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Petition Asks U.S. To Concede Jerusalem As Israeli Capital



RECOGNITION URGED: A petition bearing 100,000 names is presented to a White House official during ceremonies there, last Friday, which urges the United States to formally recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

In a noontime ceremony in the Roosevelt Room of the White House this past Friday, a delegation of leaders of the Zionist Organization of America formally submitted a petition with 100,000 signatures to President Carter, asking the United States to formally recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

The petition, which also asks the President to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, urged "as a matter of good faith and public confidence" to fulfill the July, 1976 Democratic Party platform.

Noting that it was "unconscionable that the United States still held to the outdated position of supporting an internationalization of the city and morally indefensible that the Administration views parts of the city as occupied territory," ZOA President Ivan Novick vowed to continue the campaign until over a million names have been gathered.

Said Mr. Novick, "The President will have to take into consideration the depth of concern of the entire Jewish community as well as many non-Jews on this issue."

According to the petition, "The formal non-recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel by the United States, while using it de facto as the headquarters of the Israel government, represents a form of prevarication that detracts from the dignity of the government of the United States.

The United States and most European countries do not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital because, under the United Nations partition agreement of 1947, the city was to have been internationalized.

Accepting the petition on behalf of President Carter was his special advisor, Edward Sanders.

Also participating in the ZOA delegation were Alleck A. Resnick of Baltimore, Md., Bernard S. White of Washington, D.C., Judge Alfred H. Kleiman of New York and Judge Joseph H. Lerner of New Jersey.

Son Born Jan. 2

Up to now, we have had no news about a first Jewish baby who was born in Rhode Island for 1979.

However, we have heard about a Jewish baby born early this year in Fall River, Massachusetts. Although we cannot give any of the gifts to a baby born outside Rhode Island, we can spread the information.

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Yoken of 79 Delcar Street in Fall River, became the parents of a five pound, 15½ ounce, 19 inch long baby boy on January 2, 1979, at 11:48 p.m. David Ryan Yoken is their second son.

Grandparents are Mrs. Sylvia Yoken of Fall River and Dr. and Mrs. B.B. Stein of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

'Centrality' Of Israel Called For By WJC

TEL AVIV (JTA): S.Z. Abramov, the new chairman of the Israeli Executive of the World Jewish Congress, mounted a call for an intensified effort to revive the feeling of the centrality of Israel in the life of the Jewish people, a feeling which he claimed has dangerously faded out in some Jewish communities.

Addressing the Congress as he took over the chairmanship from Yitzhak Koren, Abramov said that not only has there been a constant erosion in recent years in the recognition of Israel's centrality but also what he termed an undermining of the spiritual infrastructure of Zionism and Israel. He said there are well-known Jewish intellectuals who claim that Zionism has not solved the Jewish problem and that the State of Israel has not solved the problem of anti-Semitism. In addition, he noted that there is no rush on the part of Jews to make aliya.

He said it is up to the Israeli Executive of the World Jewish Congress to reverse this attitude by building bridges to diaspora Jewry and improving the image of Israel in the eyes of world Jewry.

Israel Won't Sign Peace Treaty Unless Oil Supplies Are Assured

TEL AVIV: Israel will not sign a peace treaty with the Egyptians unless it is assured of access to oil from the Sinai wells it developed during military occupation, a Cabinet minister said this week.

"Israel will not go through with a peace treaty with this issue ignored," Yitzhak Modai, Minister of Energy, said in an interview. "What is the good of a peace treaty — and a partial one at that — if we don't have our oil supplies assured?"

A peace accord with Egypt and Israel has been delayed for several months because of disagreements on political issues: autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs, security arrangements in Sinai and the timing of an exchange of ambassadors.

Another Factor

Mr. Modai indicated that the issue of oil had become another major factor now.

The United States has pledged to meet Israel's oil requirements for up to five years in the event of a supply emergency. But Modai said his Government was seeking other sources because it did not want to increase its susceptibility to political pressure by becoming dependent on the United States for all its oil.

The Minister of Energy said the Israeli Government's position on the Sinai oilfields had hardened as a result of the recent disorder in Iran, which has suspended petroleum deliveries to Israel.

Before the political upheaval, Iran was believed to be supplying Israel with 60 percent of its daily consumption of 160,000 barrels. A new civilian government taking office in Iran has indicated it will no longer sell oil to Israel because of Moslem sympathy for the Arabs.

Israel is secretive about the sources of its oil out of fear that Arabs might apply pressure on the suppliers. The Israelis acknowledge that Mexico supplies some oil but do not say how much. It is also known that Israel has received oil directly or indirectly from Venezuela, Nigeria, Gabon and from the North Sea.

According to Modai, offshore oilfields in the Gulf of Suez account for about 20 percent of Israeli consumption. Production began last February and two wells are in operation.

"If we were allowed to continue there, in another year we could be producing one-third of our requirements," Modai said. "And given enough time, our experts think we could produce all our oil needs from the Suez fields."

The minister said that \$100 million had been invested in the fields and that Israel was "still far from the break-even point."

Modai said that a peace treaty with Egypt would have to satisfy two key Israeli demands on the oilfields: that Egypt agree to sell oil to Israel equal to the amount be-

ing produced from Israeli-developed offshore wells and that Israel be allowed to participate in oil operations in the Gulf of Suez area on an equal footing with companies from the United States, France and Italy.

"We agree that Egypt will have sovereignty over the oilfields, if and when the area goes back to Egypt," Modai said.

Bond Drive Breakthrough

Responding to Israel's request for vital financial assistance to strengthen the nation's economy, the Rhode Island Jewish Community has purchased a total of \$1,761,000 in Israel Bonds during the statewide 1978 campaign, it was announced by Arthur S. Robbins, general chairman of the Rhode Island State of Israel Bond Committee. The figure represents the second highest amount invested in Israel by the Jewish community since the Yom Kippur War of 1973, according to Robbins.

The Rhode Island Israel Bond Executive Committee joined Robbins in lauding community members for their continued support of Israel's far-ranging program of economic development through the Israel Bond program. They called on the community to renew its partnership with the people of Israel in the forthcoming drive to get underway in the spring.

A total of \$369.8 million was produced nationally by the Israel Bond Organization in 1978 to help finance and advance the economic development of Israel, it was announced by Sam Rothberg, General Chairman and Micheal Arnon, President and Chief Executive Officer. This makes an increase of \$38 million dollars over the 1977 figure which was \$331,540,000.

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Notices

ADULT CLASSES AT JCC
 Under the direction of Judith Lantos, the Adult Services Department of the Jewish Community Center, is offering six new classes for adults, beginning the week of Jan. 15.

Hebrew calligraphy, beginning Monday, Jan. 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., is designed for beginners and will run for six sessions.

Dancing skills, will be held Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Adults can either learn or brush up on the disco hustle and ballroom dances.

Ceramics, pots-for-plants, also on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., will feature glazed earthenware pots, designed especially for indoor and outdoor planters, herb pots and vases.

Two photography courses will be offered. Camera Usage, on Wednesdays, is a basic course on the use of a 35mm camera. On Thursday evenings, Advanced Photography, which will cover darkroom techniques, will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Music at the center, on Thursdays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., will examine music classes—symphonic and operatic music, as well as historical and biographical material. Radio personality Norm Jagoliner will host the program.

All classes are open to the public. Center members receive reduced rates on all classes. For more information and a schedule of fees, please call the center at 861-8800.

DONOR KICKOFF

A combined donor kickoff and open board meeting highlight this month's calendar of the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. The event will be held Jan. 17, at 12:30 p.m., at the home's Martin M. Chase Auditorium.

The afternoon will begin with a luncheonette followed by a brief talk by Mrs. Irene Souza, activities director for the home, about the kinds of therapy that can be provided through social activities made possible through the proceeds of the donor event.

The donor kickoff is open to all interested members of the Ladies Association of the Home. The coordinators for this

program are Mrs. Albert Alter and Mrs. Miles Goldberg. For further information, call 751-5024 or 831-1102.

PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S ORT

The Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT, will be holding a meeting on Jan. 18, at 7:45 p.m. at 33 Sweet Briar Lane, West Warwick.

The meeting will be a discussion on child abuse. The speaker for the evening will be Marcia Singer, a social worker. An informal buffet of fresh fruites and vegetables will be served.

For further information call Ellen Reuter, 944-7094 or Freddie Tolman, 822-0586.

ADULT EDUCATION

Temple Beth Am of Warwick announces the start of its adult education program. This semester will highlight Tuesday morning classes in basic Hebrew reading, followed by a lecture-discussion series in the "Foundation of Jewish Ethics," led by Rabbi Rotman. This eight-week program is open to the entire community.

Other classes offered during the week include Intermediate Hebrew, studying the Torah (The Five Books of Moses), and a Sabbath morning discussion group on Rabbinic Law.

For more information call Toby Horowitz, 737-3435 or May Ronnie Sock, 737-4402.

BACKGAMMON WINNERS

The Youth Services Department of the Jewish Community Center held a backgammon tournament, Dec. 27-28, which was run by Bruce Temkin, a local tournament player.

The event, which was open to players of all ages and abilities, was won by Barry Waldman, 13, a student at Nathan Bishop Middle School. Julie Snyder, also a Nathan Bishop student, won second place in the tournament. And after a close, final between Tony McGuinness and Phil Hirons, an English teacher at the Gilbert Stuart Middle School, Hirons was awarded the third place trophy.

The JCC plans another backgammon tournament sometime in March. Call 861-8800 for more information.

Obituaries

SAMUEL MARKOVITZ

Funeral services for Samuel Markovitz, 71, of 137 Taber Ave., who died Friday, Jan. 5, at the Tufts New England Medical Center, Boston, after an illness, were held Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

The husband of Edys (Teper) Markovitz, he was a diesel mechanic with the New Haven Railroad for 50 years until he retired, six years ago. Mr. Markovitz also owned and operated the R.I. Home Improvements Co. for 20 years, until the late 1960s.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and of the temple's men's club, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Hebrew Free Loan Association and the O.H.C.

Mr. Markovitz was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, and had served in the European Theater.

He was born on June 6, 1907, the son of the late Morris and Fannie (Pipsman) Markovitz. He was a life long resident of Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Aaron Markovitz of Providence and Morris Markovitz of Princeton, N.J.; a daughter, Mrs. Marian Kidder of Seattle, Wash., and a brother, Joseph Markovitz of Lincoln.

BERTHA LIPSHITZ

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Lipshitz, 83, of 39 Sessions St., who died Friday, Jan. 6, at her home, were held Mon-

day, Jan. 8, at the Fisher Memorial Chapel, Fall River.

The widow of Hyman Lipshitz, she once owned Bertha's Bakery, Fall River, Mass.

Mrs. Lipshitz was born in Russia on Oct. 15, 1895, a daughter of Isaac Z. and Chana Kranin. Mrs. Lipshitz had lived in Providence for the last nine months. She previously had lived in Fall River for 50 years.

She was a member of the Adaf Israel Congregation and its sisterhood. She also belonged to Hadassah, the Fall River Golden Agers, the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged and the Temple Beth Shalom sisterhood.

She is survived by four sons, Israel Z. Lipson and Robert Lipson, both of Fall River, Sanford Lipson of Madison, Conn., and Albert Lipson of Allentown, Pa.; a daughter, Mrs. Sanford (Vivian) Pepper, of Providence; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

NATHAN TOLIN

Funeral services for Nathan Tolin, 74, formerly of the Steere House, Broad Street, who died Saturday, Jan. 6, after a one-year illness, were held graveside at the Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Until his retirement 10 years ago, he owned and operated the former Tolchinsky Furs, Broad Street, for 40 years.

Born in Boston, Mass., on April 2, 1904, a son of the late Abraham and Ida (Abramovitz) Tolchinsky, he had lived in Providence for the past 60 years.

He was a member of the Doric Lodge, A.F. & A.M. and the Palestine Temple of Shriners. He was an affiliate member of the Thomas Smith Webb Lodge.

He is survived by two sons, Shelton Tolin of Warwick, and Ronald H. Tolin of Vineyard Haven, Mass.; a brother, Hyman Tolin of Portland, Maine; a sister, Mrs. Sue Branz of Scotsdale, Ariz., and five grandchildren.

ONLY ONE LEFT

AMSTERDAM (JTA): The last remaining kosher restaurant here closed its doors last week due to economic difficulties. Only one kosher sandwich shop remains.

'Glaring Deficiencies' Are Found In Recent WZO Financial Report

JERUSALEM (JTA): The 21st annual report of the comptroller of the World Zionist Organization (WZO), published here last Sunday, found glaring deficiencies in the operations of the WZO in Israel and overseas. Hardly a department emerged unscathed and even the Jewish National Fund (JNF) was criticized for alleged irregularities in issuing tenders. The JNF responded immediately that the report failed to take note of faults that have been corrected.

The report charged that the Youth and Hechalutz Department had vastly exceeded its approved budget for accommodations and tours. It spent about 23 million pounds against a budget of 9.4 million pounds for fiscal 1976-77, the report said.

It also found that some leaders of overseas youth groups visiting Israel were unfit; several of them, in fact, were "yordim" — Israelis who settled permanently abroad who could hardly set an example

compatible with the department's aims. The report also cited discrepancies between an advertised summer youth project in Israel last year and what was actually offered to the disappointed youngsters when they arrived.

The Comptroller, Meir Ben Zion Meiry, called on the Department for Education and Culture in the Diaspora to make sure that overseas groups which invite Israeli educators bear the greater part of the expenses involved. The report criticized the method of selecting teachers for overseas missions. It said that instead of implementing the 28th World Zionist Congress decision to increase the number of teachers sent abroad, the number has decreased and general emissaries were sent instead.

Returning emissaries were taken to task for not reporting on their experiences. Two important Jewish communities in Asian countries had no education emissary while the term of one emissary was extended from

two to three years despite a negative rating of the quality of his work.

Other Shortcomings Cited

The report accused the Department on Jewish Schools Abroad of lax supervision. Only nine qualified teachers sent by the department now teach in the U.S. The rest are yordim, some of whom lack formal professional training.

The report said there was too little coordination between the WZO's Department for Overseas Relations and the Foreign Ministry and between that department and the WZO's Information and Organization Department. It cited lack of cooperation in some cases between WZO emissaries and Israeli diplomats abroad.

It charged that the director of a project undertaken by the Immigration and Absorption Department received a salary and expenses for above what he was entitled to. The same person traveled overseas more than 30 times without submitting a written justification for the tips or any report on their results.

One of the most serious findings was an apparent inflation of WZO membership rolls. The report said that of 1.2 million members counted in the WZO census, many were ineligible for membership and more than a few were deceased. The WZO executive will review the report and its recommendations.



GUEST SPEAKER: Michael Bavly, newly appointed Consul General of Israel for New England, will address a regular board of directors meeting of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7:45 p.m. at the Federation Building. The meeting is open to the entire Jewish community.

Mr. Bavly will be in Providence Jan. 17 and 18 to meet with government officials, dignitaries, community leaders and the media and to introduce himself as the representative of the Israeli government to the area.

Immediately before his present assignment, he served as assistant director, North American division of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Notices

WESTERLY B'NAI B'RITH

Nissan Degani, a member of the Israeli Ministry of Education and a visiting fellow at Harvard University, will be the guest speaker at an open dinner meeting of the Westerly lodge of B'nai B'rith to be held at the Swiss Chalet, Saturday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m.

At Harvard, Mr. Degani is with the Philosophy of Education department and is also doing some special work on Zionist education.

Those wishing for more information and reservations, call Joseph Lewiss, 596-4621.

