

Normal Relations Established Between Egypt and Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and Egypt are officially at peace with each other for the first time in more than 30 years. Their land borders were opened to tourists and other civilian traffic on January 27th. Egypt announced the termination of its state of war with Israel and its participation in the Arab League boycott of Israel and relayed those decisions to the United Nations and other international organizations.

Normal relations were established last weekend, beginning Friday, when Refidim, the largest Israeli military base in Sinai was formally handed over to Egypt along with some 5500-square miles of territory evacuated by Israeli forces. President Anwar Sadat telephoned Premier Menachem Begin and assured the Israeli leader of Egypt's determination to implement fully the normalization clauses of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Israeli officials were especially pleased by

the Egyptian decision not to link the normalization process to the autonomy talks which remain deadlocked. Sadat placed Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali in direct charge of the normalization machinery, a move regarded here as a slap in the face to Foreign Minister Butros Ghali and other hardliners who wanted to develop relations with Israel at a slower pace. The Israeli Cabinet is expected to reciprocate by putting Defense Minister Ezer Weizman in charge of normalization on the Israeli side.

Practical Effects Of Normalization

The practical effects of normalization were visible when the first bus load of Israeli tourists arrived at El Arish and, after undergoing formalities, boarded an Egyptian bus bound for Cairo. For the time being, the Egyptians are limiting border crossings to organized groups of Israelis who have obtained entry visas from the Foreign Ministry in Cairo or who hold pass-

ports of a third country. Two foreign tourists, one French and one German, crossed the border from Egypt into Israel. The Egyptians, however, refused entry to a group of Arab residents of Gaza who arrived at El Arish by bus with valid entry permits. No immediate explanation was given.

El Arish, which was returned to Egypt last month, is equipped to handle civilian cross traffic. It has a police checkpoint and a bank where travellers can exchange currencies. Private vehicles will be permitted after Egypt opens its first consulate in Tel Aviv next month.

Israel and Egypt will exchange ambassadors on Feb. 27. But the Israeli Embassy opened officially in Cairo on January 28th.

There were also other manifestations of normal relations. Postal and telephonic communications were opened between
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Iranian Students Publish Journal

NEW YORK (JTA) — A journal of essays dealing with Jewish philosophy and treatises on Talmudic passages in the Persian (Parsi) language was issued recently by a group of Iranian students at the Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Baltimore, Md. According to Torah Umesorah, this is the first Persian-language journal dealing with Jewish themes ever published in North America.

Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, chairman of the executive staff of Torah Umesorah, said that, as a result of the upheavals in Iran during the last two years, there are some 200 Iranian Jewish students studying at various secondary Hebrew day schools and post-secondary theological colleges and seminaries. A large contingent (about 20 percent), is located in the Baltimore school. Because the Iranian Jewish students are scattered throughout the country, the Baltimore group saw the need for the publication to maintain contact with all of the various Iranian student groups in the U.S.

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Kennedy Charges Carter Flip-Flops on Jewish Issues

Following his foreign policy speech at Georgetown University earlier this week, Senator Edward Kennedy delivered a speech in New York in which he criticized a number of President Carter's policies towards Israel.

After his broad-scale foreign policy attack on President Carter in Washington, Senator Edward M. Kennedy traveled to New York to criticize the President's policy toward Israel.

Using some of the harshest language of the campaign, the Massachusetts Democrat accused Mr. Carter of an "on again, off again flirtation" with the Palestine Liberation Organization and of holding "pro-Palestine positions."

The Senator chose as his forum one of the most politically significant Jewish groups in the nation, the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. Jews will constitute at least one-third of the Democratic electorate in the New York primary, which will be held on March 25th.

His only touch of humor came at the opening of his speech, when he remarked that "everyone in this room is a president except me."

The Senator declared that he agreed with Lane Kirkland, president of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., that a Palestinian nation would be a "pro-Soviet state in the energy heartland of the world" and would not only threaten Israel but also be "a geopolitical disaster for the United States."

Senator Kennedy told about 115 Jewish leaders in the conference's heavily guarded headquarters at 515 Park Ave. that he was "heartsick" over the Carter Administration's handling of the resignation of Andrew Young as chief delegate to the United Nations and the impression among some black leaders that Israel had pressed for Mr. Young's departure.

"I was heartsick over the intolerance bred of Administration insensitivity and incompetence," he said.

Commitment to Israel

While attacking the President, the Massachusetts Democrat gave his own unqualified commitment to Israel when he said, "I know that in advocating Israel's cause, I am, inevitably, advancing the cause of America."

One of his listeners, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, a former president of the conference and president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said that

the Kennedy commitment was the most unequivocal he had heard from any Presidential candidate.

The Senator cast doubt on the President's commitment, saying:

"What sort of settlement can Israel expect from this President electorally unfettered in his second term? How often have threats and pressures, veiled and explicit, been used by this Administration in attempting to coerce Israel?"



SIR SIGMUND STERNBERG (center), a British industrialist who has been instrumental in planning a national Holocaust monument to be erected in London, is flanked by his wife, Lady Hazel, and Dr. David Hyatt, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, at a recent ceremony in NCCJ headquarters. Dr. Hyatt, in presenting a National Brotherhood Award "for courageous leadership and outstanding contributions to Christian-Jewish relations and to human rights" to Sir Sigmund, described him as "a behind-the-scenes mover and shaker who quietly gets things done on many social and civic fronts for the betterment of mankind."

Women's Programs Threatened By Inflation in Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel's growing economic woes, reflected in a three-digit inflation rate, and the government's new austerity program are threatening to bring about a severe reduction, or outright elimination, of vital social services for women and children in Israel. Nava Arad, chairwoman of Na'amat, the Histadrut women's organization, warned here.

In a special interview with the Jewish

Israel/Black African Countries May Resume Diplomatic Ties

NEW YORK (JTA) — A member of Kenya's Parliament predicted that his country and most other Black African countries would resume diplomatic relations with Israel after Egypt and Israel exchange ambassadors on Feb. 26. But the MP, Abdallah Mwidau, said he could not estimate when the resumption of relations would actually begin.

Mwidau, who spoke to a leadership group of the North American Jewish Students' Network, stressed that he was speak-

ing for himself and not his government. He arrived in the United States yesterday after three days in Israel and is scheduled to make a three-week speaking tour of the U.S. under the auspices of the Youth Institute for Peace in the Middle East.

Kenya, which was one of the Black African nations to break diplomatic relations with Israel in 1973, nevertheless has continued to maintain friendly ties with Israel. Kenya was used as a refueling base by Israel during its rescue of hostages in Entebbe, Uganda, in 1976.

Mwidau said that the two countries have commercial and other ties and about 15 students from Kenya are presently studying in Israel. He said that if the Nairobi government decided to resume diplomatic relations with Israel it would have the overwhelming support of Parliament with perhaps only three or four votes against it.

Arabs Have Not Helped Black Africa

Mwidau indicated that when the majority of Black African nations broke diplomatic relations with Israel in 1973 they expected to receive economic benefits from the Arab oil producing states. "Most African countries do not benefit from the Arab countries," he declared. "The same price they sell oil to you (U.S.) they sell to Kenya." He
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Coveted Prize Goes to Jewish Biologist

ROME (JTA) — Dr. Rita Levi-Montalcini, a 70-year-old Italian Jewish biologist, received the Saint Vincent Prize for Medicine, generally considered second in worldwide prestige after the Nobel Prize for which she is also a candidate.

She discovered a protein called the NGF (nerve growth factor) which provokes the growth and differentiation of nerve cells, considered of primary importance for cancer research along with the discovery she co-authored, in 1960, of an antibody that irreversibly destroys the neurons of the sympathetic nervous system.

Levi-Montalcini directs the laboratory of cellular biology of the National Council for Research in Rome, Italy's most important research center, has a Chair in Neurobiology at Washington University in St. Louis and is a member of several academies.

Telegraphic Agency, Arad expressed concern that unless new financial resources are found, a score of social, education, cultural and welfare projects, operated and sponsored by Na'amat, which has a membership of 720,000 and is the largest women's organization in Israel, might be affected.
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Benjamin Premack, 71; Violinist and Teacher

PROVIDENCE — Benjamin Premack, 71, of 191 Eighth St., violinist, violin teacher and a music consultant to the Rhode Island Department of Education for many years, died in Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Sara (Schussheim) Premack.

He performed as a soloist, beginning at the age of 12, throughout New England and began to teach violin at the age of 16. Later, for about 38 years, he was a high school music teacher in Providence and was in charge of the city schools' annual spring program.

He was choir director at Temple Emanu-El, Temple Beth Shalom and of the Ladies Choral at Temple Beth-El. He was one of the organizers of the Young People's Orchestra at the Jewish Community Center, which he later conducted, and also was conductor of the Nickerson House Little Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Premack was the author and publisher of Violin Methods for students of the violin.

Born in Odessa, Russia, on May 31, 1908, he was a son of the late Julius and Esther (Boxer) Premack and lived in Providence for about 65 years.

He was a graduate of the Boston University College of Music and later received a Master's Degree.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Roosevelt Lodge F & AM, the musicians and teachers unions.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Joel S. Premack of Springfield, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Bernstein of Providence, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

REBECCA KAZERMAN-YANKU

PROVIDENCE — Rebecca Kazerman-Yanku, 83, of 99 Hillside Avenue, the Jewish Home for the Aged, died Monday at the Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Bernard Yanku.

