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Frank Licht To Chair Banquet For NCCJ To Be Held April 19

Frank Licht, former governor of Rhode Island, has been appointed to serve as chairman of the 26th Annual Brotherhood Award Banquet for the National Conference of Christians and Jews by Arthur J. DeBlois, chairman of the board of directors of the NCCJ. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 19. The evening will be the highlight of the many activities planned in observance of NCCJ's 50th anniversary as a national organization.

Mr. Licht has been instrumental in the growth of NCCJ in Rhode Island. He was the recipient of their Annual Brotherhood Award in 1973 and served for 10 years as one of three regional cochairmen.

A member of many community oriented groups, Mr. Licht has added to the promotion of world brotherhood and good will through his support of these organizations. Among the groups in which he has served are the Providence Human Rights Commission, the Rhode Island Council of Community Services, director and trustee of Butler Hospital and a member of the board of Progress for Providence.

He has been an active member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and a former president, and the National Advisory Council of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. In addition, he was selected in 1969 by the Rhode Islander Magazine of the Providence Sunday Journal as Man of the Year.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School, he has

received honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, St. Francis College in Maine, and Yeshiva University in New York City.

He has been a teaching fellow at the Harvard University Institute of Politics and has presented a weekly commentary program on public affairs on WJAR-TV, Channel 10. Mr. Licht is presently a member of the law firm of Letts, Quinn and Licht.

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BOARD: At a recent annual meeting of the board of directors of Camp Jori, Michael L. Thaler was installed as president of the board by his father, Joe Thaler. Other officers elected were Edward Foss, first vice president; Robert Halpert, second vice president; Nancy Grossman, secretary and Phil Brown, treasurer.

Marshall M. Gerstenblatt is director of Camp Jori. A plaque was presented to David L. Golden, retiring president, in recognition of his outstanding service to the camp.

Camp Jori is a summer camp at Point Judith for boys and girls from 7 to 12 years of age. There are two summer sessions: June 27 to July 23 and July 25 to August 20.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Jewish Family and Children's Service at 521-2655.

Israelis Oppose Withdrawal From Occupied Territories According To Recent Poll

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA): By very substantial majorities, Israelis are opposed to total withdrawal from occupied territories even "in exchange for peace treaties with the Arab states," oppose abandoning the settlements in northern Sinai and believe Premier Menahem Begin is doing a good job, according to the results of a national poll published by the Government Press Office.

The poll, conducted among the Jewish urban adult population by the Hebrew University's Center for Applied Social Research, showed Israelis to be almost unanimous in their opposition to talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization or the establishment of a Palestinian state. According to the responses, 87 percent ruled out the PLO as a negotiating partner and 91 percent rejected a state for the Palestinians.

The poll was conducted just before the Israeli-Egyptian political talks were broken off by President Anwar Sadat. The crucial issues in those talks were Israeli withdrawal, particularly the fate of settlements in the Rafah salient and other parts of Sinai and the Palestinian question. But 71 percent of the respondents would not agree to total withdrawal "in exchange for peace treaties" and 72 percent opposed leaving the Rafah settlements outside the sphere of Israeli sovereignty.

However, 60 percent believed that no new settlements should be established in the occupied areas at this time while 40 percent thought the government should go ahead with new settlements even while peace talks were underway.

Asked "What concessions do you think Israel should make in exchange for a peace agreement with Jordan?" only five percent opted for total withdrawal from the West Bank; 28 percent favored withdrawal from a substantial part of that territory; 44 percent were for withdrawal from a small part; and 23 percent were opposed to any withdrawal. On a related issue, 42 percent thought a national election or referendum should be held "before a real decision on the peace map is taken" but 58 percent thought that was not necessary.

Begin was described as doing his job "very well" or "well" by 68 percent of the respondents; 21 percent rated his performance "quite well;" nine percent "not very well" and two percent "not well at all." Significantly, 46 percent said the government's peace plan was "definitely clear" to them while 54 percent said it was "not clear."

World Jewish Population Estimated At Over 14 Billion

NEW YORK: The world Jewish population is estimated at 14,259,525, according to the American Jewish Year Book, whose 1978 edition is being published this month. This figure represents an increase of about 115,000from the previous year. The United States, with approximately 5,775,935 Jews, has the largest Jewish population in the world.

The Year Book, the authoritative record of events and trends in Jewish life, is published jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America. Its editors are Morris Fine and Milton Himmelfarb. Martha Jelenko is executive editor.

The world Jewish population estimates were compiled by Leon Shapiro, professor of Russian and Soviet Jewish history at Rutgers University. The U.S. figures were supplied by Alvin Chenkin, research consultant, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

After the United States, countries with the largest Jewish population are: Israel, 3,059,000; Soviet Union, 2,678,000; France, 650,000; Great Britain, 410,000; Canada, 305,000; and Argentina, 300,000. Forty-seven per cent of world Jewry is located in North, Central and South America, 29 per cent in Europe, 22 per cent in Asia, 1,5 per cent in Africa, and 0.5 per cent in Australia and New Zealand.

In the United States, Jews comprise 2.7 per cent of the total population.

Among the Jewish population figures for U.S. cities listed in the Year Book's tables are: Greater New York, 1,998,000; Los Angeles, 455,000; Philadelphia, 350,000; Chicago, 253,000; Miami, 225,000; Boston, 170,000; Washington, 120,000; Bergen County, New Jersey, 100,000; Essex County, New Jersey, 95,000; Baltimore, 92,000; Cleveland, 80,000; Detroit, 80,000; San Francisco, 75,000; St. Louis, 60,000; and Montgomery County, Maryland, 53,335.

In Europe, including Asiatic USSR and Turkey, there are 4,158,870 Jews. Of these, 2,678,000 are in the Soviet Union.

Figures for other European countries include; Austria, 12,000; Belgium, 41,000; Bulgaria, 7,000; Czechoslovakia, 12,000; Denmark, 7,500; France, 650,000; Germany, 33,000; Great Britain 410,000; Greece, 6,000; Hungary, 80,000; Ireland, 4,000; Italy, 38,500; Netherlands, 30,000; Poland, 6,000; Rumania, 60,000; Spain, 9,000; Sweden, 16,000; Switzerland, 21,000; Turkey, 27,000, and Yugoslavia, 6,000.

Estimated population for major centers of Jewish concentration in the Americas, outside the United States, include: Canada, 305,000; Argentina, 300,000; Brazil, 150,000; Uruguay, 50,000; Mexico, 37,500; Chile, 27,000; Venezuela, 15,000; Colombia, 12,000, and Peru, 5,200.

In Asia, the only major centers of Jewish population, except for Israel, are Iran, 80,000, and India, 8,000. In Africa, there are substantial numbers of Jews only in South Africa, 118,000; Ethiopia, 28,000; Morocco, 18,000; Tunisia, 7,000, and Rhodesia, 3,800. There are 70,000 Jews in Australia and 5,000 in New Zealand.

Among the major world cities outside the United States where Jews are located are: Amsterdam, 20,000; Antwerp, 13,000; Brussels, 24,500; Bucharest, 40,000; Budapest, 65,000; Cape Town, 25,650; Glasgow, 13,000; Haifa, 210,000; Istanbul, 23,000; Jerusalem, 266,000; Johannesburg, 57,500; Kiev, 170,000; Leeds, 18,000; Leningrad, 165,000; London, 280,000; Lyons, 20,000; Manchester, 35,000; Marseille, 65,000; Melbourne, 34,000; Mexico City, 32,500; Montevideo, 48,000; Montreal, 115,000; Moscow, 285,000; Nice, 20,000; Paris, 300,000; Porto Alegre, 12,000; Rio de Janeiro, 55,000; Rome, 10,000; Sao Paulo, 75,000; Strasbourg, 12,000; Sydney, 28,500; Teheran, 50,000; Tel Aviv-Jaffa, 394,000; Toronto, 115,000; Toulouse, 18,000; Vancouver, 12,000, and Winnipeg, 20,000.

Israel's Exports To Britain Go Up 29 Per Cent In '77

HAIFA: Israel's exports to Britain went up by 29 per cent during the first 11 months of 1977, reaching a total of L165m. (about IL5,000m.) — British Ambassador John Mason told the Maritime and Economics Club here.

Mason considered this a "fantastic achievement" in the present state of world trade, "reflecting on the efficiency and competitiveness of your export industry."

During the same period British exports to Israel had gone up by 11 per cent to reach L245m. (about IL7,400m.), and Britain had again been Israel's second largest supplier after the U.S.

On the other hand, Mason noted, more Israelis (85,000) visited Britain during 1977 than Britons had visited Israel (72,500). However, with the imminent introduction of charter flights from Britain, Mason felt sure that the number of Britons coming here would rise quickly and considerably.

The ambassador said there was still much room for increasing trade, industrial and technological cooperation between the two countries. Israel's record for repayment of import credits "is absolutely excellent, which is not the case with all countries in the world — or even in this area," he remarked.

The Arab boycott, which his government opposed and deplored and which he found "quite distasteful" had had only a minor effect on trade between the two countries.

Mason, who is an economics expert, said he "greatly admired" the government's new economic policy. While he did not see it as providing all the solutions, it did provide the conditions for remedying Israel's economic problems.

He believed these were similar to those of a growing girl: "how to develop in the right places."

"I do hope you succeed," he concluded.

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RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV (JTA): Former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon was released from the Sheba Hospital after being hospitalized for nine days for examinations. Doctors recommended he take a long rest.

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Obituaries

LOUIS YOKEN

Funeral services for Louis Yoken, 65, of 75 Vassar Avenue, who died February 6 after being stricken while driving his car, were held Sunday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Muriel (Rouslin) Yoken, he was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, on September 18, 1912, a son of the late Samuel and Celia (Mintz) Yoken. He had been a Providence resident for 37 years.

He was the owner and operator of Home Necessities, an aluminum products distributor.

Mr. Yoken was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Touro Fraternal Association, Jewish Home for the Aged, Jewish War Veterans, Roosevelt Lodge, F&AM, and the Crestwood Country Club. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Stephen E. Yoken of West Newton, Massachusetts, and Richard A. Yoken of Westchester, New York; one brother, Harry Yoken of Fall River; three sisters, Jessie Gisherman of Brockton, Massachusetts, Belle Lubin of West Hartford, Connecticut, and Shirley Handler of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts; and two grandchildren.

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SEYMOUR BERKOWITZ

Funeral services for Seymour Berkowitz, 57, of 63 Villa Avenue, Cranston, who died February 6 while attempting to get home from work, were held Sunday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Pearl (Ackerman) Berkowitz, he was born in New York City, a son of the late Morris and Sarah Berkowitz. He had been a Cranston resident for 25 years.

Mr. Berkowitz had been the controller for the Jewish Community Center for the past 21 years.

He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Susan Berkowitz of Cranston; five sisters, Elizabeth Freeman and Stella Cutler, both of Miami, Florida, Gertrude Fradin of California, Florence Berkow of Long Island, New York, and Helen Godtesmann of New York.

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TILLIE KORMAN

Funeral services for Tillie Korman, 86, of 301 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, who died February 5 in Bristol, Pennsylvania, after an illness of one week, were held Sunday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The widow of William Korman, she was born in Providence a daughter of the late Jacob and Leah Jacobs. She had been a Cranston resident for many years.

She is survived by three sons, Dr. Nathan Korman of Princeton, New Jersey, Melvin Korman of North Attleboro, Massachusetts and Arnold Korman of Los Angeles, California; four daughters, Leah Kaplan of Cranston, Rosalie Bloom of Levittown, Pennsylvania, Anne Fine of Rehoboth, Massachusetts and Lois Fine of Miami, Florida; one brother, Samuel Jacobs; 23 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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ESTHER ZITSERMAN

Graveside services for Esther Zitserman of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who died February 5, were held Monday at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel.

The widow of Abe Zitserman, she was born in Philadelphia on July 25, 1898. She was a lifelong resident of the city.

She was the daughter of the late Morris and Ethel Spilberg Snyderman. She was a member of Hadassah.

She is survived by a daughter, Phoebe Nulman of Bristol; a sister, Ann Ball of Philadelphia, and two grandchildren.

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JOHN FEINSTEIN

Funeral services for John Feinstein, 81, of 310 Regency East, who died February 7, were held Monday under the direction of the Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of the late Catherine Feinstein, he was born in Providence on February 19, 1896, a son of the late Alex and Eva (Lubinsky) Feinstein.

He was proprietor for 60 years of the J&R Feinstein Company, Inc. of Olneyville Square, a leather and shoe findings company that had been founded by his father 70 years ago. He retired two years ago.

A World War I Army veteran serving overseas in Europe, he was a member of a Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Palestine Shrine. He was also a member of the United Commercial Travelers.

He is survived by a brother, Jordan Feinstein of Middletown and a sister, Mrs. Arnold Deutschman of Bal Harbour, Florida.

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HONEY LEVIN

Word has been received of the death of Honey (Greenstein) Levin, 54, formerly of Providence, in Miami, Florida, on January 16 after an illness of one year.

She is survived by her husband Ben Levin; a son, Marc Levin; two daughters, Lois Smith and Mindy Levin; two granddaughters; a sister, Mildred Cotzin; four brothers, Daniel Greenstein and Sydney Greenstein, all of Florida, and Milton Greenstein of Mount Pleasant, Texas and Stanley Greenstein of Cranston.

