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British To Supply Helicopters To Arabs

LONDON (JTA): Two British companies have concluded a deal to supply helicopters to the Cairo-based Arab military industries organization. They are Westland Aircraft Company, which manufactures the Lynx helicopter, and Rolls Royce, which supplies the engines. It is reported that a token number of helicopters will be supplied directly to Egypt. But it is also planned to establish an assembly plant at Helwan in Egypt, which could bring the total number of helicopters supplied to 200, worth an eventual 400 million Pounds Sterling. The Arab military industries organization is financed by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Egypt. It was established in the wake of the 1973 Yom Kippur War with the aim of making the Arab states less dependent on outside suppliers for arms and spare parts. Under an earlier 40 million Pounds Sterling deal, involving the British Aerospace Corporation, another Egyptian assembly line is producing swingfire anti-tank missiles.

The Arab military industries organization also plans to establish assembly lines in countries other than Egypt. At a meeting in Abu Dhabi last week, the military industries organization decided to set up a company for production of military electronic equipment in Saudi Arabia in cooperation with American concerns. According to this week's "Arabia and the Gulf," the new Saudi venture reflects disapproval of the organization's Egyptian orientation on the part of the Arab oil states. The prestigious magazine adds that the military organization still faces substantial difficulties and that despite a paper capitalization of \$1.04 billion, it is under-financed. (By Maurice Samuelson)



TO RECEIVE AWARD: Senator Lila M. Sapinsley will be the recipient of the coveted City of Peace Award, it has been announced by Arthur S. Robbins, general chairman of the Rhode Island State of Israel Bond Committee.

The presentation will be made at a cocktail reception in her honor to be held on Thursday, March 16 at 8 p.m. at the home and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dwares.

Mr. Robbins said that the tribute to Senator Sapinsley will also mark the kickoff of the 1978 Rhode Island Israel Bond campaign.

The leadership of the Rhode Island State of Israel Bond Committee, in addition to Mr. Robbins, includes Richard L. Abedon, Barry Cohen and Donald Dwares, vice-chairmen; Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman, New England Rabbinate; Robert A. Riesman, National Campaign Cabinet of State of Israel Bonds, and Hazel Grossman and Jeanne Weil, members of the National Women's Executive Board.

Zionist Congress Calls To Jewish World To Strengthen Zionist Vision

JERUSALEM (JTA): The 29th World Zionist Congress, at its closing session March 1, called on the Jewish world to intensify Jewish and particularly Hebrew education and on the Jews of Israel "to strengthen and maintain the Zionist vision." The call added: "Israel is the heart of the nation and its lifeblood is aliya." The 29th Zionist Congress, meeting in Jerusalem, reaffirms the identification of the Jewish people with Zionism, both in thought and deed, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Zionist movement and the 30th anniversary of the State of Israel. We recall the words of our founder, Dr. Theodor Herzl at the first Zionist Congress in 1897: "Zionism is a moral, lawful, humanitarian movement, directed towards the long yearned-for goal of our people, and we reject the willful distortion of our goals spread by enemies of the movement and of the Jewish people. In pursuing its objectives, Zionism has striven to create a new set of circumstances, which would revolutionize the condition of the Jewish people by establishing a sovereign Jewish State and a spiritual and cultural center in the land of Israel. At the same time we are building a society from which other people and nations derive inspiration from its embodiment of Jewish ideals of justice and morality."

"In the space of 80 years, Zionism has succeeded in changing the course of Jewish history. Its crowning achievement has been the foundation of the State of Israel, in which Jews once again are masters of their own destiny and act in the interests of Jews throughout the world whenever and wherever the need arises...The Zionist solution is predicated upon the unity of the

Jewish people. Israel is the heart of the nation and its lifeblood is aliya. Aliya is the basic act of faith of the Zionist. At this time, we reach out to our brethren in the Soviet Union and Syria, rejoice in the homecoming of their vanguard and work for the full restoration of their right to be reunited with us. Zionism calls on all Jews to engage in an all-out effort of expanding Jewish, Hebrew and Zionist education among adults and children alike. In particular, this means the study of Hebrew. Recognizing the centrality of Israel, we call upon the Jews of the diaspora to visit Israel as often as possible and to support it through the dissemination of information, enlighten the public regarding Israel's achievements and problems and render financial assistance through investments and contributions. The Zionist Congress calls on Jews in Israel, who have a unique responsibility to strengthen and maintain the Zionist vision and to work for the establishment of a just and creative society, motivated by the highest ideals of the Jewish people. The Congress calls on the Jewish people in Israel and the diaspora to fully identify themselves with the Zionist movement and to work for the attainment of its noble objectives."