She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and a member of the Miriam Hospital's Auxiliary.

She was born in Russia Sept. 24, 1896, a daughter of the late Max and Rose Heitman and had lived in Providence most of her life.

She leaves a son, Milton Kazerman of California; a daughter, Sally Cutler of Pawtucket; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

EVELYN ZUCKER

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Mrs. Evelyn Zucker, 69, of 2 Smithfield Road, died at Rhode Island Hospital last Wednesday. She was the wife of Bertram R. Zucker.

She was a secretary at the American Universal Insurance Company, Providence, from 1958 until she retired in 1975.

Obituaries

Born in Weehawken, New Jersey on January 9, 1911, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Sadie (Mintz) Perrin.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie DelRossi of Providence; a son, Peter M. Zucker of North Providence; a sister, Mrs. Betty Oppenheimer of New York City; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held late Friday at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

SADIE JERNEGAN

NORFOLK, VA. — Sadie Jernegan, 66, of 7712 Enfield Street, Apt. 102, died January 23 in a hospital.

Mrs. Jernegan, a native of Newport, R.I., was a member of Temple Israel.

Survivors include her husband, Elijah P. Jernegan; a daughter, Mae J. Ouirk of Norfolk; two sons, Harvey J. Jernegan of Norfolk and Michael P. Jernegan of Fairfax, VA.; two sisters, Marion H. Spencer of Providence, and Molly H. Shore of East Providence; a brother, Joseph Huttler of Middletown, R.I.; and four grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Commodore Uriah Levy Chapel, Naval Base, Norfolk, VA.

MARGARET STARR MERRON

Margaret Starr Merron of Bowie, Md., died on Friday, January 18, 1980.

Survivors include her husband, Morton Merron; three children, Mrs. Renee Fishkind and Stuard Starr of Baltimore, Md., and Robert A. Starr of Providence; her mother, Helen Klein of Silver Spring, Md.; her sister, Shirley Greenfield of Long Island, NY; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Donald Stein Hebrew Memorial Funeral Home, 232 Carroll St., D.C., on January 20.

Contributions may be made to the Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence.

BETTY R. BLUMEN

CRANSTON — Betty R. Blumen, 74, of 153 Rangeley Rd., wife of Leon Blumen, died in Kent County Memorial Hospital, Warwick.

Mrs. Blumen was the proprietor of Carroll Cut Rate Store, Olneyville, from 1938 to 1948.

A daughter of the late David and Johanna (Tabel) Gordance, she was born in Boston, July 28, 1905 and had been a resident of Providence before moving to Cranston 27 years ago.

She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Miriam Hospital and a former member of the Hope Link Order of the Golden Chain.

Besides her husband, she leaves a brother, Benjamin Gordance of Tamarac, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Richman of Boston and Mrs. Tina Aron of Milton, Mass.

Funeral services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BESSIE WIESEL

CRANSTON — Bessie Wiesel, 80, of 41 Tallman Avenue, widow of Israel Wiesel, died in Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in Providence, March 1, 1899, she was the daughter of the late Max and Libby Millman, and had been a resident of that city before moving to Cranston 20 years ago.

Mrs. Wiesel was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Cranston Chapter of Hadassah.

She is survived by a son, Harold Wiesel of Hollywood, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Harriet Koslow of Cranston; a sister, Mrs. Pauline Trager of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JAMES JENKIN

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. — James Jenkin, 60, of Bay Club Drive, treasurer of Shepard-Jenkin, Inc., Providence, and a Pawtucket resident until moving here a year ago, died in Holy Cross Hospital. He was the husband of Louise (Feldman) Jenkin.

Mr. Jenkin held office in the Harborside Park appliance distributorship for 15 years.

A 32nd degree Mason, he was immediate past master of Redwood Lodge No. 35, AF&AM; past high priest of Royal Arch Chapter; thrice illustrious master of Providence Council No. 1; an honorary member of Roosevelt Lodge 42, AF&AM, and a member of Palestine Temple Shrine.

During World War II, he served in the Air Corps, and he was a past commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Reback-Winsten Post, Pawtucket.

Born in Central Falls, Nov. 25, 1919, and a Pawtucket resident most of his life, he was a son of the late Louis and Jennie (Lipet) Jenkin.

Besides his wife, survivors are two sons, Richard A. Boren and Charles D. Jenkin, both of Providence; two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Cogan of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. Sophie Feinman of Pawtucket, and a grandson.

The funeral service was held in Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Labor Zionist Dov Biegun Dead

NEW YORK — Dr. Dov Biegun, a prominent Labor Zionist and leading Israeli manufacturer and economist, died here at the age of 66 while on a business trip to the United States. A funeral service was held in New York last Wednesday.

Biegun was national secretary of the National Committee for Labor Israel and vice president of AMPAL for three years in the U.S. before he immigrated to Israel in 1965. There he published a private newsletter that was circulated among a select group, was a consultant for international investments and was a manufacturer. He was in the U.S. to seek new markets for one of his factories that had formerly sold its products in Iran.

Born in Poland, Biegun earned a doctorate in economics from the University of Prague. He was the Jewish National Fund's representative in Czechoslovakia during the 1930's and then transferred to London where he directed the JNF there and was a member of the Executive of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. When World War II began he joined the British Army and served in intelligence operations in France, Holland and Norway where he tracked down Nazi officials.

After the war, Biegun was a delegate to the World Zionist Congress in 1951 and helped arrange major loans for the JNF and the Jewish Agency. He was fluent in 14 languages and was in the midst of writing his memoirs at the time of his death.

Terrorist Slain

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A suspected terrorist killed by an Israeli patrol near the Lebanese border recently may have been the murderer of Yosef Rosenfeld, the security chief at Metullah who was shot to death last November. A pistol that belonged to Rosenfeld was found on the body of the suspect, identified as a resident of Gaza.

He was gunned down by the patrol while attempting to cross the border into Lebanon near Margalioth in the Kiryat Shemona region. He also carried a bus ticket from Gaza and a large sum of money in Israeli and Jordanian currencies. The slaying of Rosenfeld was unsolved until now. The killers who stole his jeep and abandoned it near Netanya were originally believed to have been smugglers who were surprised by the security guard. Further investigation indicated, however, that they were terrorists.

PARIS (JTA) — Mayor Jacques Chirac recently unveiled a plaque to the memory of the 12,000 Jewish children deported from Paris by the Nazis during the occupation of France. He said the children's sacrifice "will not have been in vain. The world remembers what happened and will not allow such things to happen again."

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Councilman Malcolm Farmer III invites you to attend a community meeting and gripe session on Wednesday, February 6, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, to discuss neighborhood and citywide problems and issues. Save The Bay representatives will be present to lead a discussion on the problems and potential of Narragansett Bay as they affect Providence residents.

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CAREER WOMEN'S AFFILIATE

Career Women's Affiliate of the Women's Division of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island is presenting a forum entitled "Investing for the 80's" on Thursday, January 31, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center on Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. Featured speakers are Shirley Boucher, a registered representative at Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith; Doris Licht, an attorney with Hinckley, Allen, Salisbury and Parsons; and Roberta Narrin, an insurance agent with Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company.

TEMPLE HABONIM LECTURE

"Is God a Woman?" will be the topic of a lecture on Sunday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Temple Habonim, 147 County Road, Barrington.

Rabbi Peter Knobel of Temple Emanuel in Waterford, Connecticut, and a member of the Connecticut College Religious Studies Department will be the featured speaker. His talk will pose alternate ways of looking at God.

This is the second in a series of lectures by visiting rabbis. The third and final lecture, "Isn't this world enough?—The Hereafter in Jewish Theology," will be held after sabbath services on Friday, March 7.

The public is welcome to all the lectures.

COHEN CAMPS

The Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation Camps announce that plans have been completed for the third Summer in Israel program sponsored by the foundation. A total of 40 senior campers have been selected to participate in the program which includes spending one month in Israel and then returning to their respective camps for the second month of the camp season.

The group will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schulman who have been associated with the Cohen camps for a number of years. The program will include an extensive stay in Jerusalem which will combine touring the city along with an educational program of seminars dealing with Jerusalem. Some of the other highlights of the trip will include visits to Eilat, Sde Boker, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Masada, Safed, the Golan Heights and Kibbutz K'far Blum.

J.B.P.S. MEETING

The Jewish Business and Professional Singles (25-48) of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will hold an open meeting to evaluate the organization's structure and functioning on Monday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence.

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Jewish Business and Professional Singles (25-48) of the Providence Jewish Community Center will sponsor a discussion group, "Do We Make Our Own Traps?" to be held at a member's home on Thursday, February 7 at 8 p.m. A small fee is involved. Call the center at 861-8800 for reservations.

ONEG SHABBAT

An Oneg Shabbat (celebration of the Sabbath) is being sponsored by the Jewish

Business and Professional Singles (25-48) of the Providence Jewish Community Center. It will take place on Friday, February 8 at a member's home, following services at Temple Beth Torah, Park Avenue, Cranston at 8 p.m. There is no fee.