TOURO SPORTS DAY

Grandchildren and children of Touro members are invited to meet Jerry Remmy, Red Sox second baseman and see a Tae Kwon Do demonstration, Sunday, Jan. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus in Warwick. Sports movies will be shown and refreshments served.

RI CLUB OF KINGS POINT

The next meeting of the Rhode Island Club of Kings Point, Delray Beach, Fla., will be held Sunday, Jan. 14, at Lake Ida Park. This date will mark the first anniversary of the formation of the club.

Lake Ida Park is a public recreational area for the use of Delray Beach residents and has picnic facilities, and each member should bring their lunch.

Members include residents of Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Deerfield Beach, West Palm Beach and Miami Beach.

The officers for 1979 are: Raymond Cohen, president; Marcia Mittleman, vice president; Anne Cohen, secretary; Rose Goldman, treasurer and sunshine chairperson; Irving Mittleman, chaplain; and Marcia Mittleman and Ida Saltzman, chairpersons of social events.

WARWICK SOCIAL SENIORS

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, the Social Seniors will hold their next business meeting. Topics of importance will be discussed and refreshments will be served.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, an all-social meeting will be held at Temple Beth Am. The 7:30 p.m. meeting will feature Rabbi Rotman of Temple Beth Am, to be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

MINI-BRUNCH/MEETING

On Monday, Jan. 15, at 12:45 p.m. the Miriam Hospital Women's Association will present, "Do Volunteers Still Roll Bandages?" Pauline Jacobson and Hinda Semonoff, co-directors of volunteers at the hospital, will discuss the many changes and challenges in volunteerism as it exists today. They will be assisted by a group of Miriam Hospital volunteers.

There will be a mini-brunch set for 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will follow. It will be held in Sopkin Auditorium at the Miriam Hospital. Chairwomen are Norma Goldman, program; and Linda Schwartz, hospitality.

DEGREE RECEIVED

Rhonda B. Pressman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Pressman, of 30 Perennial Dr., Cranston, received her master of education degree from Boston University, Sept. 25, 1978.

Miss Pressman, who is a special education teacher in Orange, Conn., is presently living in West Haven, Conn.

RI TROWEL CLUB NO. 740

The 53rd Annual Dinner and Installation of the R.I. Trowel Club, one of 75 clubs affiliated with the National League of Masonic Clubs, will be held Thursday, Jan. 18 at Eileen Darling's Restaurant.

Two Rhode Island residents, Ben Rabinowitz, director and national public relations officer, and John Seplocha, national vice-president, will be installed.

The guest speaker for the evening will be the Potentate Palestine Shrine of Rhode Island, Burton Levenson.

EDUCATION WORKSHOP

The Jewish Education Workshop of Congregation Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion will continue its series of Informal Education with, "Missionizing, Proselytizing and Conversions — Should Jews Do It?" with Rabbi Nachman Cohen, dean of Providence Hebrew Day School; Rabbi Bernard Rotman, Temple Beth Am, Warwick; and Rabbi Jake Rubenstein of Beth Shalom.

The workshop will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Jake Rubenstein, 1008 Hope St., Providence. RSVP 751-5654 or 331-9393.

WIDOWED-TO-WIDOWED

Sunday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m., the Widowed-to-Widowed Outreach program of the Jewish Family and Children's Services will hold its monthly meeting at the Jewish Community Center. The topic for discussion will be dealing with emotions. A question and answer period and coffee hour will follow.

B'NAI B'RITH LODGE No. 899

The Henry Friedman Lodge No. 899 will meet Sunday, Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. at Archie's Tavern, Mendon Ave., Pawtucket, for a breakfast/business meeting.

A program, set for 11:15 a.m. will follow and consist of a reading of the popular Yiddish "Letters to the Editor" better known as the "Bindele Briefe."

For further information call 724-2822.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: Mr. and Mrs. George Wolf, of Torrance, Calif., former longtime residents of Providence and Warwick, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party hosted by their sons, Bill and Allan, at the Hungry Tiger Restaurant, in Marina Del Rey, California.

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By Sylvia Porter



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But how many of you realize that business itself is the source and staunchest protector of some of the most costly and unnecessary of market restrictions?

The most visible example of industry efforts to preserve arrangements which limit competition was the airline companies' initial opposition to the Civil Aeronautics Board's deregulation campaign. But the airline industry isn't alone.

Companies representing virtually every sector of the economy are fiercely defending arrangements which serve to keep prices high and to restrain trade — whether they are private agreements, state laws or federal regulations. To illustrate:

- Prescription drug companies are in a last-ditch fight to preserve state laws that prevent pharmacists from selling lower priced generic drugs instead of more expensive brand name equivalents. The Federal Trade Commission along with the Department of Health, Education & Welfare are drawing up a model state law to encourage feasible drug substitution, reports my associate, Brooke Shearer. Potential consumer saving: an estimated \$70 million a year.

- The head of the Interstate Commerce Commission, A. Daniel O'Neal, is trying to make it easier for new firms to enter the trucking industry and for existing firms to cut their rates. Segments of the trucking industry threaten to sue to stop easier entry.

- The Department of Energy would like electric utility companies to reveal more clearly the prices they pay for fuel. While there are some competitive risks in releasing such cost data, the Energy Department and other government agencies believe they are outweighed by the public's interest in monitoring fuel adjustment clauses.

- Industries ranging from blue jeans manufacturers to makers of footwear and audio components have been charged with fixing retail prices through a variety of means. The FTC, for instance, recently sued and obtained a consent order against Levi Strauss. The day the agency sued, Levi's were selling for \$15-\$17. Today, in many areas of the U.S., they sell for \$10-\$14.

- The FTC's New York office is now completing an investigation of ways in which the entire clothing industry allegedly acts to hold up retail prices of wearing apparel. Both complaints and consent orders are slated to be announced soon.

- Private and governmental standard-setting and licensing organizations also are being scrutinized by various government agencies to check whether their rules — no matter how well meant — discourage competition, innovation and new workers from entering certain fields and occupations.

As just one example, low cost plastic pipe may be a suitable substitute for traditional cement pipe used in plumbing. Yet, plumbers in many states and thousands of cities are prevented from using the plastic pipe by industry standards that have been incorporated into local building codes.

As another example, state licensing requirements prevent many would-be workers from entering a wide range of occupations. Illinois, to cite one, restricts entry into 181 fields, including those of horseshoer, seed seller and wholesale minnow dealer.

Many state licensing laws also prohibit advertising and solicitation. The result: higher costs to consumers who are unable to shop for the best bargain.

Wherever you turn, you will find similar examples of regulations imposed by business on business and for business. The cost of these competitive restraints to us, as consumers, runs into billions of dollars a year!

But while the U.S. government has, with much blowing of trumpets and beating of drums, mounted a major campaign against business-inspired regulations, it is and will be an uphill battle.

And this will be so despite the cries from businesses (crocodile tears?) for a "revolution on regulation."



FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY A Man From The Holyland

By BERYL SEGAL

Rare indeed was the Sabbath eve when father did not bring home from the shul a guest for Shabbos. Sometimes it was a man whose house went up in flames and he took his talith and tefillin sack, and his cane, and started out to ask for help in rebuilding his home. Sometimes, it was a yored, a man who lost all his possessions in a bad business deal, or his partner was a swindler, and he goes from town to town to regain his position by starting all over again, with the help of good people. Then there was the Jew who needed dowries for his marriageable daughters, and emissaries from Yeshivot who spoke with a strange accent, and "grandchildren" of a famous rebbe, they all came to the shul and were invited for Shabbos to various homes.

An orch, a guest, for Shabbos was an ordinary thing in our house. The Shabbat meal was not complete without one. On one Friday evening, father brought with him an extraordinary orch. He was a Jew from the Holyland. He came into the house, and unlike the other guests, he was full of cheer. He patted us on the heads and inquired what we have learned during the week. He complimented the girls on their beauty, speaking all of this in Hebrew. He spoke in Hebrew, he explained, because in the Holyland they spoke only Hebrew on Sabbath.

I remember the appearance of this orch. He was a tall man, wearing a garment of many colors, not like the men in our town. It was a composite of blues and whites and purples, with a wide sash on his loins of a golden hue. He had a white round turban on his head, and the white stockings on his feet were visible as he walked back and forth in the room. His beard grew rounded on his transparent face, and his eyes were always smiling.

His chanting of the Kiddush was in a strange melody and the zemirot, between courses, were long and unfamiliar. Father said that they were in the oriental tradition.

We children spent most of the time watching our orch — his mannerisms, facial expressions and especially his looking at mother when praising each meal. The

more mother blushed, the more extravagant were his praises.

In the meantime, neighbors came to greet the guest and to give him "shalom aleichem," and to receive from him in return, "Alechem Shalom" and to hear news from the Holyland. They said "Alechem," and he kept saying "Alechem."

"In Jerusalem," he said, "it is always summer. Even the winter is warm. When the rainy season comes, it falls lightly on Fridays and Shabbos, when no one is on the roads, as it is written.

"In the Holyland, even goats fill their stomachs with bokser, Saint John's bread, and their milk is as sweet as if it contained honey.

"In the Holyland, a child — he looked at me and pinched my cheek — stretches out his hand and plucks an orange off a tree, or picks some dates for lunch.

"In Jerusalem, we walk the street where King David sang his psalms and Isaiah the Prophet spoke to the crowd and Jeremiah lamented the fall of the city.

"In the Holyland, a man goes into his garden and he picks a beautiful ethrog, and he cuts twigs from the palm tree and he prepares his lulov and ethrog for the festival."

And so the guest from Eretz Yisroel spoke, and the Jews, our neighbors, smacked their lips and nodded their heads, and only interrupted with, "such wonders," and "hear that!"

The candles flickered and the tales of the Holyland continued and we fell asleep with sweet dreams of the land of milk and honey.

The Jew from Jerusalem went his way, but he planted seeds in our hearts and our souls' seeds of longing for the city of Jerusalem and the Holyland.

When people of my generation go on a visit to Israel, they all come back saying that when they came to Jerusalem, they felt as if they were there before. It happened to us also. The Jews from the Holyland went from town to town and planted their seeds in the fertile minds of youngsters everywhere.

Phone Booth Vandals Have 'Ring' Of Ugliness

JERUSALEM (JTA): There is hardly a single public telephone of the 4,000 or so situated in streets and other public places that has not been vandalized, according to

senior officials at the Communications Ministry. Receivers are ripped out, coin boxes are smashed open and looted and the booths themselves are wrecked. In many cases, after repeated attacks, the ministry is forced to remove the facility permanently, putting up a notice in its place to the effect that the removal was caused by repeated acts of hooliganism, the officials said.

According to the officials, the ministry lost some 8 million pounds annually as a result of phone vandalism. They said that the task of preventing these acts is too vast for police to handle. It was, one official claimed, part of a much broader issue of "the ugly Israeli." He challenged schools to teach "civility" to the younger generation. Meanwhile, the ministry has ordered ostensibly vandal-proof phones installed on the streets and public places.

The officials said the ministry had recently set up a team of security men to stake out locations of oft-wrecked phone booths and apprehend vandals in the act. But the vandals, when cornered, have beaten up the security men and fled from the scene.

SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

DAVID R. SARGENT



Q: I am 36 years old and just get by on my wages. I have about \$10,000 to invest and would like suggestions for a growth stock(s) which will pay about 6%. My goal is to keep up with inflation until retirement which is a long way off. At present I own 250 shares of Electric & Gas. Please comment. J.S. Massachusetts

A: Your stocks yield over 9% on average, but have fairly limited growth potential. Therefore, they are not suitable selections for keeping up with inflation until retirement, but they are reasonable holds for investors who must maximize income at the expense of faster growth.

Normally I would recommend that you sell them and reinvest in lower yielding stocks with greater appreciation possibilities. However, since you are "just getting by" their high yield is probably important to you and they can be held for this dollars-and-cents reason. I would begin to liquidate them as soon as your circumstances permit.

Unfortunately, you can't have your cake and eat it too in investing. Today's high yields are tempting but there just aren't any good quality, rapidly growing stocks that also offer an above-average dividend return. An investor must choose growth, or income, or some middle-of-the-road compromise when income requirements rule out "pure" growth.

You should stress growth potential in investing the \$10,000 even though this will mean sacrificing immediate income. I recommend dividing the money among the

following four NYSE issues: Air Products & Chemicals (industrial gases, chemicals, etc.), American Hospital Supply (medical supplies and other health lines), Perkin-Elmer (makes a variety of high technology products), and Texas Instruments (ranks first in the semiconductor industry).

All four of these companies have impressive operating records and very attractive prospects. They only yield a little over 2% currently, on average, but should prove worthwhile long term holdings as earnings and dividends rise in the years ahead.

Q: My husband recently died and I am wondering about the tax status of my interest in his company retirement plan. Will I have to pay an estate tax on this money? E.B. New York

A: I hope the following information will help answer your question. The 1976 Tax Reform Act required that a survivor's benefit (or interest) in a retirement plan be included in a decedent's gross estate if the benefit was not an annuity and was eligible for the special ten-year averaging rules for lump sum distributions.

But 1978 tax law changes now make such benefits eligible for exclusion from the decedent's estate if the surviving beneficiary elects in writing not to treat it as a lump sum payment.

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10:00 a.m.
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1:00 p.m.
Jewish Community Center, 8'nal B'rith, Career Fair for Teens
2:00 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El, Senior Sunday Afternoon Program
Bureau of Jewish Education, Teachers' Conference
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1979
11:00 a.m.
Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Paid Up Membership Brunch
12:30 p.m.
Cranston Chapter of Hadassah, Regular Meeting
7:45 p.m.
Jewish Family & Children's Service, Board Meeting
8:15 p.m.
Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, Board Meeting
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1979
12:30 p.m.
Sisterhood Bowling League, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth El, Bowling
8:00 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El, Adult Institute Seminar
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1979
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Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region, Women's American ORT, Full Board Meeting
8:00 p.m.
Ladies' Association, Jewish Home for the Aged, Open Board Meeting and Donor Kickoff
7:00 p.m.
Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Women's Division, Career Council
7:45 p.m.
Jewish Community Center, Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 p.m.
Spring Green Chapter, Women's American ORT, Open Board Meeting
Congregation Mishkan T'riah Sisterhood, Board Meeting
Temple Beth Torah Sisterhood, Board Meeting
Hope Chapter, 8'nal B'rith Women, Budget Meeting
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1979
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In Brief:

Big Deal

WASHINGTON: A former insurance executive from Virginia has bought a third of the stock of the First International Bank of Israel in what is believed to be the biggest single investment by an individual in Israeli history. John D. Marsh of Gainesville, former chairman of the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Co., bought the bank shares for \$12 million from the First Pennsylvania Corp.

Peace Pilot's Plea

JERUSALEM (JTA): Senior government officials are considering a request by Abie Nathan, the well-known "peace pilot" and champion of humanitarian causes, to allow 400 Vietnamese refugees into Israel, an Israeli newspaper reported. Nathan appealed to Premier Menachem Begin to allow the refugees on board the Hai Fong ship to enter Israel. The ship is presently anchored opposite the shore of Hong Kong.

New Trees Soon

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Jewish National Fund (JNF) has launched its 1978/79 planting season at sites all over the country. The JNF's plans for this year call for the planting of more than 2.5 million new trees, on a total area of some 18,000 dunams. This year-round projects developing existing forests around the country and landscaping picnic and recreational facilities. Countrywide, there are some 960,000 dunams covered with trees—560,000 planted by the JNF from scratch.

Memories Move Them

TEL AVIV: The Israeli Cabinet decided to fly 100 Indochinese refugees to new homes in Israel, this week.

A committee was appointed to coordinate the selection, transfer and absorption of the refugees.