WIN CONTRACT

LONDON: The specialist British naval builders Vosper Thornycroft (UK) have won a £150 million contract to build warships for Egypt. The contract involves the design and construction of a number of "patrol craft of advanced specification" together with an extensive range of support services. The company refused to comment on the purchaser, but it is reliably understood to be Egypt.

Synagogue Council Delegation Says It Has Made Breakthrough

NEW YORK (JTA): A 12 member delegation of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) which returned last week from a two week visit to Egypt and Israel believes it made a "historical breakthrough" in Jewish-Islamic relations in Egypt. The delegation headed by Rabbi Saul I. Teplitz, the SCA's president, and Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice-president, said the visit to Egypt was the first "by an official delegation representing the Jewish religious community in modern times." The SCA said Feb. 28 that the delegation's visit in Egypt from Feb. 13-20 enabled it "to develop new religious and cultural relations" with Islamic leaders "that will help heal wounds caused by generations of alienation and conflict. While these relations are no substitute for political agreements, they constitute the human and spiritual infrastructure which can speed the day of peace and, when it comes, give it moral content and endurance." The delegation found it accomplished more than it expected, according to a spokesman. Dr. Soufi Abou-Taleb, president of Cairo University, agreed to have visiting professors in various fields of Jewish studies offer courses at the university while Egyptian Islamic scholars will be made available as visiting professors for American Jewish institutions of higher learning. Cairo University, the largest in the Arab world, has also agreed to hold by next year a Moslem-Jewish inter-religious dialogue similar to the dialogues that have been held for the last 10 years between world Jewry and the Vatican and the World Council of Churches. The university will organize participation by Moslem scholars from Al Azhar University and other Egyptian schools as well as Cairo University.

The delegation reported that Egyptian government officials agreed to allow Jewish scholars to survey and catalogue manuscripts, synagogues, cemeteries and other Jewish institution in Cairo and in other locations in order to take the necessary measures for their preservation

and if possible, restoration. Deputy Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali suggested the establishment of a Jewish museum in Egypt and agreed to the SCA's proposal that an international Jewish committee, as a first step, seek to restore and preserve the ancient synagogue and study of Maimonides in Old Cairo. The SCA obtained permission both from the Egyptian government and the leaders of the Karaite community to bring to the U.S., on loan, for an exhibit and analysis a collection of ancient Karaite manuscripts and ceremonial objects. Egyptian authorities agreed that some 40 Torah scrolls that had been confiscated by customs officials several years ago would be returned to the local Jewish community.

An SCA spokesman noted that the delegation in its talks with Egyptian leaders including President Anwar Sadat and Vice President Husni Mubarak stressed the unswerving dedication of American Jews to the welfare and security of Israel. During an hour-long meeting with Grand Imam Dr. Abdul Halim Mahmoud, Sheikh of Al Azhar University, the delegation members also expressed their strong objections to the use of Zionism as an epithet by Moslem leaders. They pointed out that to differentiate between Zionists and Jews as the Arabs do is false since all Jews are Zionists "in the sense that attachment to Eretz Yisrael is a profound expression of Jewish religious belief and hope, linking a people, a faith and a land in an indissoluble unity." The delegation made the same point to Sadat while also being firm in its expression that only Israel can define its security needs and Americans have neither the moral right or ability to do so. The delegation said it was impressed with Sadat's genuine desire for peace although he was firm in his insistence that the Israeli settlements in the Sinai were an obstacle to peace. The delegates said they told Sadat they were confident Israeli leaders would do everything possible to achieve success in the peace negotiations and urged Sadat to do the same.

Hopes Meetings With Begin Will Help Resolve Conflict

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA): President Carter said that he hoped his meetings with Israeli Premier Menahem Begin here March 14-15 will lead to "some agreement" between Israel and Egypt, Jordan and "the Palestinian Arabs that live on the West Bank" that will be a prelude to "ultimate resolution" of the Middle East conflict. Carter spoke in response to a question during a nationally televised news conference at the National Press Club. He was asked what he hoped to accomplish in his third meeting with Begin in 10 months. In his reply, the President appeared to warn the Begin government not to "abandon" United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 which the U.S. considers applicable to the West Bank as well as to Sinai and the Golan Heights. "Abandonment of 242 would put us back many months or years," Carter said. He also expressed hope that Begin and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt will resume their personal negotiations with the U.S. as "intermediary." Carter noted that he communicated with Begin "frequently by letter, diplomatic messages and occasionally by phone." He also observed that Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman will be in Washington next week "to consult with me" and other U.S. officials.