NCCJ APPOINTMENT

Erskine N. (Skip) White, Jr., executive vice president—Corporate Affairs of Textron Inc., has been appointed to serve as chairman of the 28th Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner for the National Conference of Christians and Jews by Edward E. Mulligan, chairman of the Board of Directors on the NCCJ. The dinner will be held on Thursday, April 24, 1980 at the Cranston Hilton Inn.

CONNECTICUT SINGLES

The Connecticut Jewish Singles (over 35) of the Westville Synagogue will hold a "drop in" Sunday, February 10, 1980, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Conn. Guest speaker, Chief Deputy Commander Harold Berg of the New Haven Police Department, will present a forum on criminal justice. Socializing, refreshments. Call 389-0369 for further information.

PULPIT PERSPECTIVE

The 8:15 Sabbath service at Temple Beth-El will present a pulpit perspective by Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman on "Sophies Choice," the best selling novel by William Styron.

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Study Group will meet Thursday morning, February 7 to discuss "Women in the Bible." Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by the discussion at 10. Ceil Krieger will discuss "Ruth and Naomi."

Choir Tour Assailed

LONDON (JTA) — A proposed tour of South Africa by the London Jewish male voice choir is under fire from the British anti-apartheid movement, which campaigns against cultural, sporting and economic links with South Africa.

Peter Hain, leader of the anti-apartheid movement, has claimed that the choir's visit would give comfort to South Africa's white rulers and even if their performances were not segregated, the hotels or homes they stayed in and restaurants they ate in would be.

The choir's conductor, Dr. Julian Schindler, has said that if the choir accepted it would be performing only within the Jewish community. Hayim Pinner, general secretary of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, to whom the anti-apartheid movement has protested, said the Board is strongly opposed to racism but that the question of segregated concerts did not arise as there are no Black Jews in South Africa.

This is believed to be the first time that the Jewish community has been attacked for its links with South African Jewry, and it has caused some irritation among Anglo-Jewry, not least because Hain is known for his sympathies with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with the claim that Israel, like South Africa, is racist.

Had the attack on the London choir's

Emigration Rate

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, predicted that 200,000-300,000 immigrants will arrive in Israel during the next five years and called on the WZO to be prepared to receive them by establishing 80 new settlements and raising \$3 billion through the various campaigns and appeals overseas.

Addressing a closed session of the WZO Executive plenary that met here for four days, Dulzin summed up the most important tasks of the WZO as aliyah, education, settlement and the rehabilitation of the underprivileged in Israeli society through Operation Renewal. He also spoke of the "dwindling spirit of belief in ourselves. We are lacking the belief in our way. There is a crisis of belief."

Dulzin warned that the Zionist movement must prepare itself for a new wave of attack because there are now more factors, apart from the declared enemies of Zionism in the Arab and Communist countries, that seek to undermine Zionism, Raanan Weitz, co-chairman of the WZO's settlement department, said some settlements were threatened with extinction because of lack of proper housing. He suggested the construction of new immigrant moshavim at the rate of three per year.

The other settlement department co-chairman, Matatyahu Drobbles, warned that if settlements are not established now it might not be possible to establish them at a later stage. He said 80 new settlements would be established by the time the next World Zionist Congress is held in 1982. He said existing settlements require an additional 6000 housing units at a cost of IL 15 million.

proposed tour of South Africa come from inside the Jewish community, or from its friends, it may have been studied more sympathetically. Even so, since much of the choir's repertoire is liturgical music, it could also be argued that since this would be a religious rather than a cultural event, it would be outside the scope of sanctions against South Africa.

ORT Aided 98,000

NEW YORK (JTA) — ORT education and vocational training programs last year served 98,000 people in 24 countries, according to a report by Sidney Leiwant, American ORT Federation (AOF) president.

Two out of three of the total ORT enrollment, Leiwant indicated, were in the 95 ORT vocational and technical training institutions in Israel in 1979. He predicted the continued expansion of the ORT network in the Jewish State to meet the continuing needs of "the advanced technology sector" of Israel's expanding economy, and called courses providing such skills "the ORT of the future."

PLO Implies Iranian Link

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) declared that "in five years we shall proclaim a Palestinian government and in 15 years we hope to destroy Israel."

In a message on Radio Teheran, broadcast Jan. 1 and made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, PLO's representative in Iran, Hani el Chasan, said his organization derives "our main support from the Iranian revolution and (the Ayatollah) Khomeini." He added:

"We are devotees of the first Imam of the Shiites and are not prepared to hold talks with the cruel ones. We are ready to sacrifice ourselves and shall not forego our land. It is our hope that the leaders of Iran and Palestine will enter Jerusalem arm in arm."

New Settlement Established

TEL AVIV (Reuters)—The first inhabitants began moving in this week to Israel's new settlement on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan, officials said.

The new outpost, the latest in the controversial chain of Israeli villages in occupied Arab territories, was constructed upon a hill overlooking Azoun, a Palestinian village.

The settlement of Maale is located about five miles east of the pre-1967 Israeli-Jordanian border. It will be inhabited by a group from Betar, the youth movement of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Herut Party, which dominates the ruling Likud bloc.

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Sinai/Autonomy Could Be Linked in Bargaining

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A government official said that autonomy must begin to function on the West Bank and Gaza Strip before the final phase of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai is completed late next year. Dr. Chaim Kubersky, Director General of the Interior Ministry, told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee that this was necessary because once the entire Sinai peninsula is returned to Egypt, Israel will be left without bargaining chips.

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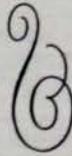
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Tennis Centers are located in Ramat Hasharon, Jaffa, Kiryat Shmona. Under construction are complexes in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, and on the drawing board for Beersheba and Haifa.

New Line Established

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The largest logistic operation ever conducted by the Israeli army was completed as Israel scheduled to move to a new line in the Sinai. The new defense line will run from Ras Mohammed to El Arish.

While the area will be turned back to Egypt, the Refidim military base and airfield, the largest in the Sinai, will be given back to the Egyptians at a ceremony. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman visited the base which was the logistic center for the army in the Sinai. The only construction left at the base is that found when Israel captured it in 1967. However, water, telephone and electrical lines were left intact.

The latest Israeli withdrawal involved dismantling and removing 3500 buildings and other structures, 250 kilometers of

water pipes and 87,000 tons of equipment. Convoys of trucks had crisscrossed the Sinai bringing this heavy load either to the Negev or the new line which will now cut the Sinai in half.

SOCIETY NEWS

SECOND CHILD

Paul and Mayda Gottfried of 469 Rosedale Avenue, White Plains, New York, announce the birth of their second child, and first son, Jordan Miles, on December 31, 1979.

His maternal grandparents are Herbert Wagner of Providence, and the late Tessie Wagner. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Gottfried of Providence. Great-grandparents are Mr. Joseph Wagner of Providence and the late Rose Wagner, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kranz of Bronx, New York.

PYTHIAN SISTERS HONORED

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The Suicide

By Lois D. Atwood

"The Suicide," by Nikolai Erdman, translated by George Gennep, Jr., and Jacob Volkov; directed by Jonas Jurasas. Scenery design by Robert D. Soule; lighting, John F. Custer; costumes, William Lane; properties, Sandra Nathanson. Cast: Semyon, Richard Jenkins; Maria, his wife, Barbara Damashek; Serafima, her mother, Barbara Orson; Alexander Kalabushkin, Timothy Crowe; Margarita Ivanovna, Margo Skinner; Aristarkh Dominikovich Goloshchapov, George Martin; Cleopatra Maximovna, Barbara Meek; Raisa Filippovna, Melanie Jones; Egor Timofeevich, Peter Gerety; Waldemar the butcher, Norman Smith; Victor Victorovich, Derek Meader; Father Yelpidi, Rob Anderson; gypsies, Richard Gilman, Tom O'Leary, D. Douglas Riley, Paula Santurri, Anne W. Scurria. Playing at Trinity Square Repertory Company, upstairs theater.

Nikolai Erdman's satiric comedy was written in the late twenties when things in post-revolutionary Russia were apparently

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looser than they are today, but not loose enough to get it produced. The director, formerly artistic director of the State Theater of Kaunas, Lithuania, has given it a production reminiscent of Trinity's earlier days, when the audience was to some extent within the playing area and things were popping out all over. The set is very much a part of this conception: there are all sorts of working gimmicks on or in the three-story facade that is background to Semyon's sparsely furnished apartment. There are pivoting doors and tables, a fireman's pole down which players slide from the second-floor w.c. (yes, of course it was used — at Trinity, need one ask?), an icon with a peep-face, a moving-belt with mounted heads that revolves at odd moments, and multi-level playing areas. There's even a staircase through the audience.

"The Suicide" may be the bad dream of its central character, Semyon Semyonovich, who begins and ends the play in a bed so narrow that he and his wife have their heads at opposite ends. It is a nightmare farce at

times, moving with diffused action and scattered bursts of activity into a surprising unity. The big comic scenes are very good, enough going on in them so that what doesn't come off is swallowed up by the major things that work.