Opponents said the gesture would scarcely dent the Indochina refugee problem and would tax Israel's capacity to handle its own problems.

Most of the Cabinet members said they were moved by memories of boatloads of Jewish refugees from World War II sailing from port to port and being refused entry.

Holy UFO

JERUSALEM (JTA): A number of early risers in Jerusalem could have sworn, this past week, that a number of unidentified flying objects visited the holy city. A sleepy duty officer in the Jerusalem district police station received excited phone calls at 4 a.m. from citizens who saw "large and strange blue lights" over the Mt. of Olives, on the eastern hills of the city.

At first, police officers tended to dismiss the reports as mere dreams, but when they themselves went outside, they, too, saw objects flying over the hills. The Air Force and the meteorological service stations were notified. There was no immediate explanation for the phenomenon, but it was assumed that the source of light was merely a bright star. The Jerusalemites joined millions all over the world who followed the recent UFO sightings in Australia and Europe.

ATTACK CONFIRMED

TEL AVIV (JTA): Israeli sources confirmed a report by a terrorist radio station that Israeli naval units attacked terrorist targets near Tyre in south Lebanon last Sunday. The attack was directed at a

terrorist naval depot after reports reached Israel that a group of terrorists were preparing for action against Israel. The site attacked is known as Ras el-Ein, a few miles south of Rashidieh, the large refugee camp near Tyre.

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Soviet Jewish Life — Anything Is Possible

By Nahum Goldmann

The situation of the Russian Jews is very ambiguous, because they constitute the only minority in the Soviet Union to have no territory of its own. But if they are classified as "Jew" on their domestic passports it is because after the Revolution of 1917 the Jews themselves requested it, in order to have the benefit of cultural autonomy.

The presence of millions of Jews in the U.S.S.R. as well as in the other Communist countries is a decisive factor for world Jewry. There is a grave danger of losing them not by deportation or extermination, but by complete assimilation.

Nearly all the agitation raised around the Russian Jews is focused on the problem of emigration, which concerns only a minority of Russian Jewry. It is totally unrealistic to think that several hundred thousand Jews will go to Israel, in the near future at any rate. That could only happen if true anti-Semitism manifested itself in Russia. That is certainly imaginable, but judgment must be made only on the existing conditions. As long as Israel knows no peace and its economic situation is in danger, the country is incapable of absorbing hundreds of thousands of emigrants — even supposing they wanted to be absorbed.

A lot of Jewish extremists advance a theory according to which there is no chance of obtaining facilities for those Jews who remain in Russia, from which they draw the conclusion that all hope of preserving that community should be abandoned in favor of concentrating every effort on the emigrants. I strongly object to this analysis. A Jewish way of life is possible even under a Communist regime.

In the U.S.S.R. there are more than a hundred minorities, each with the right to its own language, literature, theatre, press and schools. So even within such a highly centralized system, the U.S.S.R. recognizes the principle of minorities. The difficulty derives from the Jewish people's *yen*, again posing a problem *sui generis*. We are a scattered people which wants its own country, and in the U.S.S.R. we are a scattered people which wants the same rights as other nationalities, although these have a territorial base.

The principle of the right to take part in the life of the nation, an accepted right of the Russian minorities, is built on territoriality. A minority of 300,000 people (which is one-tenth of the Russian Jewish population) can receive administrative autonomy as soon as it is concentrated in a

given territory. If that minority is more developed, it can accede to the status of an autonomous territory and eventually even of a state within the framework of the Soviet Union. But the Jews are spread all over Russia, and every move to bring them together has failed.

If the U.S.S.R. is accused, and often with good reason, of preventing emigration and making life difficult for its Jews, yet it should also be remembered that the Soviet government saved hundreds of thousands by enabling them to escape from Nazism, and that without Russia the state of Israel would not exist today. Besides, Jews make a big mistake by treating the U.S.S.R. as if it were some minor country. This does not improve anything, and confirms the Russians in their attitude of distrust and even of hostility.

What makes caution all the more necessary is that we are dealing with a state that is on the way to liberalizing itself. The government is less brutal than it was in Stalin's day, but if it feels threatened it does not hesitate to assert its power, as in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. So what would happen if the Russians got riled enough to deport a million Jews to Siberia? Would America go to war to protect them? No, world Jewry decidedly has no right to endanger the future of three million Jews, especially when these have not given their consent.

Russian Jewry is not a tool for mobilizing the young Jews of the United States. That is immoral and dangerous. I do not even think that a rallying cry of that kind remains effective for very long, and you will be seeing America's young Jews running away from it more and more.

A number of liberal Russians, who are not themselves Jewish, also include equal rights for Jews and their freedom to emigrate among their demands. I admire these dissidents and I am fully in favor of developing our relations with them. However, I do not overestimate their importance. Men like Solzhenitsyn, Sakharov and Amalrik are heroes, but their influence is very limited. I believe that the Russian people are quite satisfied with their government and that they approve of the economic and scientific progress being made. Certainly they would like to see an improved standard of living and more individual liberty. But don't let us inflate the internal audience of the dissidents, who in any case are too few to make a revolution. Having said that, I am happy that these

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NCCJ Names Fradkin To Post For 3rd Time



COORDINATOR RENAMED: Dr. Irving A. Fradkin, center, has been reappointed Program Coordinator of the Fall-River New Bedford area of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for the third successive year. Dr. Fradkin is pictured here with NCCJ Chairman Arthur DeBlois, Jr., and Regional Director Charlotte Penn.

Dr. Irving A. Fradkin, a Fall River Optometrist and founder of the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., has been reappointed Program Coordinator of the Fall River-New Bedford area for the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) for the third successive year. The announcement was made by Arthur J. DeBlois Jr., Chairman of the R.I. & Southeastern New England Region Board of Directors of NCCJ.

Dr. Fradkin was instrumental in conducting a two-day conference entitled, "Confronting the Holocaust," held at Bristol Community College and co-sponsored by the NCCJ and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. Through his efforts, he has recruited several Somerset and Fall River High School students for the NCCJ Youth Committee and, in 1977, a Somerset High School

student was awarded a scholarship to attend a Regional NCCJ Human Relations Training Conference.

Dr. Fradkin has served as co-chairman of the newly formed Inter-Faith Brotherhood Council, along with Rev. Richard Wilcox, Attorney Joseph Hanify and Fr. Horace Travassos. This committee arranged the first Inter-Faith Brotherhood Dinner held recently, to which approximately 700 Fall River citizens attended.

Humorist and philosopher Sam Levenson had once described Dr. Fradkin as an "Optometrist with Vision" and he is listed in "Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans" - a publication of the American Biographical Institute. In recognition for his contribution to the betterment of their cities, he has received the keys to such cities as Coral Gables, Fla. and Dover, N.H., as well as from Fall River.

JCC Of RI Set To Host Student Career Fair

Career Fair '79, a program for high school students and their parents, will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

The fair will provide objective and up-to-date information to high school students on career choices and career planning. Experts from a wide variety of fields will be there to discuss factors in career choice, employment projections, financial planning as well as what it takes to adjusting to the changes in life after high school.

There will be discussions which will include an analysis of colleges and universities, technical and vocational schools, apprenticeships and military opportunities, as routes to achieving career goals. Career resource literature will be available at no charge to all participants.

Career Fair activities will begin with a registration session, at 1 to 1:30 p.m. Introduction and orientation sessions will follow immediately to 2 p.m. There will also

be two special interest sessions, from 2 to 2:45 p.m., and 3 to 3:45 p.m. These sessions will provide in-depth analyses of each of 12 different career fields. Participants may choose to attend either of the two sessions.

Among the local professionals who will host these special interest sessions include, Dr. Bruno Borenstein, M.D.; Dr. Steven Sack, D.M.D.; Joan Temkin, CPA; Charles Fink, architect; Bert Silverberg, professor of theater and Diana Friedberg, journalist. In addition to these sessions, Lee Barrie, director of career and counseling services of B'nai B'rith of Boston, will host a session for parents.

The fair, which is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of R.I., the B'nai B'rith and the B'nai B'rith Women in cooperation with Career and Counseling Services of B'nai B'rith, is open to the public. Registration is 51 per person and early registration for the event is urged.

For more information call Joan Borkow at 861-8800.

Camp Naomi Readies For Summer Of 1979

Registration for Camp Naomi, a co-educational Jewish communal camp in New England, is now underway for the '79 season.

Camp Naomi, now in its 45th year, according to Executive Director Leonard Katowitz, offers a full and varied program of camping activities for boys and girls, aged 8 through 15.

Camp Naomi provides a varied program of activities, including sports, swimming, sailing, water skiing, arts and crafts, dramatics, nature programs, outdoor camping in the White Mountains and a variety of Jewish, cultural activities. By popular demand, filmmaking and photography will be added to the program this year.

Sports personalities as well as Jewish cultural artists, visit the camp throughout the summer to enhance and enrich the social and cultural programs. Various inter-

camp activities with neighboring camps are also an integral part of the program.

Kosher food is served and all activities are under the supervision of mature and highly qualified staff members.

Tutoring and special instruction in selected subjects, including Hebrew, is also available on an optional basis.

Camp Naomi is affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board and is an accredited camp of the New England and American Camping Associations. It is owned and operated by the Jewish Community Center Camps of New England.

For further information, call (617) 924-2030, or write Jewish Community Center Camps of New England, Inc., 50 Hunt St., Watertown, Mass., 02172, or contact the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Cohen Foundation Camp Is Set For Summer Of 1979 In Israel

The Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation Camps announces that plans have been completed for the second Summer in Israel program sponsored by the foundation. A total of 40 senior campers representing Camps Pembroke, Tel Noar and Tevya 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 once again by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schulman, who have been associated with the Cohen camps for a number of years. Mr. Schulman presently serves as Educational Director of Temple Emanuel of Newton, Ma.

The Schulmans will be joined in Israel by two additional Israel counselors who will

then work together in supervising the group. 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.

There will also be a field school experience at Sde Boker, located 35 miles south of Beersheba. There the group will be involved in working with aspects of archaeology, ecology and biology. Some of the other highlights of the trip will include visits to Eilat, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Masada, Safed and the Golan Heights.

The Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation is now in its 49th year of purposeful camping providing a positive Jewish living experience along with a complete program of activities at its three camps.

U.S. Host Families Are Now Sought For Exchange Program

American host families are now being sought for some 500 Scandinavian high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland for the 1979-80 school year, in a program sponsored by the American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) program.

The students, a number of whom are Jewish, are aged 16 and 17, and will arrive in the United States in late August, 1979. They will attend local high schools and then return home in late June, 1980. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in Scandinavia and have pocket money and medical insurance.

Also, American families interested in hosting a Scandinavian student, aged 16 to 18, during five weeks in the summer (June 21 through late July) are being sought. The

200 students in this program will not attend school. American families with small children, as well as those with teen-age children, are welcome to participate in both programs.

ASSE is also seeking American students, aged 16 to 17, who would like to spend a high-school year with a Scandinavian family, or participate in a five-week stay, in the summer of 1979.

Persons interested in any of these programs should contact Mrs. Suzanne Nisser, 36 President Ave., Providence.

The ASSE is the official Swedish high school exchange program in the United States operating under the auspices of the Swedish Board of Education. The ASSE program is officially designated as an exchange/visitor program by the U.S. Department of State.

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UN Seen As 'Obstacle' To Peace In Mideast

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS (JTA): The 33rd session of the General Assembly recessed Dec. 21, the same way it opened three months ago: almost ignored and unnoticed. There was no better example to illustrate the growing irrelevance of the world organization than the issue of the Mideast.

The Assembly began Sept. 19, only two days after the historic Camp David agreements were signed between Israel and Egypt. The United Nations, which devotes so much time to acrimonious Mideast debates and attacks on Israel, was at once overshadowed by the historic achievements of Camp David. Although diplomats said that the General Assembly did not follow

the "spirit" of Camp David, the unprecedented breakthrough between Egypt and Israel, the accords nevertheless had their impact, at least during the first few weeks of the Assembly.

Historically united in its hatred of Israel, the Arab camp found itself suddenly divided in the wake of Camp David. Determined to sabotage the Egyptian-Israeli impending peace treaty, the extremist Arab states — Iraq, Syria, Libya, Algeria and South Yemen — with their chief supporter, the Soviet Union, joined forces to have the General Assembly serve their aims. The United Nations, which was established to advance and promote peace between its members, was being used to delay and

obstruct peace in the Mideast.

Israel Under Fire

While the influence of Camp David was felt during the first half of the General Assembly, with Israel enjoying a relative period of quiet, the Jewish State came under fire during the last weeks of the Assembly.

Most notable of all the anti-Israel resolutions was an Iraqi-inspired resolution calling on the Security Council to impose an arms embargo on Israel. Although it was clear that the United States — and other Western powers — would block such a move by their veto power, observers here viewed the Iraqi-inspired resolution as bringing a new dimension in the struggle

against Israel by alleging a nuclear collaboration between Israel and South Africa.

Israeli sources pointed out that Egypt, while conducting peace negotiations with Israel in Washington, gave its sponsorship to the arms embargo resolution against Israel, contrary to all expectations. In the opinion of diplomats, had Egypt disassociated itself from that resolution it would not have been adopted by a two-thirds majority.

As in previous Assemblies, there was no shortage of anti-Israel resolutions, ranging on issues from Israel's occupation of Arab land to its relations with South Africa. But the "novelty" of this year's Assembly was the celebration of "Palestine Day" on Nov. 29 — the same date of the 1947 UN partition resolution which recommended the establishment of Israel as a Jewish State.

PLO's Standing Strengthened

The celebration of "Palestine Day" was yet another UN peculiarity. The "Palestine Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, an anti-Israeli body comprised of 23 members of which 19 have no diplomatic relations with Israel. The committee is devoted to promoting the political goals of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

While each member state has to finance its own propaganda activities at the UN, the PLO, which has observer status, disseminates its anti-Israel propaganda through a "Special Unit for Palestinian Rights" within the UN Secretariat, which has a budget of \$500,000. In addition, the PLO managed — with the massive Arab vote at the UN — to pass a resolution requiring the United Nations Development Program "to consult and co-operate" with the PLO on practical projects to improve the social and economic conditions of the Palestinians.

With the Camp David accords and the Blair House peace negotiations in the background of the 33rd session of the General Assembly, the irrelevance of the UN to peace in the Mideast was clearer than ever. Some even felt that the UN had turned into an obstacle to a peaceful Mideast solution.

Papal Intervention Asked In Shcharansky Rights Case

WASHINGTON (JTA): Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D.-Mass.) said that Pope John Paul II has received his letter requesting Papal intervention on behalf of imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky. Drinan, who is a Roman Catholic priest, wrote to the Pope on Nov. 12. His letter was conveyed by Robert F. Wagner, President Carter's personal envoy to the Vatican.

Drinan disclosed that he had received a letter from Wagner in which the envoy stated "One of my first official actions following presentation of my letter of credence as the personal envoy of the President to the Vatican was to transmit your letter to His Holiness." Wagner said

he considered that act "very appropriate because the promotion of human rights is at the core of my consultations with His Holiness and the Vatican."

Drinan's letter to the Pope characterized Shcharansky's trial on treason charges last year as "a mockery of justice and merely the most prominent event in a long and continuing series of attempts to harass and intimidate Mrs. Shcharansky and other Soviet Jews and human rights advocates" in the USSR. Drinan said yesterday that "intervention by the Pope on behalf of Anatoly Shcharansky would be a convincing demonstration of the Vatican's overriding moral concern for the dignity and freedom of the individual."

