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Engage New Cantor For High Holidays

Temple Beth Shalom, whose congregational name is Ahavath Sholom-Sons of Zion, announced that it has engaged the services of Cantor Isaiah Wertheimer as its cantor for the High Holidays. Coming from New York, Cantor Wertheimer stems from a noted family of Jewish scholars, authors and cantors.

He is known for his melodic tenor voice coupled with a devout knowledge of prayers. His adherence to the liturgical tradition of the Jerusalem Ashkenazic community is unique, as well as his creative embellishments of Cantors Joseph Rosenblatt and Zavel Kwartin.

Cantor Wertheimer served the Briarwood Jewish Center in Queens, New York, for ten years and most recently served Congregation Chofetz Chaim of the Rabbinic Seminary of America in Forest Hills, New York. He will begin his appointment at Beth Shalom for Selichos night, September 3, following a music program and social hour at 10:30 p.m.

Proxy Brides From Syria Arriving

NEW YORK (JTA): While the nervous grooms-to-be waited for their future Syrian Jewish brides at JFK International Airport, the Air France flight from Damascus taxied to a stop on schedule a few weeks ago. Soon the 13 Syrian women set foot in America after a long and tiring flight and 12 of them were introduced to the men of Brooklyn's Syrian Jewish community whom they had married by proxy July 19 in Damascus.

A 13th woman, a widow with three children, was released at the last moment to be re-united with her brother "in a humanitarian gesture" by the Syrians, said Rep. Stephen Solarz, (D.N.Y.). Solarz, who represents the more than 25,000 Syrian Jews who live in Brooklyn, has been in the forefront of efforts to obtain the right to emigrate for Syrian Jews who wish to leave. Then all the Syrian Jewishmen and women were shuttled through private corridors from the airport's customs area into a brightly lit room where they faced the television cameras and the press.

An air of excitement filled the room as relatives and friends crowded around, eager to welcome the smiling women into their homes, where they will stay until they decide to officially get married here.

Since Israel's War of Independence in 1948, Jews have been unable to leave Syria. In recent years, many Jewish men in their 20's and early 30's have reportedly fled Syria, leaving about 500 Jewish women with little prospect of getting married there. "I'd like to express our profound gratitude to President Hafez Assad. We see this as a very significant breakthrough," Solarz said.

Hope For Future

Rabbi Abraham Hecht of Shaare Zion Synagogue, a leader in the effort for the release of young Jewish women from Syria, welcomed the brides with a short Arabic saying and expressed the hope that more Jews who desire to leave Syria, including relatives of the arriving women, will be allowed to do so.

A smiling, vibrant Tira Soud, chosen as the spokeswoman for the brides, said "due to your tireless efforts, we are here." She also thanked Assad. Speaking in Arabic, she said, "I was happy to meet my groom and hope the others (who remain in Syria) have the same fortune."

Morris Mann, one of the grooms, said "We have a similar heritage and tradition and I am hopeful it will work out." The men, who sent marriage proposals to Syria, said they selected their brides on the basis of information about the women provided by Steven Shalom, a leader of their Brooklyn community, who had traveled to Syria to meet with the Jewish community.

Gallup Poll Indicates US Jews Favor Carter

NEW YORK: According to a recent Gallup Poll, a majority of the Jewish public approves of President Carter's performance in office, despite criticism of his Middle East policy which has been heard among many United States Jewish leaders.

This analysis was based upon six national surveys which were conducted between May and July, and it indicates that 66% of American Jews approve of Mr. Carter's performance as President. The poll further indicated that 17% disapprove and 17% are undecided.

Mr. Carter has said the United States expects Israel to withdraw from the territory it now occupies on the West Bank of the Jordan River as part of any Middle East peace solution. Much of the criticism directed at the president is a result of this policy.

In the most recent analysis of Mr. Carter's popularity, two thirds of the Jewish people surveyed expressed approval of his performance, closely paralleling the approval rating given by other groups. Roughly two-thirds of Roman Catholics and Protestants, for example, have also indicated approval.

The survey asked the following question: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mr. Carter is handling his job as President?"

The results reported were based on personal interviews with 9,143 adults, taken in six surveys in early May and late July.

Brandeis Women Prepare To Host Israel Ballet

The Providence Chapter of Brandeis National Women's Committee is planning a gala function this fall. They will sponsor a performance by the Israel Ballet at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, September 24. The ballet ensemble, which is visiting the United States for the first time, will be brought to Providence by the Artists International. Proceeds of the presentation will benefit the Brandeis libraries.

The committee has reserved a section of the center orchestra with tickets available in the Patron and Sponsor categories. After the ballet, all Patrons will be invited to a reception at the State House rotunda with a catered late night supper and dancing. Before the performance, Patrons will be invited to dinner parties in private homes of Brandeis members.

Mrs. Lewis Finkel heads the fund-raising committee which includes Mrs. David Isenberg, president; Mrs. Oscar Leach,

Likud MK Charges That Israel Has An Organized Underworld

JERUSALEM: Ehud Olmert, a 31-year-old Likud MK who has studied the Israeli underworld, has charged that organized crime exists in Israel and claims he has the documents to prove it. He called for a parliamentary investigation. After Olmert's charge Police Inspector General Haim Tavori met with Interior Minister Yosef Burg to discuss plans for dealing with crime.

Tavori said in a radio interview that to speak about organized crime was an exaggeration but the police did have a file on a number of suspects. But he said it was difficult to prove their guilt. Meanwhile, Shmuel Nahmias, who recently resigned as the police's chief intelligence officer, charged that the present police structure was incapable of dealing with organized crime.

Olmert meanwhile is engaged in a dispute with Reserve Gen. Rehavam Zeevi, former commander of the army's central command

US Denounces Israel For New W. Bank Settlements

WASHINGTON: The Carter Administration, in a recent flare-up, denounced Israel's government under Prime Minister Menahem Begin for its approval of the building of three new settlements on the West Bank of the Jordan River. A statement issued by the State Department called the move both illegal and creating "obstacles to constructive negotiations."

The Administration furthermore sharply criticized as unhelpful to peace talks the recent decision by the Israeli government to extend their public services to Arabs living on the West Bank — land seized by Israel from the Jordanians in 1967 and occupied ever since.

The second such critical stand taken by the Administration within a two-day period, it was conveyed to Ambassador Simcha Dinitz of Israel at the State Department by the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Philip C. Habib. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance was meeting with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin over the Middle East issue at the time the statement was being read to Mr. Dinitz.

Echo of Previous Criticism

It was noted that the language used in addressing the Israelis in this statement did not differ much from that in previous criticisms of moves by Israel to extend their influence over the West Bank — such as when three settlements were legalized last

month following Mr. Begin's visit to Washington. These developments have highlighted a growing and potentially significant split between Israel and the United States over this issue. Washington persists that this is occupied Arab land, while the Begin government asserts that it is liberated Jewish territory.

American officials are maintaining that this is far more than merely a semantic difference, because the future of peace efforts in the Middle East, as they view it, may hinge on the outcome. In essence, the United States contends that, as part of an overall peace settlement, Israel should be willing to give back to the Arabs almost all of the land captured in the six day war of June, 1967. Included in this are areas of the Golan Heights, captured from Syria, and the West Bank of the Jordan.

Question Jordan Sovereignty

Israel under the Begin Administration has expressed willingness to return only portions of the Sinai and the Golan Heights. According to Mr. Begin, Jordan never had clear sovereignty over the West Bank and that this territory, as well as the Gaza Strip, could and should actually be regarded as part of the historic Land of Israel.

The status of the West Bank during Secretary of State Vance's recent Middle East tour was one of the main subjects he discussed, as it was during Prime Minister Begin's earlier visit here. It was reported that Mr. Vance sought Israel's agreement in principle to self-determination for the Arabs living on the West Bank and for the creation of a Palestinian homeland or entity there, but his efforts were rebuffed.

When the Israeli Cabinet recently announced that it was extending regular public services to the more than a million Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza areas, Mr. Begin called the action humanitarian. Critics, however, saw the move as a step toward formal annexation. Aryeh Naor, the Israeli Cabinet secretary, refuted the claim, saying "This is not annexation. You cannot annex the land of Israel for the people of Israel because it already belongs to them." This was followed a few days later by Israel's announcement of plans for the three additional West Bank settlements.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter, III, said "Our position on the issue of the settlements is clear. We reaffirm what we've said many times before. These illegal, unilateral acts in territory presently under Israeli occupation create obstacles to constructive negotiations."

A statement issued by the Israeli Embassy read, "We do not view the establishment of settlements as any obstacle to negotiations as we have repeatedly stated that in the framework of negotiations for a peace treaty between Israel and the Arabs, all subjects are open to negotiations."

Cite Geneva Agreement

The Begin government said it was only putting into effect decisions adopted by the previous government, but Hodding Carter claimed that "No matter whose government policy, it is being implemented by the government and it creates obstacles to peace in the Middle East." The United States is asserting that the actions are illegal because they contravene a Geneva agreement barring civilian settlement in occupied land. Mr. Begin claims that the convention does not hold because the land is not actually Jordanian.

Regarding the decision to extend public services to the Arabs on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, Mr. Carter stated that the full legal impact had not yet been measured. "However, the action creates an impression of permanence of Israel's occupation of the lands, which came under Israeli control as a

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TEL AVIV: The first load of vegetables from Christian villages in southern Lebanon has reached Israeli markets by way of the open fence.

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Bonn Says Nazi Has Found Refuge South Of Hamburg

BONN: Recently it was confirmed by authorities that Lieut. Col. Herbert Kappler, a 70-year-old Nazi war criminal whose escape from detention in a military hospital in Rome has caused tension between Italy and West Germany, was back in his native country for the first time since World War II.

The former SS officer and Nazi police chief of Rome, according to the officials, had found a refuge in the district of Luneburg, southeast of Hamburg.

The wife of Colonel Kappler, a 53-year-old physical therapist who was instrumental in spiriting him out of Rome's Celio Hospital during early morning hours, recently, was reported to have urged the officials to keep secret his exact whereabouts. The authorities appear to be complying with the request.

Gerhard Reifenberg, state prosecutor, said in Luneburg shortly after the report that there was a danger that disclosure of the present whereabouts of the war criminal and his wife might make them targets for "attacks."

It was asserted by the official that an attempt to kill Colonel Kappler had been made in Italy last year.

Rumors are now circulating in Bonn and in Italy that groups of leftists as well as other activists might organize commando style actions to kidnap the former Gestapo chief, who is suffering from cancer, with the intent of taking him back to Italy.

Mrs. Kappler has a home and a paramedical practice at Soltau near Luneburg. The Kapplers have stayed out of sight, although reporters from all over have converged on that town in Lower Saxony since the trouble began.

Mrs. Kappler has received some flowers and many messages at her apartment at 6 Wilhelmstrasse. Neighbors are certain that the couple is hiding there.

Police have been posted outside Mrs. Kappler's residence as well as in a pharmacy below the apartment.

Prosecutor Reifenberg declared in a news conference in Luneburg that Colonel Kappler was a "free man" in West Germany. The official announced that the Justice Ministry of Lower Saxony would nevertheless ask Italy for documents concerning the former Gestapo chief's part in the reprisal killing of 335 Italian hostages in the Ardeatine Caves in Rome in 1944.

Obituaries

DAVID COHEN

Sugarman Memorial Chapel conducted funeral services on Sunday, August 21, for David Cohen, 70, of 444 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, Cranston, who died the previous day following a two-week illness. He was the husband of Rose (Weinstein) Cohen. Burial was in Sharon, Massachusetts, Memorial Park.

Mr. Cohen was the office manager at Bojar Manufacturing Company, Providence, for more than 35 years.

He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 12, 1906, a son of the late Ed and Golda Cohen. He had lived in Providence for more than 25 years, moving to Cranston about ten years ago.

Mr. Cohen was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Barry Cohen of Cranston; a daughter, Mrs. Charlotte L. Cohen of Warwick; three sisters, Ann Adelman and Ada Cohen, both of Randolph, Massachusetts; and Bertha Falk of Quincy, Massachusetts; and seven grandchildren.

LOUIS BELILOVE

Funeral services were held Monday, August 22, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel for Louis Belilove, 81, of 114 Chad Brown Street, who died Saturday, August 20. He was the husband of Tillie (Gorshman) Belilove. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Before retiring six years ago, Mr. Belilove was a machinist at the former Quonset

Card of Thanks

ROSE CHERNOV wishes to thank her friends and relatives for the many expressions of sympathy she received after the death of her dear brother, SAMUEL KAPLAN.

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Unveiling Notice

The unveiling of a monument in memory of the late JACK N. WEISMAN will take place on Sunday, August 28, at 10:30 a.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Point Naval Air Station for 30 years. Before this, he owned the former American Photo Supply Company, Fountain Street, Providence, for 20 years.

He was born in Russia on September 18, 1895, a son of the late William and Rachel (Zaslowsky) Belilove. He had lived in Providence for more than 50 years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Morris Belilove of Houston, Texas, and William Belilove of Los Angeles, California; a daughter, Hazel Stillwell of California; two sisters, Molly Eisenberg of Baltimore, Maryland, and Florence Saltzman of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LOUIS SHECHTMAN

Funeral services were held at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel on Friday, August 19, for Louis Shechtman, 68, a self-employed painting contractor for many years before he retired about 1972, who died the preceding day following illness. The husband of Gertrude (Cohen) Shechtman, they lived in the Charlesgate Apartments on North Main Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mr. Shechtman was a member of the Providence Fraternal Association.

A son of the late Yitzchak and Minya Shechtman, he was born on February 2, 1909, in Russia. He had been a Providence resident for more than 50 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Greenberg of Cranston and Mrs. Dora Judelson of Brooklyn, New York.