Semyon, the would-be suicide, is depressed by being out of work and pinpricked by evil spirits (his conscience?) into considering death as the way out. His wife and mother get terribly upset, alert the whole building, and make it possible for a horde of opportunists to move in on Semyon, begging him to leave a suicide note that will help their cause. Semyon learns that when you have nothing to lose, things begin to change for the better. Even the big bass tuba that he yearns for, as a way to earn lots of money, turns into reality. In a carefully conceived, very funny scene, he begins learning to play the tuba by the directions that came with it, assisted almost beyond their capacity by his wife and mother. The three give a good family feeling as the threesome that serves as base for

everything else. Damashek is concerned, unsmiling, capable, willing, a splendid wife, and Orson as mother-in-law (sometimes more Jewish than Russian) is excellent, both in her characterization and as a foil to the others. Jenkins as Semyon carries the play; he is a mad, ranting, manic Russian, despairing, happy, angry, hurt, confused, drunk, unwilling to be stampeded. (I would have liked a few seconds cut from some of the big scenes, but think that an uncharacteristic reaction from one theatergoer, as the bulk of the audience last week seemed to enjoy it all.)

Two characters who couldn't have left out a sigh or a gesture without hurting the play were the postman (Gerety) and the intelligentsia's spokesman (Martin). Among the obvious strengths of the Trinity company is its ability to put fine actors into non-leading roles; though, when the evening's over, one isn't sure that Martin and Gerety didn't play leads. Their funeral orations summed up their earlier scenes and were hilarious: Martin with increasing frenzy tries to make the world understand what is at stake in a revolutionized country that doesn't recognize the importance of its intelligentsia; and Gerety maintains his air of being only a simple workman but nonetheless the salt of the earth with the implication that he can understand whatever he wants to understand. They made up for the sometime tedium of those gypsies and things like the measured movements of a lady in black who takes forever on the staircase (could she be Doom? one of the Fates? Outraged Mother Russia? — she's not needed, whichever or whoever).

Such lines as "It's just like them — there's plenty of truth but no paper to write it on" share the stage with dull verbal humor. The ladies' knee-stockings, twenties' vintage, contrast with the plastic glasses used for final toasts to Semyon. Strong, bold blocking for big scenes is sometimes ragged around the edges, but in this play from another era, another country, the pluses far outweigh the minor flaws. "The Suicide" is an exciting new play for American audiences.

Peres To Head Party

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The intense rivalry within the Labor Party between Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin and Yigal Allon as to which of them would head the party's list in the next national election for Premier ended when the party's central committee voted overwhelmingly for Peres to head the list.

In a jubilant speech after the vote, Peres, who is the party's chairman, said he was imbued with a renewed confidence. "There is no longer any internal (party) rivalry. Our rival is the Likud and only the Likud." The 721 central committee members who participated in the conference, the largest number in attendance in the party's history, cast 457 votes for Peres, 224 against and 40 abstained. The surprise in the vote was not that Peres, who ran uncontested, received approval to head the list but the number that voted against him.

Rabin is bitterly opposed to Peres and has stated on various occasions that he does not regard Peres as suitable to be Premier. Rabin had expressed support for Allon who, after the election, declared again that he would campaign for the leadership of the party at the party's convention next June. Allon claimed that those who voted against Peres had, in effect, registered support for him.



L. to r. Barbara Damashek, Richard Jenkins, Barbara Orson in Trinity Square Repertory Company's production of THE SUICIDE, a Russian comedy having its American Premiere now through February 17. Directed by Russian emigre Jonas Jurasas with original music by Richard Cumming. Setting by Robert D. Soule, lighting by John F. Custer, costumes by William Lane. Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesdays thru Sundays with selected 2 p.m. matinees. For reservations call (401) 351-4242 or come to the box office, 201 Washington Street, Providence.

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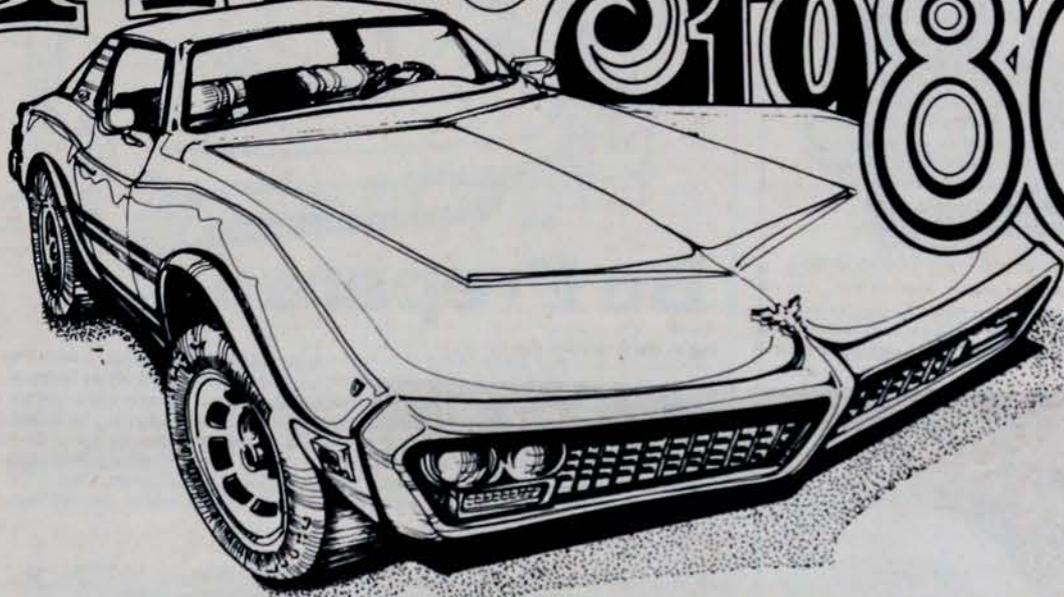
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The Highway Visibility Bureau, a fact-finding organization dedicated to safe driving, emphasizes that "being seen" is as crucial to safety as seeing.

The Bureau recommends that car owners frequently check headlights, tail lights, and turn signals. Headlights need to be cleaned of dirt or film, and the rear-view mirror should also be cleaned and adjusted.

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driving. Sneller, former chairman of the American Optometric Association's committee on motorists' vision and highway safety.

To prevent obstruction, windshields should be cleaned, both inside and out, and car owners should check to make sure that wipers, washers, and

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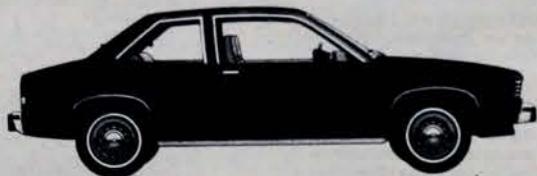
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- To guard against cold weather starting problems, your best protection is:
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 - Have your engine tuned.
 - Make sure your battery is charged.
- The main reason a tuned engine is a reliable starter is:
 - Cylinder balance is harmonized.
 - Metal parts are put into "synch."
 - Ignition voltage available exceeds voltage required.
- To achieve better fuel economy in winter, it's best to:
 - Get under way as soon as you start, to avoid unnecessary idling.
 - Wait until the engine is warm to achieve efficient carburetion.
 - Accelerate in as high a gear as possible.
- After a full winter's use of coolant-antifreezes in the radiator, one should:
 - Install a new thermostat.
 - Install a pint of rust inhibitor.
 - Flush out the cooling system and install new antifreeze.
- Snow tires should be mounted:
 - On the same axle.
 - On the right hand side of the car.
 - On the left hand side of the car.
- To protect car body where salt is used to maintain winter roads:
 - Keep car in heated garage whenever possible.
 - Wash the car frequently.
 - Coat the body with antifreeze.
- To assure best winter vision, it is recommended that you:
 - Mount yellow lenses on headlights.
 - Drive only with high beams on.
 - Replace wiper blades over one year old.
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"The Israeli woman is required today to struggle in order to earn a livelihood and to maintain a basic standard of living," she said. "We are concerned that the worsening economic situation and the growing unemployment will hit women first, forcing them to go on welfare." She observed that with the growing economic difficulties the services provided by Na'amat assume an even greater importance.

Arad said she is in the United States for a two-week fund-raising tour sponsored by Pioneer Women, the American sister organization of Na'amat. "This is an emergency fund-raising tour," she said, noting that the IL 750 million annual budget of her organization is largely composed of contributions in Israel and abroad in addition to allocations from the Israeli government and Histadrut.

Large Variety Of Activities

The activities of Na'amat embrace a large variety of services and projects all over Israel, Arad said, including the operation of day nurseries and child care cen-

ters, community centers, counselling programs for adolescents and their families, clubs for Arab and Druze women for job training and cultural activities, agricultural and vocational training schools, and programs and activities for the promotion of women's rights and the equality of Israeli women under the law.

Asked to assess the status of Israeli women in recent years, Arad, who is an active member of the Labor Party, said she sees "a tremendous backlash in women's rights in Israel as far as the law is concerned since the Likud government assumed power. We are concerned over this regression in the status of women."

She underlined a number of regressive developments: the recent amendment to the abortion law, the change in law allowing women to stay out of the army on religious grounds, the Likud government's decision to postpone the enactment of a social security law granting rehabilitation rights and workmen's compensation for women disabled while working at home, the intention of the government to curtail

aid to dependent children, and the lack of new legislation concerning women's rights.

Cites A Special Concern

"A special concern for us now," Arad said, "is the growing signs of impending unemployment. We are afraid that women will be the first to get fired. This will be hard to take after all the efforts we had made to make women part of the labor force in Israel. More than 39 percent of Israeli women are presently working outside of their homes and this percentage is likely to decrease if unemployment continues to increase in the next few months," she warned.