Israelis Meet Egyptians For Dinner, Talks

BRUSSELS — When the Middle East talks broke up last Sunday, an American spokesman sought to promote some holiday cheer despite the absence of an accord, by saying, "At least the Egyptian and Israeli leaders met and talked. They had dinner—alone."

That supper was the result of some

private-enterprise shuttle diplomacy by Tamar Golan, the Paris correspondent for the Israeli newspaper Maariv. When the Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, and the Egyptian Prime Minister, Mustafa Khalil, were faced last Saturday with the prospect of waiting all day for Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance to arrive for a meeting together, Mrs. Golan wondered why they could not meet on their own.

U.S. Support For Iran Seen

WASHINGTON (JTA): The State Department support for the new government of Iran but declined to comment on Prime Minister-designate Shapur Bakhtiar's statement that his government would refuse to sell oil to Israel and South Africa.

Replying to questions, the Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, said "I am not going to comment on the basis of some interviews given, some statements made to reporters" by Bakhtiar. He added, "We are prepared to cooperate fully with the government of Iran — that has never meant that we agree fully with every policy that they have."

Carter also stated, in response to questions, that "we have not yet heard from Egypt" on its position with respect to the resumption of peace negotiations with Israel. "We do not have a report from that (Egyptian) government on the results of its deliberations," Carter said, adding "I do not expect it for at least the next 24 hours."

Reports from Cairo said the Egyptian Cabinet indicated readiness to resume the peace talks following an almost six-hour meeting. The Israeli Cabinet said last Sunday that it was prepared to resume the talks.



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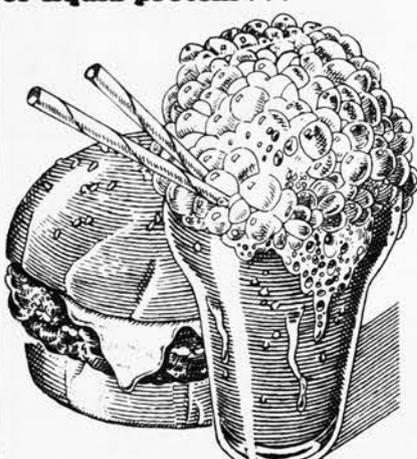
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PALESTINE DOCUMENTARY SET TO AIR: A scene from "Palestine: Rebellion," part two of the documentary trilogy which will air, Thursday, Jan. 18, is shown here. Arab bitterness over the growth of Jewish settlements erupted in the rebellion of 1936 to 1939, when it was finally crushed by the British.

The tumultuous history of Palestine, from 1918 to 1948, when Great Britain held the mandate which resulted in the creation of the State of Israel, is the subject of a documentary trilogy to be telecast by WSBE TV-36, beginning Thursday, Jan. 18.

Richard Broad, the series' producer, says that "Palestine," which originally aired on British television, is best viewed "as a debate about history—one that remains deeply contentious." To clarify this history and to ensure a balanced perspective, Broad asked two eminent historians, Yehuda Bauer, professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Jerusalem, and Walid Khalidi, professor of Political Studies at the American University in Beirut, to present the respective Jewish and Arab positions as the narrative unfolds.

The films that comprise the "Palestine" trilogy are, "Palestine: Promises," an account of how Britain's support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine, as set forth in the Balfour Declaration culminated in Arab revolts during the 1930s. (Thursday, Jan. 18).

"Palestine: Rebellion," which traces the history of Palestine from the Peel Commission Report of 1937 that recommended separate Arab and Jewish nationalism and depicts the rebellion that ensued when Britain suppressed Jewish immigration to Palestine to gain Arab loyalty. (Thursday, Jan. 25).

"Palestine: Abdication," which recounts the political maneuvering and guerrilla fighting that led to Israel's declaration of independence in 1948 as Britain, finding Jewish and Arab demands irreconcilable, abdicated its responsibility and referred the territory to the United Nations. (Thursday, Feb. 1.).

The three, 90-minute programs will air on consecutive Thursdays, beginning at 9 p.m.

Knesset Bars Biton After 'Chain' Event

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Knesset House Committee ordered Charlie Biton suspended for five consecutive sessions, the maximum penalty allowed under Knesset rules for creating a disorder in the chamber. Biton, a member of the Democratic List for Peace and Equality (Communists), created an uproar last week when he chained himself to the microphone on the speaker's podium during a debate on Soviet Jewry.

Biton was only the second member in the 30-year history of the Knesset to be penalized for disruption. The first was Menachem Begin who, in 1952, refused to leave the speaker's stand during a debate on German reparations which, as leader of Herut, he vigorously opposed. During that episode, Begin's supporters outside the Knesset hurled stones at the building.

Opposition members of the House Com-

mittee argued that Biton's violation could not be compared to Begin's behavior 27 years ago. Moreover, they said, Herut militant Geula Cohen often created much more turmoil in the Knesset but never got more than a reprimand. The majority prevailed, however, noting that Biton had to be penalized not simply for chaining himself to the podium but for smuggling the chains into the chamber, for throwing eggs

and tomatoes at the speaker's stand several weeks ago and, at another time, bringing a tape recorder to the Knesset without permission.

Biton, a former leader of the Black Panthers, said the chaining incident was to protest the condition of prison inmates in Israel. He maintained that was more important than the problem of Jewish prisoners in the Soviet Union. He said that if his appeal against the penalty was unsuccessful, he would use his time visiting slum neighborhoods.



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Iran Turmoil Sets No Oil Crisis For Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA): Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai assured Israelis that the country's oil supplies were not in danger as a result of the turmoil in Iran. He said, in an Israel Radio interview, that there was "no need and no wish yet" to invoke the 1975 agreement by which the United States pledged to guarantee Israel's oil supplies in

case of an emergency. Modai implied that Israel has increased its oil imports from other sources to make up for the curtailed projection in Iran. The "big question" he said was how long it would be before Iranian oil exports return to normal. Iran reportedly supplied Israel with about 300,000 barrels a day. But as a

result of the turmoil in Iran, shipments of oil to Israel, as to other countries, was halted Dec. 27. Israel never officially confirmed its oil purchases from Iran and the oil, in fact, was never sold directly to Israel but through a third party. Shipments to Israel were listed officially as going to Gibraltar.

alleviate the situation," Schlesinger said. He said the U.S. will assist Israel in efforts to find an alternate source of crude oil, but in accord with bilateral agreements between the two nations the U.S. would supply Israel with oil.)

(In Teheran, Iran's Prime Minister-designate, Dr. Shapur Bakhtiar, told reporters that his government would refuse to sell oil to Israel and South Africa. Addressing a press conference after being nominated as Prime Minister by both houses of Parliament, he said Iran would sell oil to countries requesting it. Asked if oil would be sold to Israel and South Africa, he replied: "Given the conflict that opposes us in a religious context to Israel, and in another context to South Africa, I think my government will not do that.")

Oil experts in Israel note that there is no global oil shortage. Most oil importing countries, including Israel, laid in large supplies after the Arab oil embargo of 1973 to meet any future crisis.

Officials here said Israel consumer 7.5 million tons of crude oil a year, a daily consumption of about 150,000 barrels. About 15 percent comes from internal sources and some 6.5 billion tons is imported at a cost of \$300 million a year. The American commitment to guarantee Israel's oil needs was part of the 1975 Sinai interim agreement between Israel and Egypt.

U.S. To Honor Oil Agreement

There was some question here as to whether the American pledge was limited to a five-year period from the date of the agreement. Officials explained that the pledge would be in force for a five-year period after Israel officially invoked it. Modai said there is no doubt or dispute over the American commitment. This is "very clear," he said, but Israel is not about to implement it because its present supplies of oil are adequate.

(In Washington, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger declared that the United States would honor its agreements to provide oil to Israel in case Israel's oil supply situation will be affected as a result of the turmoil in Iran. "There is the possibility of the export of north slope (Alaska) crude to Israel to

SWISS SEE ISRAELI ART SHOW

GENEVA (JTA): An exhibit of 13 Israeli artists opened this past Tuesday in Lausanne in the Galerie de Bourg. The organizer, Zacharya Eliraz is an art dealer from Beersheba. Mayor Eliyahu Navi of Beersheba phoned during the opening of the exhibit to express his town's best wishes to the people of Lausanne present at the opening.

BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



Every once in a while you will find yourself in a fantastically good contract. As soon as the Dummy is seen you are quite certain that not too many pairs will arrive at the game contract you are in. For that reason you should play the hand in such a way that you have the best chance of making your contract. Never mind about possible overtricks even if it might look very safe. You may find your way was not so safe at all as today's hand will illustrate so very well. First, very few pairs did get to game and whether they did or not, they failed to gather in the ten tricks waiting for them.

North
 ♦ J 6 3 2
 ♠ 4 2
 ♣ 10 7 5 4 3
 ♠ A 8

West
 ♦ Q 9 7
 ♠ K 10 5
 ♣ J 6
 ♠ 10 9 6 5 2

East
 ♦ 8 5 4
 ♠ J 3
 ♣ A K Q 9 8 2
 ♠ J 3

South
 ♦ A K 10
 ♠ A Q 9 8 7 6
 ♣ Void
 ♠ K Q 7 4

South was Dealer, both sides vulnerable with this bidding:

S	W	N	E
1H	P	P	2D
Dbl	P	2S	P
3H	P	4H	End

Obviously the bidding did not go as shown many times. Every South did open one Heart and strangely enough each North did pass. East always reopened in Diamonds and now we found many variations of bidding from South. Most bid two Hearts where they played the hand. Some bid three Hearts, quite venturesome opposite a Passing partner but South cer-

tainly does have a good hand. I think that the best rebid South has is Double as North could easily have a long Spade suit and still pass in which case Spades would be by far the superior contract.

The fact is that North has but four Spades and is forced to bid them in response to South's Double. The point I am trying to bring out is what happened after South now bid three Hearts. Every North but one passed. The one that did go on to game felt that if his partner could go to three all by himself vulnerable, his Ace and his doubleton should be enough to go on. After all his Spade bid had been forced and showed nothing.

The play usually went South ruffing the Diamond lead and trying to ruff a Club which East overruffed. Two Trumps and a Spade still had to be lost at the least for down one. Some went to Dummy's Ace to take the Trump finesse. They lost two Trumps and now had to lose the fourth Club and a Spade. Plus 140 was a quite normal score, that pair that had gone on to games was minus. Ten tricks are there to be had if one realizes it.

To make ten tricks you can afford to lose two Trumps and a black card but that's all. So to try to safeguard this after the Diamond lead simply play the Ace and a low Trump. As the cards are nothing is gained for the King is still out but this play will gain every time there is a singleton or doubleton King in either hand. What East returns doesn't matter as long as that Club Ace is left intact in Dummy.

Next, play the Ace, King and ten of Spades, giving up the Queen which might even have dropped doubleton while we are at it. Then simply go to that Club Ace to discard the fourth Club on Dummy's Spade Jack. That adds to ten tricks with nothing happening good that might have to get even another.

Moral: We have always advocated counting your tricks. Sometimes a surer trick might come from a better but more obscure source. Try to look harder.

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Plight Of Ethiopia's Jews

JERUSALEM (JTA): "We don't want the settlers in the Rafah salient to live out of suitcases for the next three years," says Meir Ben Meir, the Israeli Water Com-

missioner and chairman of the Inter-ministerial Committee on Settlement Deployment. "I met with them last month and they understood very well the need to

Rafah Settlers Face Prospect Of Removal

maintain a normal life for the present and immediate future," he said.

Three years hence, if all goes well and the peace treaty with Egypt is eventually signed, the 15 Jewish settlements in the Rafah salient, and one town-in-the-making (Yamit), will hand be handed over to the Egyptians and the settlers will move back behind Israel's new/old border again.

With the treaty still to be clinched, and the prospect of dismantling the settlements naturally distasteful, the government has not rushed to launch the process of winding-down. As Ben Meir implied, the fear is that once the preparations for removal become apparent, the settlers will begin to drift away of their own accord, unwilling to await the various new settlement proposals that are being drafted for them.

Dismantling Expressed

The imminent dismantling of the settlements, however, is subtly expressed in countless ways. Monies destined for the region are now generally restricted to short-term loans. Plans for expansion and development have assumed a minor key. Directives stipulate that all new structures be collapsible to ensure that resettlement will be carried out with relative ease.

And recently, a high-ranking Defense Ministry official cast a shadow on the immediate existence of one Rafah settlement, when credit previously given for its laundromat, its main source of income, was abruptly halted. The settlement handles tons of army laundry each week.

Such a precarious position has expectedly taken its toll of the morale of the 5,000—strong local population. Their complaints focus on a near total lack of contact with the government since the Camp David accords were signed, and on the fact that they must rely on the mass media to keep abreast of their future.

Settlement authorities are well aware of the Rafah population's discontent and a document published recently by the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department cautioned that re-settlement must be implemented quickly, because the "target population is angry, disappointed and full of bitterness."

Resettlement Issue Avoided

These sentiments have apparently been aggravated by the government's continued avoidance of the resettlement issue and the future of the 1,200 families in the Rafah salient. While certain plans have mysteriously made their way into print, they meet with vociferous reactions on the part of the different settlement authorities when they do.

A prime example occurred recently when a plan devised by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon to establish a regional center on the Gaza Strip was leaked to the press. The plan caused rancorous debate in the Knesset. While reports in the media — and reactions in the government — have consistently referred to the center as the seed of a new city to replace Yamit, Ben Meir firmly denied that plans for a city are in the making.

"The center will only include those central services that the settlements in the Gaza

Strip can't supply themselves. There are no plans for a city," he said, dismissing the extensive criticism leveled at the Ministry's head. "Arik Sharon did not make one new decision concerning the regional center. It is not a new plan and it has no direct link to Haron. All those who are attacking the plan, or at least most of them, played a part in its original formulation."

Services Provided

Ben Meir observed that the services provided by the center could conceivably be linked to those provided at a second proposed location for settlement, tentatively called Pithat Shalom, on the Israeli side of the pre-1967 Gaza border. The 20 settlement planned for a 50,000 dunam area are part of a 1970 "southern project" drafted by the Settlement Department of the WZO and submitted in an update version to the government last month.

The plan's initial target population is 5,000 persons with 60 family units per settlement and double that number at a later stage. Fifteen of the settlements are intended for groups currently living in the Rafah salient and five are for groups of immigrants from abroad. Implementation of the plan is expected to cost some \$240 million.

Although the government has not yet established contact with potential settlement groups about the proposed site and many of the Rafah settlers themselves have publicly denounced the plan, the government remains confident that the Rafah settlers will prove responsive. If not, it says, alternate groups will readily move to the region.

"Without settlers to settle our borders, we won't have borders," said Ben Meir. Matityahu Drobless, co-chairman of the WZO's Settlement Department, agreed, noting that "there is no lack of potential settlers to settle the projected 1,200 living units in the 20 settlements."

Drobless explained that the economy of 11 of the Rafah settlements is based on greenhouses and it is hoped that this will be continued at Pithat Shalom where plans call for 70 percent of the vegetables and flowers grown there to be exported abroad.

"The task of the Settlement Department is to ensure that, in the event of withdrawal, we won't lose even one day of production," said Drobless. "Thus, we plan to encourage the same crops in the new region which are presently being grown in Rafah. The settlers will move to the new site only when they can immediately resume production, probably in two to three years. In the meantime, they will continue producing where they are."

The settlement authorities, however, have received as yet no assurances that the settlers will indeed comply with their plans. Ben Meir estimates that approximately 3 million pounds per family would be offered as compensation to those 500 families in Rafah's agricultural settlements if they decide to return to the country's center and such a number excludes the 700 families residing in Yamit. "I doubt whether we have the ability to provide such a sum within a period of three years," he observed.