EDITH BROWN

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 11, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel for Edith Brown of 24 Savoy Street, who died August 9 after a one-year illness. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was a bookkeeper for the Royal Box & Display Co. before her health failed. She was a member of Hadassah and the Majestic Senior Guild of the Golden Ageds.

Born in Central Falls, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Sarah (Sass) Rosenfield. She had lived in Providence most of her life.

She is survived by two brothers, Philip Rosenfield of Cranston and Bernard Rosenfield of Providence.

GEORGE EDWARD WALDER

Graveside services were held Thursday, August 18, at Temple Beth El Cemetery for George Edward Walder, 19-year-old son of Arthur S. and Janet (Adaskin) Walder of Greenfield, Massachusetts, who died Tuesday night in an automobile accident in nearby Montague.

Mr. Walder was killed when the car he was driving on Massachusetts Route 2 collided head-on with a logging truck, state police reported.

The truck driver and two passengers in Mr. Walder's car escaped serious injury in the accident, according to police.

He was born on May 26, 1958, and was a senior at Greenfield High School.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Lauran and Lynne Walder, both at home; and his grandmother, Lillian Walder Albert of Providence.

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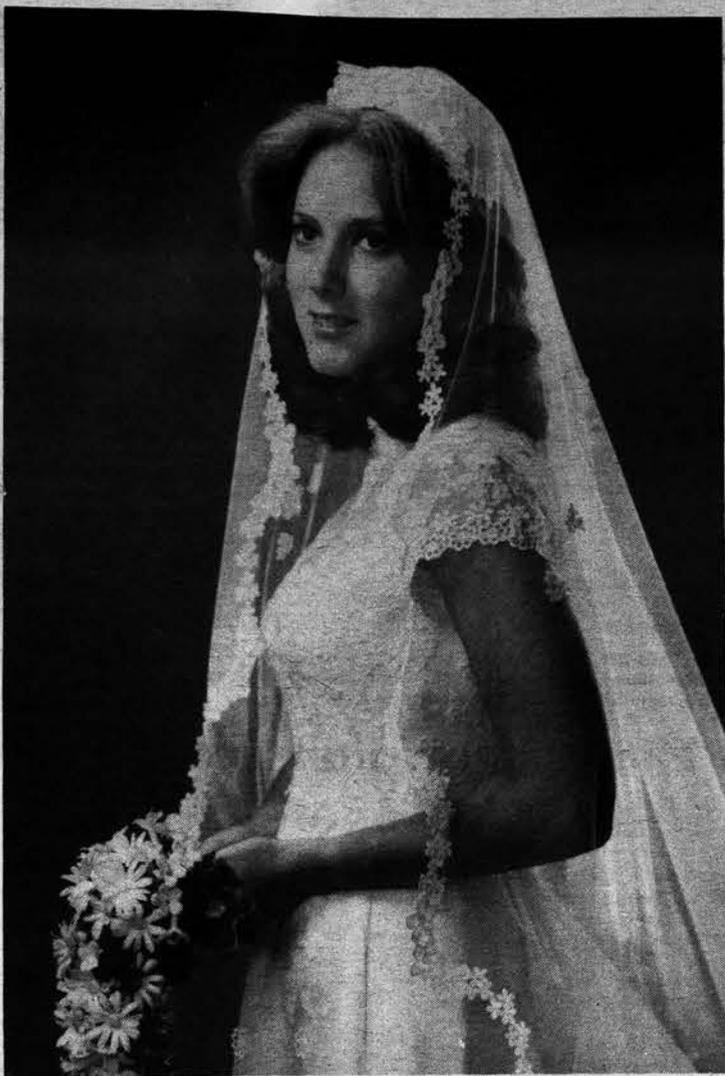


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ROBBIN-HODOSH

Miss Lois Ronny Hodosh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hodosh of 326 Taber Avenue, was married on August 14 to Mark Andrew Robbin at Temple Emanu-El, Providence. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Robbin of 18 East Beech Street, Long Beach, New York.

Officiating at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony were Rabbi Joel Zaiman and Cantor Ivan Perlman. A reception followed at the Ledgemont Country Club.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore white silk organza fashioned with an empire bodice of imported English net, appliqued with reembrodered Alencon lace and accented with tiny Venise flowers. Her chapel length mantilla was edged with peau d'Ange and Venise lace, and caught to a Camelot cap covered with matching appliques. She carried a cluster of white roses accented with baby's breath, ivy and variegated greens.

Mrs. Kenneth Jay Light, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. She was also attended by Maurisa Berry, Joan Levin and Jamie Sigal.

Best man was Sanders Kurtz. Serving as ushers were Steven Babus, Richard Gordon and Nathan Nachlas, Jr.

The bride holds a BS degree from Lesley College in elementary and special education and will be teaching at the Churchill School. The bridegroom received his BA from Brandeis University. He presently attends Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York City.

Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside at 1245 Park Avenue, New York City.

'Passover Plot' Banned In Israel

JERUSALEM: Israel's Film Censorship Board has banned the film "The Passover Plot." The main theme of the film, based on the book by the British writer, Hugh Schofield, is that Jesus did not die on the cross.

Dr. Yehoshua Justman, the board chairman, said that the film hit at the basis of the Christian faith and it was offensive to part of Israel's population.

When the film was released abroad last year, some Christian leaders in Israel threatened to shut their churches if it were shown in the country.

Menáchem Golan and Yoran Globus, who were to have distributed the film, said that the ban was based on "ridiculous religious considerations."

They added that the film had been seen by eight million people abroad with no problem of censorship and they planned to show the film to journalists to obtain their support.

Dr. Justman commented that the decision was not reached lightly. He said that if the prospective distributors could not understand the reason for not allowing the film to be shown, they probably could not understand the film itself.

REFORM PROGRAM

CINCINNATI: The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) has announced it will introduce a graduate program this fall at its Jerusalem school to prepare Israelis for careers as Reform rabbis.

Society

1ST CHILD, A BOY

Mr. and Mrs. James (Pass) Cardoza, Jr., of 50 Wellspring Drive, Cranston, announce the birth of their first child, a son, David Benjamin Cardoza, on June 20. Mrs. Cardoza is the former Deborah Pass.

Maternal grandfather is Howard J. Pass of 38 Zinnia Drive, Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Cardoza, Sr., of Douglas, Massachusetts, and Miami, Florida.

Great grandmother is Mrs. Rose Berger.

CORRECTION

In the July 28 issue of the *Herald* we incorrectly listed one of nine Rhode Island graduates of Boston University. Receiving a PhD in philosophy was, correctly, Rabbi Norman Cohen of 41 Elmway, Providence. We regret having made this error.

Irving's Book Quoted In War Crimes Defense

BONN: Lawyers defending 14 former guards at the former Maidanek Nazi concentration camp near Lublin, Poland, where about one million Jews are said to have died, have quoted extracts from David Irving's controversial new book "Hitler's War," to cast doubts on the prosecution's case.

Nine men and five women are accused of involvement in the deaths of inmates of the camp.

David Irving's book questions that Hitler was responsible for the murder of six million Jews.

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Icy Fingers Running Down Israel's Spine

By MURRAY ZUCKOFF

NEW YORK (JTA): The United States made it clear last week that Israel has got to find a way of accommodating itself to having the Palestine Liberation Organization participate in reconvened Geneva talks or find itself faced with a fait accompli: U.S. recognition of the PLO as a legitimate and full member in those talks and thereby the legal representative of the Palestinian people.

This, in distilled essence, is what emerged during the last laps of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's 10-day sprint through the Middle East when State Department officials in his entourage in Taif, the summer capital of Saudi Arabia, and President Carter, at a press conference outside his peanut warehouse in Plains, Ga., stereophonically disclosed to the world that the PLO might be ready to accept United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and, with that, Israel's right to exist.

But the real drama was not that the PLO might accept 242 but the timing of the announcement and the concomitant revelation by Carter that the U.S. has contact with the PLO, not direct, "but of course they are sending us messages through the Syrians, the Saudi Arabians, the Egyptians and the Jordanians. We have a means," Carter continued, "to contact them and to exchange ideas with them."

These disclosures, coming at the specific point in time and at the specific juncture of events was a coup of first magnitude for the U.S. It provided, as some U.S. international strategists saw it, for an array of new international diplomatic combinations and possibilities. For one thing, by promoting the PLO as a possible partner in the Geneva talks if they were to accept Resolution 242, the frost between the U.S. and the Soviet Union could be thawed just in time for the meeting between Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko next month in New York.

The Soviet Union, which was co-chairman with the U.S. of the first Geneva conference in 1973, has long been boasting the PLO as a partner in any reconvened Geneva talks. For another thing, it could reinforce U.S. ties with Egypt and draw Syria closer into the U.S. orbit. Still further, it could show that the U.S. is a friend of the Palestinian people with a genuine concern for their future and prove at the same time that American concern for human rights is not limited to rapping the Soviet Union on this issue. Moreover, it could secure for the U.S. a more entrenched economic position among the Arab states where the arms sale competition and technological know-how of Britain and France, let alone the Soviet Union, is becoming an increasing problem for the U.S. In addition, it could stand the U.S. in good stead with the nine members states of the European Economic Community which recently adopted a pro-Palestinian resolution.

The announcement made in Taif and Plains did not indicate the basis for assuming that the PLO was ready to change its view of Resolution 242 and neither Carter nor Vance indicated that the PLO would have to repudiate the "Palestine National Covenant" for it to become acceptable to the U.S. as a participant in the Geneva talks. All the "Palestinians" would have to do, Carter noted, would be to say "we recognize UN Resolution 242 in its entirety, but we think the Palestinians have additional status other than refugees." That, Carter affirmed, "would suit us fine."

The President, however, and the Secretary, refrained from spelling out what that "additional status" would be that "would suit us fine." Recognizing 242 "in its entirety" excludes "additional status" would require amending 242. It seems unlikely that Carter or Vance believed for a moment that the PLO would be satisfied with merely verbalizing its "additional status" without including it as a clause in 242 and thereby modifying the resolution.

As if to underscore the almost obsessive need for the U.S. to diplomatically cohabit with the PLO, Vance urged Israel during his talks with Premier Menchem Begin "to strike down paths that are unfamiliar" in order to reach peace. While granting the uncertainty and danger in the peace process, Vance clamped the vise a notch tighter and said that the U.S., acting as the catalyst, might proceed "with more activism than Israel would prefer." The activism, as some saw it in Jerusalem and Washington, was both a promise and a threat that unless Israel shapes up regarding what Vance termed

"one of the unresolved problems" — Palestinian participation in the Geneva talks — the U.S. would proceed to have "direct" contacts with the PLO, in effect, conferring recognition and legitimizing the terrorist gang.

Deliberately, almost cynically, the U.S. succeeded in shifting the spotlight of a possible failure for the Geneva talks to resume or, having resumed, break up without any conclusions, on Israel. Thus the U.S. turned Israel into the heavy in the Mideast peace process scenario. Carter and State Department officials in Vance's entourage waited until the Secretary had finished his talks in Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, and was on his way to Israel to toss a disclosure of a possible new PLO stance on Resolution 242 into the diplomatic ballpark.

The timing was suspect, if Carter is to be believed — and there is no reason not to — that the PLO "are sending us messages." That phrase, taken literally, indicates an ongoing process and obviously more than a single message. Why then did Carter and State Department officials wait to spring this only when Vance was a hop away from Israel? The answer almost suggests itself: to put Israel on the diplomatic griddle.

Until the announcement on the eve of Vance's visit to Israel, the focus had been on a Mideast foreign ministers meeting in the U.S. next month. None other than President Anwar Sadat of Egypt suggested this to Vance when the two met in Alexandria. This proposal was immediately hailed by Begin. In fact, even after Syria and Jordan both rejected this as a feasible approach to the peace process, Begin publicly called upon President Hafez Assad of Syria and King Hussein of Jordan to reconsider. Is it possible that Syria's and Jordan's rejection of this approach left the U.S. high and dry regarding a viable policy for a peace process? Is it possible that somewhere in the abysmal mentality of State Department Arabists Israel's image looked too good and Jordan and Syria appeared to be the heavies in scuttling peace prospects? Hence the report was floated that the PLO might be favorably disposed toward Resolution 242, in the full knowledge that Israel would not accept the PLO as a Geneva participant. Ironically, both Carter and Vance refrained from even a slight reprimand of the PLO when one of their spokesmen announced that "We are not ready to change our stand on 242 and we are not ready to recognize Israel. The rifles of the Palestinians are still the only solution."

The most pessimistic observers of the Mideast scene noted that no reprimand was forthcoming because the U.S. may have already agreed, if not in direct contact then in reverse message "through the Syrians, the Saudi Arabians, the Egyptians and the Jordanians," that the PLO would play a role at Geneva or, at the very best, at the foreign ministers talks.

The irony is that the Arab states have long ceased to care or be concerned upon the PLO the status of being the sole spokesman for the Palestinians. The Arabs have been using the issue of the PLO as a means to thwart any peace moves and have been cynically exploiting the problems of the Palestinian refugees. Yet the U.S. is now more involved on behalf of the PLO than even the Arabs, and has provided a great deal of moral sustenance to this terrorist outfit. The new squeeze play by the U.S. which emerged last week may only be



FACTS OF LIFE: James Daley (played by P.J. Barry) tries to explain the facts of political life to Phil Romano (played by John Capodici) in *That Championship Season*, now at the Lederer Theatre in downtown Providence through August 28.

'That Championship Season' Wraps Up Lederer's Summer

That Championship Season, by Jason Miller, is the last of the Lederer Summer Theater's season productions. This year's choice of plays has been more varied, and with Bill Cain in the leading role (the coach), the Miller play ends the summer on a high note. Next summer ought to be even better, as the company continues to refine its choice of vehicles, directors and actors.