According to Arad, Na'amat tackles the problems of women as part of the problems of Israeli society as a whole. "Our approach is to define the problems, bring them to the surface and then to conduct a mutual struggle with other parts of society to solve them," she said. At the same time, she said, her organization concerns itself with "general social problems and issues such as the rights of Israeli senior citizens or the state of agriculture in the country."

Bedouin Bandits

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's phased withdrawal from Sinai has facilitated the operations of Bedouin car thieves. In recent months the desert nomads have been stealing cars in Israel and burying them in the Sinai sands. The idea is to dig them up and sell them as soon as the Egyptians take over the area. MK Samuel Flatto-Sharon's expensive Mercedes recently turned up in Sinai. Now the Bedouins have found a new source of profit. They are offering to track down missing cars for IL 20,000 each.

BEERSHEBA (JTA) — Yosef Tekoah, president of Ben Gurion University of the Negev, announced that the University will establish a George Meany Center for Labor Relations at the University's campus here. The American Associates of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev have underwritten the first \$100,000 toward the \$1,000,000 project, its president Aron Chlewick of New York City reported.

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Israel Debates Boycott Of Moscow Summer Olympics

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin will meet with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis in Jerusalem, at the envoy's request, to discuss the Olympic Games in Moscow this summer. The U.S. is apparently trying to persuade Israel to join its boycott of the Games. President Carter announced yesterday that he had informed the U.S. Olympic Committee that he would not support sending the American team to Moscow unless the Soviets pull their forces out of Afghanistan in one month.

The situation has created a dilemma for Israel and opinion here is sharply divided between those who would boycott the Games as a matter of principle and others who warn that such a move could leave Israel isolated and out of the Games should a world-wide boycott fail to materialize.

The Knesset's Sports Committee will take up the issue, beginning what is expected to be a long and bitter debate. Two members of the committee have already taken diametrically opposing views. Roni Milo of Likud wants Israel to proclaim its boycott forthwith. He maintained that it is inconceivable that Israeli sportsmen will participate in the Moscow events while Jews are imprisoned and persecuted in the Soviet Union, not to mention the Soviets' disregard of international law and international covenants.

But Yossi Sarid of the Labor Alignment cautioned Israel to take a careful approach

lest it be the only country left out of the 1980 Olympics. Sports officials here also seem to favor caution and insist that there must be a distinct dividing line between sports and politics.

World Reaction Awaited

Yitzhak Ofek, chairman of the Israel Olympic Committee, said it would see how the U.S. Olympic Committee acts before making a decision. Ofek said that only sports institutions can decide. Technically, the decision whether or not to boycott the Games rests with the Olympic Committees in the various countries, not with governments. The Prime Minister's Office indicated today that Israel's decision would have to await world reaction to Carter's call for a boycott.

Some sections of the media are demanding that Israel pull out of the Games immediately. They recalled the Berlin Olympics in 1936 when sports officials drew a line between politics and the Games. The result was that while the killing and persecution of Jews went on in Germany, the Nazis scored what was probably their greatest world-wide propaganda coup. One newspaper stated that holding the Olympics in Moscow was unacceptable after the Soviet Union violated the independence of a small country, Afghanistan. In this case, the paper said, "the show must not go on."

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres denied a report in the Washington Star alleging that he was invited by King Hussein of Jordan to discuss a possible settlement of the West Bank issue.

Shcharansky Birthday Marked by Protestors

WASHINGTON (JTA) — About 300 people, many of them youngsters, gathered outside the Soviet Embassy shortly after noon on January 20 to mark the 32nd birthday of Anatoly Shcharansky and to protest his continued confinement in a Soviet prison.

The demonstration, sponsored by the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Greater Washington Jewish Community Council, was addressed by Rabbi Ruben Landman of Congregation Har Tzion-Agudath Achim and Rev. John Steinbruch of the Luther Place Memorial Church. Landman, Steinbruch and Norman Goldstein, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee, attempted to deliver birthday cards for Shcharansky to the Embassy. An Embassy employe came to the gate but refused to accept the cards on grounds that he was authorized only to receive mail in diplomatic pouches.

The cards, addressed to Shcharansky at Chistopol Prison in Moscow, will be mailed. A shofar was blown to mark the occasion. Landman said, "We blow the shofar as a symbol of protest and outrage at the callousness and cruelty of a government which directs its power to crush the Jewish spirit. We appeal to the soul and conscience of the Soviet Union for compassion and justice." Steinbruch told the assembled group, "We must keep the promise alive for Anatoly Shcharansky. We are his tie to the future. We must not be weakened."

The protestors distributed leaflets to passers-by urging that Shcharansky and other "prisoners of conscience" be freed and allowed to emigrate. Shcharansky was arrested in March 1977 and sentenced in July 1978 to 13 years' imprisonment for alleged treason and anti-Soviet activities. He is reportedly in ill health.

Urges Mailing Birthday Cards

In New York, Burton Levinson, president of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, announced a campaign to "make certain that Anatoly knows that he has not been forgotten." He said birthday greetings

should be sent in the form of cards, letters or cables to: Anatoly Shcharansky, UCHR 511110/1, Moscow, RSFSR, USSR.

In addition, noted Levinson, March 15 will mark Shcharansky's third year of imprisonment, at which time he is expected to be transferred from the rigors of Chistopol Prison to an undesignated labor camp to carry out the rest of his sentence. He noted that messages and appeals should be sent to Soviet authorities urging that Shcharansky be released and allowed to emigrate to Israel rather than transferred as scheduled, to a labor camp.

Also in New York, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry staged a march to the Soviet Mission to the United Nations where protestors chanted "Unhappy birthday, Anatoly Shcharansky — Let my people go." Earlier, the group demonstrated outside the new million-dollar Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters three blocks away where they shouted "Hell no PLO — PLO has to go," and carried placards stating "New York's newest bomb factory," and "Murder Inc. on East 65th Street."

Shcharansky's Father Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

Meanwhile, Genya Intrator, vice president of the Canadian Committee on Soviet Jewry, reported from Toronto that Boris Shcharansky, Anatoly's father, died while on his way to the apartment of Prof. Alexander Lerner where a ceremony was to be held for Anatoly's birthday. Mrs. Intrator said the elder Shcharansky, 75, suffered a heart attack while on a trolley bus en route from Istra, the Moscow suburb where he resided. His wife, Ida Milgrom, was at Lerner's apartment at the time.

Mrs. Intrator said the activists continued with the program since they considered it important. She said they plan to ask Soviet authorities to allow Anatoly to attend his father's funeral, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday.

Bombing Averted

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A terrorist bombing in which the victims would have been young children was averted when a passerby alerted police to a suspicious-looking parcel in a playground adjacent to a kindergarten in Bat Yam. The plastic bag, placed near a small carousel, was found by police sappers to contain a time bomb concealed under cucumbers and tomatoes.

The device was set to explode at 11:30 a.m. when the kindergartners would be going to the playground for their lunch hour. A search of the area yielded a second bomb set to detonate at the same time. Both bombs were filled with nails, indicating a deliberate intention to inflict maximum casualties. They were safely dismantled.

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Successful Investing

by David R. Sargent



Q: I am retired and have quite a few E bonds. Should I convert them to HH bonds? If so, when are Series E taxable? A.T. Michigan

A: The time has come for us to decide what to do with our Series E bonds. These were bought between 1940 and 1948. Should they be converted to HH bonds or turned in? I am now retired. A.S. Florida

A: Like thousands of other patriotic Americans your age, you are both now faced with a financial planning problem as a result of your well-intentioned purchases of bonds. Because you are retired and presumably in a lower bracket, the tax consequences should be somewhat less punitive. First off, I would suggest sitting down and figuring out the taxes on alternative actions. What would the tax be on the accrued interest should you sell all your E bonds? Then scale down from there,

figuring the tax if half the bonds were sold, or if one-quarter was liquidated. Once you decide how much tax Uncle Sam would take on your accumulated interest, you will have a better handle on how to proceed.

Any bonds purchased in 1940 have run their course and will come due this year. By switching them to HH bonds, you will be able to postpone the tax on the accrued E bond interest until you either sell or otherwise dispose of the HH bonds. But the interest on the HH bonds is not particularly attractive now at only 6.5%. Nonetheless, you may find that all things considered, this interest plus the tax savings on E bond interest works out favorably for you. Certainly you should cash in some of the E bonds — whatever amount is feasible from a tax standpoint. The rest should be exchanged for HH bonds and sold piecemeal over the years.

Q: I am a widow, 69 years old. My only source of income, other than Social Security, is 42 Florida Power & Light 1st 7 1/2 of 2003. This income amounts to \$3,150 per year. The bonds were bought at par, 100, and are now selling at 69. Would it be wiser to sell them now, take a substantial loss, reinvest the money in CDs, or keep them? J.T. Florida

A: You might just as well stay with these bonds. If you were to sell and switch to a CD, your annual income would not be much improved. Your bonds at current prices are yielding just about what you could get in a CD. The loss you have reflects a bond's tendency to sell at a price where the interest coupon provides a yield comparable to that available elsewhere.