CRITICISM SPURS RETIREMENT

TEL AVIV (JTA): Gen. Mordechai Gur, the former Chief of Staff who officially ended his military service this week, charged that he was not named to a reserve post by the Ministry of Defense because of his criticism of the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations. When Israeli soldiers and officers end their military service, they are usually assigned to a reserve unit or a post for call-up during an emergency.

But Defense Minister Ezer Weizman said that specific reserve assignments had not been given to other retiring Chiefs of Staff except for the late David Elazar. He said there was no need for such an appointment since the specific assignment could be made when an emergency occurs. Gur contended, however, that he was not given the assignment because of recent remarks critical of the way the negotiations were held and attacking some of the clauses in the proposed peace treaty.

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Jerusalem Parkway Dedicated to Humphrey

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA): "This is just the type of memorial dad would have loved," said Minnesota State Senator Hubert Humphrey III, eldest son of the late Hubert Humphrey, Democratic Senator from Minnesota and one-time Vice President, as he surveyed the Humphrey Parkway through the American Bicentennial Forest in the Jerusalem hills last Friday.

Humphrey, his wife, his two brothers and their wives cut the ribbons opening the parkway after an impressive dedication ceremony in which Premier Menachem Begin praised their late father "as a great man and a good man . . . One of the righteous gentiles."

Humphrey, in a warm and folksy speech reminiscent of his father's style, stressed that the parkway and the entire Bicentennial Park is developing as "a people's park" — where residents of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv can come for rest and recreation. For that reason particularly, he said, it was a fitting memorial for Hubert Humphrey who had "loved people."

Begin Extols Humphrey

Begin, in a short and moving address, said Hubert Humphrey "loved liberty and

justice and labored for them all his life. He wanted them to triumph not only in his great country but all over the world. All his life he was a friend of Israel . . . semper fidelis . . . always faithful . . . He stood by us through the most difficult times. He really loved Israel. The Jewish people never forget the good bestowed by its friends. For many, many years he was the first, the best and the most devoted friend of the Jewish people and the State of Israel." Begin added this was not meant to diminish from the friendship of others.

The ceremony was held in brilliant sunshine at a scenic spot along the parkway. After days of rain and blustery winds, the Jewish National Fund, creators of the park, whose American section developed the Humphrey Parkway project, was relieved at the change in weather that came just in time for the ceremony. The Israeli police band played a lively medley of Israeli and American music before and after the speeches.

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U.S. Denies Report Of Talks Resumption

WASHINGTON (JTA): The State Department emphatically denied this week wire service reports that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will soon announce the date and place for the resumption of peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt. "The story as run is inaccurate," the Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, told reporters at the briefing. "I have seen the reports and heard of the sources also. It is erroneous. There is no time set, no meeting set and in fact nothing to confirm that story," Carter declared.

The reports attributed to sources in Washington, said that the official announcement of the resumption of peace talks would be made after the State Department receives notification from Egypt that it is willing to continue the negotiations. The sources said, according to the reports, that this was expected by the end of the week and that the talks would be resumed in mid-January in Washington. The Israeli Cabinet announced last Sunday that it was ready to resume negotiations and reports from Cairo said the Egyptian Cabinet reached a similar decision after a six-hour meeting this week.

But the reports that an announcement was imminent of plans to resume the talks was characterized by the State Department spokesman as "a kind of hot shot story bas-

ed on the kind of float that people want because of the possibility." He added, "We would always like to see these talks resume, see the process continue and see a treaty concluded. But somebody is jumping the gun on factual matters and almost everything else involved, at least in these wire services." Nevertheless, Carter confirmed that Vance has no plans to travel outside of Washington during the month of January.

Today's report from Cairo quoted Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil as saying that any treaty with Israel would be linked to a timetable for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli Cabinet said last Sunday that it was willing to discuss the self-rule issue but would not agree to a timetable. Khalil, for his part, stressed that Egypt was not setting any conditions for the resumption of negotiations.

In his remarks he said the treaty should provide for normal relations between Egypt and Israel "on an equal footing without any side obtaining a privileged position." He added, "Therefore, it is not acceptable that the treaty should lead to any advantage over other agreements or charters." Israel has demanded that Egypt accept Article VI of the proposed treaty which would give it precedence over earlier treaties that Egypt has with Arab countries.

Jewish Agency Rejects Charges of Laxity

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Jewish Agency rejected charges by Ethiopian immigrants that it had acted with "indifference" to the plight of Ethiopia's Jews known as Falashas. Leaders of the Ethiopian Immigrants Association appeared before the press this week to confirm a report in Davar last week which reported that thousands of Falashas had been killed over the past two years of revolution and its aftermath in Ethiopia, that others had been driven off their land and some were sold into slavery.

The Jewish Agency made it clear that it felt restricted, for obvious reasons, from publicizing its efforts on behalf of the Falashas, and therefore could not address itself to the charges in full.

But the representatives of the 300 Falashas living in Israel told the press that neither the Jewish Agency nor the Israeli government nor any other world Jewish organization is doing anything to help get the Falashas out of Ethiopia. They warned that unless efforts are undertaken to bring the Falashas to Israel there is a real danger that the 28,000 Falashas in Ethiopia may be exterminated within the next few years.

Entry Visas Refused

Zimnah Berhane, chairman of the Ethiopian Immigrants Association, charged that the Israel Embassy in Ethiopia refused to provide young Falashas with entry visas to Israel in 1972. The same happened to a group of 70 Falasha youngsters who wanted to emigrate to Israel in 1974, he said. "When Emperor Haile Selassie was in power (until September, 1974 when he was dethroned) they (the Israelis) told us not to make any noise," Berhane charged. "Now, with the military regime there, they still tell us to keep quiet."

Zecharias Jonas, another spokesman for the Falashas in Israel, told the press conference that the Falashas in Ethiopia are victims of intertribal warfare in that country which has increased since the military regime took office. He said that the Falashas are also suffering as a result of the agrarian reform instituted by the present regime.

Jonas said that Jews were never allowed to own land in Ethiopia and have been for centuries serf under the feudal landowning system. Now, he said, the regime refuses to extend the agrarian reform to include Falasha ownership of land, with the result that Falashas are taken into slavery or murdered. He reported that some 2000 Falashas fled from their villages to avoid being sold into slavery, but many more could not escape this fate.

Jonas also described atrocities against Falashas which included the raping of young girls in front of their parents and forcing young girls to work as slaves for several families at the same time. He also

recited the case of a Jewish woman whose breast were cut off to prevent her from nursing her infant.

Aiding Efforts Made

A spokesman for the Jewish Agency explained that the Israel rabbinate and government did not recognize Falashas as Jews until 1975, but by then the military government had taken power and did not allow any Ethiopian citizen to emigrate. He asserted that efforts to aid Falashas are being made at the present time and had been all along, but that the nature of these efforts could not be made public.

The Falasha immigrant leaders also charged Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan with harming the Falashas in Ethiopia with his statement at a news conference in Switzerland last February acknowledging that Israel was selling arms to Ethiopia which was then warring with Somalia. In an interview with Israel Radio from Zurich, Dayan said he saw no reason to conceal the fact, but emphasized that Israel was not sending any troops or aircraft to Ethiopia. Although Israel's supply of arms to Ethiopia had been an open secret for 20 years, this was the first time an Israeli official admitted it publicly.

Officials at the Foreign Ministry dismissed the Falashas' charge against Dayan as entirely unfounded. They said no connection could in any way be established between Dayan's statement and the plight of the Falashas. On the contrary, the officials noted, reports of ill-treatment and persecution of the Falashas had been received two years earlier when the latest stage of the revolution began in Ethiopia.

French Jew Wins Award

PARIS (JTA): French novelist Patrick Modiano was awarded France's most prestigious literary prize last week, the Prix Goncourt, for his novel, "Rue des Boutiques Obscures" (Street of Darkened Shops). Although the award is only a 50 Franc (\$100) check, it usually assures a sale of well over 100,000 copies of the novel.

The 33-year-old writer, who was awarded the French Academy Prize in 1972, is of Jewish origin and considers himself a Jew. All of his books have dealt with the strange fauna — black marketeers and semi-collaborators — who lived and sometimes prospered in the shadow of the Nazi occupation.

Modiano, who has been acclaimed, since his first novel, "Place de l'Etoile" in 1968, as one of France's foremost writers, has not always been popular with certain French Jews as some of his Jewish characters play a shady role in their dealings with the Germans and the Vichy police. Modiano is the author of the book on which the film, "Lucien Lacombe," was made and who also wrote the script.

Begin: No Changes In Cabinet Likely

JERUSALEM (JTA): Premier Menachem Begin insisted that he would make no changes in the present structure of his coalition cabinet. Addressing a meeting of Likud colleagues, he specifically ruled out additional portfolios for the National Religious Party (NRP) which has become the second largest party in the coalition since the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) split.

The NRP, with 12 seats in the Knesset, has been demanding additional representation in the cabinet. It presently controls the Ministries of Interior, Education and Religious Affairs. After the resignation of

Transport Minister Meir Amit, the Democratic Movement, formerly DMC, was reduced to two portfolios held by Yigael Yadin who continues to serve as Deputy Premier, and Yisrael Katz who is Minister of Labor and Social Betterment. Betterment.

Begin said that if the NRP was granted additional seats in the cabinet, the other coalition partners would be similarly enlarged. He said that in any event, he would act first to fill the offices of Transport Minister and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism which have been vacant for some time.

Black Hebrews Eyed To Get Own Village

TEL AVIV (JTA): The problem of the Black Hebrews residing in Dimona may soon be solved by establishing an agricultural village for them in the Negev and providing them with the means to construct their own community. This, in essence, is a recommendation of a special committee headed by Knesseter David Glass that studied the problem.

The issue of the Black Hebrews was raised by groups of Dimona residents who claimed that they were having an adverse affect on the local youth in particular and the community in general. The Dimona residents claimed that the Black Hebrews were conducting services and carrying on practices similar to that of the notorious People's Temple in Jonestown, Guyana.

A group of Dimona citizens went to the Supreme Court asking for an injunction

against the Interior, Health and Education Ministries to show cause why there was no alternative to having the Black Hebrews in Dimona. They noted that the Black Hebrews live in almost inhuman conditions, including up to 30 men, women and children in one apartment. The citizens said that there are 34 such apartments. In addition, the citizens claimed that the Black Hebrews have their own court system and mete out punishment to transgressors according to their own laws and decisions by their own leader.

In any event, they are not going to be expelled from Israel and might even be given Israeli citizenship, a status they lack presently. There are several thousand Black Hebrews in Israel, although their exact number is not known since many came as tourists and simply stayed on.

Neo-Nazi Party Rejected In Bid For Registration

TORONTO (JTA): The Ontario Commission on Election Finances has rejected an application by the ultra-rightwing Nationalist Party of Canada seeking to become an official provincial party. Registration would have given the party certain privileges, such as having its name in election ballots and collecting income tax-exempt contributions.

The leader of the party is Donald Andrews, 35, former leader of the neo-Nazi group, Western Guard, based in Toronto. He was recently released from the penitentiary on parole after serving 10 months of a two-year prison term for conspiracy and possession of explosives.

The election finances commission chair-

man declined to comment on the rejection of the party's application. It was understood, however, that the rejection is based on the findings of graphologists who examined the 12,000 signatures collected by the group required to qualify as an official party. Among these were lists of names written in an identical handwriting and therefore deemed to be forgeries.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, through its community relations and anti-Nazi committee, with B'nai B'rith, has been pursuing efforts to amend the legislation in such a way as to prevent groups advocating genocide from receiving registration status. It has sent deputations to all three political parties in the Ontario legislature.

30,000 Jews Emigrate From Soviet In 1978

NEW YORK (JTA): Nearly 29,000 Jews left the Soviet Union in 1978, according to the Soviet Jewry Research Bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The figure was slightly lower than that expected by Western diplomats, but by far the highest in five years. December's emigration of 4197 was also the highest monthly figure in five years and raised the 1978 total to 28,858. In 1973, 34,933 Jews left the Soviet Union, with 4408 exiting in October of that year, the Bureau reported.

Despite the unexpectedly large number of

December emigres — just about 1000 more than in each of the previous two months — the annual figure failed to reach its predicted peak. News stories originating in Moscow at the end of 1978 reported that "well-informed Western diplomats" estimated that 30,000-31,000 Soviet Jews would emigrate in 1978, the Bureau noted. Soviet officials have not explained the rise from 1977's total of 16,737, but it is believed they want the United States to lift trade restrictions that are linked with emigration, according to the Bureau.

Navy Officer Acquitted Of Charges of Attempted Rape

TEL AVIV (JTA): A special military tribunal today acquitted Navy Commander Michael Barkai of charges of attempted rape on grounds of insufficient evidence. The tribunal, consisting of Gen. (res.) Chaim Herzog and two district court (civilian) judges given the temporary rank of general, indicated that it was not impressed by Barkai's denial but had to find in his favor according to law because of the lack of evidence to corroborate the plaintiff's charges.

The court also expressed annoyance that it was forced to conduct the trial in camera.

In rendering the verdict, the judges said that decision should have been left to the court rather than to the military authorities.

Barkai, the highest ranking officer in the Israeli Navy, was suspended pending trial. He was charged with using force, threats and behavior unbecoming an officer in the attempted rape of a young woman rating. The court said it had doubts about Barkai's defense and alibis but it also was not fully convinced by the plaintiff's story which seemed to be a mixture of truth and imagination. The verdict will be reviewed by the Chief of Staff.

ANNE FRANK EXHIBIT

AMSTERDAM (JTA): It is reported from Japan that the Anne Frank exhibition shown there for 60 days, first in Tokyo and then in Yokohama, was visited by over 350,000 persons.

A History Of Negative Views

Soviet History Textbooks Eyed as 'Anti-Semitic'

LONDON (JTA): Generations of Soviet school children have been given a negative view of Jews and Jewish history as a result of the steadily increasing anti-Semitism of textbooks used in Soviet history classes. "They corrupt young people and implant in them a sense of incompatibility and hostility between them and the Jews," according to an article in "Soviet Jewish Affairs," published by the London Institute of Jewish Affairs.

The author, Daniel Fish, draws parallels with Czarist Russia after the 1800s, when the rise of anti-Semitism coincided with the virtual monopoly of high school history textbooks by the anti-Semite D.I. Illovaysky. Noting that the purpose of Soviet education is to "arm" pupils with "Communist morality," Fish asks "What kind of morality and world view are formed by knowledge such as this? And to what end?"

Fish's article found various stages in the increasingly anti-Jewish tone of Soviet history teaching over the past four decades.

Turning Point In The 1950s

In ancient history textbooks in use from the 1930s to the early 1950s, there was still a desire, if not to inspire respect for Jews as bearers of an ancient culture, at least to neutralize the anti-Semitism of the pre-war and especially post-war years. But the mid-1950s were a turning point, and the words "Judea," "Israel" and "Jerusalem" began to disappear. By 1954, the Jews disappeared almost entirely from ancient history as taught in Soviet school rooms.

In the same year, Jews were also dropped from an influential textbook about the Middle Ages, thus distorting the story of the Spanish Inquisition of which Jews were the chief victims.

In modern history books, too, Jewish references were dropped. The Jewish

origin of progressive or socialist writers such as Heinrich Heine or Ferdinand LaSalle were ignored and the anti-Semitic Dreyfus affair was presented purely in terms of class warfare. In 1954-56, textbooks on Soviet history for classes eight to ten underwent considerable changes with the removal of a great deal of information on Russian Jewish history.