The first act begins with the desultory conversation of any reunion, as the men begin to gather at the coach's home. Twenty years earlier they had won the Pennsylvania High School basketball championship, and that is still a focal part of their lives. This is not their first reunion, but it is the first in several years for Tom Daley, a perceptive and provocative alcoholic whose barbed comments lay bare what the others, living and working together in their hometown, have contrived to ignore.

The play is set in the coal country of Pennsylvania, but environmentalists have complicated the issue of mining. Phil Romano, the only one with money, needs his leases for strip mining continued, but isn't sure that George Sikowski, up for a second term as mayor, can win the election. Phil may give a sizable campaign contribution to George's opponent, and if he does, George can't possibly win. George is an ineffectual man who was encouraged by the coach to seek the post of mayor, and on his political fortunes hangs also the future of James Daley, a plodder who hopes to rise from mediocrity to the school superintendent's position.

the tip of the iceberg in American Mideast diplomacy which is characterized by Carter's stance that the conflict there must be resolved with due speed. There may be other surprises soon in store for Israel. But one thing is certain: this is the beginning of a cold blast from Washington, personal friendships between Carter and Begin, notwithstanding.

The four still rally to the coach's direction as they did back in 1952. He gives them advice, pumps out the aphorisms that have been his creed for generations of schoolboys and tries to whip them into shape. They are still his boys, and they are still a team, so far as he is concerned. The coach is a father figure and a bully; the men react as comfortably to one as to the other. Cain's handling of the role is perceptive and nuanced. He is terrifying and strangely lovable as he exploits the range it offers.

The others are well cast, too: Jim Handy handles the drinking skilfully and believably in his portrayal of the bright boy now gone to seed. John Capodici plays Phil, who is always a little apart from the rest and thinks he is tolerated for his money. It is a difficult role and well done. There's one speech about driving through the night that could have come from a free-fall enthusiast or a hallucinogenic session, and it says succinctly what Phil has been groping for. Daley is well played by P.J. Barry, and George, by Tom Carson. The four men often seem singularly separate and unattached to one another, a feeling that is enforced by the blocking. The coach's catalytic personality, however, can return them to at least an approximation of a team.

This is a good play, well-developed, very funny, hauntingly true in its exploration of relationships. There is offensive language, consisting primarily of sexual or ethnic references. (The coach regards Joseph McCarthy as a great man, and Communists, Jews and Negroes are targets of his fear and hatred.) Francis Ballard directed *That Championship Season*, which will play through August 28.

LOIS D. ATWOOD

TELEVISION SCANS THEFTS

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Committee For the Protection of Jewish Sanctities plans to install automatic television scanners to combat the recent thefts of grave ornaments in the Holon Cemetery, a committee spokesman said. Some 40 members of the committee met here and decided to hire private detectives to protect the cemetery. Over the last few weeks police have received complaints about thefts of copper fences and marble ornaments.

Editor's Mailbox

Implementing Mass Aliyah

You are to be commended for encouraging public discussion on a subject that is of utmost importance to the future of the Jewish people, namely, aliyah. Without a continuing flow of Jews to Israel our future is indeed bleak.

I thought Rabbi Handler's suggestion of retirement to Israel instead of to Florida or elsewhere had interesting possibilities. We seniors could indeed "renew our days as of old" through study and service to the community there.

However, implementation of the idea rests not solely on the Israeli government, as suggested by the rabbi, which has a multiplicity of other and more urgent worries. The implementation should be carried out right here at home.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island

has a Committee on Aging that could incorporate the idea of retirement to Israel as another option for our senior citizens to consider. Together with similar committees of other Federations, concrete plans and methods of implementation could be worked out and coordinated with existing programs.

I can even envision the possibility of Federations joining together to build apartments in the Jerusalem area for subsidized rentals to those on fixed incomes going on aliyah.

What I am saying is that American aliyah should be primarily an American project with the Israelis helping rather than the other way around.

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Worse Than The 10 Plagues Of Exodus: June Weddings?

NEW YORK: Everybody and his mother wants to get married in June, so who can keep up with the demand for yarmulkes? At the H&M Skull Cap Manufacturing Company at 46 Hester Street, on the city's Lower East Side, they will tell you that the 30 days of June are worse than the ten plagues of Exodus.

At wedding ceremonies, women traditionally cover their heads with wigs and men, with yarmulkes. Wigs are not so hard to find, but yarmulkes? They are works of art!

Now that even non-traditional Jews want yarmulkes for every wedding, bar mitzvah and funeral that they attend, H&M (which, by the way, is named after its partners — Hersch Reinman and Melech Torn) is becoming a disaster area. The pieces of a yarmulke have to be cut and sewn together. For both operations, you need machinery and people to work. The phone never seems to get a rest any more, with scrounging for part-time help, dealing with impatient clients and taking new orders.

It is not unusual for Mr. Torn to answer the phone, "You want to give orders? Hold the wire," and then proceed to put down the phone, walk to the front room shop and see if the customers there have decided what they want.

The man who hears the price of a prayer shawl he has been examining falls across the counter as though he is having a heart attack.

What's To Haggle?

Such carryings on do not move Mr. Torn. "You can bargain about size — a bigger size, a smaller size," he'll argue, "But not prices. I've already arranged the prices not to earn anything."

While the customer demands, "Why are you getting excited?" Mr. Torn mutters under his breath, "If the Messiah would come, you would bargain with him."

But if the Messiah were to come, he would find difficult entry as he picked his way past ancient cloth remnants, empty cartons, holiday games, prayer shawls, silver wine goblets, dishes with Hebrew lettering, phonograph records, books, cassettes, orders waiting to go out and customers waiting to come in. The store looks permanently closed, one observer noted, since an iron grill covers one window, and dust conceals the other.

Dina Reinman, Mr. Reinman's wife and Mr. Torn's sister, leaves her Williamsburg home every June to help out with the yarmulkes. A proud-looking woman who fears nothing and speaks directly, enters the shop every morning without looking about her, climbs the rickety wooden stairs and seats herself on a high stool in the production department: manager for the month.

Here you will find the sewing machines, tended by three Orthodox women and two

Orthodox men. Also in the employ of H&M are a cover-maker, lining-maker, sizer, finisher and a specialist — who prints gold names for bride and bridegroom, for bar mitzvah boy and for bas mitzvah girl, on prayer books and in yarmulkes.

Mrs. Reinman's husband, who came from Poland, has been Mr. Torn's partner for the past 20 years. Mr. Torn, himself, came from Germany.

Mr. Torn is outgoing, healthy-looking and spry. His beard is just now turning gray in honor of its owners forthcoming 57th birthday. Mr. Reinman is slightly older, but his beard is much longer and all white. His step is deliberate and, once he is seated at his sewing machine, he can sit and work for hours. It is as though God has set the month of June aside for paying penance.

He wearily rummages through the completed caps. All sizes are available at H&M — all more or less size seven. "Nobody goes to the wedding and picks out the size," Mr. Reinman assures customers. "It's a little smaller, it sits on top of your head; it's a little bigger, it sits on the bottom of your head. It doesn't matter the size. It's important you should have something on your head — to remind you that God is above."

Ex-Nazi Acquitted

BONN (JTA): A former SS officer, who admitted he ordered the murder of more than 400 men, women and children in Brest-Litovsk in 1942, has been acquitted by a Kiel court on grounds he had acted "in a war situation" out of a "sense of duty" and that "cruelty" or a "criminal lack of compassion" had not been proven.

The acquittal verdict for Erner Poehls was called "scandalous" by the Allgemeine Juedische Wochenzeitung, a Jewish weekly. The court was shown letters, handwritten by Poehls to his commanding officer, complaining that Russian villagers whose lives had been spared during mass shootings included some partisans, and asking permission to shoot them. Evidence indicated that permission was granted and that Poehls later reported "success figures" showing that his unit had shot 417 villagers, including 60 children and 40 women.

The Jewish weekly charged that "only one logical conclusion" could be drawn from the verdict — that the court did not wish to condemn Poehls, who joined the SS as early as 1933 and "was decorated" by SS chief Heinrich Himmler. The weekly added that Poehls was "now a free man, able to exercise all civic rights." The weekly said the acquittal "extended in a horrifying manner the chain of misjudgments in favor of Nazi regime executioners."



ROSS-SOLMONSON

Susan Fran Solmonson, daughter of Mrs. Louis I. Solmonson of Cranston and the late Mr. Solmonson was married August 20 at the Marble House in Newport to Darrell Stuart Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney T. Ross of Cranston and Ft. Lauderdale.

Rabbi Theodore Ross, uncle of the bridegroom, and Rabbi Leslie Gutterman performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Steven Jay Solmonson. Miss Leslie Ann Morgan served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mary Ann Oratz, Mary Frada Welinsky, Roberta Welinsky, cousins of the bride. Mark Ross served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Arthur Gordon, Jack Bierig, David Shiro and James Bulman Jr.

The bride wore a gown of ivory English net completely appliqued with white Venise lace, fitted bodice, duchess neckline, long tapered sleeves and a chapel train. She had a matching full length mantilla. She carried her mother's bible with a cascade of phalaenopsis orchids with variegated greenery.

Her attendants wore white eyelet gowns styled with an off-the-shoulder flounce. They carried pink rubium lilies.

The bride, a graduate of Lesley College, is a teacher in the Weymouth, Massachusetts, public school system. She is the granddaughter of Morris Zitwer of New York.

The bridegroom is a magna cum laude graduate of Yale College and received his J.D. degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. He is vice president of the Ross-Simons jewelry stores and is head of the firm's Wickford Gift Galleries national mail order subsidiary.

After a honeymoon in Israel, the couple will reside in Providence.

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Chief Rabbi Casts Doubt Upon Official View Of Nazi Flight

ROME: Silence was broken on the recent escape of Herbert Kappler by the Chief Rabbi of Rome, to say that it was futile to try to extradite the convicted war criminal who fled from a military hospital in Rome. The episode was called "farfical" by Rabbi Elio Toaff, casting doubt upon the official version of events.

He rhetorically asked, "What good would it do now to try to obtain what will never be obtained, the return of Kappler to Italy?"

"The powerful Nazi group of West Germany has won, thanks to unknown complicity by Italians, and is now rejoicing with those who identify with Kappler and everything he represents," he added.

Rabbi Toaff, recognizing that West German officials had said the 70-year-old war criminal could not be prosecuted at home or be extradited, said "Shame, shame for whoever liberated him." Kappler is a former SS lieutenant colonel who had been serving a life term for his role in the reprisal killing of 335 Italian hostages in 1944.

The rabbi further commented that the events, as related, were not convincing.

He said, "No one could have carried out such an escape, which included the crossing of a border, if it hadn't been planned and studied by someone who could guarantee its success."

First reports claimed Colonel Kappler's wife, Annelise, had acted alone in getting her husband out of the country. Italian investigators later commented that they believed a commando-style group masterminded the escape.

They added that at least two German

men were involved in addition to Mrs. Kappler. They said they were still trying to find out if the group was entirely German, or whether it included some Italians.

Some Will Leave

JERUSALEM (JTA): Eleven of the 66 Vietnamese refugees given asylum by Israel are planning to leave soon to settle in Iran, Uzi Narkiss, the head of the World Zionist Organization immigration department, reported to the WZO Executive.

Narkiss said the Vietnamese were living and studying Hebrew at the absorption center at Ofakim, near Beersheba. He noted that the group was divided into three units, one Christian and two different Buddhist sects. The religious differences were apparently the cause of the disputes which had broken out within the group, Narkiss observed.

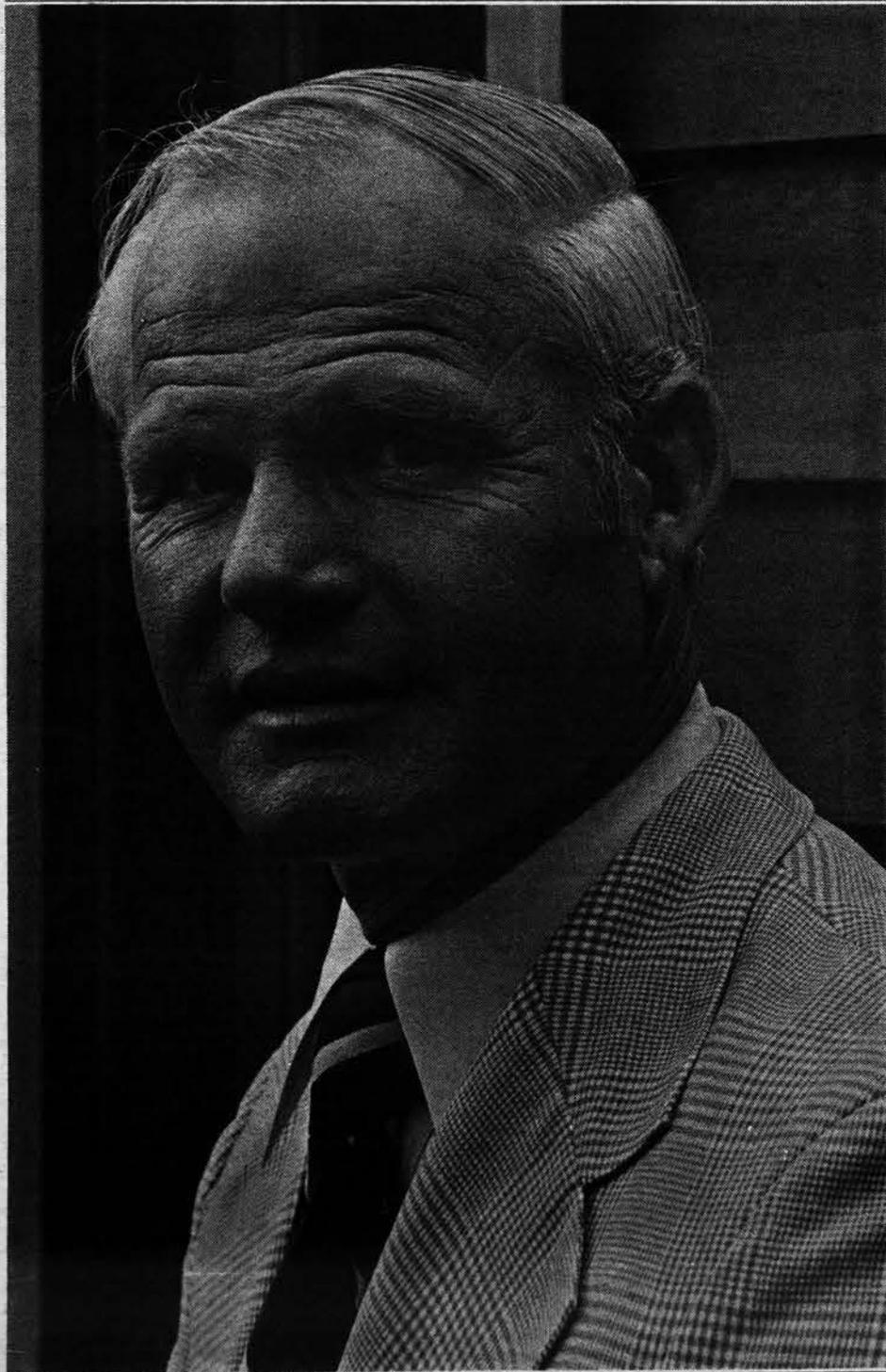
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result of the June 1967 war, which is not helpful," he added.