Your bonds were issued when interest rates generally ran around 7 1/2%. Today comparable electric utility bonds are issued with coupons of 12% and yield accordingly. If interest rates begin to decline in 1980, as I suspect, your bonds will rise. For example, if the coupon on newly issued bonds were to drop back to 7 1/2%, your bonds would come right back to 100, what you paid originally. If rates generally come halfway down, say to 9.75%, your bonds would rally to 77. With little chance of a further rise in interest rates and some hope of a decline this year, you might as well hang on.

Q: I am 56 years old and plan to retire at age 62. Due to the short length of time that I

will be employed with my present employer, the monthly benefit from the retirement plan would be about \$60.00. M.G. Wisconsin

So far this year I have purchased common stock in the following utilities — 100 shares of Iowa Ill. Gas & Electric, 50 Pacific Gas & Electric, 50 Rochester Gas & Electric, and 50 General Tel. & Electric, all of which are under automatic reinvestment programs.

I would like to make some additional cash payments, and would like to know which ones you would favor. Mr. G., Wisconsin

A: If income is your principal aim, all of these are OK. My only suggestion is that concentration in any one industry, no matter how attractive, always involves risk. The electric utility industry would be hurt for instance, should energy prices, oil mainly, take another jump. They would also be in trouble if regulatory agencies began to slow down on new rate increases. Utility profits would then be squeezed between fixed rates and rising costs.

So, I would diversify. Some mighty attractive industrial stocks can be bought these days with fairly decent yields. American Express and Eastman Kodak offer almost 6% at today's prices, and Union Carbide 10%. All are worth buying here. Even the mighty IBM yields an unheard of (for it) 5 1/2%. This would be a good one for you too.

'Auto log' helps on maintenance

It may never rival the excitement of the H.M.S. Bounty's or the U.S.S. Caine's, but keeping a log on your car's maintenance may be the wisest thing you've done for your transportation needs.

Keeping logs or detailed records of every shipboard activity has been a long-standing tradition on the sea. And aircraft maintenance logs must be carefully kept as an FAA requirement.

But the idea of keeping a log on car maintenance is a new idea, prompted by the facts of motoring life today. Some reasons to keep careful records of maintenance performed include:

With extended recommendations for performing vital maintenance procedures, it's easy to forget to do them at all. For example, some manufacturers recommend changing oil every 7,500 miles. Under former oil change intervals of 1,000 miles or so, it became a monthly habit. Now half a year can go by before an oil and filter change is in order. Unless a reminder is available in the form of a maintenance log, an owner

is likely to forget the vital service.

Self-service gasoline stations also became a factor. The absence of service personnel to tell customers of items like tires with low pressure, worn windshield wipers or battery deterioration makes it important for the owner to record replacement periods.

With the rise in used car prices, trading in an old car can become increasingly lucrative. Anyone who can show a well-kept log of faithful maintenance to a prospective used car buyer can expect to get hundreds of dollars more for the car.

Naturally, any log could include careful records of gasoline consumption, including how many miles were traveled on the amount of gasoline purchased. By keeping such records one can instantly notice when his miles per gallons decreases and take necessary steps to correct the cause.

Maintenance logs can be as simple as a small spiral notepad kept in the glove compartment. Several more formalized car maintenance logs are available at auto stores such as NAPA.

Your car feels 'good' after having a tune-up

Ask a dozen auto mechanics their definition of an engine tune-up and you'll likely get a dozen different answers. Virtually all would mention changing spark plugs and most would list checking timing.

But one way to describe a tune-up should satisfy everyone. A tune-up should include any service necessary to return the engine to manufacturers' specifications. Or to put it differently, a tune-up should restore the car's performance as closely as possible to the time when it was new.

So an investment in a tune-up can yield a return greater than its price. For example, national studies show a tuned engine will save on the average of more than two gallons of gas per tankful.

Other tune-up benefits may not be as rewarding in money saved but they are equally important. For example:

Tune-up is the best protection against recurring starting trouble. In a nation-

wide survey it was discovered that the most effective way to cure starting problems is tune-up. Motorists who sought to correct starting woes by servicing the battery had more than twice the rate of repeated "can't start" as those who tuned their engines.

In addition, tune-up helps improve the nation's air quality. A tuned engine emits less than half of the carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons as an engine in need of tune-up, according to governmental and private studies.

Perhaps the most noticeable example of a tune-up's benefits is the performance it restores. In tests measuring engine power, a tuned engine gained on average about 10 per cent more thrust than the same engine overdue for tune-up. As a result, distances required to pass on highways are about 10 per cent less for tuned cars.

Current recommendations for purchasing tune-up: get one at least once a year.

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Prospects Dim for Jewish New York Police Candidates

By Ben Gallo

NEW YORK (JTA) — An expert on recruitment of Jews for the city's police force said that court rulings suspending appointment of 381 new police officers this month unless half of them are Black and Hispanic means that almost half of the qualified Jewish candidates will be "bumped" if the lower court ruling is allowed to stand.

Louis Weiser, a retired police officer who is president of the Council of Jewish Organizations in Civil Service, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that 18 Jewish candidates — two of them Orthodox women — were among the 280 candidates appointed to the force in December.

Weiser, who has been a key figure in two campaigns to recruit Jewish police candidates — one in 1973 and one in 1979 — said that, on the basis of the proportion of Jews among the 380 named in December, 18 to 20 Jewish candidates could have been counted on as being among the 380 appointees for January, if the courts had not ordered a stay in the appointments unless the department was willing to accept what Weiser called a quota order.

The legal battle began when the Guardians Association, representing Black officers, and the Hispanic Society of Police Officers filed suit in federal court, contending the examination for police given last June was discriminatory, purportedly because it was essentially a test of reading and therefore biased against minority members who were at a disadvantage because of the allegedly inferior education they had

received in New York City schools.

City Asks For A Stay

Federal Judge Robert Carter issued a ruling on Jan. 11 that no appointments could be made unless half of the appointees were Black and Hispanic. In a brief submitted to the Federal Court of Appeals for the Second District, the city asked the court to stay Carter's preliminary injunction but did promise to expedite a hearing on the city's appeal and set a date for that hearing for Feb. 5.

The situation thereupon became one giving the city the choice of accepting the quota order or refraining from making appointments pending the final court determination of the issue. It was expected that whether the Appeals Court rules for or against the quota ruling, the losing side will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mayor Edward Koch and Police Commissioner Robert McGuire issued a statement that they considered the June tests fair and job-related and reiterated that the city would press its appeal. Mayor Koch said "we will never, unless required by the courts or federal law, run this city with quotas."

Weiser stressed that the Jewish candidates who passed all the required examinations, mental and physical, who have not been appointed, would remain on the hiring list but, he added, "I have already received calls from some of the young Jews on the list, telling me they are concerned about how long they will have to wait."

As of last Oct. 30, Weiser had reported to the JTA, in discussing the second drive to

recruit Jews, that there were some 700 Jews on the force, including 30 women, totalling less than two percent of the force, far below the Jewish proportion of New York City's population. Weiser estimated then that of the 1200 Jews who took the June test, 600 to 650 passed, including 150 women. He also estimated that no more than 200 Jews would pass the other tests — medical, psychological and physical — and receive listing for appointment.

Given attrition and losses by retirement, Weiser said, the result could be even fewer Jewish officers than before the recruiting drive. He said that the quota ruling, if it is not overruled, and the certainty that some successful Jewish candidates will quit the list because of delays, will help to assure a net drop in the number of Jewish police officers during the four-year life of the current list.

Coalition To Fight Ruling

A coalition of police and civil service

groups announced it will seek to enter a friend of the court brief in support of the city and in opposition to the ruling by Carter, Weiser reported.

A statement issued by seven organizations comprising the coalition declared that "the decision is undemocratic, does not conform to the facts and is divisive. New York City is a melting pot of many ethnic and religious groups, none of which have ever sought preferential treatment. No preference should ever be granted to any group because of race, color or creed, since most police applicants, white and Black, have suffered from the same social and economic disadvantages.

"We deplore the confrontation between groups that will result if Judge Carter's decision is implemented. Individuals must be judged on their merit and if democracy and the public is to be served, candidates for the police department must be selected on the basis of ability."

Begin Issues Statement Praising Sakharov

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin opened last week's Knesset session with a special statement in praise of Russian human rights activist and dissident Andrei Sakharov who was arrested in Moscow recently and sent into internal exile at Gorky, a city closed to foreigners because it is a military industry center. The Israeli leader praised Sakharov, a Nobel Laureate in physics, as one of the "bravest people of our time" who gave up the scientific career that won him world fame in order to fight for the "basic and sacred human rights."

Begin referred to Sakharov's efforts on behalf of Jewish dissidents and Prisoners of Conscience in the USSR. "From the podium of the Knesset we send him our blessings and we demand his release. We join free people throughout the world in this demand," Begin said. The Premier's remarks reflected outrage over the Soviet government's treatment of Sakharov and mounting concern in Israel that this may herald a new crackdown on dissidents in general and on Jews seeking to emigrate.

Decrease in Visas Noted

Rafael Kotlowitz, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department, appeared uncertain as to whether or not the recent decrease in the number of visas issued to Soviet Jews was a manifestation of the same wave of oppression that engulfed Sakharov. Kotlowitz told a press

conference in Tel Aviv that the drop in visas may be due to the fact that most Jews leaving the Soviet Union are going to the U.S.