From the late 1960s, the tendency towards omission was accompanied by the provision of negative information alone. Fish mentions two textbooks in which "the reader is met with a torrent of negative information on Russian Jews . . . Described as members of the Jewish Workers Union, the Bund, the Jews are abused more than the Black Hundreds," regardless of the fact that the Bund was the first Social Democratic organization in Russia.

Nazi Persecution Of Jews Ignored

Textbooks on contemporary history

carefully avoid mentioning that Jews were the chief sufferers at the hands of the Nazis. A book edited by V.K. Furaev makes no reference to anti-Semitism either in the definition of German fascism or in the description of the Nazis' programs and activities.

It merely mentions that the Nazis advanced the slogan: "Down With Jewish Finance Capital!" This leaves the inference that the "terrible Jewish pogroms" carried out by the Hitlerites (to which there is a later reference), were legitimate retribution against capitalistic Jews.

The same book mentions Auschwitz, but not the mass murders of Jews there. It makes no reference at all to the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

On the other hand, there appeared in 1972, in an edition of 100,000 and about 400 pages long, M.S. Gus' "The Madness of the Swastika," from which (Fish writes) "it appears that many of the Nazi leaders were half or completely Jewish, that Jewish bankers were among the Nazi benefactors and that Hitler did not hesitate to take Jewish money."

"There is not one word on the Jews in Hitler's speeches as reported by Gus; indeed, to judge by this author, the target of the Nazis' racial theories was the Slavs, the Negroes or anyone else — only not the Jews." In a final insult, the book recalls seeing in a displaced persons camp at the end of the war "well fed young people, of Jewish nationality . . . who survived by a miracle in various parts of Europe."

The history of modern Israel suffers a similar fate. Initially it is relegated to mere subsections of the history of other Middle Eastern countries, and subsequently treated with greater venom with each new edition. Both the omission of Jewish references and the denigration of Jews, Fish concludes, have "a destructive effect on the psychology of young people and inculcate in them hatred and enmity."

Soviet Red Tape Is Backlogging Jewish Emigration Procedures

NEW YORK (JTA): Widely publicized increases in Soviet Jewish emigration are diverting attention from a mushrooming backlog of exit applications and procedural abuses, says Charlotte Jacobson, chairwoman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry's Research Bureau. "The true measure of oppression in the Soviet Union is the number of Jews trying to get out, not the number who make it," she said. "To the best of our knowledge, there are now over 180,000 active letters of invitation sent to Soviet Jews and that number is growing every day. Viewed this way, we see that, if anything, the situation will be getting worse."

Mrs. Jacobson said she has just obtained information which indicates officials are altering the application procedure to both discourage applicants and to artificially

reduce their number. "In Odessa, in a part of the city which is served by a local ovir (emigration) office, there is a backlog of 1,000 applicants. But the office is open only three days a week and processes only 60 applications on each of its service days," she charged.

The Research Bureau, she said, "has found a number of other glaring examples of Soviet intransigence. In Bendery (in the Moldavian Republic) the ovir accepts applications once a week and has a three-month processing backlog. The office in Mogilev-Podolsk (in the Ukraine) is so overloaded that it was closed for all of December."

In the Byelorussian city of Bobruisk, Mrs. Jacobson said, the ovir does not accept letters of invitation, which do not specify the relationship between the Israeli

and Soviet relatives. Even if they are correct, the invitations are accepted only once a week from people who possess the latest internal passport. Many Jews and non-Jews still have the older, outdated passports.

Applicants to the Bobruisk office have recently encountered an additional hurdle on their road to freedom — those who are unemployed must produce a letter from a police officer attesting to their character. "Each additional contact with police in the application process exposes people to unnecessary problems and delays," she said. "Since a person is liable to be fired from a job after applying to leave, this requirement affects just about everyone."

The Research Bureau estimated that about 28,000 Jews left the Soviet Union by the end of 1978, the highest figure since 35,000 left in 1973.

Knesset Acts To Amend 1952 Law That Prevents Members From Ouster

JERUSALEM (JTA): Knesset members and legal experts are pondering an anomaly in the law that allows a convicted member of the Knesset of a crime to retain his parliamentary seat even while confined to prison. The case arose when Tel Aviv District Court Judge Chaim Steinberg imposed a 3 1/2-year prison sentence on Likud Knesset member, Shmuel Rechtman, this week. Rechtman was convicted of accepting a \$20,000 bribe while serving as Mayor of Rehovoth. In addition to the prison term, he was fined 70,000 pounds (about \$3,500).

Under the present law, there is no way to force a member to resign his seat under any condition. The law states moreover that the Knesset must consist of no fewer than 120 members and even though jailed, Rechtman would be legally obliged to attend to

Knesset business.

Judge Steinberg agreed to delay the sentence for 45 days to allow Rechtman to appeal his conviction. Rechtman insists he is innocent and made it clear that he will continue to attend Knesset sessions and has no intention of resigning.

According to political science Prof. Shevah Weiss of Haifa University, the problem stems from a 1952 law that made members virtually immune from ouster. The law was adopted Weiss said, because opposition parties feared that the government, then headed by a coalition of Mapai and the religious parties, might invoke emergency regulations to remove political opponents. Amnon Rubinstein of the Shai faction submitted a bill this past week to amend the 1952 law to permit the

ouster of any member who disgraced the Knesset by being involved in a crime.

When he pronounced sentence, Judge Steinberg stressed that given the serious nature of his offense, Rechtman's public activities had no bearing in the case. He recalled three previous cases where public figures were jailed for monetary crimes, including the acceptance of bribes.

There were David Peled, former director of customs and excise, Michael Tzur, former managing director of the Israel Corp. and Asher Yadin who was a candidate for the office of Governor of the Bank of Israel. Stiff sentences were imposed, the judge said, because it was important that the public realize that there is no special treatment for highly placed persons who commit crimes.

Prospects For 1979:

Hopes And Expectations For Peace

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA): This attempt at crystal ball-gazing is made on the premise that 1979 will be the year of peace with Egypt. At the time of writing that happy condition is not yet secure. But the indications, from Jerusalem, Cairo and Washington, increasingly point to the three parties' desire to revive the stalled treaty negotiations and wrap up the remaining, relatively minor, points of dispute.

Should there be no peace, despite the favorable prospects and despite the enormous progress that has been made towards that goal over the past year, then the outlook for 1979 will be bleak indeed. The hopes and expectations have been raised so high that their non-fulfillment could trigger a steep and treacherous decline. But, assuming that the treaty will indeed be concluded and soon, 1979 will be a dramatic year for Israel, a year that will echo for years and decades to come.

Unfolding Of The Peace Process

The unfolding of the peace process is prescribed in meticulous detail in the Third Annex to the draft treaty. Immediately

upon the signing, the Suez Canal is to be opened to Israeli shipping, bearing the Israeli flag. That will be the first, and for the moment the only tangible element of normalization. For the subsequent nine months Israel's army will be engaged on the mammoth task of dismantling its bases and defense lines in western Sinai in time for the interim pullback to the El Arish-Ras Muhammad line.

The diplomats, meanwhile, will be grappling with the "modalities" of the projected Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza, with the aim of arranging for elections to be held there before the year's end. At present, there is little or no evidence that the Palestinians will be disposed to participate in the elections, and thereby in the peace process.

But a year is a long time, especially in the Arab world. Egypt's influence is a force to be reckoned with. Saudi Arabia, plainly frightened by the turmoil in Iran, may yet swing its massive weight behind Sadat, bringing other moderates along with it. (Altogether, the Iranian factor in any future equation is necessarily an unknown, as the

havoc and turmoil in that unhappy land continues and the battle for ultimate power goes on.)

Much has been written on the workability or otherwise of all the various components of the Camp David agreements. Suffice it to say here that there is sincere goodwill on the part of the Israeli government — or certainly on the part of Premier Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman — and the majority of the ministers. To the right of the coalition and the Likud there are the doubters.

But political and public opinion as a whole is genuinely eager for the peace with Egypt and genuinely ready to give the autonomy a fair try in the hope that it will bring to the fore a moderate and responsible indigenous leadership among the Palestinians.

Other Problems Will Not Vanish

But even if all goes as well as possible on the peace front, Israel's problems will not vanish. On the contrary, many of them will be exacerbated and others that have long

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Funds Set Aside By Israeli Gov't.

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Cabinet earmarked 10 million pounds for an "emergency archaeological survey" of the Negev in advance of the projected new military deployment there following peace with Egypt. The work will be done under the aegis of the Education Ministry.

Officials explained that Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, a leading archaeologist, and a number of his academic and ministerial colleagues feared that archaeological treasures would be irretrievably damaged or destroyed in the course of constructing Israel's new defense lines in the Negev as a substitute for the present lines in Sinai. No such survey had ever been undertaken in the past, Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said.

Naor said the announcement did not signal new optimism over the course of the still-stalled peace talks with Egypt. But, he said, the "assumption" was that a treaty would be signed and thus the survey was a matter of pressing urgency. He explained that the plans were to conduct quick digs at key sites unearthed by the survey to salvage as much as possible that might otherwise be crushed forever by the bulldozers.

2,000 Jews Hold Rally In Paris

PARIS (JTA): Some 2,000 Jews marched through the Paris suburb of Drancy this week in a peaceful demonstration against the resurgence of anti-Semitism in France. The marchers first attended a religious ceremony at the site of the Drancy synagogue, which was burned down last month in what French Jewish organizations termed an anti-Semitic attack.

Drancy holds particularly painful memories for French Jews. Thousands were held in a transit camp during World War II before being sent to their deaths in Nazi concentration camps. Drancy's Communist Mayor and several local members of the Parliament participated in the march.

Mideast Peace Forestalled

Weizman Is Angered By Slow Peace Process

JERUSALEM (JTA): Defense Minister Ezer Weizman is unhappy with the cabinet's slow movement toward renewing the peace talks with Egypt and is seriously concerned that the chances of peace are slipping away while hardline ministers stonewall against any compromise, sources close to the Defense Minister have indicated.

Weizman, who with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan headed the Israeli negotiating team at the Blair House talks in Washington last month, believes that the

peace talks have been bogged down needlessly in a morass of legalisms, the sources said. As a consequence, he has resolved to devote his time exclusively to defense matters.

Yediot Achronot newspaper reported that Weizman stormed out of a meeting this week with Premier Menachem Begin and Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon, the most outspoken cabinet hawk. "I can't sit with that man any more," Weizman was quoted as saying with reference to Sharon. Eventually Begin calmed him, the

newspaper reported.

That was not the first time, however, that Weizman lost his temper with cabinet colleagues who he thought were dragging their feet on peace issues. He is known to have stalked out of at least one cabinet meeting in the past two months and was furious when, during Begin's absence in Canada last month, the cabinet refused to approve elements of the draft peace treaty he and Dayan had worked out with the Egyptians in Washington.

Weizman reportedly rests his hopes on

the expectation that Dayan will eventually take a firm stand against delaying tactics by cabinet ministers. Dayan is trying to steer the cabinet toward a decision that will make the resumption of talks possible. He has spoken of the need for compromises by both Israel and Egypt on the key issues in dispute. This drew the wrath of some of his colleagues at the special cabinet session last Tuesday. A decision is expected when the cabinet convenes this Sunday for its regular weekly meeting.

W. German Official To Help With Statute

TEL AVIV (JTA): Hans-Jochen Vogel, the West German Minister of Justice now visiting Israel, said that he and the Social Democratic Party opposed ending the statute of limitations on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals, which is scheduled to expire in exactly one year.

He told representatives of the World Federation of Polish Jews here that his party would do its utmost to see to it that Nazi war criminals do not escape justice, however long it may take to bring them to trial.

Vogel suggested that Nazi hunter Tuvia Friedman, head of the war crimes documentation center in Haifa, go to West Germany with a group of his supporters to explain to the German public why the statute of limitations should not be ended.

The statute designates a period of time during which war criminals may be prosecuted; those who evade trial receive automatic immunity after it expires.

FRENCH TOWNS ADOPT EMIGRE

PARIS (JTA): French Socialist Deputy Jean Poperen reported that more than 40 French towns have symbolically adopted a Soviet Jew wanting to emigrate and that many others will adopt one soon. He said he wished city councils in other European countries would follow suit.

Knesseter Chains Self To Podium

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Knesset Presidium will discuss next week an unprecedented act by a member of Knesset. Charlie Biton, the Knesset representative of the pro-Moscow Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (the coalition of Rakah and former Black Panther members) handcuffed himself to the Knesset rostrum microphones during a debate on Prisoners of Zion in the Soviet Union. Biton demanded that the Knesset drop this subject from the agenda and discuss the conditions of prisoners in Israel instead. His parliamentary secretary is in jail pending a murder trial.

Biton was granted time to speak on his request to stroke off the agenda a motion calling on the Knesset to express solidarity with Soviet prisoner Ida Nudel. Instead of presenting a short statement, as is usually done in such instances, Biton began to read a long speech criticizing the support given to Soviet Jewish prisoners and denouncing Silva Zalmanson as a "terrorist" for having participated in the

attempt to hijack a Soviet plane in 1970. He said the government was neglecting the "real prisoners of Zion, who sit in Ramla and Ramallah, Beersheba and Nablus."

When the chairman of the session called Biton to order, the legislator pulled out large handcuffs from his pocket and chained himself to the microphone. The Knesset was thrown into an uproar with several Knesseters trying to unchain Biton. Unable to do so, a gardener was rushed to the chamber who used shears to cut the handcuffs.

Biton, 31, was one of the founders of the Israeli Black Panthers group in the early 1970s and became widely known when he led anti-government demonstrations demanding social equality for Sephardic Jews. He served and several short periods in Israeli prisons, during his youth, on burglary charges and later in connection with the Black Panther demonstrations. During his speech in the Knesset, Biton referred to what he termed the mis-treatment he was subjected to while in prison.

KGB Searches Russian Jews In Moscow

NEW YORK (JTA):

Soviet secret police squads conducted all-day searches late last week at the home of Victor and Irina Brailovskys and those of three other Jewish activists, according to information received by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ). The Brailovskys, both doctors of science, first applied to emigrate in 1972 and were denied permission because Irina allegedly had access to secret information. Their 17-year-old son, Leonid, applied for an exit visa on his own at the beginning of this year and was also refused. Victor is an organizer of the Moscow Seminar of Jewish Scientists.

Also searched in Moscow was the apartment of Larissa Vilenskaya; one of 22 "refusnik" women who met with Deputy Minister of the Interior Boris Shumilin, Nov. 15. Vilenskaya and Irina Brailovskys are both members of the Moscow Women's Group.

In Leningrad, the KGB searched the apartment of Gregory and Aleksandr Genusov. Both brothers have had their emigration applications refused because they are considered to have had access to state secrets because they were in the army.

Jerry Goodman, executive director of the NCSJ, said this type of harassment often occurs just before major holidays and Americans, therefore, are unaware of the incident. "Emigration has been on the rise and a number of people have been suggesting that the Soviets are finally shaping up. Of course, this regressive step reminds us that Soviet Jews are susceptible to many types of pressure," Goodman warned.

"We consider this particular incident a set-back," Goodman added. "It occurred just as Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and must be interpreted as a signal to the United States that the Soviets are not going to let foreign countries interfere with what they call 'internal affairs.'"

The Brailovskys had scientific books and articles confiscated, along with mathematical notes and formulas and a permit to use the Lenin Library. Prof. Grigory Frieman, who was visiting at the time, was detained, but it is unclear whether charges were filed against him. The fourth search was conducted at the home of a Mrs. Rappaport, who is believed to be an English teacher. The secret police took historic research materials dealing with the Middle Ages and a number of philosophy books, the NCSJ reported.