He went on to say that, "in this connection we have noted with regret the statement of the Cabinet secretary," asserting the land was actually Israeli.

According to Administration officials, United States Ambassador Samuel W. Lewis made the same points to Mr. Begin recently, and President Carter sent several letters to Prime Minister Begin on the issue recently.



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BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



To make today's hand a Jack had to be picked up either by dropping it or finessing. Most of the Declarers guessed with more going down than successful. Actually, had they utilized all the information at hand and then going along with what they had to try to obtain more if possible, they would have been able to transform that guess into certainty.

tricks. The only place that other could come from was Diamonds and each Declarer now tried them.

I watched as all but two played the three high honors naturally being unhappy when the Jack failed to drop. The two who finessed on the third round did make the hand but confessed that they had merely guessed. How should they have known?

Every time someone shows out of a suit that suit becomes a known entity. West had shown out of Clubs and East would show out of Hearts. That in itself is not enough but certainly is a start. Remember, no matter what happens Declarer cannot make ten tricks and if he keeps control the Defense cannot defeat him unless he lets them. So now maybe he can find out more before committing himself in Diamonds. The only suit he can do this with is Spades so he should lose one while he still has the Ace in Dummy. If Spades hadn't been touched before, he should have two tricks there. This adds four tricks for the Defense, two Spades, one Club and one Heart.

But watch what happens now when Declarer cashes the third Spade either perforce if East leads another or by design if East leads a Club. West will show out and now see what we know about West's hand. He had six Hearts shown when East showed out. One Club for he had already shown out there and now when he fails to follow on the third Spade this leaves a very simple problem as to how many Diamonds he must have. If he has four East can have but two, one of which could still be the Jack but when Declarer now plays his own Ace and King, East's two will be seen. When that Jack is still not seen where is it? So now a sure finesse is taken and the hand made.

Moral: The more cards that are played the more information is given. Try not to commit yourself too soon if you don't have to.

SUPPORT SHARANSKY

WASHINGTON (JTA): Fifty-five Democrats and Republicans in the House signed a resolution on behalf of imprisoned Soviet Jewish dissident Anatoly Sharansky before the lower chamber went on its month-long summer recess. The resolution was introduced two weeks earlier by Rep. John Buchanan (R. Ala.).

North		East	
♦ A J 7		♦ K Q 6 3 2	
♥ A 6 3		♥ K	
♦ Q 10 6 2		♦ 9 5	
♦ 5 4 2		♦ 10 9 8 7 3	
West		South	
♦ 10 8		♦ 9 5 4	
♥ J 10 9 7 5 2		♦ Q 8 4	
♦ J 8 7 3		♦ A K 4	
♦ A		♦ K Q J 6	

East and West were vulnerable, North Dealer with this bidding:

N	E	S	W
P	P	INT	P
3NT	End		

The bidding went as shown at almost every table. Even those who like to have 16 points before they open One No Trump would open the South hand with that bid third hand. If they don't it would put too much pressure on a partner who had already passed as he is unable now to make any temporizing bids. At any rate every pair did get to game and each received the same Heart Jack lead, East's singleton King winning as they ducked to guarantee a trick with their own Queen.

East, of course, had to switch and seeing Dummy's Spades had no choice except the Club 10. South covered losing to West's lone Ace. Some Wests stayed with Hearts, others led the Spade 10 covered by the Jack losing to the Queen. At this point if East returns a Spade South's 9 will become the ninth trick but none did playing another Club instead with West showing out. This now eliminated the fourth Club from being a trick and left Declarer with but eight sure

Notices

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Myasthenia Gravis Foundations, RI Chapter, held an officers' meeting at the home of its chairman, Irving D. Paster, at 210 Regency West, Providence, on Thursday evening, August 18, at 7 p.m. Mr. Paster made several new appointments, including Janie Fain as treasurer, Eugene De Clementa and Lester Archer as co-chairmen, and Herman M. Davis of Marblehead, Massachusetts, as editor.

Mr. Davis proposed that the group look into new fund raising plans and suggested that they contact various foundations for grants to supply other hospitals throughout New England with the recently compiled Myasthenia Gravis medical library. Profits from the sale of the libraries will go to the organization treasury. Mr. Paster appointed Mr. Davis as chairman and a motion was passed and confirmed.

Mrs. Ferrandes, chairman of the raffle tickets distribution committee, said that 500 letters and tickets had been mailed to a selected list of members and donors and that returns are beginning to come in. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

WOONSOCKET HADASSAH

A 50th anniversary gala is being planned by the Woonsocket chapter of Hadassah. The gathering will be for a champagne reception at Congregation B'nai Israel, Woonsocket, on Sunday, November 27, which is the date of the founding of the Woonsocket chapter of Hadassah. The evening will feature a speaker from the national board of Hadassah, entertainment and a reception.

The entertainment will be arranged by Mrs. William Laferte, with decorations by Mrs. Ira Brown, invitations by Mrs. Jack Delaney, publicity by Mrs. Harris Harnick, solicitations by Mrs. Saul Wittes and hospitality by Mrs. George Woled.

The event was planned at a meeting of the planning committee, August 15. Members of the committee include Mrs. Herman Lantner, president of the Woonsocket chapter of Hadassah and chairman of the anniversary celebration; Mrs. William Laferte, co-chairman; Mrs. Ira Brown, Mrs. Jack Delaney, Mrs. Harris Harnick, Mrs. Jack Kirsh, Mrs. Saul Wittes and Mrs. George Woled.

STAGE TRYOUTS

Tryouts for a production of "Anne of the Thousand Days" will be held on Monday

and Tuesday evenings, August 29 and 30, 7:30 p.m., at the Flora S. Curtis Playhouse, Slater Park, Pawtucket. The production will be directed by Phyllis Gunion, well known in Rhode Island theatre, and presented by the Pawtucket Community Players.

PROVIDENCE HADASSAH

The Providence chapter of Hadassah will hold a yard sale on August 28, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the rear of the Hope Street Bakery, 727 Hope Street, Providence. Household items, plants, jewelry and much more will be offered for sale.

BAY CANOE RACE

The Rhode Island Canoeing Association, together with the Rhode Island Jewish Community Center, will sponsor a "Summertime Fund Bay Canoe Race" from Rocky Point to Fox Point, on Sunday, September 18, beginning at 11 a.m. (Rain date, September 25).

Registration will be on the day of the race, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. There are six classes in which to enter; a minimum of three canoes are required to form a class. All judges decisions will be final.

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By David Friedman

NEW YORK (JTA): When David Markish was a child in Moscow his non-Jewish classmates taunted him with the demand that he go to Israel. But when Markish, the son of the martyred Soviet Yiddish writer Peretz Markish, grew up and sought to emigrate to Israel, Soviet authorities denied his wish for 14 years until 1972.

Markish, who is himself a writer and author of a novel recently published in the United States called "A New World for Simon Ashkenazy," which is about his family, was interviewed in the office of the

National Conference on Soviet Jewry under whose auspices he is in the United States. He is here to mark the 25th anniversary of the murder of his father and 23 other Soviet Yiddish writers and poets in 1952 on Stalin's orders. He will be making appearances in New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Chicago.

The 39-year-old Markish said that in Israel where he lives in Neve-Monoson, a suburb of Tel Aviv "I feel like a sabra." He said because of the anti-Semitism of his classmates in the Soviet Union he always felt Israel was his real home even before his father was arrested. He remembers seeing

the Israeli flag flying from the Israeli Embassy in Moscow in 1948 and saying "that is my flag." Markish said his non-Jewish friends in the Soviet Union called him "the Khazak from Jerusalem." (After his father's arrest, Markish, his mothers, his brother and a cousin were exiled to Khazakistan where they stayed until after Stalin's death. They did not know of Peretz Markish's death until the government informed them in 1955.)

Speaking mostly in Hebrew and a little English, Markish said in 1958 he went to Warsaw in an unsuccessful attempt to emigrate. He returned to Moscow but the

KGB knew he had visited the Israeli Embassy and from then on he was watched. He noted that when he tried to go to Mongolia to do research he was denied permission because of his Warsaw trip even though he pointed out the only place he could go was to China or back to the USSR.

His brother, Shimon, got out of the USSR in 1960 through Hungary and went to Israel before accepting a university post in Geneva. David Markish applied for an exit visa in 1971. His wife, Irena, was allowed to emigrate that year and Markish and his mother were given visas in November, 1972.

Markish believes that there is no future for Jews who want to remain Jews in the Soviet Union. He said a Russian on a bus or subway will say he smells something, meaning a Jew. With this type of anti-Semitism prevalent throughout the society many Jews who want to remain in the

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Resolution Condemns Terrorism

MEXICO CITY (JTA): Delegates from 19 nations participating in the Third Assembly of Parliaments from Latin America and Western Europe passed a strong resolution condemning international terrorism as a crime against mankind. The resolution called on all governments to refuse havens to terrorists.

The delegates also urged respect for human rights and denounced the use of force to settle disputes. "We speak the same language common to our civilization," said Emilio Colombo, president of the European Parliament, "and we look for a common language about the problems of the world today."

Canada Supports Magen David Adom

TORONTO (JTA): Canada has come out in full support of Israel's position on the Magen David Adom (Red Shield of David) emblem, Defense Minister Barney Danson has told the Canadian Jewish News. The decision to support Israel's position to have the Magen David Adom emblem accepted by the International governing body of the Red Cross was arrived at by the External Affairs Ministry, Danson said. Alan Rose of Montreal, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said "I am delighted Canada has joined the U.S. and Australia in taking this stand." Moshe Ofer, spokesman of the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa, called the move "gratifying," adding, "We would have expected it from Canada."

Herb Levy, B'nai B'rith District 22 executive vice-president, said his organization appreciated and acknowledged Canadian government support in regard to the issue of recognizing the Israeli emblem. However, he continued to deplore the attitude of the Canadian Red Cross for its failure to support the full recognition and admission of Magen David Adom "within the context of Canadian Red Cross' right to express its views." The Canadian Red Cross has only stated that if the problem of the emblem was solved it would welcome Magen David Adom if it chooses to apply.



BAR MITZVAH: Robert Scot Lipson was Bar Mitzvah in February in Fullerton, California. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Mel Lipson, formerly of Rhode Island. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerold Barkley of California and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lipson of Cranston. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Louis Berkowitz and Mrs. David Peskin.

Dulzin Says Preparation Needed For Unexpected Liberalization

JERUSALEM (JTA): Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin told United Jewish Appeal leaders in Houston, Texas, recently that the Agency cannot risk being unprepared for any unexpected liberalization in Soviet or Syrian emigration policies.

Speaking from Jerusalem in a live telephone hook-up to the UJA's Southwest Region Leadership Institute, Dulzin said that although only 20,000 immigrants are expected in 1977-78, the Jewish Agency must be prepared with the necessary infrastructure and budget to support 30,000 to 35,000 immigrants should the current curbs on emigration from the

Soviet Union and Syria be abandoned. In any case, providing the new immigrants with housing, employment and support services requires advance planning and cannot be left until the immigrants arrive, Dulzin explained. "With immigration we always have to be prepared for more," he said. "Immigration is an unknown ... We're fighting to get our Soviet brothers out ... Right now, they're only letting out 1,200 to 1,300 a month." On Syrian Jews, Dulzin said: "Hopefully, if peace negotiations advance, this issue will be one of our major conditions ... that they will be allowed to go ... and, hopefully, they will come to Israel."