The President said, "We are looking for some common ground" on which "Egypt,

Jordan, Israel and the residents of the West Bank can agree." He noted that Gaza "had an affiliation" with Egypt and the West Bank with Jordan and both are occupied by Israel. "We ought to search out at the top level of government, some resolution of the differences of specifics relating to Sinai and also a statement of principles related to the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip," Carter said, "hoping at that time that Egypt and Jordan and the Palestinian Arabs that live on the West Bank will be satisfied to conclude, perhaps, some agreement and proceed with further negotiations later, leading to ultimate resolution of the issue based on UN 242."

The President said that "one of the crucial elements of any progress in the Middle East is cleaving to the commitment that UN Resolution 242 is a basis to continue negotiations and resolution" of the problem. "Abandonment of 242 would put us back many months or years. So this is what I hope to accomplish with the Prime Minister — to frankly discuss with him my previous agreement and discussions with President Sadat to encourage direct negotiations to be resumed and to reach common ground based on advice given me" by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and the special U.S. emissary in the Middle East, Assistant Secretary of State Alfred L. Atherton.

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British Foreign Secretary Owen Hopeful On Mid-East Peace

By David Landau and Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM (JTA): The British Foreign Secretary, David Owen, left Israel after a two-day official visit during which he conferred with Premier Menachem Begin and other Israeli leaders. He sounded a hopeful note in his public statements on Middle East peace prospects, offered advice on how to defuse the explosive settlements issue and stressed several times that Begin's peace plan was for a five-year period, subject thereafter to review. Owen said the Arabs did not appear to be sufficiently aware that Begin's proposals were not offered as a permanent solution.

At a press conference here Owen spoke of the "intelligence" of the Egyptian and Israeli defense ministers—Mohammed Gamassy and Ezer Weizman. Asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency if he agreed with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt that Weizman was a more reasonable negotiator than Begin, Owen replied that the Premier was obliged to weigh the entire picture rather than only the defense aspects and to take into account internal political factors.

"My reading of this (Israeli) Cabinet is that (Foreign Minister Moshe) Dayan and Weizman do everything they do with Mr. Begin's agreement," Owen said. Asked if he concurred with Begin's statement that their meeting earlier in the day had left him (Owen) "quite satisfied," the British diplomat replied that his conversation with

the Premier had been "satisfying, open-minded and clear." He added, however, that he and Begin did not agree on everything.

Owen urged "some new thinking on the concept" of Israeli settlements in the occupied areas. He said if these could be portrayed to the Arabs—and perceived by them—as instances "of Jews and Arabs living together" rather than as "little lumps of Israel," a "transitional" solution would be much easier. He said that if those settlements required protection, it should be provided by an impartial outside force such as the United Nations. Owen said there could not be much progress on the West Bank without Jordanian participation in the peace talks. He said King Hussein would be "cautious" and would want to see an agreed Israeli-Egyptian statement of principles "to understand which way the talks were going" before deciding whether to join them. He noted that Britain retained a certain traditional influence in Jordan but it was not British policy to exert that influence "at this stage" in order to persuade Jordan to join the peace talks. The British diplomat said the "transitional" element of Begin's peace plan was vitally important even if Israel and the Arabs refused now even to concede that their basic positions might change in five years. He said the transitional aspect could facilitate an important opening toward progress.

Bills Oppose UN Palestine Units

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA): Both Houses of Congress currently have legislative proposals to stop U.S. participation in the United Nations General Assembly's recent decision to establish a special unit to spread information about "Palestinian rights." Rep. Abner Mikva (D. Ill.) introduced a companion bill in the House to a previous measure in the Senate proposed by Sen. J. Harrison Williams (D. N.J.). "The alleged purpose of the UN unit would be to observe the international day of solidarity with the Palestinian people," Mikva said in the House. "In reality, however, the organization would disseminate messages of hatred against the State of Israel and its inhabitants. Such propaganda can only complicate and possibly jeopardize the sensitive peace negotiations now being con-

ducted in the Middle East," he said.

According to Mikva, "the newly formed group may be viewed as an extension of the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People." This committee is composed of 23 member states, 19 of which have no diplomatic relations with Israel. "Clearly, both the old committee and the new unit will result only in a further erosion of the respect for the impartiality of the United Nations," Mikva said. He stated the new special unit will "reflect the views" of the Palestine Liberation Organization "as did its predecessor, the Palestine Committee, "and the PLO remains a terrorist organization committed to the destruction of the State of Israel by any means available to its members." The unit began to operate formally March 1.