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SADIE ROTTENBERG

Funeral services for Sadie Rottenberg, 90, who died February 10 in the Jewish Home for the Aged, were held Sunday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The widow of Isaac Rottenberg, she was born in Lithuania on September 16, 1887, a daughter of the late Morris and Tema (Dimond) Rubin. She had lived in Providence for more than 70 years.

She is survived by three sons, Louis Rottenberg of Providence, Dr. Simon Rottenberg of Amherst, Massachusetts, and Jacob Rottenberg of Newton, Massachusetts; two daughters, Irene Altman of Providence and Helene Nemtzow of Pawtucket; two brothers, Nathan Rubin of New London, Connecticut, and Myer Rubin of Cranston; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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In Memoriam

SADIE GLAZER
1974 1978

Our precious sister:
We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts with questions sore.
In tears we watched you fade away
And could not save you.
Your loss is a lifetime regret,
One we will never forget,
For all your loving kindness,
You asked for nothing in return.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you.
To have, to love, to have to part and then part,
Is the greatest sorrow.
What would we give to see you smile,
To sit with you and talk awhile.
We miss you, Sadie, and always will,
Until we are together again.

YOUR LOVING
SISTER AND BROTHER
BETTY LEVY
SYDNEY GLAZER

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SADIE GLAZER
1974 1978

You are not forgotten, Sadie,
Nor will you ever be,
'Til memory fades and life departs,
You will live forever in my heart.

ALWAYS REMEMBERED
AND SADLY MISSED
BROTHER DAVID

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SADIE GLAZER
1974 1978

In loving memory of a dear sister, aunt and great-aunt
Not a day do we forget you,
In our thoughts you are always near.
We who love you sadly miss you
As there dawns another year.

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LEBA ACKERMAN

Mother dear, you are not forgotten,
Though on this earth you are no more.
Still in spirit you are with me
As you always were before.
Even now come days of sadness,
Tears in secret often flow,
Your cherished memory never leaves me,
Though you died twenty-three years ago.

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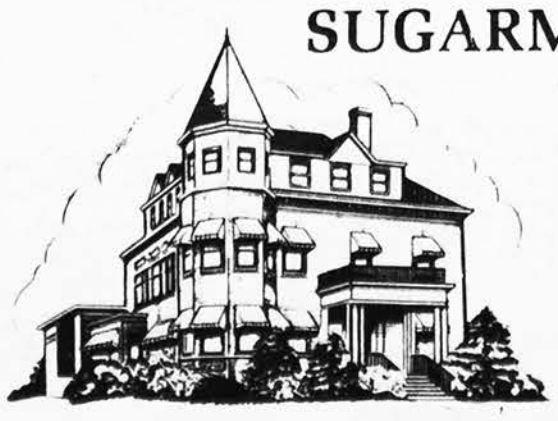

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Notices

ABEHSERA TO SPEAK

Meir Abehsera, expert in the field of microbiotics and organic medicine, will be the guest speaker at a meeting to be held at Hillel House on Sunday, February 19 at 8 p.m.

A Moroccan Jew and a member of the Habbad Hassidic movement, he will speak on "Meditations, Mysticism and the Jewish Tradition."

The meeting is sponsored by the Mitzvah Campaign of Rhode Island.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A general membership meeting of the Roger Williams Lodge, B'nai B'rith, will be held on Sunday, February 26, at Hillel House at 9:15 a.m. This will be a breakfast meeting. Election for 1978-79 officers will be held.

Alexander Tabankin, a Providence resident and a Soviet refugee, will be guest speaker. Mr. Tabankin came to the United States in October 1977 with his wife, two sons and mother. He will speak on the Jewish way of life in the Soviet Union compared to the United States.

Further information may be obtained by calling Marvin William Lax, president, at 738-2350.

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PROFESSOR TO SPEAK

Professor Frances Malino of the University of Massachusetts will speak on "Ethnicity and Citizenship: The Origins of the Conflict" at Friday services at Temple Beth El on February 17 at 8:15 p.m.

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BENEFIT

Cafe in the Barn on Monday, March 6, will host a fundraising dinner to benefit the Trinity Square Repertory Company. Members of Friends of Trinity have planned the affair and the proceeds are to help Trinity meet the Challenge Grant awarded them last year by the National Endowment of the Arts.

Cocktail hour will be from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by dinner. The theme of the evening will be "Feasting with Panthers." Singer/guitarist Donna DeStefano will entertain.

Reservations may be obtained by calling Joyce Perkins at 331-2737 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seating is limited.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Arlene Chorney has been named as part time assistant director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization for the Ocean Bay Region. Her office will be at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

The BBYO is for youth between the ages of 13 and 18.

Mrs. Chorney is a past president of Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women and is presently a member-at-large of the District One executive committee, serving as New England ADL chairwoman, member of the District leadership cabinet and on the resolutions committee.

She is consultant to Roger Williams Chapter and Emanu-El Chapter. She is the recording secretary for the Central New England Council and she serves as the area Chapter service chairwoman for the Council. She is a reading specialist for the North Providence School Department.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Chorney at 351-0880 or 421-5097.

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CENTER OPENS

The opening of the Sentry Security Center, sales and showroom, has been announced by J.P. McKenna and S.C. Weiner. The sales and showrooms are located at 187 Westminster Street, Suite 211.

The product center will feature security hardware for home and industry.

Mr. McKenna is president of the company and has appointed Mr. Weiner as vice president in charge of operations of the sales center.

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JOINS CENTURY 21

Century 21 Land Realty Inc., owned by Paul Sczerbinski, president, and Peter Sczerbinski, vice president, has just become the 15th office to join District No. 040 Century 21 Franchise System, according to Robert Sperte, regional director of Century 21 of the Northeast. Century 32 Land Realty Inc. office is located at 1320 Cranston Street in Cranston.

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DINNER MEETING

The Touro Fraternal Association will hold a dinner meeting on Wednesday, February 22, at Eileen Darling's Restaurant.

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DANCE MARATHON

More than 50 couples will attempt to dance their way through a 30 hour dance marathon at Brown University's Alumnae Hall from 7 p.m., Friday, March 10, to Sunday morning at 1 a.m., March 12, for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

The event is sponsored by Redheads are Special People (RASP), a Brown University student group, according to Eric Rosenfeld, president of RASP, and organizer of the marathon. Last year the dance contest grossed almost $23,000 toward the fight against cancer.

Participants in the marathon will be the couples who convince neighbors, friends and businessmen to pledge the greatest total amount of money for each hour danced. Deadline for application is February 24.

Further information may be obtained by calling the American Cancer Society at 831-6970.

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HEIFETZ TO PLAY

Daniel Heifetz, young American violinist, will be a guest artist at the next concert of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday, February 18 at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence.

Mr. Heifetz will be featured in a performance of the Brahms Violin Concerto in the program under the direction of guest conductor Jeff Holland Cook.

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BETH SHOLOM BANQUET

Temple Beth Sholom-Sons of Zion, serving Providence since 1905, will commemorate its history at a banquet to be held Sunday evening, March 12. The oldest congregation in Providence, the synagogue will celebrate its recent union with Congregation Sons of Zion, and pay tribute to those who made the union a reality.

Members of Congregation Sons of Zion and officers of Temple Beth Sholom will gather in a special ceremony marking the union with the burning of the mortgage. Communal and rabbinic leaders will participate in the evening's program.

Edward O. Adler of Providence will be honored by the congregation as the "Man of the Year" for his exemplary character, benevolence, self sacrifice and altruistic dedication to Judaism, Jewish life and the Jewish community in Providence.

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PELL MADE MEMBER

Senator Claiborne Pell has become a member of the National Council of American-Israel Friendship League at the invitation of Abraham J. Multer, council chairman, and Herbert Tenzer, League president.

"As a longstanding friend of Israel," Pell said, "I am most pleased to accept your kind invitation. As a Senator, and now as a member of the National Council of the American-Israel Friendship League, I wish to assure you that I shall continue to do all that I can to ensure that America remains a faithful and supportive friend of Israel."

The League, a non-political, non-sectarian, tax exempt organization, is dedicated to the furtherance of American-Israel friendship and development of good will and understanding between the peoples of the United States and the State of Israel.

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ANIMATED FEATURE

A full length animated feature, The Man Called Flintstone, will be shown at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on Sunday, February 19 at 2 p.m.

Following the film, there will be an hour of craft activities. The program will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

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GALLERY 401

Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island has announced the opening of an exhibit of graphics based on minute life structures by Artist Judith Lantos on Sunday, February 12. The exhibit will be displayed until Friday, March 3.

Miss Lantos' drawings offer interpretations of processes within organisms which are both complex and beautiful. The artist explores structures, colors, patterns and functions through the medium of drawing.

Miss Lantos graduated from Syracuse with a BFA in painting and art education and honors in painting. She received a Med in art education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and studied at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.

She was awarded a scholarship from Skowhegan to the Brooklyn Museum Art School, where she studied painting and graphics.

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POPULATION DROP

The Jewish population of Rhodesia, whose white residents are quitting the country at the rate of more than 1,000 a month, had dropped from a peak of 7,000 in 1961 to 3,500 today.

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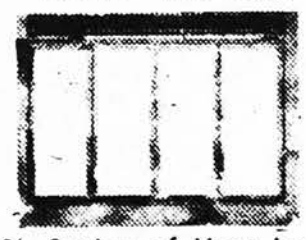
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Editor's Mailbox

Rabbi Lazar Gives Open Answer On Who Should Kasher Meat

(Who shall kasher (soak, salt, rinse, etc.) kosher slaughtered meat—the butcher or the housewife? An open answer to a letter received.)

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I deeply regret the writing of this open letter to the Jewish community but I have no choice in the matter. A letter has reached me in which the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island is "Urged to require of the butchers under its supervision to kasher all meat." This means that the kosher butcher should be instructed by the Vaad to make all meats kosher (soaking, salting, rinsing, etc.) before releasing it to the Jewish customer. I feel I owe it to the Jewish housewife and to the Jewish community to clarify the entire matter so that they can judge for themselves.

When I came into this community I found no such instructions issued by the former Rabbis to the kosher butchers nor did we ever request of the butchers to do so for the following reasons.

1) Traditionally, the function of the Jewish butcher throughout Jewish history was to sell kosher slaughtered meat, to perform the task of "nikkur"—porging—the removal of prohibitive "helev"—forbidden fat, blood arteries and fat veins as well as to remove the Gid ha-Nasheh—the sciatic nerve and not *kosher made meat.* This function was never carried out by the kosher butcher.

2) To make meat kosher was always a privilege and duty that devolved upon the mother, wife and bala basta.

3) To make meat kosher at home was not only a mitzvah that no woman would want to part with, but was also used as a great educational process to acquaint the entire household with the varied and numerous laws of making meat kosher. By the time a Jewish daughter was married she knew through her participation and experience how to keep a strictly kosher home.

4) To impose this additional function upon the kosher butcher is unfair not only to him but it also deprives Jewish children from the opportunity of learning, seeing and experiencing it.

5) Roasting meat over an open fire is a procedure of kashering which is more thorough than salting. Liver, owing to its high blood content cannot be kashered by salting and so is kashered by roasting, as is meat which has been left 72 hours without having been soaked. Our halachic authorities seem to maintain that the power of fire to exude blood is far greater than that of soaking and salting combined together.

6) Cardiac patients who are prohibited from any salt in their diet, would forever have to refrain from eating a kosher meat dinner if those instructions would be put into effect. Please remember that I am not advocating through this column or any other paper to make meat kosher over an open fire. I cling very strongly to the traditional way of making meat kosher which is A) the meat should be soaked for about a half hour; B) the length of the salting process is fixed as approximately an hour; C) rinsing of the meat after salting. I am merely saying that if necessary or if a given situation warrants it, it could be done in full conformity with halacha providing it is done properly.

The Talmud in Sota page 22a, in the name of Rav, says "what does King Solomon mean when he says in the book of Proverbs, chapter 7, verse 26 Ki Rabim Chalalim Hipilah—For she hath cast down many wounded; V'atzumin Kol Harugeha—Yea, a mighty host are all her slain." For she hath cast down many wounded applies to the scholar who has not reached the stage of being qualified to answer halachic questions yet assumes to do so; while, yea, a mighty host are all her slain applies to a scholar who is qualified to render a decision and refrains from doing so. The Shulchan Aruch Yoreh Deiah, chapter 242 paragraphs 13 and 14 formulates the sayings of Rav into laws in the following manner:

M'chaber says: Talmid sh'lo higiah L'horaah Umoreh harei zeh Shota Ra-shah V'gas Ru-ach V'alav ne-emar Ki Rabim Chalalim Hipilah.

The R'mah adds: V'talmidim haktanim hakoftzim L'horos B'rosh L'hisgadel Bifnei Amei Haaretz *Marbim Machlokos Umachrivim Haolam Um'chabin Neirah* shel *Torah.*

M'chaber says: Kol chacham sh'higiah L'hora-ah V'eino Moreh harei zeh Moneiah Torah V'nosein Michsholoth Lif'nei Rabim V'alav ne-emar V'atzumim kol Harugehah.

It is the aforementioned halacha that persuaded me to answer the letter and answer it in the manner in which I do.