Special Contribution In From Saudi Arabia

GENEVA (JTA): The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) announced Aug. 10 that the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations had informed the UN Secretary General and the Commissioner-General of UNRWA of his government's decision to make a special contribution of \$2 million to the Agency's programs in 1977. This pledge is in addition to Saudi Arabia's regular contribution of \$1.2 million for this year. Saudi Arabia contributions to UNRWA since 1950 total over \$31 million. Both the special and the regular contributions are allocated to UNRWA's regular expenditure in 1977, presently budgeted at \$134 million. UNRWA still faces the prospect of a deficit on this budget of \$13.8 million. In addition, the extraordinary one-time cost of housing the Palestine refugees displaced by the conflict in Lebanon is estimated at \$12 million, to which UNRWA itself is unable to allocate funds until the deficit on the regular budget has been covered. Of the \$12 million, a specially earmarked sum of \$3.3 million has been pledged.

Most Wanted Terrorist Killed

TEL AVIV (JTA): A terrorist wanted by Israeli authorities since 1969 was shot and killed by the Israeli army after a brief gun battle on Mt. Hebron near Halhoul. The dead man, Ismail Hammed, 27, known as Waffa, was responsible for the shellings of Jerusalem with Katyusha rockets and the planting of mines, one of which caused the death of four Israeli soldiers in April 1971. He is also believed responsible for the recent bombs planted on buses, one of which exploded this year in Kiryat Gat injuring 20 people. Authorities said Hammed, who was alone, had with him hand grenades and a Kalashnikov assault rifle. There were no Israeli casualties in the brief battle.

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If you want to be certain of acquiring Aetna, outright purchase is the only way to implement that ambition. Unless you just wish to speculate in the call option, without exercising, I would not go along with your friend's idea. The combined premium cost and strike price of a below market call on Aetna exceeds its current trading price by about 5%. In addition, you have commission costs on the option and on the shares when exercised. And, you earn no dividends on options. So, there is no monetary advantage to acquiring Aetna this way. Should the stock price drop sharply, you would lose only the price of the call and this could be reduced by covering it.

If you are interested in buying via the option route you would do better financially to write a below market put option. Here your costs would be commission on the put and the 100 shares at exercise. When you write (sell) a put, you receive the premium, which on a January \$35 Aetna put is about \$100. This means that your cost per share is only \$34, less commission — the \$35 strike price minus \$100 premium — a 9% discount from current market. Should the stock fail to drop below the strike price prior to the January expiration date, you would not acquire the shares. You would get to keep the \$100 premium, but lose an opportunity. But considering the state of the stock market your chances of having the stock put to you seem more than 50-50.

In writing put options you should observe certain basic rules. Be sure the stock is a sound investment for you, that the strike price is a fair value and that you have the cash or buying power to cover the purchase if the option is exercised. Since options are margin transactions you will be required to meet minimum collateral requirements before making the trade. If you have only the minimum in your account you would be faced with a margin call for additional collateral if the share price dropped.

MOPEDS AND AMF, INC.

Q: I understand that AMF, Inc. (NYSE) is starting manufacturing mopeds. I think with the gasoline crisis, mopeds might be the coming things. Do you agree? Something tells me to invest. Please tell me about AMF. **C.N. Nebraska**

A: Mopeds could certainly have an important niche in this country as a cheap mode of transportation. They get 150 miles to the gallon of gas and cost only \$300 to \$500 to buy. So far, only one state requires a license to operate them, and 29 states have approved their use. In 1975 only 25,000 of these motorized bicycles were sold in this country. Last year, 100,000 were sold, this year's sales could be double that number and dealers look for sales to reach 1 million units in a few years. Certainly if the number of these vehicles on the road grow as expected, there will be some rules enacted governing their use on the highways.

The market is so far dominated by foreign companies, with only one domestic manufacturer, Columbia Mfg., a privately held company. AMF has stated that it will begin production of mopeds next year. For a company the size of AMF — sales of \$1.1 billion, one more product line has only limited impact. And the market for mopeds is expected to be flooded with low-priced Japanese imports. This is a problem that AMF has faced in several areas, particularly with its Harley Davidson motorcycles and its bowling equipment. In the latter field, rental income has dropped sharply as expiring equipment leases have not been

renewed. Some 25% of AMF's business is from overseas, a fairly heavy exposure. The shares have limited investment appeal.

Q: In 1968, I bought Puritan Fund, spending \$7,000. Today I have 768 shares, worth \$8,150. I get about \$35 a month in dividends from this fund. I have talked with a representative of the fund and was told to switch to Fidelity Group for about a \$59 a month income. Wouldn't I be just as well off putting the money in a savings and loan? I know nothing about stocks. **H. W. California**

A: Fidelity Group is a fund family, which has two high yield mutual funds within the group, Fidelity Corp. Bond Fund and Fidelity Thrift Trust. Income from these would be about \$50 per month on your capital. Since both these are bond funds, their growth potential is limited. Both bonds and savings certificates are fixed-income investments, so you will have no inflation protection. If you are more comfortable with the savings and loan account, then by all means transfer your capital. But, be sure you get the maximum allowable interest of 7½, which is available on a 6 to 10 year term certificate.

Mine-Proof Boots Put On Display

TEL AVIV (JTA): The Israeli army today displayed boots cleated with foam rubber which enables a soldier to step on mines without setting them off. The boots were shown by their inventor, Brigadier General David Laskoff, who at 74 is the oldest soldier in the Israeli army. Laskoff is known as a prolific inventor of military devices.

Also revealed during Engineering Corps Day ceremonies was a larger version of the boot, called "sapper mattresses," which can be placed one next to the other to form a bridge for infantrymen.

Gen. Aryeh Golan, commander of the Engineering Corps, told reporters that his branch of the army has been emphasizing the development of means and the training of men to break through deep enemy defense networks. Among other devices shown were mobile fortresses, which look like overturned carts or large barrels, to protect soldiers from direct hits by artillery shells.

Police Searching For Golf Course Vandals

NEW YORK (JTA): Police continue to search for vandals who struck the west course of the posh Westchester Country Club near Harrison, N.Y., painting swastikas on a number of greens. Nine of the greens were damaged by oil and white paint and some trees were uprooted. It appeared that a kerosene-like substance was used to burn some trees, according to the Harrison police. "Stick people" up to six feet were also painted on the greens, similar to figures doodled on paper, according to John Traynor, superintendent of courses.

Lt. Albert Della Rocco of the Harrison police department attributed the damage to "criminal mischief." The vandalism did not seem to indicate anti-Semitic sentiments because "the club has Christians and Jews," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Della Rocco said although similar incidents of vandalism have occurred in the past, it was "never to this extent" and the recent damage was "very tragic." This was the first time that swastikas were painted, and "I don't know why," said Della Rocco.

However, Traynor told the JTA that there was nothing new or unusual about the appearance of swastikas. He said that vandalism, including swastikas, occurred in the past, usually prior to the Westchester Golf Classic, as was the case in this incident. The cost of labor for repairs was estimated at \$2000. The damage will not interfere with the playing of the 11th Westchester Golf Classic, Aug. 18-21, officials said.

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Patterns Are Surfacing In The KGB Jewry Trial

by Victor Zorza

The Kremlin's suspicion that an international Jewish conspiracy is seeking to dominate the world and to undo the Soviet regime is once again beginning to make itself felt in the Soviet press. On the face of it, the show-trial of Jewish dissidents now being prepared by the KGB is designed to show that the accused are agents of the CIA and have been working to undermine the Soviet System.

This much is evident from what has been said in the Soviet press about Anatoly Shcharansky, who is now under arrest, and his supposed accomplices. The propaganda about the international Jewish conspiracy is less explicit, but it recalls earlier Soviet press campaigns which proceeded from vague generalizations and innuendo to specific details and formal indictments.

Soon after World War II Stalin launched a campaign against "cosmopolitan" influences in Soviet art and science, which his secret police promptly translated into a wave of arrests. As Moscow officially admitted after Stalin's death, this had resulted in the imprisonment and execution of many innocent Jews on false charges of being involved in an international conspiracy against the Soviet Union. The anti-cosmopolitan campaign was, in fact, a facet of an internal Kremlin power struggle in which Jews became the scapegoats.

In the early fifties, as Stalin began to sense his approaching end, he launched another anti-Jewish campaign, in the guise

Artists Countering Soviet Art Exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA): In response to the opening of an official Soviet art exhibit at the De Young Museum, the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry opened a counter-exhibit composed of works by Jewish artists who fled persecution in the USSR for their "unofficial" art work.

Representing the outdoor "Soviet Underground Art Exhibit" is Aleck Rapoport, a newly arrived Jewish artist from Leningrad. Some of his works are shown in the counter-exhibit, which is directly outside the main entrance of the De Young Museum. After studying the catalog of the official exhibit inside, Rapoport observed:

"Kandinsky and Malevitch, two of the artists shown in the official collection, are forbidden to show their art in the USSR. They are denounced in Soviet press as 'enemies of the people.' The works of Drevin and Udaltsova, which appear in the De Young exhibit, cannot be found anywhere in the Soviet Union. Pavel Filonov, whose works appear in the official Soviet exhibit, was deprived of food coupons during the war for his 'modernism' and died of hunger. It is impossible to see any of Filonov's works in the Soviet Union. Nalbandian, the courtier artist of Stalin, Khrushchev and Brezhnev, won many awards from the heads of the Soviet apparatus, while in contrast, Falk and Tatlin died of starvation under official censorship."

Sportsmanship Reigns In Israeli-Tunisian Match

BEERSHEBA (JTA): For the first time, a match was held between an Israeli team and that of an Arab country, according to a spokesman for the Ben Gurion University of the Negev. He said that at an inter-university handball tournament held last month in West Germany, a team from Ben Gurion University competed against a Tunisian group from the University of Sfax. The Tunisians won the contest by a score of 6-5. The match, which took place at Molburg University in West Germany, was totally free of the political interference which has marked other international sports events, the university spokesman noted. "There is no room for politics on the sports field," the Tunisian director was quoted as saying prior to assembling his team for the handball match.

Following the competition, Adi Tokar, Ben Gurion University athletics director, and M. Naori, director of the Tunisian team, exchanged invitations for the two groups to visit each other's campus. Players on the two teams became friendly during the tournament and even danced the "hora" together at a party hosted by the president of Molburg University. The match was the highlight of a 15-game tour in Germany and Denmark by the Israeli team.

of "the doctors' plot." Once again Jews were arrested and executed, starting with some of the Kremlin's own doctors who were said to have been involved in an international Jewish conspiracy to kill the Soviet leaders. The "doctors' plot" was, in effect, an aspect of the Kremlin struggle for the succession to Stalin, but the secret police translated it into a broad anti-Semitic campaign which struck terror into the hearts of Jews throughout the Soviet Union. The surviving "doctor-plotters" were pronounced innocent and released after Stalin's death.

There were other anti-Jewish campaigns, both under the Khrushchev and under the Brezhnev regimes, and, although they differed in character from the Stalin campaigns, they still used Jews as scapegoats

The Road Ahead In The Mideast

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA): Whether a Geneva conference of any sort takes place this year now depends on the results of the "limousine diplomacy" American officials are expected to practice next month when the Middle East's foreign ministers, plus Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, are in New York for the United Nations General Assembly session. The chances are not bright for even a pro-formal Geneva meeting, analysts here and reporters with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's Middle East party appear to agree. Israel is maintaining its granite-like stand against the Palestine Liberation Organization having a role in the peace process and thus far the PLO has not agreed with President Carter's softened formula of conditions for relations between them. Whether the PLO council meeting in Damascus will alter the PLO view is considered doubtful since the Soviet government has reportedly assured the terrorist organization it will not go to Geneva without PLO participation.

Thus the talks in New York emerge as the last hope for Geneva. The keys are in the hands of Saudi Arabia, which bankrolls the PLO, and the Soviet Union, which is its political patron. Israel is seen as legally and morally on the firmest ground in excluding the PLO. The Carter Administration, lured by the Arabists within it to ease the way for the PLO to become respectable, can hardly go farther in that direction without shattering both U.S. written and oral commitments to Israel. Infuriated by Israel's firmness against pre-conditions for Geneva or inclusion of the PLO, Administration Arabists appear already moving in three directions to club Israel to its knees.

One is to induce public goading of President Carter to attack the Israeli government directly. The President is being pictured as being so overwhelmed by pro-Israeli politicians that he has to cringe and crouch to even alter one word in his language towards the PLO. Secondly, a heightened propaganda campaign is seen to pit "world opinion" against Israel. The purpose is to have the UN Security Council adopt a formula to include the PLO in a Geneva role. The intent would be to offset the purpose of Council Resolutions 242 and 338 that form the basis for U.S. and Israeli policies and the U.S. and Israeli policies and the U.S. commitment of September, 1975 to Israel against relations with the terrorists.

The theory here is that since the U.S. could renege on having the PLO alter its charter of destroying Israel if it only adopts 242, then the U.S. commitment of the second Sinai agreement could also be sidetracked by a UN action. Another tack against Israel is the smooth "save Israel against herself" activity. This is having the Administration offer a treaty to defend Israel against external attack. This is the Fulbright formula, long discredited, since it is regarded as a strait-jacket on Israel more than a defensive element and puts Israel in the role of a vassal and not an independent nation.

The fact that the Administration initiated maneuvers during the Vance trip to support the PLO has been widely recognized as increasing U.S. pressure on Israel. One observer with the Vance party saw Washington as "eager to deal directly with the PLO." In what has become an increasingly rare thrust at U.S. Middle East policy, the cartoonist, Herblock, in the

for the Kremlin's policy failures. The Kremlin conservatives repeatedly brought the Jewish issue into the leadership power struggles on the grounds that Jews, with their more liberal leanings and with their international connections, were a threat to the stability of the regime.

The Present In Perspective

This is the background which has to be borne in mind when considering the KGB charges that Shcharansky and other Jewish dissidents were collecting military information for the CIA. They kept in touch, says Izvestia, with members of the US Embassy in Moscow who told them that they had come to the Soviet Union "to shake its foundations."