Mann Asks To Meet With Carter On Recent Mideast Developments

NEW YORK (JTA): Theodore Mann, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has written to President Carter requesting a meeting with him so that his organization can express its concern over recent developments in the Middle East and offer whatever assistance it can to further the cause of peace. Mann claimed in his letter that "Israel has been wrongly blamed by the United States for the current impasse" in peace treaty negotiations with Egypt.

He sent the letter in the aftermath of the Dec. 19 meeting between representatives of the President's conference and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Assistant Secretary Harold Saunders and Ambassador Alfred Atherton. He told the President that since that meeting, he had sought, through White House aide Edward Sanders, "to meet with you to express the widespread concern in the Jewish community regarding events of the past ten days."

Mann stated that "on the basis of all the facts, several conclusions appear to us to be inescapable." In that connection, he observed that "Egypt, not Israel has sought to reopen and alter the draft treaty advanced by the United States on November 21 . . . The manner in which the blame was placed on Israel by our country was distressing," Mann wrote.

"No sovereign state with any sense of its own self-worth could be expected to accept such pressure — pressure which flies in the face of your own wise and significant assurances that our country would never require Israel to agree to conditions that she regards as harmful to her security . . ."

According to Mann, "An analysis of the treaty alterations supported by the United States . . . clearly establishes that these changes diminish the quality, nature and scope of the peace for which Israel is prepared to make a total withdrawal from Sinai. To us, this is the greatest disappointment that after your own eloquent and oft-repeated definition of the kind of peace that must result from these negotiations, the United States should be publicly calling

on Israel to accept so much less."

Mann further charged that "the treaty alterations demanded by Egypt and supported by the United States permit Egypt to retain the option to make war on Israel and make the implementation of the treaty conditional on agreement over the terms of

autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank-Gaza territories . . ." Mann added: "We still hope for an opportunity to meet with you and offer any assistance we can in the effort to bring peace to the Middle East."

Interim Accord Eyed By Ex-Israeli Head

NEW YORK (JTA): Former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that if the parties to the Camp David accords decide the time is not ripe to complement the Egyptian-Israeli agreement, "I would recommend an interim agreement with an Israeli withdrawal to the first phase of the proposed Sinai pullback to a line from El Arish to Ras Mohammed in return for termination of the state of war by Egypt."

The former Deputy Premier also said that the people of Israel stood "united as never before" in rejecting the Carter Administration as pressure to accept demands that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat proposes for changes in the proposed Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. "I deplore the Administration's actions and I now they have strengthened the resolve of the people of Israel to sign only a true peace," Allon said.

"The American statements of recent days have inflicted great damage to the cause of Middle East Peace," Allon said. "They have encouraged the Egyptians to believe that by raising new demands they can get a better deal from Israel, but Israel will not submit to those demands and there will be no treaty as long as President Sadat persists in making them."

Allon also assailed the role of Saudi Arabia in joining the confrontation states opposed to the Camp David accords. "This is the Saudi response to the Carter Ad-

ministration's policy of selling the most modern fighter-bombers in the American arsenal to the Saudi regime," he said. "I should have thought, that, particularly in view of the turmoil in Iran, the Saudis would be interested in promoting stability in the Middle East."

Urge Rescind Limitations Law On Nazi Criminals

BONN (JTA): The Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation has petitioned the West German parliament to rescind the statute of limitations on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals, which goes into effect on December 31, 1979. They called it a loophole through which Nazi murders could escape justice. The statute of limitations law originally became effective 20 years after the commission of a crime. It was extended to 30 years at the insistence of organizations of Nazi victims, who noted that many wanted war criminals have managed to evade arrest. They are now pressing for a further extension or outright abolition of the statute in war crimes cases.

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Of Olive Wood And Jewish Ingenuity

By Josef Goldschmidt
Deputy Mayor
of Jerusalem

Certainly, Jerusalem's largest breadwinner is services and government, national institutions, the University, Yeshivot and other academic institutions. Today, science-based industries are adding

economic diversity and stability to the city. But, people made a living in Jerusalem before the Israeli government or the Hebrew University were here. Open a newspaper of 100 years ago and you can find a proud "kaplushmacher" (hat maker) from Jaffa announcing that once every two weeks he will bring a choice selection of

hats to meet local market needs. Since then, many arts and trades have been developed in our town, and it is an intriguing field of inquiry and discovery for everyone who has a knack for straying off the beaten track.

Now, "kaplushmachers," tailors, cobblers and the like you need and, therefore, find everywhere. When Aryeh

Klein came here in 1949 at the aged of 22 from Czechoslovakia he was looking for something more representative of the Holy Land and less typical of the traditional Jewish occupations he had left behind for good in Europe. Yes, he had left it for good after having seen the Nazis destroy his community and kill his family. "They put me together from pieces" says Klein of his miraculous rescue and recovery after years of fighting in the underground had left him severely wounded. Looking around for new ideas, trying this and that, he discovered olive wood, something typical of Israel that was to be his fate. It is a far cry from the early one-room workshop in the old commercial center near Jaffa Gate to the spacious three-story plant in Tel Arza where Klein Olive Wood Crafts has made an international name for itself and for the industry as a whole.

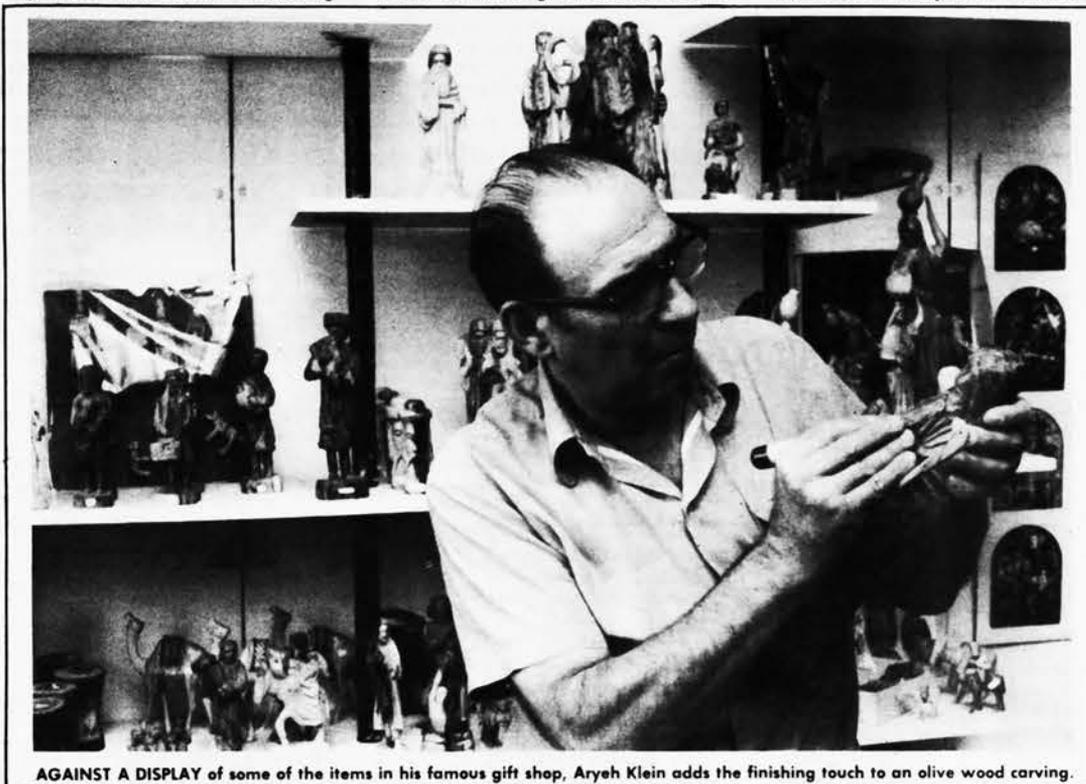
"From where do you get your olive wood?" we asked Klein. It turned out that this is one of his greatest worries — and secrets. Olive trees grow very slowly, and once they have matured they may live for 1000 years. Cutting them down would be barbaric. This, at least, explains why the price of olive wood has shot up in the last ten years from forty lirot a ton to 3,500 lirot a ton. Another worry is the labor force. The species of the patient craftsman who gives many days of work to carving the figure of a camel or to making interesting patterns of olive wood mosaics on boxes, platters and challah boards is dying out. In any case, they could not produce enough for an enterprise that supplies much of the local market and whose products are found in the U.S. Army mail order catalogue, distributed annually to one million American soldiers around the world. Thus, some degree of machine work had to be introduced and for this Klein employs both Jews and Arabs including the handicapped.

Relationship with the Arab economy is also maintained through cooperation with Bethlehem's wood industries that supply articles (also frequently machine-made) beloved by pilgrims and tourists, based on age-old themes and patterns.

But this work has almost become routine, and Klein's active mind has led him into other adventures. Israelis go on official missions to all parts of the world, and VIPs from all over the world pay homage to Jerusalem. What better present can you take along, what gifts have more local flavor than olive wood? Consequently, Klein gets calls by day and by night from the Prime Minister's office, the Foreign Ministry, the Mayor of Jerusalem and the head of the Jewish Agency — "Aryeh, I need a present for the Minister from X, the Ambassador from Y, for the Pope . . . not the ordinary thing, but something original" — and Aryeh gets to work. No artistic advisors for Klein who works it all out himself. Here a special design for a medallion, there a presentation box for a real oil lamp of 2000 years ago, now an ancient blade set in a perspex handle with an inscription. All of his highly unusual gifts are either made from olive wood or set in beautifully crafted velvet-lined olive wood boxes. Over forty such gifts alone have found their way to a place of honour in the White House.

In spite of the inevitable move to mechanized production some contact with humble home industries still exists. In his large showroom, rich in exhibits though lacking the glamour of Tiffany's, you have hand-painted boxes which are the work of anonymous artists who labor for days on these pieces. Not surprisingly, Klein's inventiveness and versatility have made him a "Mr. Know-All" who can be trusted to solve tricky problems quite removed from the field of olive wood . . .

After the Yom Kippur War, U.S. congregations decided to distribute Torah mantles to memorialize those who gave their lives for Israel. Each mantle was to bear the emblem of the State and embroidered inscriptions in English and Hebrew — 1000 of them! With the customary methods it would have taken five years to produce this number by hand. Maybe Klein could help? Knowing the right people in Switzerland, improving their techniques he did what the experts declared impossible and started producing 180 mantles a day. The Swiss did not believe it and wanted to see for themselves. "Then come not later than the day after tomorrow, or else the work will be finished." They came, saw and went home convinced that in Israel everything is possible and miracles do happen — if you have the Almighty and Aryeh Klein on your side.



AGAINST A DISPLAY of some of the items in his famous gift shop, Aryeh Klein adds the finishing touch to an olive wood carving.

Hopes And Expectations For Peace

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lain dormant will return to the forefront of public preoccupation.

First and foremost there is the economy. Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, presently fighting for his political future against a head-on attack from fellow Liberal Minister Yitzhak Modai, candidly told a Jerusalem audience last week that part of the "price of peace" would be three very tough years, in economic terms, starting with 1979.

Inflation, which topped 50 percent in 1978, is unlikely to recede what with the sums to be poured into the work of rolling back from Sinai and even more significant, building the eventual new defenses in the Negev and the substitute air bases there.

In the very first week of the new year there were ominous signs of new labor unrest in the offing. Histadrut demanded cost-of-living compensation payment for salaried persons with their January wage checks. With inflation over the last quarter of the old year running at more than five percent a month, the Histadrut leaders contended that workers could not wait until April for their COL increments. The government and private employers, predictably, balked at this.

Whatever level of aid is eventually agreed upon, it is already clear that the economic burden on the shoulders of every Israeli breadwinner will grow even heavier as a result of the cost of peace and withdrawal. In the long term, of course, peace is likely to bring investments and economic

prosperity. But 1979, at any rate, and the years immediately following, are going to be hard for Israelis, and Ehrlich deserves credit at least for not seeking to distort the hard truth.

Problem Of Social Unrest

The peace can also be expected to trigger — or catalyze — new waves of social unrest. It was no accident that the Black Panther phenomenon — the rowdy, sometimes violent, awakening of what has been called "the second Israel" to its social plight — came during 1971-72, the period of (false) tranquility on the borders, when the nation felt it could shift its preoccupations from defense and foreign policy to its domestic affairs.

The problems highlighted during those demonstrations in the early seventies are still a long way from resolution. The joint government-Jewish Agency "Project Renewal" scheme for facing some 160 depressed neighborhoods is one promising plan for attacking the social gap. But its implementation will take many years and the advent of peace may well release demands and expectations that will not brook delay.

The alleviation of the threat of war may also bring to the surface the religio-secular ideological conflict that has been simmering beneath Israeli society virtually since the State was born. It is perhaps no coincidence that a near-crisis in the coalition over theater performances in Tel Aviv on Friday nights came in the first days of the new year.

The National Religious Party

threatened to bolt the government when the city of Tel Aviv agreed to allow a municipal-owned theater to schedule Friday night performances. The crises was temporarily averted when Mayor Shlomo Lehat bowed to a personal plea from Begin to cancel the permit for Friday night performances.

It seemed to reflect a pent-up determination in secularist and religious camps — now that peace was at hand — to return to the days of open conflict over the "status quo," days that had been virtually forgotten since the Yom Kippur War because the years since then have been taken up with the weightier considerations of war and peace.

The peace, then, will bring on the oft-predicted test and strain upon the fabric and cohesion of Israeli society, with religious and secular forces inevitably stepping up their efforts to mold the still-developing society after their own image.

Ideological Issues To The Fore

To date these forces have been held in check by the exigencies of the ongoing state of war. But with the advent of peace, ideologies and personalities can be expected to clash with "no holds barred" and only time will tell whether the Israeli body politic is strong enough and well-founded enough to stand this buffeting and emerge whole and wholesome.

Most of the religious and ideological struggles that certainly lie ahead will be played out over a period much longer than one calendar year. But one at least, that between the Gush Emunim and the legally constituted power of the state, it likely to come to a head during the next 12 months as the pullback from Sinai becomes a reality and the Palestinian autonomy begins to take shape.

To date, Premier Begin has shown himself tougher and more aware of the threat posed to democracy by the Gush than his Labor Party predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin. If he continues to stand up to the Gush during the months ahead he will have convincingly quashed this challenge to the rule of law in Israel and will have set a useful precedent for the challenges that lie ahead.

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Soviet Jewish Life

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liberals exist and that they support the Jewish claims.

There are only a few tens of thousands of Soviet Jews who actually declare themselves as Jewish and want to leave for Israel. Even at the point when emigration reached its peak, that is when 40,000 to 50,000 Jews were leaving the Soviet Union every year, the birth rate stayed high enough for there to be little diminution in the total number of Russian Jews. Anyway it is absurd to believe that the problems of the Jews of Russia can be settled only through emigration to Israel.

In order to improve their lives, I have always thought it necessary to use two methods at once: public political pressure

on the one hand, diplomatic contacts on the other. But these political pressures must never be misused. It is impossible to force the Russians to do something, and the most that can be done is to persuade them.

The accusations of anti-Semitism made against the U.S.S.R. have been very much exaggerated, but it is true that there has not been a complete break with the sinister old anti-Semitic tradition of Russia. A hostile anti-Jewish potential has been building up there, and some Russians believe that their country's enemy is not so much capitalism as world Jewry. Fortunately that is not the ruling opinion in government circles, but one might tremble for the fate of the Russian Jews if another cold war set in.

Polish Jewry Chair Urged At Tel Aviv U.