Obituaries

BARNEY EFROS

Private services for Barney Efros of 228 Fifth Street, who died March 4, were held Monday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Fanny (Barad) Efros; a daughter, Mona Robison of White Plains, New York; a brother, Harry Efros of Florida, a sister, May Hozore of Boston, Massachusetts and two grandsons.

MAX D. COHEN

Funeral services for Max D. Cohen of 61 Gardner Road, Brookline, Massachusetts, were held Sunday. He was the husband of Florence Cohen and the late Minnie and Bessie Cohen.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Tedi Green of Providence and Rose Leinwand of New York City; one son, Herbert B. Cohen of Newton Centre,

Unveiling Notice

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Massachusetts; a sister, Gertrude Martinson of California; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to the Jewish National Fund.

MORT STEIN

Funeral services for Mort Stein, 81, of 64 Calla Street, who died March 2 after an illness of one month, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Lena (Schwab) Stein, he was born in England on February 23, 1897, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stein. He had lived in Providence for more than 40 years.

He was a member of the executive staff of the Outlet Company for 35 years, retiring nine years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dr. Leo Stein of Traverse City, Michigan; two daughters, Doris Jacober of Cranston, and Minnette Zitowitz of Worcester, Massachusetts; two brothers, Morris Stein of Del Ray Beach, Florida, and Dr. Calvin Stein of Springfield, Massachusetts; a sister, Louise Gordon of Miami, Florida, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LENA FALK

Funeral services for Lena Falk, 82, of 99 Hillside Avenue, who died March 2, were held at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery in Woonsocket.

The widow of David Falk, she was born in Providence on February 16, 1896, a daughter of the late Jacob and Ida (Serge) Feinstein. She had been a lifelong resident of Providence and was a graduate of Hope High School.

She leaves a son, William J. Falk of Cranston, head track coach at the University of Rhode Island; a sister, Hazel Stearns of Newton, Massachusetts; a brother, Herman Feinstein of Providence and two grandchildren.

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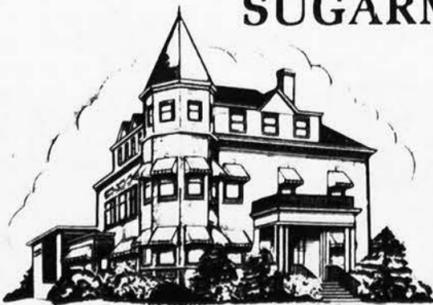
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Stocks Okay To Hold

Q: I own shares of Chase Manhattan, Deere & Company, Iowa Public Service, and Texaco, all NYSE-listed. What do you think of these? L.K. Iowa

A: If you are still working, you might want to select new investments from issues with greater growth potential, such as American Hospital Supply (NYSE) and K mart (NYSE). However, if you are retired, or within a year or two of it, you are in a good position with your portfolio of income and cyclical stocks. If you are a regular column reader, you have seen Texaco recommended here frequently for income investors. Dividends have been paid without interruption since 1903, and the current \$2.00 annual rate provides a yield of about 8%. Higher earnings are expected this year, reflecting a more aggressive management approach, cutbacks in less profitable retail outlets, and rising natural gas prices. A dividend increase is possible this year.

Chase Manhattan provides a similarly high yield, but dividend growth has not been impressive in recent years, a situation that will probably continue for a while. Problem loans requiring large contributions to loan loss reserves have been a major factor in Chase's sluggish record. Gradual improvement of this problem should continue. Earnings for the year just ended showed a 9% year-to-year gain. The shares should be held.

Not surprisingly, Deere & Company, which more than quadrupled earnings in the last decade, boosted dividends 180% in the same period. In 1977 the quarterly rate was increased 18% to the current \$0.32 1/2 a share. The farmers' strike and a weakened demand for farm equipment domestically have depressed the share price. Construction equipment sales have been excellent and demand should continue strong this year. Now selling at book value, the shares are well worth buying.

Iowa Public Service, your highest yielding issue at 8.7%, reported a strong rebound in fiscal 1977 earnings. Construction expenditures will ease off next year to \$76 million from \$106 million this year. All in all, earnings progress should continue, but on a more modest level. The march dividend payment was upped from 45¢ to 48¢ a share, marking the 17th consecutive yearly increase in the rate. The shares are attractive for income investors.

Commodities—No Game For The Novice

Q: I am interested in dabbling in the commodity futures market. Where should I turn for advice. G.B. New York

A: Your best bets are your public library and lots of time. Don't rush into this highly speculative field uninformed—spend a few months reading and acquiring some information on the ins and outs of commodity trading before committing cash to the venture. If you are unwilling to spend the time required to bone up on the subject, then you should stay out.