The popular magazine Ogonyok commends to its readers a new book which, it says, has proved "the similarity between Zionism and Nazism," and which ascribes to the Jewish people "the same man-hating ravings about the 'chosen nation' and

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Washington Post, showed two smiling American diplomats in arm-in-arm companionship with a gun-toting Arafat.

Watching them are representatives of the "Irish Republican Army" and "Puerto Rican National Armed Forces" who are saying "we should be getting our international diplomatic invitations any day now." In the face of such expressions in American media, observers think, it is hardly likely the Administration Arabists will succeed in "delivering" Israel to the Arabs and take risks for its life on Arab terms despite the President's desire to bring about a Middle East settlement somehow and soon.

On The Bookshelf

Book By Mussolini's Widow Says He Tried To Save Jews'

Rachele Mussolini defends her husband. She insists that he had negated many of the Hitlerian policies, that he acted to protect Jews, to prevent their being sent to extermination camps.

In *Mussolini*, a Simon and Schuster Pocket Books edition in which the widow of the Fascist leader relates his biography (as told to Albert Zacata), she also maintains that her husband had been a Zionist supporter and had conferred with Dr. Chaim Weizmann on the subject.

Rachele Mussolini's intimate story merits review, although much of what she relates has been challenged. Even the Weizmann relationship, factual as it is, has another aspect with a negation of the major claims in defense of the Italian Dictator.

In "Mussolini," Rachele Mussolini tells this story:

"It is true that the Fascist government passed certain measures against the Jews. For example, non-Italian Jews were barred from attending Italian schools. In September, 1938, it was decreed that non-Italian Jews were forbidden to take up residence in Italy, Libya, or the Dodecanese. These two measures followed Hitler's desire for vengeance on German Jewish refugees.

"But the Italians never returned these Jews to certain death in Germany. Indeed, my husband actually informed the children when these measures were imminent so that they could warn their Jewish chums.

"There must still be documentary evidence of all this. If it were published, it might not whitewash Mussolini, but it would give an accurate picture.

"In effect, Mussolini introduced measures against Italian Jews also, after the Pact of Steel had been concluded, but never of the extreme kind taken by other regimes. Violently anti-Semitic articles appeared in papers like the *Tevero* and the *Difesa della Razza*, but there was little concrete persecution.

"Even though my husband was not influential enough to oppose all the German activities, he continued to try to save the Jews.

"Nobody has disclosed until now that Mussolini almost founded the State of Israel after the conquest of Ethiopia. He had several secret meetings with Chaim Weizmann, who later became the first president of the Jewish state; and their talks were about to bear fruit, since Weizmann

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USSR decide to no longer be Jews, he said. Markish said that the Soviet Union wants to stamp out Jewish culture. He said Hebrew is out-lawed and because many young Jews want to learn Hebrew the Soviet authorities have been increasing Yiddish classes as a measure against Hebrew.

But Markish stressed that although Stalin himself was anti-Semitic, the arrest of his father and other Yiddish writers and the later "doctors' plot" was more a political act than anything else. He explained that in the 1930s Stalin's purges were aimed at wiping out the nationalist movements throughout the Soviet Union which were seen as a danger to Russia. By killing the intelligentsia, Stalin destroyed the "tongue" of the various nationalities in the USSR, he said.

Markish said after World War II a new generation of intelligentsia had arisen and there was a "new wind" of nationalism sweeping through the various peoples in the USSR. He said Stalin aimed to wipe this out, too. After the arrest of the Jewish writers and particularly during the "doctors' plot" period, there was great fear among the Jewish people, Markish said. He said the propaganda against Jewish doctors and engineers affected the ordinary people and some Jewish doctors and engineers were "lynched." In 1955-56, things got better, Markish said. He noted this period was a "golden time" for all people in the USSR.

Markish believes the present regime is again in fear of nationalistic feelings and while he said he didn't know whether it will lead to terror and killings again, he did say it is always a "possibility." Markish, who returns to Israel shortly is working on a new novel about Bohemian life in the USSR. He writes in Russian and his works are translated into Hebrew, English and other languages. But Markish is proudest of one of his other creations, a three-year-old son born in Israel, named Peretz.

and Mussolini were in agreement when they encountered a financial stumbling block. The American Jews refused to finance any such project, though God and the American capitalists alone know why."

But the recorded historical facts refute the Mussolini claims. The truth, as recorded Jewishly, must be judged thus:

Back in 1925, Dr. Chaim Weizmann had occasion to confer with Italy's discarded Caesar, Benito Mussolini.

At that time the Italian government was not too favorable to Zionist aspirations. Furthermore, the Vatican had not given encouragement to Jewish efforts to modernize and rehabilitate Palestine.

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Efforts To Fight Israel Drug Abuse

NEW YORK (JTA): The International Anti-Drug Abuse Foundation (IADAF) has decided to devote its resources and efforts during the next two years to fighting the increasing problem of drug abuse in Israel. According to Mrs. Aviva Najar, an Israeli child psychologist who was one of the founders of IADAF in 1973 and who is a member of the organization's advisory board, the decision to concentrate on drug problems in Israel came after representatives of IADAF participated last year in a conference in Israel in which Israeli officials disclosed that "Israel is facing severe drug abuse problems, especially among young people."

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mrs. Najar said that she and other members of IADAF are presently engaged in a fund-raising campaign. The initial goal, she said, is to raise \$1 million for establishing drug abuse centers in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Acra. A major fund-raising dinner will be held in December in the Pierre Hotel in New York, she said.

Mrs. Najar said that IADAF will recruit American drug experts for its activities in Israel and will hold seminars on methods of treating and rehabilitating persons addicted to narcotics "and other habit-forming substances."

Trouble On British Campuses

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON (JTS): The city of York is famous in Jewish history because it was there, in 1190, that the entire Jewish community committed suicide in the castle, Massada-style, rather than be massacred by a howling mob. In 1977, York once more became a source of anxiety for English Jewry when an incredulous community heard that the small Jewish Students Society at the city's university was being expelled by the main students union because of the claim that Zionism was racist.

The affair caused concern in the Board of Deputies of British Jews and, while aware that this was "only" a matter of student politics, and that life and limb were not at stake, one or two speakers referred to the earlier painful Jewish associations with that northern city.

However, communal and student leaders have drawn comfort from the steadfast and energetic manner in which committed Jewish students are standing up for themselves. There is a feeling, too, that the anti-Zionist campaigners have overplayed their hands and are alienating growing numbers of non-Jewish students.

The affair hit the national headlines, and the York Students Union was quickly shamed into reversing its expulsion of the Jewish society, but not before the vice-chancellor of the university had threatened to intervene. However, the events at York were only one episode in a wave of anti-Zionist agitation, which has swept British campuses over the past year, and which threatens to grow stronger.

Ratio Of Arabs To Jews

In a research report issued here, the Institute for Jewish Affairs notes that only about 20 percent of Britain's 650,000 university and college students are politically active and of these only a minority have a special interest in the Middle East. The debate about the Middle East in the universities has been boiled down mainly to a pro-Palestine Liberation Organization and anti PLO confrontation, thus giving rise to the extreme statements about Israel and Zionism.

There are some 15,000 Arab and between 9000 and 12,000 Jewish students on the campuses. While most Arabs are members of an Arab student society, only about 3000

of the Jews belong to the Union of Jewish Students. Thus in general the ratio of organized Arab and Jewish students is 15 to 3. But in a large number of vocational training places — where Arabs are heavily concentrated — the Jews are outnumbered by Arab and Third World students by 400 to 1 or even more.

For some years now, anti-Zionist groups, such as the British Anti-Zionist Organization (BAZO) and the General Union of Palestinian Students (GUPS) have been agitating for an anti-Zionist resolution through the national conference of the generally moderate National Union of Students (NUS).

NUS is currently the only national students union in Europe without any policy on the Middle East and at a meeting of all the European unions in Nicosia in January, 1977, the NUS used its veto to prevent a pro-Palestinian motion from being carried. In the last year, however, the anti-Zionist campaign has gathered momentum, to the growing discomfiture of the NUS leadership.

Resolutions Debated

In the last two terms alone, anti-Zionist resolutions were debated in 21 student unions throughout the country. The anti-Zionist move was successful at 11 campuses, and failed at seven. At two universities, Jewish societies took out writs against the local student unions after attempts to deny them access to the unions' normal facilities.

In their anti-Zionist crusade, the PLO supporters exploit a resolution carried at the National Union of Students annual conference three years ago, enabling unions to refuse assistance of any kind to "openly racist and fascist organizations." Citing the 1975 United Nations resolution, equating Zionism with racism, they have sought with considerable success to censure or expel Jewish and Israel societies.

It was on the basis of this policy that the students union at York decided to expel the Jewish society from its register on June 15. Another bitter struggle during the same term was at Salford, in the Greater Manchester area. Although a Palestine Week was held there in March, the students union tried to prevent the Jewish society

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'Lirettas' In Israel Ain't Stretching Far

JERUSALEM: The Israeli pound, equivalent to the pound sterling, was the natural unit of currency to be adopted when Israel was created 30 years ago. Shortly thereafter, it became clear that the equivalence could not be maintained. The steadily declining Israeli pound came to be called the lira. Now, at 17.15 to the since greatly depreciated pound sterling, Israelis have come to jokingly call their currency, only half in jest, the "liretta."

Espousing with enthusiasm the "creeping devaluation" policy of the former Rabin government, the new Likud government has already carried out three 2% devaluations in the course of a month. These new "mini-devaluations" according to the Treasury will continue for the foreseeable future and may even be stepped up.

Juggling with mortgages and debts at staggering interest rates, most people here are not finding the value of the pound in their pockets on the world market of primary concern. Yet, the rate of an unauthorized note can be as high as 40%, and travel tax, which effectively doubles the cost of an air ticket, keeps travel abroad out of the reach of many and a rare luxury for most.

Prior to elections, the Likud Minister of Finance Simcha Ehrlich pledged to abolish travel tax. So far, he has not done so; what he has done is to fulfill another, less popular plank in his party's economic platform — the wholesale slashing of subsidies on basic foodstuffs and a sharp increase in the price of fuel. From July 18, Israelis had to pay 25% more for bread, milk, cheese, eggs, fish and meats, as well as for petrol, bus and taxi fares, electricity, gas and water.

The simplest and most basic foods remain reasonably cheap by world standards, but the cheapest fish now costs 50p/lb. Fresh meat is L2/lb., deep-frozen imported meat, L1.20, and a half-mile taxi ride, L1.

A simple conversion of currency rates does not give the complete picture. For instance, the cost of motoring in Israel cannot be fully reflected by knowing that a gallon of petrol costs L1.30.

A car — any car — carries a 150% tax, which increases the purchase price to two-and-one-half times what it costs anywhere else in the world. And the insurance premium, of course, reflects the replacement value of the car. The annual road license fee, too, is close to L100 for an ordinary family.

In considering any of these comparisons, one must keep in mind that average earnings in Israel are lower in absolute terms than in other Western countries. In March, the average wage was L215/month. Income tax is higher than elsewhere, with a 60% rate applying to earnings above L7000/year, and 25% on anything above L2,500.

Despite all of this, subsidy cuts, price leaps and devaluations seem to be received with little more than a murmur from the public. The Labor-operated Histadrut (trades union confederation) called for nationwide one-hour work stoppage as a sign of the workers' protest — but precious few workers heeded the call, and many of those who did turned up at the meetings to hurl abuse at Labor for "having led us into this situation."

The national mood, in economics as in foreign policy, seems to be to give Prime Minister Menachem Begin a chance. This seems to be why Labor is having such a difficult time finding a credible role for itself in opposition.

The Minister of Finance pulls no punches. Recently he told a radio audience in plain language that there would have to be still a greater tightening of belts before they could be loosened at all. His oft-repeated aim is to fight Israel's crushing 35% inflation.

The message seems to be appreciated, at least for the time being. There is wide support, in particular, for Ehrlich's declared determination to prune government spending, even the hitherto hallowed defense estimates, and to trim the Civil Service.

We must sit and wait to see just how long this honeymoon will last, says leading economic journalist Meir Merhav: "People won't be nearly so acquiescent if the pace of the creeping devaluations accelerates and as a result inflation actually increases."

Equalizing Services Does Not Mean Step Toward Annexation

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Cabinet announced a new policy of "equalization of services" for inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, but stressed that this did not mean a step towards their annexation or a change in their legal status.

The aim is to provide the West Bankers and Gazans with the same level of government services, including health and welfare, as that provided for the citizens of Israel proper. The Cabinet Defense Committee has been charged with the detailed implementation of the new policy.

While emphasizing that the decision is "humanitarian, not political," Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor noted that the parties comprising Premier Menachem Begin's coalition are pledged to support the total integration of the West Bank and Gaza into Israel "when the time is right". Begin has indicated that this will not be undertaken as long as diplomatic negotiations with the Arabs are still a possibility. Naor said it was wrong to speak of "annexation" because "it is impossible for Israel to annex (these areas) since you cannot annex what belongs to you".

One concrete example of the effect of the

decision, Naor said, would be that the pace of hospital building in the West Bank and Gaza would be brought into line with that of Israel proper. Similarly, child labor, now tolerated in the West Bank and Gaza, would be forbidden. Naor could not come up with other examples, explaining that it would all become clearer once the Defense Committee had worked out the specifics. Naor could he say how much the "equalization" would cost the Israeli taxpayer.

To Improve Coexistence

The West Bankers and Gazans would not be asked to pay for the improved services, he said, because their relatively low tax rates were set by Jordanian and Egyptian law, respectively, and the government was avoiding any change in the legal situation.