NEW YORK (JTA): Two prominent Jewish personalities called for the establishment of a chair for research and teaching of the history of Polish Jewry at Tel Aviv University and noted the incongruity in the awarding of Nobel Prizes last month to two former Polish Jews — Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and Yiddish writer Isaac Bashevis Singer. This was pointed out by Yehuda Blum, Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, and Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Federation of Polish Jews in the United States and chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Addressing a conference of the Federation, Schindler said that Begin and Singer were being honored "at a time when Polish Jewry, because of the savagery of anti-Semitic monsters, no longer exists." He said it was incongruous that they were being honored by a world in which not a single academic facility exists for a definitive study of the history and accomplishments of Polish Jewry.

Blum and Schindler stressed the need for current and future generations of Jews to know more about the history of the Jewish people so that the tragedies which have befallen them, particularly those in the "enlightened" 20th century, would never be forgotten. The conference decided to establish a chair for the research and teaching of the history of Polish Jewry at the Tel Aviv University's Institute of Jewish Studies at a cost of \$1 million. The Federation pledged itself to raise \$500,000 towards that sum.

Program Of Action

The conference adopted a program of action to be pursued in relation to the government of Poland: restitution for all Jewish public properties and institutions which were left behind; the transference to the Federation of all documents and

archives relating to the cultural accomplishments of Polish Jewry.

Also, payments of pensions and social security to Jews who left Poland and who are entitled to those funds under international law; transference to Jewish



ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER

institutions outside Poland all Jewish artifacts and ritual materials taken from museums and synagogues; and proper maintenance of the Jewish cemeteries still in existence in Poland.

Many of the 300 delegates at the conference spoke bitterly about the failure of the Polish government to live up to past promises on these matters. It was announced that 30 Federation members plan to go to Israel in February to participate in the international conference of the World Federation of Polish Jews. Schindler was re-elected Federation president.

China Eyed As 'Softening' Recognition Toward Israel

A hint that China might be softening its resistance to diplomatic recognition of Israel was contained in a Chinese Deputy Prime Minister's comments to a group of American visitors, according to the president of the American Jewish Congress.

Howard Squadron, the president of the Jewish group, took notes of the interview on Nov. 25 with Deputy Prime Minister Keng Piao and read from them yesterday in his Fifth Avenue law office.

"I walked away thinking he hadn't told me anything," Squadron said. But later Leonard Woodcock, head of the United States mission in Peking, who had sat silently through the question-and-answer session with the group of American civic leaders, said there had been two significant changes in the Chinese comments.

Likens Chinese and Jewish People

Keng said that the Chinese and the Jewish people were, in all the world, "the two peoples who love their countries most."

Then, in what Woodcock described as something of a shift, the Deputy Prime Minister said that China's position in the Middle East peace negotiations was "essentially in agreement with Egypt" and that in any settlement Israel must "withdraw from most of the territory" it has taken.

Previously, Woodcock noted, the Chinese had said Israel must withdraw from all occupied territory.

Israeli sources say that there has been no

apparent movement by China since then toward restoration of relations with Israel.

Criticism of Moscow

Squadron, aware of the antagonism between China and the Soviet Union, said he had told Keng that he believed peace was likely in the Middle East "unless the Soviet Union causes mischief." Keng picked up on that theme in his response. Squadron recalled.

The Chinese official said his nation had watched the Camp David summit talks, hoped that they would lead to peace but realized China was not in a position to help in this effort.

"But the United States should step up its efforts," Keng said, "because if they were to slacken, the Soviet Union would begin to deal with this situation through the rejectionist front," meaning the Arab nations opposed to Egypt's negotiations with Israel.

ISRAELIS VISIT IRAN

TEL AVIV (JTA): A delegation of the World Jewish Congress recently visited Iran and met with Jewish representatives there, it was stated here by Philip Klutznick, WJCongress president, who is in Israel for a series of meetings and conferences. He said that the WJCongress and the Joint Distribution Committee are alert to the situation in Iran and prepared to help in whatever way is necessary should there be a change in the political situation there.

BOOK REVIEW

A New Look At The West Bank May Help Clarify Its Future

Ed. Note: Israel, The West Bank and International Law is authored by Prof. Allen Gerson, the husband of Joan Nathan Gerson, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nathan. Providence.

By I. L. Kenen

The future of the West Bank is now high on the agenda of the peacemakers and there has just been published a timely and comprehensive study of the area's troubled past and status in international law which might, conceivably, help to clarify its controversial future.

It is the authoritative work of Professor Allan Gerson, who holds advanced degrees in international law from Yale University and The Hebrew University. Gerson spent years of research to produce *Israel, the West Bank and International Law*, just published by Frank Cass and Company, Ltd. of London (\$25.00) and distributed here by Biblio Distribution Centre, P.O.B. 327, Totowa, N.J. 07511. A former professor at the New England School of Law, Dr. Gerson is now with the U.S. Department of Justice.

So much that is now written about the 2,200-square-mile West Bank is based on emotional partisanship or off-the-cuff improvisation by spokesmen who suffer from the all too prevalent ailment of amnesia. For so many of them, history begins with the headline of the morning newspaper of the bulletinized broadcast.

For those who would prefer a more informed view — editorial writers, columnists, broadcasters, as well as some of the involved partisan diplomats — this 268-page volume provides a valuable resource. It traces the history of Palestine, its many conflicts and the many decisions which sought to resolve them, and cites many annotations and reproduces maps. The author interviewed many Israeli and Arab officials, administrators and leaders, recording their insights and interpretations.

War of Self-Defense

There are analyses of the claims of the parties in the four major wars; the decisions of UN organs; the definition of aggression and the right to repel it in self-defense; the response to terrorism; the status of Jordan

and Israel in the disputed West Bank; the rights and wrongs, the strengths and weaknesses of their respective administrations; the treatment of their wards with respect to their education, employment, welfare and judicial rights; the use of land, and, most important, Israel's highly controversial land purchase and settlement policy; and, most emotional, the highly charged issue of Jerusalem.

Gerson recalls that Jordan originally occupied the West Bank for the benefit of its inhabitants but later annexed it and then favored its own area to the detriment of West Bank residents.

Israel took the area from Jordan in 1967, in a war of self-defense. Israel then committed itself to apply the Geneva War Conventions on a *de facto* basis while leaving open the question of their legal applicability so as not to prejudice its claim to sovereignty.

Complicating Policies

Gerson notes Israel did not in fact violate the Geneva Convention, even as to settlement, for relatively few Israelis were settled in the area and the existing population was not displaced. Nevertheless, he believes Israel's policies complicated the prospects for accommodation and overshadowed and prejudiced the beneficial aspects of her administration.

In his summation Gerson writes that "self-determination for the West Bank is a necessary condition for a just resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict." But that does not necessarily mean a new Palestinian state which could be an "invitation to increased turmoil." A PLO-controlled state could lead either to a war against Israel or a civil war inside the West Bank.

On the other hand, there is the danger that a Palestinian West Bank canton would be "autonomous" in name only, and he concludes: "Genuine West Bank autonomy will require vast legal and institutional changes in the region . . . A new international status of occupation legally sound and politically acceptable must be devised." The author suggests the concept of "trustee occupancy" which he first formulated in the *Harvard International Law Journal* in 1973.

Near East Report

2 Named For 'Israel Prize'

TEL AVIV (JTA): Two members of the World Maccabi Movement were selected yesterday to receive the 1978 Israel Prize for sports and the promotion of physical culture in Israel. They are Joseph Yekutieli, 81, who is credited with starting the Maccabiah sports events that became the quadrennial Jewish Olympic Games, and Tal Brody, 35, an American-born basketball star who settled in Israel in 1971. Dr. Israel Peled, chairman of the Maccabi World Executive, cabled congratulations to the two winners.

Yekutieli was born in Russia and came to Palestine in 1909 where he was instrumental in creating the framework for organized sports among Jewish youths. As early as 1927 he was arranging sports meets between the Jerusalem Maccabi Club and Egyptian athletes. He was one of the initiators of the Palestine Athletic Federation and the Palestine, later Israeli Olympic Committee. Now in his eighties, he has undertaken a project to make the town of Modi'in, birthplace of the Maccabees, into a world center for Jewish physical education and cultural activities.

Brody visited Israel for the first time in 1965 as a member of the American basketball team that competed in the Maccabiah Games. He visited Israel again the following year and played on the Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team which reached the finals in the European Cup tournament. Brody spent the next five years in the U.S. during which he did military service and then returned to Israel to settle.

In 1977, he led the Maccabi team to the European basketball championship with victories over the Russians, and the Czech and several Western teams. No longer active as a player, Brody is devoting his time and energy to promote basketball among Israeli youths, especially in remote townships and villages. He teaches basketball weekly in Kiryat Shemona and Beth Shean.

AGREEMENT CELEBRATED

BUDAPEST (JTA): The Hungarian government and the Hungarian Jewish community celebrated last weekend the 30th anniversary of their agreement setting up the local community organizations.

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Brooklyn Politician Arrested On Assault Charges After Melee

Assemblyman Samuel Hirsch was arrested this week on charges of assaulting two police officers as he and four other men from the Borough Park section of Brooklyn surrendered on complaints that grew out of demonstrations by Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn on Dec. 2. The demonstrations were provoked by a murder and charges of inadequate police protection.

Police Commissioner Robert J. McGuire said one or two other civilians might be arrested if they could be positively identified and located by a continuing investigation into the brief takeover of the 66th Precinct station house.

The Commissioner said police investigations were still under way on complaints against police officers by Hirsch and two other persons, while five such complaints had been dropped as unfounded. Sixty-two police officers reported that they had been injured in the disorder, with five civilians also injured.

Hirsch's appearance at the central booking office, 301 Gold Street, Brooklyn, took about three hours because a police search found pills on him. He reportedly first refused to discuss the pills, but afterward he said they had been shown to be 14 saccharin tablets and two pills prescribed to calm his stomach. He said the "aggravation" of working in the Legislature "would give anybody stomach problems."

Two Officers Involved

One misdemeanor charge against Hirsch was that he pushed, shoved and kicked Police Officer James Wallace — an officer he said he had accused in a Civilian Complaint Review Board complaint of clubbing him and bloodying his head while he was trying to calm the situation. The

other charge was that he kicked Police Officer Paul Fried and struck him in the face with his elbow.

Hirsch and two defendants charged with misdemeanor assaults were released on desk summonses, returnable in Brooklyn Criminal Court Feb. 15. The two other men arrested were confronted with felony charges, and held for arraignment.

Hirsch, 30 years old, renewed his contention that he was innocent and a target for delayed police action — a delay Commissioner McGuire ascribed to difficulties in the investigation.

After his release, Hirsch said that he had once before been arrested on a charge of obstructing governmental administration after he had gone to the police about an attack on his father and to demand that someone be apprehended. He said that charge had been dropped, and that he had won a \$500,000 Supreme Court judgment on a claim for false arrest on which he said the city was in default.

Expecting possible demonstrations over the arrests, the Police Department sent in 10 or more extra officers to guard the 84th Precinct station house, closed off Gold Street and prepared barricades. But only a handful of Jewish leaders and the Assemblyman's wife, Ruth, arrived in the morning rain to await the outcome of the proceedings.

"He is not a violent man," Mrs. Hirsch said.

The two felony defendants were led out a rear door to police vans, chained by the wrist in a file with other men headed for court arraignments. Both covered their faces against photographs, refusing comment.

One was Max Schechter, whose friends said he was to have started a new job as a plumber yesterday after being out of work since October. He was accused of being part of a group that pushed, kicked and knocked down and then beat Officer Joseph Archer — a second-degree assault charge that carries a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment.

Commissioner McGuire said Officer Archer had undergone "an operation for a tear in the abdomen wall, apparently from a kick in the groin." Assemblyman Hirsch contended that Officer Archer had been seen "swinging a club and bloodying people."

Schechter was also charged with obstructing government administration, as was Bernard Weiselberg, who was charged with criminal mischief, a felony. Weiselberg, according to the police complaint, was observed overturning furniture and a computer terminal, on which damage was put at \$547.96, and also throwing papers around.

Assemblyman's Aide Charged

Of those charged with misdemeanors, Matthew Abraham, a 20-year-old assistant to the Assemblyman, was charged with kicking Officer Fried in the leg and with helping pull the station house door off its hinges, leading to injuries to the neck, head and back of an officer. Abraham told newsmen he had left the station house before the violence, going to the Assemblyman's house for a kiddush prayer, and returning after the disorder ended.

The other defendant was Mark Landesman, a lawyer, accused of coming up to Officer Fried from the back and throwing him to the ground so that he sprained his left arm, and of kicking another officer who tried to arrest him. Landesman said he "wholeheartedly and unequivocally" denied both assaults.

Landesman said the counsel for all five defendants would be Roy M. Cohn. Cohn said he would decline a fee.

At Police Headquarters, Commissioner McGuire declared there were "absolutely not" any political considerations in the arrests. He promised there would be "no cover-up" of any police wrongdoing.

Assistant Chief Milton Schwartz, commanding Brooklyn South patrol, said more than 165 officers had been interviewed, along with neighboring residents.

Commissioner McGuire said that only four officers had been present in the station at the start of the demonstration, and the melee, which he said caused about \$10,000

War Crime Info Sought

BOSTON (JTA): The Jewish Community Council (JCC) of metropolitan Boston has received a request for witnesses, survivors or anyone who may have firsthand information about crimes and actions against Jews in Europe during World War II.

Anyone having information is urged to contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Martin Mendelsohn Chief Special Litigation Unit, 4251 Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20536.

The INS is particularly interested in individuals with information concerning events in the following cities: Riga, Latvia (1940-1944); Rezenke (Rositten, Rezhitsa), Latvia (1940-1944); Aubrene, Latvia (1942); Madona (Modohn), Latvia (1941-1942); Estonia (1940-1945); Bucharest, Romania (Sept. 1940-March 1941).

Zagreb, Yugoslavia (1935-1943); Treblinka (1940-1944); Ivano-Frankovsk (Poland, USSR, Ukraine) (1940-1943); Daugavpils (Dvinsk), Latvia (1941-1943); Kaunas (Kovno), Lithuania (1941-1942); Vilnius, Lithuania (1941-1942).

Jurbarkas (Jurburg, Georgemburg), Lithuania (1941-1942); Panevezys (Ponevezh), Lithuania (1941-1942); Siauliai (Shavli), Lithuania (1941-1942); Kedainia (Kaydani), Lithuania (1941-1942); Skautville, Lithuania (1941-1942); Scutard, Romania, Hungary (1940-1944).

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council has informed the JCC that as a result of a December meeting with Leonel Castillo, the INS Commissioner, David Crosland, INS General Counsel, and Mendelsohn, the research resources of the Jewish community have been volunteered for future legal proceedings against alleged Nazi war criminals. Those having information are also being asked to contact Barbara Katz at the JCC in Boston at (617) 542-7525.

property damage, began before reinforcements arrived. He said demonstrators pulled out others the police tried to arrest.

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JERUSALEM (JTA): The Jewish Agency and the government of Israel plan three new settlement regions in the Negev, Raanan Weitz, co-chairman of the World Zionist Organization Settlement Department, told a meeting yesterday of immigrants at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel near Jerusalem. Under the new plan, he said, settlements presently located in the Rafah salient and the Yamit region will be moved to the new region of Pithat Shalom (Peace Opening) in the northwest corner of the Negev, on the Israeli side of Green Line.

Settlements presently located on the coastal area between Eilat and Sharmel-Sheikh in the Sinai peninsula will be moved to Kikar Sdom (the plain of Sodom), south of the Dead Sea. In addition, three experimental settlements will be established on the Negev's central plateau, south of Beersheba.

Weitz said that an existing plan for digging a canal from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea is almost operable. The canal will extend from an area near the Gaza Strip, across the Negev and end with a waterfall south of the Dead Sea.

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