In conclusion, may I just say that I would worry a little less about the mishaps of the average intelligent housewife in the Jewish community and worry a little more about my own spiritual elevation and enrichment in learning. I am reminded of the following anecdote: A very distinguished Rabbi once delivered an address in a midwestern University on the country's need for more widespread education. The following morning the local newspaper made a report on the address and featured it with a headline reading: Rabbi's address shows deplorable need of education.

RABBI EMANUEL LAZAR
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English version of M'chaber and R'mah statements appearing in letter.

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M'chaber 1) A disciple who is unqualified to render decisions and renders is a wicked fool and a haughty person, concerning him the text reads, "For she hath cast down many wounded."

R'mah 2) Young disciples who jump to the forefront to render decisions and sit at the head to look important in the eyes of ignorant people *multiply strife* and *destroy the world* and *extinguish the light of Torah.*

M'chaber 3) Every wise person qualified to render a decision and refrains from doing so, deprives people from Torah and places obstacles in the way of the multitude, concerning him the text reads, "Yea, a mighty host are all her slain."

Calls Jews Self Destructive

For some time now, I have become increasingly aware and quite distressed by what I consider to be a self-destruct attitude of our Jewish People . . . and I do not refer to those who live in Israel. I refer to those who for purposes of self aggrandizement in one sense and/or weakness in another or for some idiotic reason are hell bent on suicidal adventures which will drag down others . . . and as far as I am concerned "The People of the Book" have suffered enough and do not need the heroics of fools to damn them further. For whatever the reason or the excuse that they may have to offer, these people do not have the moral justification to help deliver my people into extinction. I, for one, am sick and tired of having these self-styled spokesmen act as apologists for the devil and to say that they do it in the name of Jews.

To clarify my feelings about those who support the executioner, may I now spend a moment and tell you of an American Jewish lawyers' group which volunteered a statement to the American Civil Liberties Union that the American Nazi Party has the right to be active, as an organization, to parade and trouble any Jewish community, to continue their anti-Semitic and anti-black and any other anti-American activity that they want and to do this under the banner of freedom. To my knowledge, no other sectarian group in the United States volunteered a statement such as this. I am certain that this group of Jewish lawyers does not speak for every Jew who happens to be a lawyer nor do they have the permission to speak for Jews or Blacks or Catholics or anyone else who may be subject to the harassment by Nazis. Since when did any Jew advocate that the hate mongering terrorization of others and the wanton death of any people had any rights under the Constitution of the United States? Since when did the Constitution give any rights to killers except for their day in court before sentencing? If this was an act of bravado on their part, these Jewish lawyers did not realize what fire they were playing with and they most certainly did not learn much

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FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

By BERYL SEGAL

What If You Were Born Anew?

Israel is, of course, uppermost in our thoughts, in our preoccupations, in our worries. It is natural. We would like to see our people there, most of whom miraculously rescued from extinction, lead a peaceful life, a contented life. They deserve it.

But some of our organizations are overdoing it. It is especially true in the news gathering area. Every time an Israeli turns around there is a reporter who just happens to be on the spot and the news spreads all over the world. The Jewish press, having no greater things to worry about, makes a front page story about the most trivial things coming from Israel.

We had two stories from Israel which seem petty in the light of war and peace deliberations and the economic well being that occupy the minds of everybody who is concerned with the land at all.

Both of these stories have to do with questionnaires or surveys among the youth of Israel.

In one survey the teacher discovered that the children in the schools of Israel did not know what Shmoneh Esreh is, nor what a Siddur is. On the surface it seems terrible. What kind of Jewish youth are we bringing up? But the news did not tell us that children would have given the correct answer if the questions were differently phrased. Do not forget that the test was given to elementary school children who know Hebrew well, perhaps better than our teachers of Hebrew, and these children cannot be expected to transfer their knowledge of the language to the usage of these terms in the synagogue. They answered that Shemoneh Esrah means 18, which is correct. What they did not know was that among Jews this number has been transferred to the name of the 18 Benedictions during which the congregation stands up. Had the teacher asked them what Amidah is, a word which is used for the same concept, they would have known since the word for standing up is Amidah. The same applies to Siddur. The children would have known the answer if the question were phrased differently. The late Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz calls his Prayer Book, a standard text, Seder Tefiloth, not just Siddur. A child who had never seen a Prayer Book would not guess that is is called Siddur.

But assuming that the children did not know the correct answers, what is there to write home about? Do children in our schools know all the answers? Is that all Israel has to worry about today? And why not report the things the children in Israel do know?

Or the questionnaire that was circulated among Jewish youth about their Jewishness. These were not school children but 16 and 17 year old young people, all born in Israel. The question was: If you could be born anew, would you chose to be born a Jew?

Among the Orthodox or traditional youths 100 per cent said yes, they would want to be born Jews. But among the others (we suppose that by others is meant youth coming from secular homes) only 65 per cent preferred to be born as Jews in Israel. The question was asked of youths by a team of investigators at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. It is important. Many young people at this age like to startle people by their pronouncements. Many of them probably thought, as we did: You ask a silly question, you will get a silly answer. A question with an "if" in it is silly. You might as well ask: Would you like to be born anew of the same parents as you now have, if you had your choice?

Just try this question on young people here and see what answer you will get.

But aside from the silliness of the question, consider the mood of the youth of whom the question was asked. Young people in Israel, just as young people everywhere, are dissatisfied. Right or wrong, they are mixed up in their thinking. These same people will read their "depositions" ten years from now and will laugh at their preferences. But even if young people of 16 or 17 are capable of deciding whether or not they want to be Jews, can you blame them for their answers? The land is small and poor. The land is surrounded by enemies on all sides. The only open side is the sea. And the sky is open only for those who can afford flying abroad. Beyond their borders are countries which lure them. The pyramids of Egypt. The riches of Saudi Arabia. The legendary stories of Baghdad and Damascus. The European continent and America. London, Paris and New York. Think of the magic of these names to youths. And for these young people to be cooped up in a tiny land when their wings are straining to spread out . . . Of course, there will be moments of doubts about their Jewishness.

Those of us who have grown up in the small towns of the Ukraine and of Poland can well understand these young people of Israel. If only we could go to Vienna, Berlin or Paris, we all dreamed, and could not attain it. And we did not have the cloud of war hanging over our heads. I am not sure what answers we would give to that questionnaire. It is not easy to be a Jew.

But whatever the story, is this questionnaire really of such significance as to broadcast the results abroad? Surveys of such a nature are being conducted every year. They are necessary as tools of learning of research in Demography or Sociology or Psychology, but not each of them is a barometer of the life of a people. The fact that these stories are reported from Israel shows either our poverty or inability of news gathering. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) is the greatest offender in this respect. Their bulletins are chock full of news of this kind, as if there is no news at home.

In another month or another season someone will make up a new set of questions, phrased differently, and the children will come through with ~~with~~ flying colors, or the young people will answer that they are happy to be born Jewish, and the world will go on turning on its axis.

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

TURNS DOWN OFFER

UNITED NATIONS (JTA): Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog has turned down an offer by Zevulun Hammer, Israel's Education and Culture Minister, to assume the chairmanship of the Israel Broadcasting Authority Board when he concludes his term of office here late this summer. Herzog plans to return to private law practice.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1978

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Business & Professional Group of Hadassah, Regular Meeting
8:15 p.m.
Providence Hebrew Day School, "Dilemma of Ritual" Lecture Series

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1978
12:30 p.m.
Providence Chapter of Hadassah, Regular Meeting
Cranston Chapter of Hadassah, Board Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El, Youth Commission Meeting
7:45 p.m.
Jewish Family & Children's Service, Board Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1978
7:30 p.m.
Jewish Home for the Aged, Admission Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1978
12:30 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Board Meeting
Temple Beth El Sisterhood, Open Board Meeting and Program
8:00 p.m.
Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Regular Meeting
Congregation Ahavath Sholom-Sons of Zion, Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood, Board Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1978
8:00 p.m.
Jewish Home for the Aged, Board Meeting

Editor's Mailbox

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from the lessons of recent history.

Thanks to a few spirited Jewish lawyers the Nazi groups in the United States made headway. When George Lincoln Rockwell was under arrest it was a Jewish lawyer who ran his defense and got him off. At that time, the Nazis in the U.S. amounted to sixteen former convicts and homosexuals according to the FBI report. What is the picture today? Simon Wiesenthal has just issued this statement at the Eighteenth Annual Convention of "B'nai B'rith in Continental Europe" meeting in Tel Aviv. He said, "The United States is now the largest neo-Nazi center, next to Germany." He also added that there are now over one hundred Nazi groups in the United States and some have over 3,000 members, These groups are not only spreading anti-Semitism and anti-Black propaganda but they are shipping hate materials to countries where it is forbidden.

I would like now to repeat a statement I made in another article that I wrote for your newspaper a few years back. I wrote at that time that I thought that I was living in the last pages of Jewish history. I honestly believe that I was correct and when I see how Jews, in high places of government, can make statements to damage the image of world Jewry and when a Jew, of international renown, can actually withhold arms from his people when they are threatened . . . the pages that are left are few indeed. When a man like Chancellor Bruno Kreisky can issue this statement, in an interview for a supplement on the *Arabworld,* in the newspaper, "Die Presse" . . . "In my opinion, the Jews are no nation. For me, the different Jewish groups are communities of fate." How far from our own do we have to go to find an enemy?

Why go to a European shore for a friend of the Jewish family? Take Henry Kissinger, for a good example. History will mark him forever as a man who almost let the State of Israel die. I refer to the report of Major General George Keegan, the former head of the U.S. Air Force Intelligence, who said that it was Henry Kissinger who stood in the way of preparing the airlift to Israel during the Yom Kippur War and it was not the Secretary of Defense Schlesinger as the US State Department wanted everyone to believe. He also added that it was General George Brown, on his own initiative, who directed his air staff and air commanders to start moving supplies to Israel. As a matter of historic fact, it was Henry Kissinger who saved the Egyptian Third Army and made a hero out of Sadat and won the war for Egypt. If Israel finds itself in a position of weakness today we have a fellow Jew to thank whose efforts to delay the airlift of supplies to Israel, during a war the Arabs started on Yom Kippur . . . left men like my two sons-in-law, who were both in the Israeli Army, with two days of bullets to stand off the Arab Army.

Why Jews, here and there, have a tendency or desire to hurt their own could and should make for a study for some of our scholars. There are times when I genuinely fear for my people. When I see what some of our Jews do to each other and to themselves, I have to compare them to the lemmings who periodically attempt to destroy themselves by mass suicide. No one can figure out why these creatures do this and frankly . . . I don't understand the American Jewish lawyers, the Kreiskys and the Henry Kissingers in the world who are assisting in the extinction of our people. Is it for reasons of "notoriety" . . . or is it "self hate" or just plain "anti-Semitism" . . . ?

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Pell Asks US Not To Sell F-15's To Saudi Arabia

(The following is a letter which was sent to Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and signed by Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island as well as Senators Frank Church, Joseph R. Biden, Paul Sarbanes, Dick Clark, Richard Stone and Clifford P. Case.)

As you know, the State Department has started consulting with the Congress on the proposed sale of 60 F-15 aircraft to Saudi Arabia. We have grave reservations about the advisibility of supplying the most advanced fighter bomber in the world to Saudi Arabia. There are several reasons why we consider such a sale unwise.

Sixty F-15's would destabilize the Arab-Israeli balance of power. The operation of such an aircarft by the Saudi Air Force would seriously enlarge the threat of an aerial strike against Israeli military and civilian targets. The Saudi airbase at Tabuk is only 150 miles from Israel's major southern port of Eilat.

We have no desire to harm our good relations with the Government of Saudi Arabia and we appreciate the constructive role that they have played in efforts to secure a peaceful settlement. However, we cannot overlook the possibility that these aircraft might be transferred to other Arab governments in the event new hostilities break out. It must be remembered that Saudi Arabia has allowed Egyptian pilots to train on American-supplied F-5E fighter planes, despite the terms of the sale.

The absorptive capacity of the Saudi Air Force is not sufficiently advanced to fully assimilate as many as 60 F-15's. Yet, even if operated at only 50% efficiency, there would be a quantum jump in the Saudi capability to launch an attack. The real defense needs of Saudi Arabia can be adequately met by other types of interceptors. The F-5 system, which will be completed in the early 1980's, and the improved Hawk missile force would furnish Saud Arabia with a fully dependable defens shield.

Moreover, the contemplated sale of the F-15's runs counter to the President's arms sales policy as enunciated in PRM-12. The transfer of the F-15's would impel other countries in the Persian Gulf to match the greatly enlarged Saudi striking power, thus leading to a dangerous escalation of the regional arms race.

The uncertain status of the suspended Middle East negotiations requires that no action be taken that would jeopardize a resumption of the talks. In addition, the Foreign Assistance Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is preparing a major study of the proposed sale. We firmly believe that this is not the time to agree to the sale of such potent and sophisticated weapons to Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Secretary, at the very least, we strongly urge you to withhold the submission of the letter of offer until such time as the present uncertainty surrounding the peace talks has ended.