He reported that the drop-out rate was 63 percent during the first three weeks of January, a slight decrease from the 65 percent rate in December. The average drop-out rate in 1979 was 66.3 percent, meaning that exactly two-thirds of the Jews allowed to emigrate from the USSR chose to go to countries other than Israel.

On the other hand, Kotlowitz noted that in 1979, 51,317 Jews left the Soviet Union, a 43 percent increase over the previous year. Therefore, he said, Israel should not "close off options" in its relations with Moscow. He cautioned specifically against making hasty decisions with respect to Israel's participation in the Olympic Games in Moscow next summer.

Greater Difficulties Cited

A more pessimistic view was expressed by Soviet emigre Alexander Levin. In an interview with Kol Israel Radio, Levin said that the Soviet Union was experiencing internal difficulties which means greater obstacles to Jews seeking to leave because "Jews are always the first candidates for any repression." Levin contended that the liberalization era in Soviet politics has ended and that the invasion of Afghanistan signaled a return of the hardliners to power in Moscow.

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Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



I had time to watch this hand played just once but it was a great pleasure to see the Declarer take full advantage of what he had heard to make the very maximum. You might say that West was a "Big Mouth" for if he had kept quiet the hand would have been played quite differently. But West had a fine hand to bid and had the vulnerability been more favorable he would have bid even one more time, I am sure. As the cards were, East and West had a very good save even though they were vulnerable and their opponents not. The problem concerns Declarer's play, not the bidding here.

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

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

N	E	S	W
1C	1D	1H	P
2H	2S	4H	End

The bidding was normal enough until South bid Four Hearts. With but ten high card points you might think this a slight overbid but those five Clubs, a suit bid by his partner, looked mighty big. Had East not been vulnerable or even had both sides been, I think East would have rebid his Spades but the unfavorable of the vulnerability stopped him. As you can see, in Spades all that has to be lost is a trick in each suit, down one in four. When I checked the traveling score later I noted

that not one pair had tried the sacrifice but South was making all sorts of scores as Declarer. No one else made the twelve tricks this Declarer did.

West led a Spade, Dummy's Jack won by East who, noting that another Spade would be bad, switched to a Diamond won by South. This Declarer felt that by the bidding, even though East had not rebid those Spades, nevertheless, he probably would not have tried to bid them vulnerable unless he had five. But he had bid Diamonds first so he probably had more Diamonds than Spades, very likely six. So this Declarer decided to play exactly as if East's hand was like that.

He first played the Trump Queen from his hand taking note of what he felt would be a singleton from East. Continuing along with this he led a low Trump and inserted Dummy's 9, not really surprised when East showed out. Noting that if he played the Clubs anything like normally he would be blocked he decided to hope East's lone Club would be the Queen and thus led Dummy's King and saw to his satisfaction that the Queen did fall.

At this point everyone's hand should have been an open book to an alert Declarer, especially this one. So going on with his plan, he Ruffed a Spade in his hand and led a Club to Dummy just covering what West played. He next ruffed the last Spade from Dummy using his own last Trump. Then he led another Club to get to Dummy to draw the two Trumps left with West.

Remember the two Trumps still in Dummy are the Ace and King. These extracted West's while Declarer discarded his own two losing Diamonds. Now it was easy for him to overtake Dummy's last Club with his own Ace to cash his fifth one for the twelfth trick.

Moral: When you can almost see through the backs of the cards because of information donated to you. Play just as if you actually were looking at the front.

Begin Cautious To Petition

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin reacted cautiously to a petition signed by 750,000 Israelis, including 70 Knesset members, calling in effect for the annexation of the Golan Heights. He told a delegation of Golan settlers who brought the petition to him that it would have to be taken into account by any Israeli government.

But Begin stopped short of making any commitment to implement the petition which claims that the Golan Heights is an integral part of Israel. However, he said it was an "historic event" that such a large

number of citizens and Knesset members had signed it. In recent days, the Premier has warned several times that Syria may be preparing for war with Israel.

Some of the delegates demanded the immediate annexation of the Golan Heights which have been occupied by Israel since 1967. A Druze MK, Kamal Nasser A-Din of Likud, claimed it would be impossible to defend Israel if even one meter of the Golan was returned to Syria. A small portion of the Heights, including its largest city, Kuneitra, was returned to Syria under the 1975 disengagement agreement.

Mid-East Accords Reached

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai reported to the Cabinet that Egypt has agreed to give Israel a \$5 per barrel discount on the two million tons of Sinai oil it will sell to Israel this year. Egypt is currently marketing its oil at \$40 per barrel of heavy oil and \$33 per barrel of light oil. But the price will be adjusted every three months to reflect the changes in the world market price.

Israel will pay the going market price but will be reimbursed by Egypt in the amount of the discount, Modai explained. He said that according to the agreement reached in Cairo, the Sinai oil will be purchased by three Israeli companies — Sonol, Paz and Delek — which will deal directly with the Egyptian government. Negotiations for a new agreement for 1981 will begin near the end of this year, Modai said.

Telecommunications, Postal Links Begin
The minister, whose responsibilities also include telecommunications, elaborated on the opening of telecommunications and postal links between Egypt and Israel. He said the postal service will handle special delivery and ordinary mail, air mail and packages of up to 15 kilograms. Provisions have also

been made for regular and urgent telegrams between the two countries but not night letter service which is not furnished in Egypt.

As of Sunday, telephone service to and from Egypt was made available through the international exchange. There is no direct dialing system in Egypt but direct phones to Israel could be put into use if the Egyptians agree to buy the telephone lines Israel has left in Sinai. Modai said that telephone, telegraph and telex services will be in operation on a 24-hour basis. The International Postal Union and the International Telecommunications Union were informed of the opening of service between Israel and Egypt.

PARIS (JTA) — The universities of Haifa and Nice have signed an agreement providing for far-reaching scientific and research cooperation. The University of Haifa was represented by its president, Gershon Avner, and the agreement was signed in the presence of Israel's Ambassador to France, Meir Rosenne. Nice University has similar agreements with six Arab universities, including those of Algiers, Morocco and Tunis.

Jordanian Terrorist to Face Trial in Israel

CHICAGO (JTA) — The extradition order handed down against an accused Jordanian terrorist to face trial in Israel was hailed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for supporting the principle that "terrorism should not be condoned by granting terrorists refuge here."

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Minister Questioned On 1000-Acre Farm

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The government is in a quandry over how to deal with a conflict of interest involving Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon and the 1000-acre farm he owns in the northern Negev. Three committees set up to deal with the matter recommended that Sharon either give up the farm or resign from the Cabinet. But the hawkish Yom Kippur War hero has nobody to assign the property to.

His children are too young and so far no one has offered to buy or lease the acreage. Premier Menachem Begin wants Sharon to stay in the Cabinet and so does Sharon. Other Cabinet members, including the two Deputy Premiers, Yigael Yadin and Simcha Ehrlich, have expressed sympathy with their colleague and believe that to implement the committees' recommendations in this case would be unfair.

But the government takes seriously even the appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any of its members. The new Finance Minister, Yigal Hurwitz, divested himself of his prosperous dairy products industry when he took office last year. But Hurwitz was able to hand over the business to his two adult sons. Other ministers have acted similarly, relinquishing law practices or business interests, even those that had no bearing on their Cabinet duties.

For the Agriculture Minister to own one of Israel's largest and most prosperous farms raises suspicions. He is in charge of the Israel Land Authority from which he originally bought the farm. He is in charge of water distribution for agriculture and there have been charges that his farm consumes more than its legal quota. He is in charge of produce exports and Sharon's farm is one of the largest exporters of melons and other products to the European market. He is in charge of agricultural prices, of fertilizer and numerous other items related to agriculture.

In short, he is vulnerable to charges — fair or unfair — of using his position to improve his private holdings.

Recently, Sharon was accused of spending public money on security equipment for his farm. The minister denied this, noting that the security fence and floodlights installed around his residence were the kind of measures taken to protect every Cabinet member. Friends of Sharon claim he is being hounded by political foes because of his hardline views and his ad-

vocacy of massive Jewish settlements in the occupied territories and the seizure of Arab-owned lands for that purpose if necessary.

History Of Sharon's Farm

Sharon's farm, which is called Shikmim, has a long history that dates back to the early days of the State of Israel when the government was trying to attract settlers to the Negev. The 1000-acre plot, earmarked for grazing, was leased to an Australian Jewish family who joined Israeli investors in an attempt to establish a sheep ranch. But the enterprise was a failure and eventually the 1000 acres and adjacent lands reverted to the Israel Land Authority and were distributed among various kibbutzim and moshavim.

When Sharon retired from the army after the Yom Kippur War, he entered politics. But, as the sabra son of Russian Jewish immigrants who had been farm workers at Kfar Mallal, he had ambitions to own a farm. With his personal savings and loans from two wealthy American Jews, the late Sam Sacks of Chicago, and Meshulam Riklis of Los Angeles, he bought the failed sheep ranch and began to cultivate crops for export.

The farm prospered. Its "baby-super watermelons" are popular throughout Western Europe. It also raises wheat, lemons and animal fodder, grazes about 1000 head of sheep and has a stable of horses. It employs anywhere from several score to several hundred workers, the latter during the harvesting and packing season.