For the same reason, the government would not be able to apply Israel's free and compulsory schooling system on the two areas, so the gap in educational facilities would remain for the present. Asked specifically if the new policy was to be seen as a step towards eventual annexation, Naor said that would be "interpretation". He did not, however discourage such interpretation.

U.S. Jewish Group Formed To Create West Bank Settlement

NEW YORK (JTA): The formation of a group of American Jews planning to create the first American Jewish settlement in the West Bank and plans to create "at least" 12 new Jewish communities in the West Bank were announced at a press conference sponsored by Emunim, a group formed in the U.S. to support Jewish settlements throughout the West Bank area.

A spokesman for the American group called Lev Tzion (heart of Zion), said it had been started six months ago and now includes 25 adult members prepared to settle in administered areas. Lev Tzion was described here Friday as sponsored by the Religious Zionists of America and co-sponsored by Emunim-USA, the support group in this country for Israel's Gush Emunim settlement movement.

Lev Tzion intends to begin a settlement at Shiloah. Its members were described as religiously-inclined and intending to incorporate traditional tenets into an economic plan based on American-style technology and farming. The spokesman said several members hold doctorates and all have completed college. The group includes two three-month old infants.

Plans for the new Jewish settlements were

described by Amnon and Daniella Weiss who said announcement of the plan had been geared to coincide with the current visit of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to the Middle East. The Weiss' live at Kadum, one of three Gush Emunim settlements legalized two weeks ago by Premier Menachem Begin's Cabinet.

Proposed Settlements Listed

Mrs. Weiss listed the proposed settlements, to be established this summer as at Dotan, in the Sanur-Arava region; Samaria, located around that city; Tirzah, near the Nablus-Damia bridge highway. Karnei Shomron, above the Kakilyah-Nablus road; Timnath Heres, on the Terashen hills; Shiloh; Nebi Zalah; Bet El; Bet Horon; Givon, at an abandoned Jordanian army camp in the Givon foothills; Jericho; and Zif, south of Hebron.

Members of the American settlement group were listed as including both single and married participants from New York City, Detroit, Chicago and San Francisco. The spokesman said intensive recruitment was taking place in these and other cities, as well as preliminary efforts to attract candidates in Britain, South Africa and other English-speaking countries.

Patterns Are Surfacing In The KGB Jewry Trial

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about its "historic mission" as Hitler did.

Another book, published in the Soviet Union last year, explains that Jews regard themselves as "the God-chosen people" on the strength of their religious teaching. An Israeli school textbook, it says, "tries to convince the children that the Jews are the elite of mankind created especially to praise the creator. It follows, therefore, that they can keep slaves, and that the slaves shall be non-Jews."

That book, published in the Ukrainian city of Lvov, might be regarded as a provincial aberration, were it not for similar articles elsewhere. The year before that authoritative support was lent to just such provincial outpourings by the serious Moscow journal Moskva.

Reviewing a similar book published in Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia, Moskva spoke of the "particularly repulsive" doctrine of Jewish "world domination," which was based, it said, on the Biblical injunction that "in keeping with God's will, all peoples will become the slaves of Jews." By the time the twentieth century had arrived, capitalism had turned into imperialism, "and in this it was greatly helped by the Jewish bourgeoisie which had grabbed an altogether considerable part of the earth's riches, and was trying to lay its hands on all that remained." To this end it had set up Zionist organizations whose members "were supposed to infiltrate all State institutions."

"But Jewish bankers are not yet in power everywhere," Moskva continued. "That is why, says V. Begun in his book, it remains the most important task of the Zionist brain

centre to capture the key positions in the economic, administrative, and ideological machine of the countries of the diaspora," in which Jews are now dispersed. Given the Jews' behaviour and doctrine, it explained, "it is natural that such monstrous teachings could not fail to arouse the vigilance, dislike and even hostility on the part of people with even a minimum of sense."

Anti-Semitic Conclusions

It therefore followed that "anti-Semitism may arise as a spontaneous reaction of the enslaved strata of the working people to the barbaric exploitation carried out by the Jewish bourgeoisie." Such reactions, it concluded with a Marxist flourish, "should be regarded as a manifestation of class struggle rather than as anti-Semitism."

There are those in the Soviet Union who regard such articles as providing an ideological justification of anti-Semitism. A familiar pattern begins to emerge. The trial of Jewish dissidents on charges of working for the CIA could add a "legal" excuse for anti-Semitism. The struggle for the succession to Brezhnev which is now under way could bring anti-Semitism into the Kremlin's internal politics.

The Shcharansky trial, designed to show that the Jews are joined with the United States in a conspiracy to undermine the Soviet regime, would play into the hands of those Soviet politicians who believe that Brezhnev's detente policy has gone too far. Similar patterns in the past have usually coincided with some internal crisis in the Kremlin. The question therefore arises whether some new crisis is brewing in the Kremlin now.

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Religious Men Are Less Prone To Heart Attacks

TEL AVIV (JTA): Religious men are less likely to suffer from a heart attack than the non-religious, according to a study conducted at the Tel Hashomer Medical Center here. The finding was revealed in a paper by Dr. Mitchell Sneider of the Bar Ilan University Computer Center which was read to the fifth Israel Conference of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists in Jerusalem.

The Tel Hashomer study, conducted by Prof. Henry Neufeld and Dr. Jack Medalie, was made of 10,000 Israeli males over 40 years old during the last five years. Sneider fed the information into the Bar Ilan computer and got the surprising results. The study also found in addition to age, obesity, blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking and certain diseases, heart trouble was also influenced by blood type, country of origin, and love for one's wife.

Kids, Toy Stores Urged To 'Disarm'

TEL AVIV (JTA): Abie Nathan, who flew a private plane to Egypt in a one-man effort to make peace before the Six-Day War, has undertaken a private "disarmament campaign" aimed against the sale and use of toy weapons and military games. Nathan, who advertises his crusade over his "Voice of Peace" radio station which he operates offshore in the Mediterranean, has offered to buy the complete stock of war toys from any shop which agrees not to sell such games in the future.

One chain of toy stores agreed to Nathan's proposal and has sold him its complete stock of "arms." Nathan has also invited children to bring their toy guns, tanks, planes and submarine to a collection point, where the toy weapons are destroyed. The children's compensation is a special scroll with a quotation from the Bible: "And they shall not learn war anymore."

TV To Film Family's Life In Holocaust

LONDON: An attempt to bring the Holocaust to television is being made in Vienna by an American television company who plan to shoot eight hours of film following the lives of a family of Berlin Jews from 1933 to 1943.

The son of the family — which is of Polish origin — marries a non-Jewish girl. Some of her family reach positions of power in the Nazi party; the Jewish family is broken up and some end in the death camps.

Real locations such as Mauthausen concentration camp and Heydrich's office are being used.

Shooting started at the end of last month and will continue until October. Though intended for showing in four two-hour episodes on American television, the producers Robert "Buzz" Berger and Herbert Brodtkin hope for wider distribution eventually.

Pleas To Bomb Crematoria Were Rejected By The U.S.

WALTHAM, Mass.: Prof. David Hyman, historian and author of a new book on the role of America during the Holocaust period, told a seminar on the "Holocaust and Rescue" at Brandeis University here that pleas for American aircraft to destroy the Nazis' crematoria and the rail lines leading to the death camps were brushed aside by top-level Washington officials.

The first such request for a bombing attack was made in June 1944 to the War Department, Wyman said, adding: "It called for bombing the deportation rail lines between eastern Hungary and Auschwitz," in anticipation of a German mass transfer of some 800,000 Hungarian Jews to the death center.

The War Department rejected the proposal, Wyman said, "explaining that it could be executed only by the 'diversion of considerable air support essential to the success of our forces now engaged in decisive operations.'"

In actual fact, Wyman states, "the decision was made without asking the Air Force commands in Europe whether the proposal might be feasible — instead the rejection was based on an internal memorandum dating back to the first weeks of 1944."

Wyman explained that the "essence of the memorandum was that the forces would not be used in rescuing victims of enemy

JHA Group Cruises Aboard 'Bay Queen'

A "first" experience was enjoyed on Friday, August 5, by some 25 residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged and 25 Day Care members whose group, selected and serviced by the Jewish Family and Children's Service, meets at the Home.

They joined 250 other senior citizens in a three hour luncheon cruise around Narragansett Bay aboard the new Bay Queen. Impromptu singing, the chance to visit with friends from other groups, the cool gentle breezes with "not one person

Group Uncovers City Of Samson & Deliah

JERUSALEM (JTA): Remains identified with Timnah, the Philistine city where Samson courted Deliah and slew a lion, have been uncovered by archaeologists working in collaboration with the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The team has just concluded its first season of excavations at Tel Batash. The site, located in the Sorek Valley, seven kilometers west of Beth Shemesh, is the site of the biblical city of Timnah.

The expedition, sponsored by an institutional consortium, including New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Mississippi College and Louisiana College, in collaboration with the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology, was under the direction of Dr. George L. Kelm, expedition director, and Amihai Mazar, archaeological field director.

The four-week project was conducted with a 40-member staff and volunteer work force from the United States and Israel. The excavations revealed a Canaanite city which was destroyed by a tremendous fire near the end of the late Bronze Age (circa, 1200 B.C.E.). The building remains of the Canaanite city included a part of a large public building and a defensive city wall. Among the finds were a Canaanite cylinder seal, bronze tools and weapons, and typical Canaanite pottery vessels.

Uncover Execution Of Jewish Intellectuals

NEW YORK (JTA): The 25th anniversary of the execution of 24 leading Jewish intellectuals and writers in Moscow will be marked Aug. 12. The execution was the climax of Stalin's terror campaign to eliminate all vestiges of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union. The execution of the Jewish writers took place one month after a trial in which they were accused by the government of being "enemies of the USSR, agents of American imperialism and bourgeois nationalist Zionists."

Between 1948 and 1952, 431 outstanding Jewish artists were arrested. They included 217 writers, 108 actors, 87 artists and 19 musicians. Most of the prisoners died in Soviet labor camps.

oppression, except when rescue might occur as a by product of regular military operations. This statement quietly and effectively removed the military from participation in rescue efforts.

The historian added: "The War Department's assertion in 1944 that bombing the gas chambers would necessitate considerable diversion of air power does not stand up to the facts. On August 20, 1944, a fleet of 127 of the 15th Air Force's Flying Fortresses rained destruction on oil refinery targets inside the Auschwitz complex.

"The same target was struck again on September 13 by a force of 96 Liberators. Assignment of a half-dozen of those bombers to hit the gas chambers and crematoria, located about four miles away, would have constituted an almost imperceptible diversion of air power.

Begin Wants Broader Power For President

JERUSALEM: Premier Menachem Begin intends to bring in legislation widening the responsibilities of the presidency in the nation's affairs. The Premier termed the present legal situation "very faulty" as it "severely limited" the president's role.

seasick" as one guest marvelled, all added up to a special way to spend a warm August afternoon.

The Home residents were taken by specially equipped bus and van to the boat's dock in Warren, while the day care members were transported directly from their homes by senior citizen transportation.

In celebration of their 25th anniversary Dr and Mrs. Joslin Berry sponsored the day care group on this outing.

The Rhode Island Association of Activities Directors, which planned the trip and chartered the boat, found such a

tremendously enthusiastic response from nursing homes, senior drop-in centers and day care groups that this trip had to be divided into two sessions.

Ed Laclair, association president, noted that help in making the day pleasant as well as safe was offered by the Coca-Cola Company which donated 15 cases of soft drinks and by Sal Carnevale whose company provided standby ambulance service at the dock.

Irene Sousa, director of activities at the Jewish Home, hopes that the resident and day care members will join in other trips and excursions planned by the association.

MARCIA RIESMAN

Sees Need For Youth To Shape Judaism's Future

CHICAGO (JTA): Young people should be given a greater voice in determining the future of Judaism, David M. Blumberg, the president of B'nai B'rith told a press conference here on the eve of the annual summer meeting of the organization's Board of Governors. He said that young Jews are looking for "realism in their religion." They want Judaism to be reflected in all parts of their lives — their home, their business, their daily relations with others — and not merely in their synagogues and on the Jewish holidays, he said.

"Their concern for their commitment to the future of Judaism is real and it is strong," Blumberg said. "We see it every day in our Hillel programs."

In a discussion that touched on a variety of topics, Blumberg said also that B'nai B'rith "remains heavily in favor" of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment in regard to U.S. relations with other nations. "The most favored nation trade status must be contingent on the status of human rights, just as detente must be," he said.

Blumberg added that the U.S. "must continue to keep pressure on the Soviet Union both in respect to the rights of citizens to emigrate and to the right of Jews to live as Jews."

B'nai B'rith strongly endorses President Carter's hard stance on the practice of human rights in all nations, Blumberg added.

On other issues, the B'nai B'rith president commented that passage of the proposal to amend Israel's Law of Return would, in his view, "be tremendously disruptive." He added that he did not think

the amendment would be approved by the Knesset.

Ignore Nazis, Educate Public

Asked about the recent attempts by a small group of American Nazis to march in nearby Skokie, Ill., where some 7000 survivors of the Holocaust now reside, Blumberg said that he would advise the Jewish community there to ignore the Nazis, "difficult as that might be for them. Any counter-march, demonstration or confrontation would only increase the attention on the Nazis and this is what they want, this is what they live for." Instead, Blumberg said, he would propose a strong program to educate the public on the inherent dangers that the Nazi movement holds for the country.

Ehrlich To Visit Germany

JERUSALEM (JTA): Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich will visit West Germany this year, a first visit by a Likud minister to that country, it was announced. Ehrlich accepted an invitation of his German counterpart, Hans Appel. The invitation was originally made to former Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz. The German charge d'affaires renewed the invitation.