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CABLE CAR

JERUSALEM: The construction of a cable car line to connect the Coral Island with the southern end of the Eilat shore was approved by the Tourism Development Committee last week. Plans include a restaurant and observation deck on the island. The committee, chaired by the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Yigal Hurvitz, approved investments totalling IL50m. Among the projects approved are a three-star hotel in Jerusalem with 110 rooms; a 30-metre high observation tower in Eilat with a rotating restaurant on top, and the purchase of two additional cruise boats for Lake Kinneret.

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Editor's Mailbox

Asks Jews In Rhode Island To Realize Responsibility

The writer read with interest Beryl Segal's article on Federation giving. I agree we all should be philanthropic (show our love for fellow man). Thank God we Jews take care of our own locally, in Israel, and continue to settle the Russian Refugees in Rhode Island. This is not only our duty and pleasure, but many of us shirk this responsibility.

Mr. Holland's report on figures hides several important facts that I think should be brought to everyone's attention. (1) Providence and Pawtucket have more large advance gifts to increase their average to over $1000 per gift and many of these have some business connection to the areas. (2) All the local areas (Newport, Woonsocket, Barrington, Cranston, Warwick, East Greenwich, South County) showed percentage increases much greater than Providence and had drives led by hard working and dedicated Jews who are helping create a true Statewide Federation and **I salute them.** (3) This year we turned around 741 zero cards into pledges of $10 to $2000. This is almost 10% of the cards we covered.

Our Federation Drive will truly be successful when all Jews in our State realize their responsibility and give true Tsadoka and proper gifts to this all encompassing charity. Our neighbors in Worcester and Hartford have done it—without large gifts, their averages surpass Rhode Island. So why can't we.

HERMAN C. SELYA
General Chairman
1978 Jewish Federation
of Rhode Island Campaign

Ending Missionary Blight

It was heartening to see that Begin kept one of his most important of coalition promises to the religious parties, that of destroying the missionary movement in Israel. When the new anti-missionary bill was passed, it was almost a joke to see Israeli Christians attack it as an anti-Democratic move. One has merely to look at their despicable record to realize the necessity of the bill.

The main thrust of the bill was to outlaw missionaries from giving out cash handouts as an incentive to conversion. It was reported from Israel only a year ago that an impoverished man was offered a sum of money and other inducements to convert. When he ordered his wife and children to give in to conversion to get the money, they refused. He then, in a fit of rage, threatened to kill them. The wife sought the help of an Orthodox Rabbi who fought missionaries, as ALL rabbis should. He finally persuaded the man to stay in the fold and sought him Jewish help and assistance for the family problems.

There have been other problems with missionaries also. At the time of the recreation of Israel, missionaries were active in the kidnapping of Jewish children. One such case was covered in the *Jerusalem Post* a couple of years ago. The case was studied by a Rebbitzen Blau (a convert to Judaism) of Jerusalem. In 1949, in Petach Tikvah, a child disappeared from the front of Shul during the High Holidays. For years the father agonized over the fate of the child. Some years ago, the Rebbitzin decided to find the man's child. She had enough proof to link the boy's disappearance to the missionaries, and went to Rome to enlist aid of the Church in finding him. The "men at the top" refused to help her, and put stumbling blocks in front of her when she discovered that the boy was living in Syria, and because of the fear of bad publicity for the Church a family will agonize the loss of a son...

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By Robert E. Starr

To make today's hand the Declarer had to time the two key suits correctly. Many of them handled the first but failed to see how they could lose their edge if they were not careful enough with the other suit. True, a certain card might have been in the other hand which would have given them an overtrick but one doesn't play for overtricks at the risk of his contract. Not when it is a normal one, and all thirteen pairs played this hand in the same contract.

North
♠ K J 8 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A J 10
♣ K J 9

West
♠ 9 6 3
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ 8 2
♣ 10 8 4 3

East
♠ 10
♥ 9 6 2
♦ K 9 6 5 4
♣ A 7 5 2

South
♠ A Q 7 5 2
♥ A J 7
♦ Q 7 3
♣ Q 6

North and South were vulnerable, East dealer with this bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	1S	P	3S
P	4S	End	

Although I didn't watch this hand at every table, I am reasonably sure every pair bid this hand as shown. Usually when there is such a good fit and so many high cards shown by both partners, some pair will try for a slam. Not one did and after watching several Declarers even go down in their game contract it certainly would have been embarrassing to be down three in a voluntary bid slam. At least, no one had to suffer that.

West had an automatic lead, the Heart King, and right here is the first handling problem. With the cards as they are, under most circumstances the Declarer should not win this trick. This is called the Bath Coup, the name given it years ago as it is a definite situation. If West continues it will give Declarer an extra trick with his Ace and Jack. If Declarer wins the first trick, West will be in back of Declarer with his Queen and ten so that if East gets in he can lead through Declarer's Jack and get two tricks for his side. Of course, if a switch to another suit can be more dangerous or a continuation almost certain to be ruffed, this duck should not be employed but in most cases it must be the best play and in today's hand it certainly is.

Three Wests continued Hearts despite East's play of the deuce. Now Declarer had no trouble making the hand losing only a Heart, a Diamond and a Club. Some switched to a Club with the same result for after East wins the Ace and plays back a Heart, Declarer can win his Ace, draw Trumps and discard the other losing Heart on Dummy's third Club.

But what if West switches to a Diamond at trick two? Some did and some Declarers, without any thought, took the losing finesse. East had no problem coming back a Heart through Declarer's Ace, Jack. This established another Heart trick for the Defense no matter what South did and when the Club Ace still had to be lost the hand was set.

Too bad, you might say, the Diamond finesse might have worked and if so an overtrick could be scored. True, but it didn't and the hand could have been guaranteed at this point by not finessing. Simply with that Diamond Ace, draw Trumps and knock out the Club Ace. Win any return and again discard the third Heart on that extra Club. Although many pairs did make this hand, as I said, I watched it and those who received the proper Defenss went down. I wonder how many of the thirteen would have made this hand if they didn't receive aid from the enemy.

Moral: So many Bridge hands are like a big puzzle, to solve it you need all the pieces. Doing one thing right isn't enough when there are other facets to be dealt with.

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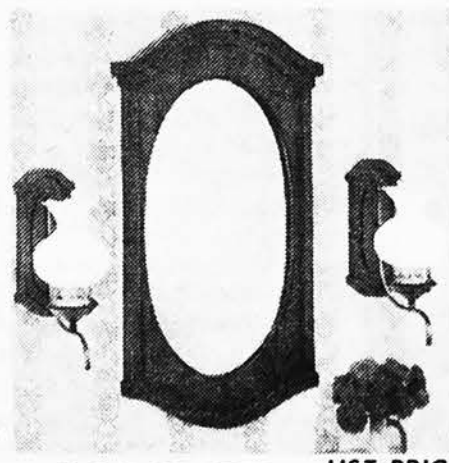

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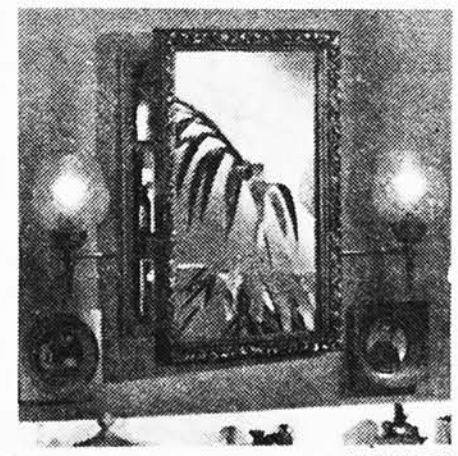

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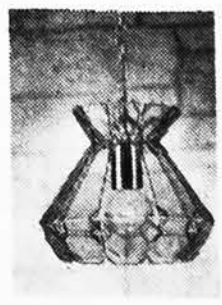

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Investor Seeks Promising Speculations

Q: I currently own Tootsie Roll Industries and J.P. Stevens, both NYSE. I'd like your opinion on these two issues. I'm also interested in obtaining speculative purchase recommendations. L.D., Iowa

A: J.P. Stevens may be held as a speculation. Although recent earnings have been somewhat restricted by intense price competition and rising costs, moderate improvement should be seen in fiscal 1978. In the apparel area, corduroy and denim sales have been especially strong, as have woolens. And in home furnishings, orders for sheets and towels are growing impressively. Although unions have been boycotting the company's goods because of alleged unfair labor practices, this has not as yet proved to be a significant negative. On the other hand, I suggest that you sell Tootsie Roll. Earnings have fluctuated widely over the past decade with no net progress, as a result of wide swings in commodity prices.

For new purchase, you might consider LIN Broadcasting, Super Valu Stores, and Vapor Corp. LIN Broadcasting (OTC) currently has three TV and eight radio stations, and has plans to purchase additional TV properities. The company's finances have strengthened considerably, so one or two acquisitions could be easily managed. Meanwhile, good gains in national and local ad sales should be forthcoming.

Super Valu Stores (NYSE) is the leader in the expanding field of voluntary group wholesaling. It serves more than 1,900 food stores in 23 states, including over 1,000 under group names such as Super Valu and IGA. Lesser operations include discount department stores and apparel shops. Earnings have trended upward at about a 26% annual pace over the past five years.

Vapor Corp. (TC) has a significant share of the market for many specialized products for the mass transportation and energy industries. The company's environmental control and door opening products enjoy a steady replacement parts business. The most rapid growth, however, has been in oil and gas production equipment. Earnings growth has been impressive. **To T.C., Nebraska:** Conversion value is the market value of a convertible security in common shares, should the holder decide to exercise his exchange privilege. For example American Hospital Supply has a 5¾% convertible bond, which is currently trading at 108. Under terms of its indenture, the bond may be converted into 33.9 shares of common per $1,000 bond. With the common selling at 26¾, conversion value $907 (33.9 x 26¾). It is therefore selling at a 19% premium over its value in common. The American Telephone $4 preferred, which is convertible into 1.05 shares of common, usually sells at or slightly below its value in common, reflecting its lower yield.

Portfolio For A Conservative Investor

Q: I am expecting to buy some stocks soon and would like your recommendations. As I am a conservative type, I would like to buy three utility stocks, one telephone, one bank and one oil stock. I am looking for good yield, dividend growth and the possibility of reinvesting dividends for each stock. These stocks would be bought to hold for long-term growth. D.F. California

A: High yield usually does not go hand in hand with a high rate of dividend growth, so I offer a compromise on the utility stocks. Two of my suggestions in this industry yield 8% or better and have records of only moderate dividend growth, the third yields just over 6% but its distributions have doubled since 1967. Commonwealth Edison (NYSE) and New England Electric (NYSE), the first two suggestions, offer dividend reinvestment at 95% of market price. My third recommendation, Tampa Electric (NYSE), reinvests dividends at no cost to shareholders.

In the oil industry, you might consider Gulf Oil (NYSE), yielding over 7% from a regularly increasing dividend base. Citicorp (NYSE) has more than doubled its dividend in the last decade, although its yield is less than 5%. Both companies have dividend reinvestment plans in which the shareholder assumes the costs. American Telephone (NYSE) was among the earliest proponents of dividend reinvestment. In its plan, dividends are invested at a 5% discount from market price. Dividend increases have been generous in recent years, and the shares now yield close to 7%.

A round lot (100 shares) of each of these six stocks would cost $18,000, pay close to $1,300 in annual dividends and yield 7% on average.

Q: I am intersted in a company named Campbell Taggart (NYSE). I would like your opinion on whether this is a good buy. G.I. Arizona

A: This large bakery goods and dough products maker has recently entered the fast growth restaurant business. A full-servic chain of Mexican food specialties, El Chico Corp., was acquired. Increased volume and lower commodities costs should lead to a record of $2.40 a share in profits for the year just ended. Another good gain seems possible this year. New products and diversification have favorable potential for long-term growth. I would rate the shares a buy.

Worthless Stock Loss Claims Complex

Q: When my father died in 1965, I inherited 60 shares of Michigan Bakeries preferred stock, for which he paid $804. I have never received any dividends from this. Is it still worth anything? If so, how do I sell it? Even though I did not buy it, could I claim the loss if I do sell? Any help you can give will be appreciated. M.V., Michigan

A: When this stock was inherited in 1965 it was trading regularly around $17.50 per share, for a total value of $1,050. Since this property was acquired by you prior to 1976 (when there was a change in the rule) your cost basis is the value of the stock at the time of your father's death. In May, 1971 Michigan Bakeries filed for protection under Chapter XI of the Bankruptcy Act. The preferred stock was last traded in November of that same year at $2.

At this point, however, things get muddy. Did the stock become valueless in 1972 when trading stopped, or in 1977 when the company was dissolved for failure to pay taxes, or was it at some date between? You should write to the Secretary of State in Michigan to get information on when the charter was forfeited, which will help to support your claim of when the stock became valueless. Once this date is established you may file an amended federal and state tax return for that year and claim the $1,050 loss. But don't delay, you have only seven years in which to claim the loss. If the loss is disallowed for a particular year, you may refile for the following year, and so on, until your claim is accepted.

Q: My husband began collecting Social Security at 62. I have never worked and will be 62 next year. If I take Social Security then, what part of my husband's payments would I draw in the event I became a widow after having started to draw benefits as a wife? M.L., Indiana

A: Let's start with your benefits as a wife. At age 65 your benefits would be one half of the amount your husband is collecting. At age 62 your benefits are scaled down to about 47% of what your husband collects to reflect the additional years in which you will receive the pension.

