting in the minds of each one of us a wholesome image of the other party."

Dr. Owen told the gathering that Britain and its European partners "will play any part we can" in achieving a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

Riad also stressed that the Great Powers had a duty to make a serious effort ensuring Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories.

Syrian Headmaster Visits In France

PARIS: A headmaster of the Alliance Israelite Universelle school in Damascus has visited the Alliance headquarters here for the first time in some 30 years.

After applying to the Syrian authorities to visit this city, the headmaster was surprised to receive permission in April, and he immediately left for discussions about school problems with the Alliance leaders in the French capital. About 575 boy and girl pupils attend the Damascus school.

A report of the visit of the headmaster, whose arrival and whereabouts were kept secret for security reasons, was given at the Alliance's annual meeting by Eugene Weil, the secretary-general.

Weil said that a total of 13,082 pupils, an increase of about 15 percent, were now attending Alliance schools in France and other countries.

ATTACK DEPLORED

NEW YORK (JTA): The United States and Jewish spokesmen have condemned the firing of shots into the Soviet Mission to the United Nations recently as an outrage and a cowardly and criminal act.

The latest incident, the third this year against a Soviet facility, was denounced by President Ford, Secretary State Henry A. Kissinger, Ambassador William Scranton, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the American Jewish Congress.

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ADL Charges Soviet U. Adopts Czarist Anti-Semitic Position

NEW YORK (JTA): The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith charged that the Soviet Union is aping the anti-Semitic Czarist secret police with the release of a purported scientific study of Jewish influence in the United States.

According to Seymour D. Reich, chairman of ADL's fact finding committee, the study — "International Zionism: History and Policy," published earlier this year by the Science Publishing House — is "a modern echo of the anti-Semitic forgery, 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' and is equally fraudulent and malevolent."

"What distinguishes this new calumny from previous Soviet works of the genre," Reich said, "is the free use of the word 'Jew,' rather than 'Zionism,' in both the publication and a commentary by the official Tass news agency." "Zionism" is the euphemism usually employed by the Russians to avoid the risk of being accused of anti-Semitism.

Claims Jews Control U.S.

Reich noted this makes it obvious that the "Kremlin authorities have now dropped all pretenses and are adopting openly and flagrantly in a widespread propaganda campaign the anti-Semitic line that Jews

control the United States."

Earlier this month, Tass, the Soviet news agency, claimed that Jewish financial and political power in the U.S. and control of the major news media precluded any shift in American support for Israel. The Tass commentary, based on the Soviet study, appeared in the news agency's French language service and was viewed as part of Moscow's ongoing criticism of U.S. Middle East policy.

According to the study cited by Tass, "From official American data 20 percent of American millionaires are Jewish. Jewish capital plays a considerable role in banking, commerce and industry." At another point, Tass said "The biggest group of Jewish capitalists in the world" are found in the U.S. It said "The Jewish Bourgeoisie enjoys strong positions in the American press, notably in the New York Times, Washington Post, the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), Radio Corporation of America (RCA) and the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC)."

According to the Soviet agency, "Jewish monopolists" provided a fifth of the campaign contributions to former President Nixon but "The Democratic Party has even

closer links with Jewish capital." Tass said the "Zionist lobby" was deeply entrenched and "It is for this reason, the Soviet experts state, that one must not expect a change in American policy supporting Israel."

Seen As Dangerous Portent

Warning of the "ominous implications of this development," Reich declared that "although few were fooled by the Soviet use of Aesopian language to disguise bias against Jews, the fact that even this verbal restraint has been discarded is a dangerous portent for its captive Jewish community and peace in the Middle East."

He noted that the study's so-called findings of Jewish control of banking, industry, the media and legislation were evidently released at this time in a widespread propaganda attempt to counter the harmonious result of the meetings between Israel's Premier Menachem Begin and President Carter.

Reich said that this attempt is doomed to failure not only because there is "no factual basis to the insidious claim of pervasive and decisive Jewish influence in the United States," but also because of enlightened American self-interest. "United States Middle East policy," he stated, "is what it is because of the American interest in supporting the only democracy and stable government in the region. American interests and convictions, not Jewish influence, determine this policy."

Tfillin For Soviet Jews

NEW YORK (JTA): The Al Tidom Association announced that it is embarking upon a campaign to collect, examine and repair used tfillin, which will be given to Soviet Jewish immigrants to this country.

In response to the large and increasing demand for tfillin by newly arrived Soviet Jews in New York City and throughout the U.S., Al Tidom said it is requesting that individuals and congregations send their used tfillin to the organization. The tfillin will be examined by a qualified sopher (scribe) and repaired if necessary, then distributed to Soviet Jews throughout the country.

Rabbi Harry Bronstein, president of Al Tidom, urged American Jews to contribute their used tfillin "so that our Russian Jewish brethren who were so long denied the opportunity, will now be able to fulfill this cardinal mitzvah." He suggested that tfillin, used but in good condition, be sent to the Al Tidom Association, Suite 520, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010.

'NO ADVENTURES SOUGHT'

TUNIS — "Syria is fully capable of launching a war against Israel within a matter of 24 hours and even emerging victorious." So said Syrian President Assad at a meeting with representatives of the Palestine terrorist organizations, who met in Damascus on the crisis in Lebanon.

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Legal observers pointed out, however, that in the U.S. view the 1967 enabling act itself violated international law and that the UN Security Council took the same position at the time. When MK Shulamit Aloni of the Civil Rights Party interjected from the floor that Israel's Supreme Court has held that Israeli authorities must observe international law, Begin retorted, "I am not talking about law, I am talking about substance." The Premier insisted that Israel was not an "occupier" in the sense of international law because Jordan had annexed the West Bank illegally in 1949 and further violated international law in 1967 by its

aggression against Israel. Begin gave no hint as to whether further Jewish settlements were being planned at this time. He claimed that he and Carter had agreed that their differences over borders, the Palestinians and Jewish settlements "will not bring about a split between our countries."

Meanwhile, two Senators who met with Carter in Washington said he was still optimistic about the prospects for a Middle East settlement and did not consider the Israeli action on the West Bank a major obstacle for an eventual agreement. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) told reporters, "I don't think the President felt it was an affront or a slap in the face."

UNDERSECRETARY
OTTAWA (JTA): Allan E. Gottlieb, Deputy Minister of Manpower and Immigration for several years, was appointed as Undersecretary of State for External Affairs, second highest post in the Ministry. He joined the Canadian foreign service in 1957. In June, 1967 he was appointed Assistant Undersecretary of State for External Affairs and legal advisor.

Under Roman Rule

TEL AVIV (JTA): Two villas in Miron, which were unearthed by an archaeological expedition from Duke University, may shed light on the way of life of Jews of Galilee under the burden of heavy taxation imposed by Roman rulers. In the basement of the residences, which were connected by a veranda, were some 29 amphora filled with preserved and apparently kosher nuts and grains and some 500 coins of the Fourth Century. It is believed that the taxation policies of the governors of Constantine II prompted the population here to leave.

Arms For Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA): The State Department has confirmed that "the U.S. Government has agreed to approve a number of military items for Israel". The items approved are helicopters, hydrofoil patrol craft and ammunition of a routine nature. According to State Department spokesman John Trattner, the U.S. has also decided to approve Israel's request for \$107 million in U.S. financing to help "Israel support production of its locally manufactured Chariot tanks".

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