This will be a return visit to that of the German Finance Minister to Israel under the previous government. Another Israeli-German meeting was probably postponed. German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had originally planned to visit the Mideast later this year, but a statement in Bonn said he would not do so this year, for lack of time.

Charges US Plans Dealing With PLO

CINCINNATI (JTA): Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, recently accused the State Department of planning to back down on American commitments not to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization until it recognizes Israel's right to exist.

Sternstein, addressing a meeting honoring Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), charged that the PLO "has made it clear that even if they accept UN Security Council Resolution 242, it will not mean recognition of the State of Israel." He noted the optimistic announcements issued by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance during his Middle East tour

and criticized him for "bowing to Arab dictates and then puffing up a supposed new-found PLO moderation." The plan, continued Sternstein, "is to free the United States from its commitment to Israel not to deal directly with the PLO."

Sternstein criticized President Carter for suggesting it may be necessary for him to go directly to the American public if Israel is adamant. "It is an extremely dangerous threat," he said. "It is unacceptable. All public pressure dilutes American's position as an honest mediator and makes her a partner in the negotiations. This is contrary to all past American policy as well as being contrary to President Carter's own stated position."

Trouble On British Campuses

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from staging an Israel week.

Despite taking legal action, the Jewish society only partly succeeded in carrying out its program on the campus. As in York, the university administration and the NUS Executive tried to intervene on behalf of the beleaguered Jewish students.

More Battles Looming

When the new academic year starts in October, the Middle East battle of the campuses will be resumed. It is expected, too, that Zionism will be debated at the next national conference of the NUS in December, and that finally some form of official NUS policy on the Middle East will emerge.

The fact that some Jewish societies have invoked the support of the Chancellors of their universities will not, however, stand them in good stead, since students in Bri-

tain as elsewhere resent the pressures of "the establishment."

The Jewish students will have to count primarily on themselves and on their student sympathizers. Besides conservative supporters, these include the followers of what is termed "the broad left," (as opposed to the Trotskyite and Anarchist elements). The broad left embraces not only Labor Party supporters but even orthodox Communists, such as Sue Slipman, president of the NUS.

In an article in The Morning Star, the Communist Party daily, Ms. Slipman, who is Jewish, wrote: "It is all very well for sections of the left to argue that their intention is to see justice done to the democratic cause of the Palestinians; but if a result of their good intentions is to deny rights to Jewish students then a re-examination of their methods is necessary."

Begin, Allon Clash Over The Palestinian Issue

JERUSALEM (JTA): Premier Menachem Begin and former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon clashed in a short, but lively, debate over what type of consensus there is in Israel on the Palestinian question.

Begin said the opposition Labor Alignment agreed with the government that Israel should not negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization nor approve a Palestinian state on the West Bank, so there was no need for the special Knesset session which the alignment had requested. Allon agreed there was a consensus on this but said the government refused to consider any positive solution to the problem, such as in the context of Jordan, and thus could not claim to represent a national consensus.

The Premier launched the debate by urging the Labor Alignment to give its support to the government if and when it is faced with a demand to accept the PLO in the peace process. "There is a national consensus rejecting this demand," Begin declared. A "responsible opposition" should therefore back the government over so central and crucial an issue, he said.

"But if you do not, we shall continue on our course regardless," Begin told the Laborite MKs on the special debate on the government's handling of the visit by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance last week. "The people gave us its mandate on May 17 to pursue our policies according to our beliefs, and rejected your policies," Begin said.

Still No To PLO

The Premier stressed, as he had during the Vance visit, that Israel had not been asked by the U.S. to accept the PLO as a negotiating partner. "But if we are, we shall reply, politely but firmly, no," he declared. "Nor do you think we ought to answer otherwise," the Premier said to the Labor MKs. "Why, then, have you called this special session of the House?"

Allon declared that Begin was "sidestepping the issue" and misstating the nature of the "national consensus." There was a consensus, he said, against talking to the PLO and against a Palestinian state on the West Bank. He said Begin and his government refused to consider a positive solution of the Palestinian question in the context of Jordan, and thus could not claim to represent the national consensus.

Begin retorted that the previous governments had tried and failed for 10 years to persuade the U.S. of the virtues of its unofficially endorsed "Allon Plan" for a West Bank settlement — "and now you want me to go to Washington and argue for that same policy. Well, we have our own policy ... The people expressed their non-confidence in your policy."

Charges Begin Ducked Issues

Allon replied: "You didn't even argue (with President Carter) over your policy. You ducked a dialogue, dodged a frank discussion of the issues with the U.S. President, achieved momentary rapport at the cost of long-term disharmony."

Allon had warned earlier, in calling for the special session, that as a result of the government's policy Israel might find itself totally isolated at Geneva, without having

sought prior coordination of its positions with Washington, while the U.S., the Soviet Union and the Arabs would all be "coordinated" against Israel. He cited Carter's interviews with Time magazine last week and with ABC-TV yesterday to corroborate his implicit claim that the U.S. was sliding away from Israel. (See separate story on Carter and ABC-TV interview.)

Inslets Issues Were Discussed

Begin insisted that he had discussed both the procedure and the substance of Mideast peacemaking with Carter and had not sought to hide the differences of opinion which certainly did exist. But, he noted, these differences had mostly existed under the Labor government too.

The Premier spoke of a "document" which he had read and which contained a report of the Rabin-Carter conversation last March in Washington. In this, Begin said, Carter called for PLO participation in the peace process, for a Palestinian homeland and for Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 lines.

He noted that former Premier Yitzhak Rabin had for a month after 'not divulged the document even to then Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Allon, and never to the Cabinet or the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. "I request you to disclose the document now to the committee," Rabin shouted from his seat. Begin replied, "I will. But this story attests to the nature of relationships within the old government." It also attested, said Begin, to the fact that the old government sought to cover up the deep divisions that existed between it and Washington and to falsely claim that such differences as existed were the results of the new government's policy.

Remark About Concorde's 'Jewishness' Is Blasted

LONDON: A complaint to Thames Television following a broadcast in the program Today on the Concorde aircraft, was made to the television company by Gerry Cohen, London district secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain.

Cohen objected to remarks by the commentator who said: "I always thought that Concorde was a rather Jewish looking bird anyway" when referring to an assertion by the French magazine Le Canard Enchaîné that French diplomats are suggesting that the opposition to the aircraft in the U.S. was principally due to Jewish hostility.

The magazine argued that seven of the 12 members of the New York Port Authority (which is anti-Concorde) were Jewish "and may be embittered by France's decision to release the Palestine terrorist Abu Dauod."

Cohen also took exception to "an offensive cartoon caricature" of Concorde to illustrate the commentator's point about its "Jewishness."

In reply, the Thames program liaison officer, Joan Elman, stated that Cohen's had been the only adverse reaction and they had received no phone calls or any letters complaining of bad taste.

HIGH PRODUCT INTEREST doubles newspaper and readership.

Founding Ceremony For Young Leadership Group

JERUSALEM (JTA): A Dor Hemshech, the young leadership group of Jewish Legion veterans of World War I is to be founded soon. The aim of this organization, according to a spokesman, is to continue the program of the "historical values of the courage and valor that prevailed 60 years ago, when the Jewish Legion was

organized." The Jewish corps in World War I were the first identified military formation in the new Jewish yishuv in Eretz Yisrael.

From the ranks of this military formation later came the leaders of the Hagannah, Palmach, and the Israel Defense Force.

Effects Of Cutting In Defense Budget

TEL AVIV (JTA): Israeli industry will suffer the most by the IL 1.4 billion cut in the defense budget, according to details on the reductions outlined by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman. But Weizman stressed the cuts will not harm the army's development and preparedness program as Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur said earlier.

He said Gur agrees with the cuts. The reduction in the defense budget includes a decrease of IL 622 million in military goods bought in Israel and IL 153 million cut in construction costs. The new budget will also reduce purchases abroad by IL 550 million.

Anti-Semitic Slogans

PARIS: The outside wall of Paris' main synagogue was defaced with anti-Semitic slogans. The vandals also tried unsuccessfully to break into the main hall. The janitor discovered the inscriptions when he reported to work the next morning. Police believe it was done by a neo-Nazi organization.

The Paris Jewish Consistory and the Representative Council of French Jewish Organizations called on the government to take all necessary steps to find the culprits.

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French To Teach Modern Hebrew

PARIS: The French Ministry of Education and Culture has issued new regulations for the teaching of Hebrew and Arabic in colleges and universities.

A circular, issued to headmasters and deans all over France, explains that the teaching of Hebrew goes back to the creation of the College de France between 1515 and 1545.

The circular insists on the need to teach modern Hebrew, as spoken today in Israel and in many Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

There are about 2,000 students learning Hebrew in France, the majority in Paris, Marseilles and Bordeaux, as well as in Strasbourg. Some 3,000 are learning Arabic.

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Hasidim, Blacks, Hispanics Involved In Approved Housing Dispute Agreement

By BEN GALLOB

NEW YORK (JTA): An agreement approved in federal district court here to end a sharp dispute between whites — mostly Hasidic Jews — and Hispanic and Black residents in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn gives the Hasidim 49 percent of the 532 apartments in a federal housing project and the minorities 51 percent, the attorney for the Jews said Aug. 11. At issue was the formula for allocation of the apartments in the two 20-story and four six-story buildings making up the Roberto Clemente Plaza, according to Gabriel Kaszovitz, attorney for the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg (UJO), an umbrella agency for more than 100 Jewish organizations in Williamsburg.

Kent Village, the Hispanic-dominated sponsoring organization for Clemente Plaza, initially proposed to the federal Housing and Urban Development department and to the city Housing and Development Administration, a plan for allocation under which apartments would be offered on a 75-25 ratio, with the

minorities getting the 75 percent. The two housing agencies approved. Kaszovitz said he went into New York Southern District Federal Court to stop the allocations which he said were actually being made on a basis of 87-13 ratio.

Williamsburg Jews testified in the trial that followed before Judge Charles Tenney that they would not accept apartments as a 25 percent minority in the housing projects. Tenney halted rentals last Dec. 23, describing the allocation plan as vague and ordering all parties to come up with a more clear-cut plan to conform with the ethnic makeup of the community.

The attorney said that between 60 and 75 minority families had moved in by the time Tenney issued his stay but that he did not order their eviction. After more legal maneuverings by agencies for the minorities, serious negotiations began about three months ago which ended in agreement on a consent decree and a stipulation by Tenney lifting his stay on rentals, permitting renewal of apartment allocations.

Greeks, Israelis Discussing Unions

ATHENS: Problems of common interests to Greek and Israeli Trade Unions were discussed in Tel Aviv recently during a visit by a delegation of the General Confederation of Labor of Greece, led by its secretary-general, H. Karakitsos.

The Greek mission met officials of the Histadrut, including Messel, general-secretary of the Israeli Trade Unions. The Greek delegation were the guests of the Israeli authorities.

BOMB CHECK

TEL AVIV: Israeli bomb squads are inspecting fire extinguishers on all buses after a bomb was found concealed in an extinguisher on a bus near Tel Aviv.

Mizrachi Women To Build Israeli Nursery School

LOS ANGELES (JTA): The American Mizrahi Women at its 52nd national convention unveiled plans for the construction in Jerusalem of a new residential nursery school for children from problem homes. The school, located at Gilo, a new residential area under construction in Jerusalem, will also include a day care center for children of immigrants and work-

ing parents.

The project, known as HaYeled/Youth Haven, was announced by Mrs. Sarah Shane of Baltimore, who was re-elected as the organization's president. The 250 delegates to the convention pledged some \$500,000 to the new project. Mrs. Shane said that Israel is coping with the most urgent defense and foreign policy problems.

Torah Study High

NEW YORK: The Agudath Israel of America announced an "unprecedented" enrollment of 9000 children in Torah education programs in 31 summer camps in various parts of the world under the auspices of the international Agudath Israel movement.

The camps are located in upstate New York, California, Canada, Argentina, England, Israel, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy.

More Than 1,000 Israelis Own Guns

JERUSALEM: Over 100,000 Israelis are legally in possession of personal firearms, according to a report by the Interior Ministry which issues permits virtually on demand to anyone wishing to keep a pistol or gun. Most are sought on grounds of self-defense.

Gas Mask

TEL AVIV (JTA): The army has introduced a new Israeli-developed and produced gas mask specifically designed for tank crews that can be attached to the central purifying system or be used independently.

It contains communications channels and a special inlet for drinking water without having to remove the mask.

Publishes Book On Uprising Heroines

BUENOS AIRES: Jonas Turkow, one of the 153 survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising against the Nazis in April, 1943, has published a book about heroines of the uprising. These include Tzivia Lubetkin, Basia Temkin-Berman, the sisters Pola and Bela Elster, Dr. Anna Brand-Heller, Dr. Sofia Svrkin-Binsztein, Rosa Symchowicz, Mirim Aizensztat and Clara Segalowitz.

Activist Dies

NEW YORK (JTA): Dina Zlotver, a Soviet Jewish activist who had petitioned Soviet authorities to emigrate to Israel with her husband since December, 1974, to rejoin her son and daughter, died of cancer in her hometown of Sverdlovsk, according to information reaching the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Soviet authorities have not indicated if her husband will be allowed to emigrate.

Israeli Vests Used By Dutch Marines

JERUSALEM: Shortly before the attack by Dutch Marines on the South Moluccan terrorists to rescue the hostages on the hijacked train and in the school near Bovensmilde, Holland, an Israeli firm was asked to supply the Dutch with special bullet-proof vests. Normal "red-tape" procedures were cut so that the vests could be dispatched to Holland within 12 hours of the order being received.

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