A widow 65 or over is entitled to collect 100% of the amount her husband was receiving, whether he was receiving a full or reduced payment. The fact that as a wife you were already collecting a reduced benefit does not reduce your widow's benefit, but the age at which you start to receive widow's benefits might. If you are widowed before reaching 65 your benefits will be reduced accordingly. A widow beginning to collect at 62 will receive 82.9% of the amount her husband was getting. At age 63, 88.6% and so forth to 100% at 65.

No PLO Office To Open In Chile

SANTIAGO: In spite of lobbying by Arab ambassadors, Chile's government has not accepted the request of the Palestine Liberation Organization representative to open an office here. Ministers from Syria, Jordan and other Arab countries, together with Chilean representatives, attended the bi-annual congress of the Pan-American Arab Federation. Although speakers proclaimed that the Federation's aims were purely social and cultural, the congress called for international recognition of "the right of the Palestinians to establish their own national entity."

Notices

ART EXHIBIT

An art exhibit and sale of Oriental art will be held on Tuesday, February 21, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Hillel House.

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CAFE ISRAEL

Congregation Beth Sholom-Ahavat Sholom-Sons of Zion will host a Cafe Israel, featuring a cafe night of Israeli music, Israeli food and entertainment, on Sunday, February 19 at 8 p.m. in the social hall.

Mike Shuster of Kol Sasson from the Boston area will perform with Miss Marjorie Kaplan of Providence who is also on the program and will sing Israeli folk songs.

Serving on the committee are Harriet Gladstone, Enid Garber, Sandy Afsai, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kaplan, Rabbi and Mrs. A. Winoker, Joe Winkleman and Rabbi J. Rubinstein.

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SHABBATON

Congregation Beth Sholom-Ahavat Sholom-Sons of Zion will hold a congregation Shabbat from Friday, February 24 to Saturday night, February 25.

Called a Shabbaton, the congregation will spend the Shabbat from Candlelighting through Havdalah with services, Oneg, meals, seminars on pertinent topics, Kiddush, singing, social programming and Seudah Shilishis. Focusing on "God, Man and Shabbat" the congregation will center on living the Shabbat together in a meaningful, spiritual atmosphere.

Guest lecturers and advisors will attend and lead seminars which have been planned in collaboration with the Department of Youth Services of Yeshiva University.

Rabbi David Ribner of Yeshiva University School of Social Work will be the guest speaker on Friday night. Rabbi Jake S. Rubinstein of Temple Beth Sholom will speak on Saturday morning on "Ki Tisa—Jews, Gods and Sages."

Anyone interested in attending may call the temple at 331-9393 or Debby Rubinstein at 751-5654.

Two Shabbat meals, refreshments, Kiddush and Shalash Seudot will be served.

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OPEN BOARD MEETING

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El will hold an open board meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 12 noon. Items on the agenda include Showcase '78, the family synagogue program and the senior adult program.

Hostesses for the coffee hour are Evelyn Bresnick and Harriet Horvitz. The business meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

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SCHACHTER TO SPEAK

Dr. Zalman Schachter, professor of religion in Jewish mysticism at Temple University, will discuss "Fragments of a Future Scroll: Hassidism for the Aquarian Age" at the University of Rhode Island honors colloquium on Thursday, February 23. The program, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 271 of the Chafee Social Science Center on the University of Rhode Island's Kingston campus, is part of the series, "An Inquiry into the Spirit."

-A native of Poland, Dr. Schachter attended school in Austria and Belgium before coming to the United States in 1941. In the late 1940s and 1950s he was a rabbi and Hebrew school principal in Fall River and New Bedford, Massachusetts.

From 1956 to 1975 he was a member of the faculty of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada. He was also chairman of the Department of Judaic Studies there. In 1975 he was appointed to the faculty of Temple University in Philadelphia.

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KICKOFF LUNCHEON: A donor kickoff luncheon was held recently at the home of Minna Kune of Cranston. Esta Cohen gave a report on the program of the Hadassah Medical Organization. This was the planning meeting for the donor dinner of Hadassah in April which will raise funds for this hospital work. Cochairmen are Doris Jacober and Lillian Woolf. Hostesses for the afternoon were Naomi Chucnin, Irma Silverman, Ruth Levin, Mae Levy, Helen Scribner, Betty Adler, Elaine Silk, Ann Cohen and Esta Lipson.

Society

HEADS PROGRAM

Carl Bernstein, Jane Fonda, Ralph Nader—all came to Union College during the past few months under a speakers' program headed by Denise Wachtenheim of 420 Blackstone Boulevard.

Miss Wachtenheim, a senior majoring in political science, is chairman of the Union College Speakers' Forum, which bring two major speakers to campus each term.

With the other members of the forum committee, Miss Wachtenheim contacts booking agents, chooses the speakers who will appear each term, and escorts them around campus when they arrive.

Miss Wachtenheim also has been active in the Freshman Record, Cabaret, tennis team and has helped organize the Phi Beta Kappa's annual program for high school seniors accepted for admission by the college.

Last year, she also took a term abroad in Rennes, France, and has worked as a legislative intern for a New York State Senator.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wachtenheim.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Klein of St. Louis, Missouri, announce the birth of a daughter, Stephanie Rachael, on December 25. Mrs. Klein is the former Marilyn Gross of Providence.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Gross of 221 Sixth Street. Paternal grandmother is Yetta Klein of Orange, New Jersey.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David A. Chavenson of Fall River, Massachusetts.

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CORRECTION

In the announcement of the engagement of Miss Sandra Burdett to Richard Sokoll, the wedding date should have read as June 3, 1979. Also, Mr. Sokoll will be graduated from Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1978.

Mr. Sokoll's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Honigblum of Providence.

The Herald regrets the error.

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AGAINST NAZIS

COLOGNE: Representatives of organizations of Nazi victims and former anti-Hitler resistance groups from Belgium, France, Holland, Italy, and West Germany will participate here on April 22, in an international meeting under the motto "For the dissoulution of SS organizations — against the rehabilitation of Nazism."

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Peace Will Come To Middle East

By DR. JAY N. FISHBEIN

Despite serious interruptions in negotiations, all problems will ultimately be worked out. We will have peace because Israel and Egypt must have it and the people want it. Given the present state of euphoria they will not tolerate a serious rupture.

We will have peace because Egypt is in no condition to wage war. The country is bankrupt and close to revolution. A year ago Sadat attempted to increase food prices. Bloody riots erupted, resulting in its cancellation. With an annual income of $300, the cost of modern weaponry has become prohibitive.

Egyptian arms are of Soviet origin and cannot be replenished, as the Russians were abruptly expelled, and Egypt established a unilateral ten year moratorium on arms supplied during the Yom Kippur War. The Soviets have even refused to furnish replacement parts. They had hoped Sadat would be assassinated and replaced by a more amenable ruler.

Arab unity is in shambles. The PLO has sown general confusion, dissension and instability. An uneasy truce exists at the Egyptian -Libyan border. There is distrust between Egypt and Assad, and other former Arab allies.

Before the Yom Kippur War Sadat boasted that he would sacrifice a million men for victory. With an annual population growth of that number, he has the manpower, but is aware that it alone will not ensure victory.

While the Egyptians claimed the war as a great victory, and that they had regained their "honor" the military is well aware that but for Soviet and American intervention, the Third Army of about 80,000 men would have been forced to capitulate.

War really depends not upon Sadat but upon King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, who supports the economy to the tune of $3 billion annually. The Saudis also financed the rebuilding of the Suez Canal cities, and would not risk their destruction.

Over a million people were displaced from these areas, creating new slums, particularly in Cairo and Alexandria. They have since returned to the rebuilt cities and would not tolerate the turmoil of another war.

Millions have been spent on reopening the Canal and Egypt desperately needs the income it provides.

Sadat is well aware another war could be catastrophic not only for Egypt but also for him.

Delays in negotiations are undoubtedly a ploy to convince Arabs of his bargaining skill, his interest in the Palestinians and in hopes President Carter will pressure Israel for greater concessions. Obstacles arose when Secretary Vance entered the picture, anxious to gain prestige by helping in establishing peace.

Sadat boasts of not surrendering "one inch of Egyptian soil." The Sinai was never Egyptian. It was given to Egypt by the British following W.W.I to protect the Canal. It was never settled by Egypt and occupied only by wandering Bedouin tribes. On leaving Egypt the Israelites wandered in the Sinai for forty years, and have a more valid claim.

Probably no formal peace treaty will materialize at this time and possibly never. A state of non-aggression will probably be agreed upon, which will gradually drift into an informal peace. Therefore, the need for the safeguards that Begin insists upon.

Regardless of what peace agreement emerges, terrorist attacks will go on so long as these groups continue to be financed by Arab countries. Al Saiqa is financed by Syria. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, by Libya and the Soviets. Al Fatah chiefly by the Gulf Emirs. Other terrorists by Iraq.

Funds are also obtained by blackmailing wealthy Arabs, kidnapping for ransom, hijacking airplanes, etc. Planes will continue to be hijacked so long as terrorists can find sanctuary. The UN is unwilling to condemn countries harboring them.

PLO power exists through terror and assassination. The moderates want peace and trade with Israel, but fear to commit themselves. Anyone that displeases the terrorists is warned. If unheeded, assassination follows and the families terrorized.

Assassination in the Middle East has been endemic since time immemorial. One of the best known terrorist leaders was Hassan ibn-al-Sabbah, who became master of the order. He built a series of fortresses in the mountains, and was referred to by Marco Polo as "The Old Man of the Mountain."

Hassan spread his influence by means of terror, poison and the dagger. The term **assassin** dates to this period. Eventually he gained control of all of Syria and became the unofficial ruler. The Assassins were greatly feared as they carried out their assignments with great precision and skill. The Moslem Brotherhood is a faint copy, and still remains a force in Egypt.

Syria Buys Guided Missiles From French-German Consortium

By JON FEDLER

BONN (JTA): A German-French consortium has sold Syria guided missiles worth $240 million, breaching Germany's stated policy of not selling weapons to "areas of conflict." The sale came on the heels of an unexpected letter by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to Premier Menahem Begin, calling on Israel to recognize Palestinian self-determination and evacuate all occupied territories. It is likely to place a further damper on German-Israeli relations, according to diplomatic sources. The deal, which assists Syria's current buildup of (mainly Soviet) weapons, was closed recently by Euromissile, a Paris-based joint subsidiary of German aircraft manufacturer, Messerschmitt, Boelkow, Blohm (MBB) and France's Aeriospatiale, according to the daily "Sueddeutsche Zeitung." The shipment includes a light anti-tank missile, the "Milan," a heavy anti-tank rocket for long distance, the "HOT" and the "Cormoran" air-to-sea missile. Credit guarantees for MBB's share of the order (about $100 million) will be provided by three leading German banks, according to the report. The deal was clinched on the basis of an unexpected Syrian offer to pay for the weapons immediately if the delivery could be speeded up. Some sources believe Saudi Arabia supplied the cash in order to counter Moscow's influence in Damascus. According to the sources, Syria anticipated Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative toward Israel and wanted to build up its arsenal as quickly as possible "to strengthen the Syrian option based on military strength." "Objective Western observers in Damascus" see the buildup as aimed not at launching a military strike against Israel, but rather as a "policy of deterrence" as practiced by NATO vis-a-vis the Warsaw pact, the Sueddeutsche Zeitung reported. Officially, Bonn government policy bars arms exports to areas of conflict. But the Franco-German combine reportedly sold "Milan" rockets to South Africa in 1975 and "Leopard" tanks manufactured in Italy under German license are said to have found their way to Libya. The official line of the government is to place the burden of these deals on Germany's overseas partners. Defense Minister Georg Leber said in a 1975 interview that while the joint arms development contracts stipulated that Paris must consult Bonn before selling arms to areas of conflict. "You must realize, however, that France is in a different position than ourselves." He stressed, in that connection, that France is more dependent on its arms industry than West Germany for a balance of payments surplus. "However, we have to go along with certain things when we develop arms jointly because it is too expensive to do it alone and the other partner must naturally be allowed a certain amount of freedom." MBB would not confirm or deny the reports. It said in an official statement that MBB did not deliver finished weapons but only parts and these were sent exclusively to France for assembly by its partner, Aerospatiale. "The sale exporter is generally Euromissile, but in some cases also the French government." MBB claimed that it "adheres strictly to the German laws" but conceded that Euromissile exports under French law could "in some cases" cause a conflict with German law. Government sources said missile exports to France were legal, provided the necessary government export permit was obtained, but once the items were in France, there was no ban on the re-export of the items to third countries.

Your Money's Worth

Profile of a Con Man

On a scale beyond anything ever known in the U.S., the "con man" will be spreading out across the nation in 1978 snaring countless numbers of you as victims in the marketplace. The combination of '78 is made to order for these shrewd, slippery swindlers: peak employment with tens of millions itching to use their nesteggs to get-rich-quicker side by side with steep unemployment and other millions desperately seeking ways to earn a living wage.

If you are caught in a con man's web, the odds are he'll escape unpunished and free to go on to other schemes. The odds also are you'll rarely, if ever, recover a single penny.

Your only real protection is being sufficiently informed to be on guard. Below, therefore, is a profile of a real-life con man, L.D., who has been operating throughout the 1970s, without ever being put away by law enforcement agencies.