The government now finds itself in a position where to reject the recommendations of three committees — one headed by a distinguished retired judge — would tarnish its image. On the other hand, Begin and other ministers do not want to force Sharon to resign. One minister has suggested that Sharon relinquish the Agriculture Ministry portfolio to become Minister of Settlements, a Cabinet post that does not now exist, or Minister-Without-Portfolio. But this has not been formally presented to Begin.

While the government ponders the matter, Sharon keeps his farm and his Cabinet seat. Some observers believe that the situation will be resolved by accepting the committees' recommendations but not implementing them.

JORI Campers Take a Break From Winter

By Kathleen Hart

In the cold, if not snowy, month of January, most people do not have camping on the brain. But for past Camp JORI campers, February 3rd is an important camping date. Traditionally, the directors, members of the board, camp personnel and past campers all get together in mid-winter for a good time — an occasion in the dead of winter to perhaps keep alive the illusion of summer canoeing, swimming, and hiking.

This year is particularly special for the Rhode Island camp, because the new athletic complex, built in the memory of Leo Weiss, whose dream it was to see its completion, will be fully operational this summer.

While the camp holds weekly Sabbath services and avoids traife foods on its menu, it does not promote the Jewish education that some Jewish camps do. Says Ed Foss, "It's a real fun camp. We're not geared towards any religious instruction, per se. It's a place where Jewish kids from any kind of background can feel comfortable."

Camp JORI is co-ed, and takes girls aged between 7 and 12, and boys from 7 to 13 years of age. The arrangements include log cabins with bunk beds. In addition to the athletic facilities on the camp grounds, the camp has a van in which it shuttles the kids to the ocean for swimming on the beach.

Marshall Gerstenblatt is the present



Mike Thaler officiates during the opening of JORI's new tennis court in August, 1979.

Camp JORI, which was founded in the early 1930's as a camp for Jewish orphans, gradually became a camp for the needy, and has in more recent years become a camp for children of every economic background. The camp is proud of the diversity among its campers. While a majority of the parents pay in full for their children, many needy children are awarded "camperships." The full paying campers, contributions from friends and alumni of the camp, and donations like the Joe Taler Memorial Campership Fund all help to make this aid possible.

The new athletic complex contains a baseball field, a track, a basketball court, three tennis courts, a volleyball court, and a soccer field. The camp, which is located on 10 acres in Narragansett, also has a full, Olympic-size swimming pool.

Director of the camp, and Ed Foss recently took over the volunteer president's post from Mike Thaler. The camp, which is the only overnight Jewish camp in Rhode Island, is completely autonomous, since it is funded privately.

February 3rd, while most of us have our minds on heating bills, and income tax returns, JORI campers will be gathering at the United Way Building on Wayland Square, to see a slide show of last year's camp season, eat refreshments, and shake off winter's "cabin fever" by dreaming of summer cabins. The Sunday gathering, which will be held from 1:30 to 3:00, is open to anyone interested in sending their children to the camp, which is currently taking applications for this summer's two, 4-week sessions.

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where the Jewish community center is located. The boy, named Raphael, was born to a local family surnamed Cohen.

The reporters said that less than 100 Jews seem to be left in the entire country and that many of them hope to leave. As far as could be ascertained, there are no anti-Jewish measures in effect nor any harassment.

LONDON (JTA) — Andrew Balcombe, a Manchester businessman, has been elected chairman of the national Council for Soviet Jewry, succeeding June Jacobs who held the post since 1976.

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Journalists See Israeli Troubles

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A group of American Jewish journalists, ending a six-day visit, said they would convey to their readers at home Israel's feeling of being caught up in the new international crises enveloping the Middle East. Referring to the situation in Iran and Afghanistan, Frank Wundohl, editor of the Jewish Exponent of Philadelphia, said his colleagues were imbued with the mounting concern in Israel over recent developments in the region.

Wundohl is also president of the American Jewish Press Association (AJPA), an organization of 70 American Jewish newspapers and magazines which held its study mission here. The more than 40 publishers and editors and other journalists conferred with top Israeli officials and were taken on extensive tours of Israel and the West Bank.

Wundohl noted that Israel finds itself at the crossroads between Europe and Asia, between East and West and the concern for Israel's special needs in view of the developments in the Middle East, especially against the background of mounting East-West tension, must be relayed to diaspora Jews.

The AJPA meeting, which was also attended by editors and journalists for Israeli newspapers and Jewish papers in other countries, was held under the auspices of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists. One proposal discussed at the meeting was to set up a subsection within the Federation to include Jewish journalists writing in English-language newspapers. This would cover the U.S., Australia, South Africa, England and other countries where an English-Jewish press exists.

The meeting held in Jerusalem was addressed, among others, by Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, and Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who heads the Israeli ministerial negotiating team in the autonomy talks with Egypt.

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Japanese Jewish Convert To Join Gush Settlement

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The newest member of the Gush Emunim settlement of Kedumim near Nablus is a 40-year-old Japanese, Sadao O Hara. O Hara, who will move into the settlement in June with his wife and three children, plans to build an export-oriented paper plant there.

The Jerusalem Post said that O Hara is the leader of the 2000-member Bnei Shomron sect in Japan which regards itself as the vestige of the 10 lost tribes which were exiled by the Assyrians after the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in the 8th Century BCE. As Biblical fundamentalists they endorse Gush Emunim's claim to the entire Land of Israel and believe that the in-

gathering of the lost tribes will precipitate the coming of the Messiah.

O Hara said he hopes the paper plant will be ready for operation by the time he and his family move to Kedumim in June. He said it will be almost fully automated and will be operated by himself and one other person. He said it will produce \$400,000-\$500,000 worth of paper annually for export to Japan and other Asian countries. The paper will be marketed through his computer paper printout company in Japan.

A Shinto by birth and the son of a Japanese general killed in action during World War II, O Hara grew up in Okinawa.

Black African Ties

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pointed out that the high oil prices and the world inflation which has hiked the prices of imports has especially hurt Kenya and other Black African nations.

"They (the Arabs) do not invest in our country," Mwidau declared. He said all of the investments in Black Africa are by the U.S., Britain, other Western countries and Israel.

Mwidau, a Moslem, urged Jews not to look on all Moslems as their enemies. He said the Arabs are using Islam as a weapon, but "we African Moslems are not enemies of the Jewish community" and of Israel. He said that Jews, Moslems and Christians should join together in improving conditions for Africa. He said that if a Jewish community or organization would provide scholarships for Kenyan children to study in the U.S. or Israel this would have more affect than propaganda or international aid programs.

Felt At Home In Israel

Mwidau, the former mayor of Mombasa, one of Kenya's major cities, said that he has always been a friend of the Jewish community in Kenya and of Israel. There are an estimated 400 Jews in Kenya out of a total population of 14,340,000. He said that on his visit to Israel last week he felt at home. "I didn't feel I was in a foreign country," he said.

He spoke of praying at the Al Aqsa Mosque last Friday and how "happy" he was to see it was well taken care of. He also mentioned his delight at seeing Arab and Jewish children playing together in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem must never be divided, Mwidau said. He said Mecca is governed by a single country and Jerusalem should have only one government responsible for its administration, namely, Israel. He added that Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish State since the time of King David.

He said the strange spelling for his name, which appears to be more Irish than Japanese, was due to it being misspelled by an American official in Okinawa, and he kept it.

O Hara said he "saw the light" as a teenager. "I fell severely ill with tuber-

culosis and pleurisy," he explained. "A Christian friend came to visit, bringing a copy of the Bible. I was enthralled. But on the verge of converting to Christianity, it dawned on me that God had promised everything to the Jews and they were his chosen."

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Israel and Egypt. The Post Office in Beer-sheba stamped the mail with a special postmark proclaiming that "Today normal relations have been instituted between Israel and Egypt." Egyptian newspapers have been arriving in Israel directly for the past two weeks and distributors report they are in heavy demand.

The international telephone operator in Tel Aviv inaugurated two direct lines to Cairo. Both were reported heavily booked. There was a 1/2 hour wait for calls to Cairo. At a later stage it will be possible to direct-dial numbers in each country. Telex and cable communications have also been established.

Direct civilian flights between Israel and Egypt are not expected to begin for several weeks. The two countries have yet to complete negotiations on various civil aviation agreements. Under terms of their peace treaty, flights were to be established only a year after normalization took effect. However, Begin and Sadat agreed to speed up the process at their summit meeting in Aswan earlier this month. Nevertheless, air mail will have to await the inauguration of scheduled flights. For the time being air letters between the two countries will be carried via Europe.

Joint Projects Announced

Trade, economic and cultural ties can be initiated privately. Official negotiations relating to those matters are scheduled to begin on Feb. 15, much earlier than the date set in the peace treaty. This was initiated by Sadat in a special order to his ministers. It was seen here as another indication that Egypt will not link the process of normalization to progress in the autonomy talks.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon told Kol Israel Radio in an interview from West Germany that six Israeli agricultural experts are conducting a water resources survey in Egypt. He said that other joint projects will include packaging and sorting stations for agricultural products to be exchanged between Israel and Egypt.

The semi-official Egyptian newspaper Al Ahran said that Sadat will announce publicly counter-measures against Arab countries opposed to the peace treaty with Israel. Sadat's speech will coincide with the Moslem summit conference taking place in Islamabad, Pakistan. The participants are considering measures to oppose both the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the normalization process between Egypt and Israel.

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