(1) In 1972, working out of New Jersey, L.D. touted a nationwide consumer discount buying service to alert members to ecological hazards, unsafe products, misleading ads, and even frauds. In reality, L.D.'s scheme was a straight distributorship and he, with his accomplices, conned more than $500,000 from hundreds of victims. The promoters misrepresented earnings, told distributors to claim they were making a survey in order to pitch other distributors, failed to disclose that so-called "account manager" jobs had to be purchased, and pressured the gullible into falsifying loan applications at banks. In '74, a New Jersey court ordered L.D. to pay restitution of $503,000 plus fines and costs of $10,000. For itself, the state collected less than $1,000. Not one of the 321 victims got a cent.

(2) In 1975, L.D. crossed the Hudson to a swanky Central Park South cooperative apartment/office in New York City. His business-opportunity ads claimed: "Tired of working for someone else? Tired of giving all of yourself and not receiving? Call us . . . We Can Help! . . . A product every motorist needs. No competition. Guaranteed location and buy back." The product was a tire sealant to be vended from 10 gas stations. But there was no merchandise. There were no locations. A promotional quote from a Chicago banker who headed "the nation's 2nd largest bank" was a complete fabrication. Neither the bank nor banker existed. In November 1976, a New York state court ordered the return of $36,000 to victims of the scheme plus payment of $4,000 in state courts. L.D. has paid zero.

(3) The U.S. government was next in the web, through the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), a federal agency which is now fighting the nation's biggest investment swindle — the fraudulent sale of London commodity options. L.D. registered with the CFTC as a salesman (omitting mention of his phony schemes in his application). The CFTC has now revoked his license and fined him $10,000. But as of November, he was still operating an "option information center" in Manhattan, pitching suckers about the killing to be made in options. At this writing, the CFTC is waiting for its $10,000.

(4) In late '77, L.D. advertised for an "associate or partner, $40,000 1st year guaranteed with better potential the second year. My marketing firm is growing . . . I am seeking a working partner with $10,000 to invest. Serious inquiries only." Among his victims was a Long Island business products salesman who grabbed a distributorship selling artificial flowers made of silk to be sold from display racks. The victim's loss: $4,500.

The law affords little protection and less recourse. So:

- Avoid any promise of quick money which involves your putting up cash first. That combination is almost always lethal.
- Don't be fooled by plush offices, handsome clothes, an expensive car. Victims' money bankrolls the con man, and his bank accounts are usually newly opened. Check the longevity of the account; it's more important than the balance.
- Never take references, even the most impressive, at face value. Ask the promoter what they mean, then check the references. You may get two entirely different stories.
- Don't be impressed either by such words as "national," "international," "consumers," etc. How many cities does "national" mean? Which ones? Be skeptical about any claims of affiliates, subsidiaries, suppliers, customer relationships. They may not exist. Get letters, names, addresses, question every claim.
- Insist on any promise in writing. Even then, be wary. Once a con man parts you from your money, you're out. But L.D.? He's still around, with several schemes going at once.

Tuition-Free Israel Study Plan

Providence Hebrew Day School and the B'nai B"rith Youth Organization have joined in offering "The Gift of Education Plan" to all students in the community.

This program offers a "free tuition" opportunity to students who would like to study in Israel for one or two years at more than 100 Israeli institutions of higher education; the free tuition is applicable to undergraduates as well as graduate students.

Based on a savings plan the program enables parents to set aside funds on an installment plan for the students' living expenses in Israel. All monies put into the plan are returned to the student in Israel along with 5% compounded quarterly interest. Withdrawal from the program is allowed at any time without penalty or loss of interest.

The free tuition benefits are valid for a period of 12 years from the date of joining. This feature gives the students a great deal of flexibility in planning the time they would like to begin studying in Israel. It makes this plan ideal for those students in college as well as elementary, junior high and high school.

The tuition is paid for by the government of Israel and can be applied to universities, technical, music, art, teacher training schools and yeshivot.

There will be an open meeting held on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Providence Hebrew Day School. A representative of the "Gift of Education Plan" will discuss the plan and answer questions. The meeting is sponsored by the Parents and Friends of the Providence Hebrew Day School. Further information may be obtained by calling Sam Shlevin at 331-5327.

Award Accreditation To Miriam Hospital

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has awarded a two year accreditation to The Miriam Hospital. The decision regarding the two year accreditation was reached by the JCAH Board of Commissioners after a review of the findings from the most recent survey of The Miriam Hospital. Through the awarding of accreditation, the Joint Commission commends the hospital for efforts toward providing quality patient care. According to data recently released by the JCAH, only about 60% of the hospitals recently surveyed have received the full two year accreditation.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals is an independent, voluntary non-profit corporation devoted to improving the quality of care rendered to patients in hospitals. Standards for accreditation are based on principles which time and experience have shown to be the best assurance of proper care of the hospital patient. Among the important elements in the meaning of voluntary accreditation are substantial compliance with JCAH standards and continual progress toward optimal conditions.

AJCongress Objects To Calendar Put Out By Borg-Warner Corp.

NEW YORK (JTA): The American Jewish Congress has called on the Borg-Warner Corporation to withdraw from circulation its 1978 "world travel and recipe calendar," which places the Old City of Jerusalem in Jordan and credits Suleiman the Magnificant, sultan of Turkey in 1542, with building the "Wailing Wall."

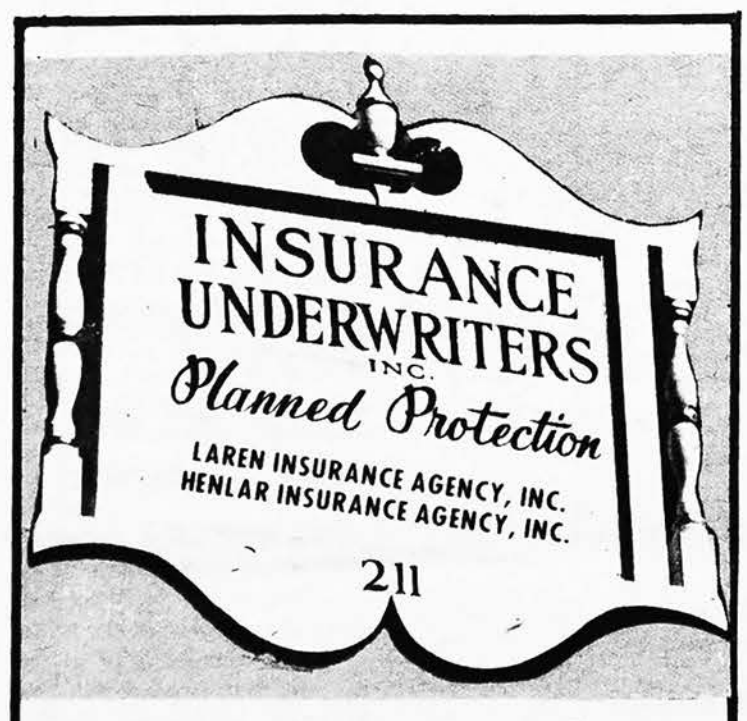
Phil Baum, director of the AJCongress commission on international affairs, charged the company with a "startling distortion of political fact and rewriting of modern and Biblical history." He called the calendar a ""gratuitious affront to the State of Israel and Jewish shareholders and customers of the Borg-Warner Corp."

The calendars, which contain recipes and scenes from various countries around the world, were sent to clients of Borg-Warner's York division as a token of the holiday season. The photo accompanying the calendar for December, 1978, shows a view of the Old City of Jerusalem as seen from Mt. Scopus.

"If the authenticity of the descriptive texts are indicative of the accuracy of the adjoining recipes, one would be well-advised not to dine at the table of a Borg-Warner chef," Baum said, adding: "The fact is that Jerusalem, the united city, incorporating both its old and new parts, is the capital of the State of Israel. It is assuredly not located in Jordan."

Baum stated that "a minimum of research would have revealed that the so-called 'Wailing Wall,' a term which is inaccurate and offensive to most Jews, is not part of the wall that rings the Old City, but actually stands inside below the Temple Mount. Properly referred to as the Western Wall, the structure is the remaining section of the wall constructed by Herod (37-4 BCE) to surround and protect the Second Temple . . . and is a site sacred to the Jewish people."

Baum demanded that the company withdraw its calendar "at once and substitute a corrected page for the December, 1978 entry. The material as it stands is crudely biased and offensive."



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Yordim Who Return Will Get Benefits

JERUSALEM (JTA): A special Knesset committee recommended that yordim who participated in the Yom Kippur War should be entitled to substantial benefits similar to those granted new immigrants if they return to Israel before the nation marks the 31st anniversary of independence in the spring of 1979. Yordim are Israelis who have left the country and settled permanently abroad.

The committee, headed by Assaf Yaguri of The Democratic Movement for Change (DMC), proposed that each returnee would receive vouchers for tax exemption on various goods and rent subsidies from the government Loans up to IL 80,000 would be granted toward the purchase of a flat plus an additional IL 30,000 if the flat is in a development area. The returnees would also be entitled to a year of free hospitalization and one year of free high school education for their children.

Urge Nobel Prizes For Sadat, Begin

JERUSALEM (JTA): A group of 30 Hebrew University professors has recommended that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Premier Menahem Begin receive the Nobel Peace Prize. The group sent a letter to the Swedish Academy expressing confidence that their suggestion would receive world-wide support.

"Peace in the Middle East became possible thanks to the courageous initiative of Sadat and thanks to the sublime principles and the realistic and flexible policy of the Israel government headed by Begin," the letter stated. Professors signing it included Benjamin Akzin, Yaakov Talmon, Avraham Zvi Bar-On, Shlomo Morag and Eliezer Schweid.

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Soviets Blocked

BELGRADE: The United States and West European delegates attending the Helsinki Act review conference here blocked a Soviet move to allow the Palestine Liberation Organization to address the confab. The Soviet delegate, Yuri Vorontsov, said the PLO had asked to participate and the Soviet Union accepted the request.

Arthur Goldberg, head of the U.S. delegation, noted that all non-European Mediterranean countries, which includes Israel and some Arab countries which border on the Mediterranean, had been invited to address the conference but not "groups or organizations."

He said the Soviet proposal was "purely a propaganda stick, as it was known it would be rejected."

PLO Official Gets US Visa

WASHINGTON (JTA): The U.S. government, without public notice, has for the first time provided an official of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Mahmoud Salem Darwish, with a visa to enter this country with freedom to go and do as he pleases. Up to now, PLO members have been restricted to New York and for United Nations business only in accordance with the U.S.-UN understanding. The visa for Darwish was seen as a further step in the U.S. approaches to the PLO, despite its record of terrorism. This "first" is under new legislation sponsored by Sen. George McGovern (D.SD). The State Department told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it authorized a visa for Darwish and on the following day it was issued by the U.S. Embassy in Beirut.

Katzir Will Not Seek Reelection

TEL AVIV: Prof. Ephraim Katzir has told friends he is not a candidate for a second term as President of the State of Israel, according to information that appeared in the Hebrew afternoon daily, Ma'ariv. Prof. Katzir has expressed a strong wish to return to his scientific work at the Weizmann Institute. A new president will have to be chosen by the Knesset in approximately 9 months' time.

Political circles are suggesting a number of possible candidates to succeed Katzir, amongst them Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, former Chairman of the Liberal Party and a veteran Member of Knesset. From all appearances it would seem that Dr. Rimalt is a front runner and most likely to be the next president of the Jewish State.

Iraq's Jewish Community Seems On Verge Of Dying

BAGHDAD: One of the world's oldest Jewish communities could be on the verge of dying, according to the New York Times.

Once estimated to number 180,000, Iraq's Jewish population has been reduced by successive waves of emigration to about 500 — mostly over 60 years of age.

"As things stand, it seems only a matter of time before there are no Jews left," said a Western resident. "Without an infusion of new blood, they'll simply die out."

If this happened it would end more than 2,500 years of Jewish settlement in Iraq, whose Jews trace their roots to the Babylonian exile, which began when Jerusalem fell in 586 BC.

But the head of the Jewish community here, 63-year-old Naji Chachak, disagrees with the gloomy predictions.

"I expect the community here to increase significantly over the next 10 years or so," he said. "People will come from Israel, attracted by equal opportunities and good commercial prospects."

Chachak's forecast is based on a decree issued in November, 1975, by the ruling Baath Party that invited Iraqi Jews to return and live as Iraqi citizens with the same rights and on the same level as other minorities.

But according to the Jewish community and Iraqi government officials, the decree has so far attracted only four families.

The head of one of them, Usef Nawi, arrived from Jerusalem early in 1976, to something of a hero's welcome. Nawi held a news conference and appeared on Iraqi television, bitterly denouncing what he described as Israeli discrimination against Arab Jews.

Nawi took a job with the ministry of information — fringe benefits included a government-supplied car with driver — but left after less than a year to return to Israel.

Baghdad, home until 1950, of the largest Jewish community in the Arab world, now has two synagogues in regular use. But not many Jews attend the services.

"We have only about 30 to 40 members who attend religious services regularly," Chachak said. "And because the community is so small, there are no rabbis."

Jewish services can be conducted without a rabbi, but a minimum attendance of 10 men is required for worship.

"Occasionally, a service must be canceled because not enough men turn up," Chachak said. "Most practicing Jews here are old people who may be prevented from going to the synagogue by illness."

The lack of response to the Iraqi invitation to Jews to return was explained by a senior Western diplomat, "Fear, suspicion, uncertainty — Iraq's bad image abroad."

That bad image, created by persistent reports of pogroms following the 1948 establishment of Israel, was further blackened on January 27, 1969, when 11 convicted spies, nine of them Jews, hanged in the main square of Baghdad.

The dramatic decrease in the Jewish population here in the early 1950's has been attributed to a series of bombings, but everyone has a different version of who the bombers were. According to the Israelis, Iraq instigated the bombings and caused the flourishing and prosperous Jewish community to flee in panic.

Anti-Zionist historians contend that the bombs were set off by Israeli agents, on orders from the leaders of a newly created nation that was desperately short of manpower and saw terrorism as the most efficient means of persuading Iraq's Jews to pack up and go to Israel.

After the first bomb, in April, 1950, about 10,000 Jews left. Following two more explosions, the rush reached such proportions that Iraq's Jews were airlifted to Israel at the rate of four planeloads a day.

Chachak says that the pro-British Iraqi government in the 1950's encouraged the exodus under pressure from Britain.

Recommend Building Of F-15 Counterpart

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA): A Knesset subcommittee recommended that Israel build its own counterpart of the American F-16 jet fighter, on aircraft for the 1980s that Israel is seeking from the U.S. The subcommittee, headed by Likud MK Yosef Rom, said such a project was of "vital national interest" and "a precondition for political independence and the vitality of Israel's industry." The proposal was presented to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee which will begin deliberations shortly. A heated debate is expected in the Knesset, mainly because the Defense Ministry says it has no budget for such aircraft which would cost an estimated $400 million. Supporters, however, say the finds should come out of the "total resources at the State's disposal." . The subcommittee report warned that continued dependence on the import of sophisticated weapons from abroad makes Israel vulnerable to political pressures. "It is essential to take into consideration a situation in which channels for vital arms will be closed for an extended period," the report said. It assumed that Israel will continue to require highly sophisticated warplanes for many years to come.

The projected aircraft would be an improved version of the Israel-made Kfir jet fighter and would be called Arye (Lion). An attempt would be made to duplicate the F-16 which will be in the American arsenal in the 1980s. Negotiations have been going on with the U.S. for some time for a commitment to provide Israel with F-16s when ready. But they bogged down last year over Israel's insistence on co-production rights that would permit it to manufacture parts and assemble the American plane at its own plants. The U.S. has balked against granting such rights. The F-16, though representing a new generation of combat aircraft, is less advanced than the ultra-sophisticated F-15s already in production. Like the Kfir, the projected Arye will have to be powered by engines manufactured abroad because Israel still does not have the ability to produce such engines. But Israel Aircraft Industries, which designed and built the Kfir, says it is capable of duplicating the F-16 in all other essentials.

Journalist Released On IL100,000 Bail

TEL AVIV (JTA): Hans Lebrecht, an Israeli journalist accused of having contacts with enemy agents, was released from jail on IL 100,000 bail by order of a Tel Aviv magistrate. His Cypriot colleague, Pascali Panitatis, charged with espionage, remained in prison pending the completion of judicial procedures. Both men were remanded in custody on January 25. No trial date was set. Lebrecht, a member of Israel's Rakah (Communist) Party is a correspondent for Communist newspapers in Israel and abroad. He was accused of transmitting classified information to Palestinian terrorists through Panitatis. Panitatis, also a Communist Party member, allegedly had contacts with terrorist groups in Lebanon and transferred classified material to them by way of three Palestine Liberation Organization representatives in Cyprus. He was also charged with providing terrorist groups with photographs of possible civilian targets in Israel. The magistrate who ordered bail said the evidence against Lebrecht was flimsy but that there was little doubt that Panitatis came to Israel in the service of terrorist organizations with which he maintained contact in Cyprus. Meanwhile, the Foreign Press Association in Israel has engaged a prominent Tel Aviv attorney, Dr. Yehoshua Rottenstreich, to follow the case.

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Behind Humphrey's Letter To Begin

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (JTA): Media reports that the late Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, in a letter dated Jan. 11 to Premier Menahem Begin, sought to convince the Israeli leader to be more flexible toward the Egyptian view regarding a Sinai settlement, has been described by Humphrey's intimate political associates as "unfair" and "misleading." The associates, in discussing the letter with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, asked not to be identified. Humphrey's letter, written two days before his death, first appeared publicly in truncated form in The New York Times January 25. The Israelis were upset by this because it seemed to show that Hummphrey, an old friend of the Jewish State, was leaning on Israel.

Humphrey's associate said the Humphrey letter was not trying to pressure Begin to do what he did not want to do but to strengthen his hand in the face of the opposition to his views within his own Herut Party. In addition, JTA was told, Humphrey disagreed with President Carter in a telephone conversation in which the President was critical of Begin's views.

The media reports did not accurately reflect the letter, JTA was informed, because they claimed in one major instance as having Humphrey urging Begin alone to show "tolerance" when, in fact, the letter urged "all parties to show tolerance" in the Mideast negotiations.

Another Mistaken Impression

Another mistaken impression circulated was that Humphrey did not write to President Anwar Sadat of Egypt but only to Begin and that this, therefore, was "significant." An associate noted that interpretation was decidedly beside the point of the Humphrey letter's purpose. Sadat, the associate observed, is in a position to make his own decisions in Egypt while Begin, in a democratic society, faces severe opposition in his own party.

According to one associate, Carter telephoned Humphrey in Waverly, Minnesota, on January 9, four days before the Senator died, and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance telephoned him on January 11, the date of the letter by Humphrey. Carter, the JTA was told, wanted Humphrey to get in touch by letter with Begin because it appeared that the Premier's political opponents in Herut were having an impact upon him that would harden his position in the negotiations with Sadat. Vance reportedly made the same points. According to this version of the events, both Carter and Vance were reportedly not trying to put pressure on Begin to take a course to which he objected.

However, another associate directly involved with the letter said Carter told Humphrey that Israel was "potentially the stumbling block" in the Sinai negotiations. Humphrey, this associate said, disagreed with the President and said he would not interject his views regarding what the Israelis should or should not offer to Egypt. It would have been uncharacteristic of him to have done so, the associate emphasized.

In fact, it was said by a friend of Humphrey, Begin had fully discussed the question of Sinai with both Carter and Vance during his December visit to Washington before the Christmas weekend Ismailia meeting and they had indicated to him that his position was not unreasonable. Humphrey also said the same about Begin's idea. It was only after Carter met with Sadat at Aswan earlier this month that Carter objected strenuously to the settlements, the associate said. In his conversation with Carter — their last — Humphrey refused to say that Begin's view was "unreasonable."

Some doubt has also been cast that Humphrey in fact actually dictated the entire letter that was sent to Begin. According to a Humphrey associate, he dictated the substance of his thoughts to his Washington office by telephone January 11 and his office drafted it "probably with the assistance of the State Department." However, before it was issued to the Israeli Embassy an advisor suggested changes to Humphrey and he accepted them. One was that Egypt should have "sovereignty" and not "control" over Sinai.

Extract Of Humphrey's Letter

Following is an extract of Humphrey's letter:

"I want to take this opportunity to compliment you on your courage and leadership in the current initiatives in the Middle East. I also want to pay tribute to the people of Israel who have opened up their arms to Anwar Sadat in a magnificient gesture of peace and honor.

"However, my friend, we cannot let this cup pass from our lips without doing what needs to be done. As you have said on numerous occasions in the past, everything is negotlable. As you know, nobody appreciates the concerns Israel has over her security better than I. A reasonable man like President Sadat must also understand security requirements as being a fundamental element of any nation's sovereignty. Above all, our government understands your security requirements.

"This brings me to the issue of the existing Israeli settlements in the Sinai. I realize these settlements are important within the context of Israel's present security needs. However, there must be some way to work out a program for governing these settlements during a transition period to eventual, full Egyptian sovereignty much as there should be a palatable and workable solution for the West Bank.

"In the case of the latter, maybe what there needs to be is a formula in which we give the Palestinians some time to work out their own difficulties. It is absolutely clear that we are not accepting an independent and potentially antagonistic Palestinian state, nor will any of Israel's neighbors. There is an obvious danger in the ultimate political objectives of such an entity. Those who want to see these difficult issues resolved recognize that it is going to take time and 'give' on the part of all parties, even beyond existing stated positions.

"I write this letter only after giving these matters considerable thought, and I also believe that key members of the American Jewish community would share my views on these issues . . . These are my views, and I offer them not only as a sincere and devoted friend of Israel, but as your good friend as well . . ."

Jewish Leader Denies Role In Letter

(In New York, Burton M. Joseph, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that a news story in Maariv linking him with the Humphrey letter "is a complete and total fabrication."

(Joseph, in a letter of protest to Shalom Rosenfeld, editor of Maariv, which he made available to the JTA, also asserted: "There is absolutely no foundation to your report that I was asked by President Carter or any member of the Administration staff to intervene with the late Senator. Mr. Humphrey was a cherished friend. But he did not consult with me as your story alleges in connection with this letter nor did I have any prior knowledge that such a letter was being written."

(He concluded by stating that the Maariv story "is made up of whole cloth" and "does me and the Jewish community in America great injury and disservice."

(The Maariv article claimed that its correspondent had asked Joseph whether he was a partner in the preparation of the Humphrey letter and Joseph said he would neither confirm nor deny this.)

AJCongress To Help Parents In Fight Against Some Cults

NEW YORK (JTA): Jewish youths or their parents who wish to bring suit against religious cults for imprisonment, breach of contract, violations of child labor laws and other illegal activities will be assisted by the American Jewish Congress under a new program launched in response to growing concern in the Jewish community about cult activities and their effects on impressionable young people.

The new Committee on Cults will be chaired by Harold Becker, corresponding secretary of the AJCongress and a leader of Jewish community affairs in the city.

In describing the purposes of the Committee, Becker said the AJCongress is strongly committed to religious freedom as guaranteed by our constitution. "But some cults recruit and retain members through tactics that are clearly in violation of basic civil liberties," he stated. "One of our primary functions will be to provide legal assistance to young people or their parents who seek redress from the courts for illegal actions by religious cults." The AJCongress, Becker said, is enlisting lawyers across the country to serve as volunteer attorneys in this litigation.

He stated that the AJCongress would gather information on illegal activities involving the cults and report to the Jewish community, with particular emphasis on: bills pending in state legislatures and local legislative bodies dealing with cult activity in any form; investigations of cult activities by legislative committees, state attorneys general and other official agencies; other proceedings involving cults conducted by official agencies, such as tax authorities; and court cases.

Other functions of the Committee, Becker noted, will be to consult with federal officials on investigating illegal cult activities; and to prepare an informational bulletin on matters affecting the activities of cults. The Committee on Cults will work in conjunction with the Commission on Jewish Life and Culture of the AJCongress, whose director is Julius Schatz.

Israeli Extradition Barred By New Law

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

JERUSALEM — Israeli citizens will not be extradited for crimes which they allegedly committed abroad, under a bill which passed its second and third readings in the Knesset recently. Instead, the bill authorizes Israeli courts to try such persons here.

The original government bill submitted to the Knesset in July provided that the non-extradition principle would be retroactive — that is, it would even apply to offences allegedly committed abroad by persons who subsequently acquired Israeli citizenship.

It was this provision that led some Knesset members at the time to dub the bill "the Flatto Sharon Law," after MK Samuel Flatto Sharon, whose extradition has been requested by the French government.

But in August, Attorney-General Aharon Barak informed the Knesset Law Committee that the government had changed its mind.

Five Terrorist Cells Discovered In West Bank

JERUSALEM — Security forces have recently uncovered five terrorist cells operating in the West Bank. So far, 31 people have been arrested.

A five-member group, belonging to the Iraq-sponsored "Arab Liberation Front," was captured on November 17 after entering Israel from Jordan near Kibbutz Na'aran in the Jordan Valley.

Another group, which numbered four terrorists (including two school teachers), was uncovered on November 13 after a bomb exploded in an East Jerusalem house. One of the cell's members was killed in the blast, which occurred during the preparation of explosives allegedly for use against a train.

This group is reported to be responsible for two bomb attacks. In one, which took place on May 28 in the Old City's Rehov David, a tourist and two East Jerusalem residents were wounded. The other occurred near Jaffa Gate on August 27, causing no injury or damage.

A Fatah-affiliated cell was uncovered at the refugee camp near Jenin. Security authorities believe this group is responsible for various Molotov-cocktail attacks against army vehicles.

Another terrorist ring whose members are believed to belong to the Sa'eka terrorist organization was also uncovered in Jenin. The ring is not believed to have been responsible for any attacks, but was found in possession of various arms and explosives.

A fifth terrorist group, reportedly belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was uncovered in the El-Yamun village near Jenin. Members of this ring were arrested before launching any attacks.

Egypt Orders More Arms From Britain

By MAURICE SAMUELSON

LONDON (JTA): The latest order for six navy missile craft will bring Egypt's arms purchases in Britain to nearly one billion Pounds Sterling in the past four years. The new order, worth 150 million Pounds Sterling, is for advanced fast patrol boats to be built by Vosper Thornycroft. It was confirmed on the eve of Prime Minister James Callaghan's talks in Aswan with President Anwar Sadat. The company is discussing another contract for the maintenance of Egypt's Soviet-supplied vessels.

Callaghan was preceded in Egypt by Britain's Defense Minister Fred Mulley who signed a memorandum of understanding with the Arab military industries organization for joint production in Egypt of anti-tank rockets. The Arab company is financed by Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Talks are also well advanced on the supply and manufacture in in Egypt of British Lynx helicopters. Meanwhile, the British Aircraft Corporation and Rolls Royce have been maintaining Egypt's aging fleet of Soviet MIG-21 fighter-bombers. Egypt has turned to Britain and other western countries for arms following the deterioration of her relations with the Soviet Union, her main supplier for more than 20 years.

APPEAL TO BREZHNEV

BRUSSELS (JTA): A group of 136 prominent Belgian mathematicians addressed an appeal to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev asking him to intervene on behalf of imprisoned Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky.

Diamond Exchange Warns Against Forged Drafts

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

TEL AVIV: The Diamond Exchange has warned its members to beware of forged bank drafts as police maintained a total news blackout on their investigation of what appears to be a major fraud case with international implications.

Among the banks the forged cheques are reportedly drawn on are Chase Manhattan, First National City Bank, the Anglo-Continental Exchange Bank, and the Dresdner Bank.

Moshe Schnitzer, chairman of the Diamond Exchange, said that so far no forged bank drafts had turned up in diamond sales. He said that exchange members have been advised in a circular to clear all cheques of a suspicious nature before releasing merchandise.

The forged bank drafts are apparently the basis for the remand of diamond dealer Yehoshua Mizrahi and of Rahamim Aharoni.

According to the police, Aharoni used Mizrahi to buy millions of pounds worth of diamonds using forged drafts drawn on foreign banks.

Questioned about whether the deal had been concluded, one police official told *The Jerusalem Post* that the only information newsmen will get will come from the courts.

The police also refused to say whether they had got hold of any of the forged drafts or whether any other suspects have been arrested.

Aharoni's name cropped up last week in connection with a claim filed in a Beersheba court by a South African diamond dealer against Bank Hapoalim for the recovery of $225,000 he claims to have transferred to Israel through the bank branch in Johannesburg.

The bank's former South African representative, Dan Munitz, is reportedly serving a jail term in South Africa for illegal currency dealing. It was reported that Munitz was part of an Israeli network, involving Aharoni and others, which smuggled money out of South Africa for local residents in cooperation with local diamond merchants.

The police also refused to comment about the possible links between this case and the counterfeit bank drafts.

"Yediot Aharonot" traced the 29-year-old Aharoni's career from the poverty of the Hatikva Quarter here to his present villa in Tel Baruch.

The father of five, Aharoni started in the diamond business as a polisher. In 1966, he entered the meat business with a kiosk in the Carmel Market. He gradually expanded and at present is the head of a meat plant in Bat Yam.

In the course of his career, Aharoni has been arrested and questioned several times in connection with diamond robberies. However, in each instance he was either released by the police or acquitted by the courts.

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Plays Of Jewish Interest Begin First Season In London

By MAURICE SAMUELSON

LONDON (JTA): The first season of plays of Jewish interest in London's West End has opened with a one-act comedy by Wolf Mankowitz amid well-deserved praise from the national press. Set in Cork during the Irish troubles of 1921, "The Irish Hebrew Lesson" relates how a Russian-born Jew shelters a young Irish rebel from the British Black and Tans and how the wall of suspicion and fear between them is transformed into a sympathy and friendship. The five Jewish plays are part of a lunch-time series staged at the "Almost Free" theater highlighting the life of various social and ethnic minorities. The Ben Uri Theater Group, which is collaborating in the season, hopes that the experience will enable it to become an independent professional theater of Jewish interest. The last play in the season, due to end in April, is "Samson and Delilah," also by Mankowitz. The other three plays all deal with modern Jewish themes. One of them, "The Interview," by Alan Sillitoe, dramatizes the plight of Ida Nudel, a Jewish "refusnik" in Moscow. The Ben Uri Theater Group is part of the Ben Uri Art Society, established in 1915 in London's East End to promote art and culture among the Jewish community. The Society is entirely self-financing but Martin Landau, the producer and lecturer in fine arts who recently became its executive director, hopes that it will eventually win the support of various official and government bodies. He also hopes to build up the young membership of the Society.

Sylva Zalmanson Refused Entrance To Soviet Mission

NEW YORK (JTA) — Guarded by a phalanx of police officers, the gates of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations swung shut recently as Sylva Zalmanson, wife of Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Edward Kuznetsov, sought to deliver an urgent appeal on behalf of her husband who is on the 25th day of a hunger strke "to the death" in the Potma labor camp. Kuznetsov, sentenced to 15 years, is fasting for his release as well as those of his co-defendants from the 1970 Leningrad trial.

Accompanied by Harry S. Taubenfeld, chairman of the United Zionist-Revisionists of America which sponsored Mrs. Zalmanson's U.S. visit, and Lynn Singer, president of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry (LICSJ), Mrs. Zalmanson went to the gates of the Soviet UN Mission where police officers told them they were under orders to bar their entry. Thinking quickly, Mrs. Zalmanson slipped her appeal under the gates, where it was taken by a Soviet official. The document urged Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to effect "the immediate release of my husband and his Leningrad trial co-defendants to rejoin their families."

Before Mrs. Zalmanson arrived in the U.S. from Israel she had demonstrated for several days at the Western Wall and met with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, according to the UZ-R.

Earlier today, at a press conference at the Minskoff Cultural Center, where Mrs. Zalmanson detailed the plight of her husband as well as her own, Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.NY) characterized Kuznetsov and his fellow prisoners as "the pioneers of emigration to Israel, whom I hope we will not abandon. Their fight for freedom is still going on in the labor camps."

Pressure Must Be Continued

Mrs. Zalmanson declared that her husband was being force-fed as he fasted, "a painful and damaging procedure. I wonder if I will ever see Edward again. Massive, widespread and continued support freed me from the labor camps. This pressure must be continued until Soviet authorities come to realize that it is not worth their while to keep my husband and his friends in prison."

Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams also spoke, and a strong message of support from New York Governor Hugh Carey was read. The press conference was held in cooperation with the LICSJ, Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, International League for Repatriation of Russian Jews, Al Tidom and the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Later today, Mrs. Zalmanson met with Edward Mezvinsky, the U.S. representative to the UN Human Rights Committee, and then embarked on a UZ-R sponsored cross-country speaking tour.

DOLLAR GAINS

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Israeli pound now sells at over sixteen to the dollar — the first time it has sunk that low since the Ehrlich economic "Revolution" three months ago. At that time the pound was released to float freely and without the restrictions of currency regulation on the world market, and it settled at around 15.20 to the dollar. The Government expects it to drop slowly towards the 18-to-the-dollar level, which, Ehrlich and his aides believe, is healthy and realistic.

Recreation Area For Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (JTA): Hundreds of school children gathered in the Jerusalem Forest last week to participate in the dedication of the Jewish National Fund's active recreation area. The new park was set up in cooperation with the Education Ministry's Sport Authority. It is one of eight such parks throughout the country.

The recreation area bears the name of "Ontario Place," since it is financed by the JNF of Ontario, Canada. The funds for the project were raised at a recent "Negev Dinner" in Canada in honor of Ontario Premier William Davis. The pine trees in the recreation area were planted over 20 years ago by the JNF.

SUPPORT ISRAEL

TEL AVIV: President Ephraim Katzir and Mrs. Katzir have returned from an 18-day visit to Mexico, Costa Rica and Guatemala. He said he found a great deal of support for Israel in those countries.

SEEK TESTIMONY

NEW YORK: John Ranz, executive secretary of the Survivors of Nazi Camps and Resistance Fighters, has urged all those who lost relatives and friends in the holocaust to provide testimony to Yad Vashem.

LANDS SUPPORT

ATLANTIC CITY: Rabbi Pinchos Menachem Alter, chairman of Agudath Israel in Israel, said here that "never before has Torah Jewry in Israel faced such opportunity to thrive spiritually because of the climate of goodwill" with Agudath Israel as part of Premier Menachem Begin's coalition government.

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Rabbi Soloveitchik Against Ideology Of Gush Emunim

NEW YORK: Rabbi Joseph Dov Soloveitchik, who is regarded as the authoritative figure of Orthodox Jewry in modern times, made his views known about Israel's present political situation in an interview published in the Hebrew afternoon daily Ma'ariv.

Rabbi Soloveitchik said that he does not endorse the ideology of Gush Emunim. In this connection he said, "I very much appreciate dedication and commitment but preservation of life has a higher priority."

He is in favor of a full agreement with the United States. "I am a realist; America is the only friend Israel has and a big friend at that," Soloveitchik added. He is for a complete collaboration with the United States even if this demands some relinquishment of the territories. However, he makes it clear that one of the conditions of such withdrawal is not to put the security of Israel in jeopardy.

Soloveitchik went on to say that "Israel must follow the precepts laid down by the Men of the Great Assembly: 'Be moderate in judgement.' There has never been anyone in the world who has received everything to which he felt he was entitled."

Rabbi Soloveitchik is optimistic about the resolution of the Middle East conflict because he believes that Jews are "a people of wisdom and understanding who know how to deal with the historical realities."

U.S. Jewry Is Part Of Plan

TEL AVIV: Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said that the support of U.S. Jewry was one of the four factors that will enable Israel to maneuver and negotiate at the Geneva conference, if and when it convenes, without surrendering its positions. The other factors were that Israel is in possession of the occupied territories and can continue to hold them; the possibility of co-existence with the Arabs; and the strength of the Israeli army.

Begin Denouces Terrorists For Poisoning Israeli Oranges

TEL AVIV, (JTA): Premier Menahem Begin angrily denounced Palestinian terrorists who injected mercury into Israeli citrus fruits in Europe in an attempt to sabotage one of the country's principal exports. During a visit to the Sultam plant, a metal tools factory that also produces artillery pieces, Begin said, "Never before in the annals of humanity did we witness such barbarism like the recent case of the poisoned citrus." Referring to five Dutch children who fell ill with food poisoning after eating Jaffa oranges, Begin said that "never before was there an attempt to harm the economy of Israel on the bodies of Dutch or other children." He vowed that"We shall not return to the borders of 1967. We shall not enable the creation of a state neighboring us that will be governed by those who poison citrus." It was reported, meanwhile, that Israeli security services are cooperating with their European counterparts to apprehend the perpetrators. The Israeli fruit was contaminated with non-lethal doses of mercury after it was unloaded at Antwerp for distribution to markets all over Europe. Security circles said that efforts will be made to locate the terrorist command post which issued the orders to poison the oranges. But they acknowledged that it will not be easy to protect the fruit. Israeli citrus exporters are facing a disastrous season. With much of the crop yet to be shipped abroad, Israel's merchant marine has been paralyzed by a strike for the past two weeks. The striking seamen have asked stevedores abroad to support them by refusing to unload foreign ships chartered by the Israeli shipping companies. As a result, much of the citrus exports may rot on the docks here and citrus reaching Europe may be contaminated by terrorists. The panic in Europe over the citrus poisoning has already drastically cut sales.

(Meanwhile, the sale of Israeli oranges was halted in London's fruit and vegetable markets. But the Israeli Citrus Marketing Board said the panic was restricted to London where the press gave prominent coverage to the contaminated fruit found on the Continent. The situation was worse in West Germany where many importers and supermarkets cancelled orders for Israeli citrus after small quantities of poisoned oranges were found in Frankfurt and Darmstadt. The Bonn Health Ministry warned people not to eat the Israeli fruit. The Netherlands Health Ministry disclosed that not only Israeli oranges but oranges imported from Spain were found to be contaminated. The fruit reached Holland through Antwerp. It was supplied by the Belgian firm of Spitz, near Liege. The Belgian Health Ministry is investigating whether the Israeli oranges were injected with mercury after they were unloaded at Antwerp. Checks of food stores in Belgium failed to turn up any contaminated fruit but food inspectors were ordered to keep checking new supplies. Israeli oranges continued to be sold throughout Switzerland. No poisoned fruit has been found in that country. Most of Switzerland's citrus imports from Israel come via the Adriatic rather than Western European ports.)

Name Gen. Eytan New Chief Of Staff

By YITZHAK SHARGIL

TEL AVIV (JTA): The Cabinet's approval of a "fighting general" to be Israel's next Chief of Staff when, for the first time in 30 years, the nation is engaged in direct peace negotiations with one of its Arab neighbors, raised eyebrows here. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's choice of Gen. Rafael Eytan for the number one military post seemed, in some quarters, to be ignoring the new political circumstances.

Eytan, at 49, is regarded as one of Israel's top combat solders with an unexcelled record as a paratroop and infantry commander. The other leading contender, Gen. Herzl Shafir, is noted for his negotiating skills and his outstanding abilities as an organizer and administrator. If Israel is moving on the path toward peace, the latter characteristics might be more appropriate than a talent for success on the battlefield, some circles argued.

TO HELP REPAIR

JERUSALEM: Egypt is sending an architect to help with the repairs of the Al Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem. President Anwar Sadat agreed to this at the request of the Moslem community in East Jerusalem during his visit.

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