Some authorities on commodities trading that have written books on the subject are: L. Dee Beveal, Houston A. Cox, Jr., Thomas A. Hieronymus, Stanley Kroll, Richard J. Teweles and Kermit C. Zieg, Jr.

From your reading, you should be able to formulate a price forecasting system—without one you will be at a serious disadvantage. Traders taking a position on hunches or impulses lose over the long run. You should also predetermine your trading strategy, so you will know when to cut your losses or when to take a profit. Finally, you must have the discipline to follow both your price forecasting system and your trading plan. Terminating a position is the point at which some of the most sophisticated trading strategies break down due to the traders' lack of discipline. A final word of advice is to avoid over-trading—taking too large a position, trading too often or trading in too many commodities. When you make a mistake in judgment, you should be within the bounds of your financial means to absorb the loss.

Q: I have just rolled over my IRA account into shares of Investment Company of America. You recently mentioned that the fund's performance was not up to par. Have I made a mistake? M.G. Michigan

A: No, you haven't, although my reference was misleading. Over the long

term, Investment Company of America has achieved an above-average performance record. While in the last 13 months its performance has fallen off, it has still not dropped as far as the Dow Industrial Average or the Standard & Poor's 500. The decline reflects the fund's concentration in growth stocks, an area that has been hard hit in the 1977-78 market decline. If you have faith in the future of America, then you should also have faith in the companies that supply our goods and services. In most cases, these companies have reported earnings gains year after year up to and including the year 1977. I would stick with this fund and disregard the short-term trends.

Too Risky For Retirement

Q: My wife and I (both age 62) will be retiring this June. As you can see from the enclosed list, most of our holdings are speculative, aimed at achieving capital gains to help offset inflation as the years go on. We intend to concentrate future investments in bonds. Preservation of capital is very important to us. F.D. Michigan

A: Since safety is one of your primary concerns, I think that you should upgrade the quality of your stock holdings. The best way to preserve purchasing power is through a diversified portfolio of issues with the potential for regular earnings and dividend increases in the future. The risky securities which you own may have been appropriate when you were working, but they really have no place in a retirement account.

Genesco, for instance, reported a sizable deficit in 1977, due to the write-off of unprofitable women's and children's apparel operations. The longer-term record has been very erratic, and no common dividends have been paid since 1973. (preferred dividends are currently in arrears.) Similarly, Borman's has paid no cash dividends since 1970, as profit margins have been squeezed by price competition among food chains in the Detroit area.

Although Alexander's continues to provide a cash dividend, the longer term record has shown little net earnings progress for some time. Ennis Business Forms, like Alexander's, yields about 6%, but its record has been spotty, and it is not well situated for the long pull. Therefore, these two stocks should be sold as well.

The other issues on your list should be weeded out at some point, but their near-term potential appears to be relatively better than the four stocks discussed above. And an immediate overhaul would prove costly in terms of commission costs and capital losses.

As replacements for the stocks sold, you might consider Tampa Electric, General Electric and Mobil, all NYSE. These more conservative issues are more in keeping with your indicated objective.

To W.L. Florida: Cincinnati Milacron merits purchase at current levels for income and growth. Order backlogs are up, as demand continues strong in all four domestic operating groups. Buy.

JNF To Continue Groundbreaking

JERUSALEM (JTA): Moshe Rivlin, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the JNF would continue its ground-breaking work in the Rafah salient of northern Sinai in compliance with Cabinet decision. He stressed that the land development agency does not make policy but simply carries out the instructions of the government.

The JNF and the World Zionist Organization's settlement department were reported by the media in recent days to be preparing ground for additional settlements in the Rafah salient and other parts of northern Sinai, despite Premier Menahem Begin's peace plan which calls for returning Sinai to Egyptian sovereignty. The JNF is "not preparing the land for any new settlements," Rivlin declared. He said it was executing a government decision to prepare additional land for agricultural purposes, not for the construction of new settlements.

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SUCCEEDS PEARLE
DALLAS Tex. (JTA): Morris P. Newberger was elected president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, succeeding Stanley C. Pearle, who served as president for the past two years. Henry Cohn has been named the Federation's 1978 general campaign chairman.

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If you are among the 10.5 million to 11 million who will have bought bikes by year end 1978, thereby smashing every one year record ever before achieved for bike sales, you must become acutely aware that side by side with the upsurge in cycling to and from work, school, shops, etc., has been a perpendicular climb in serious bike-related injuries and fatalities. This year alone, more than 1,000 cyclists will be killed, mostly in collisions with cars.

More than 460,000 of you also will be seriously injured, reports the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Yes, the CPSC is preparing regulations to govern the safety performance of bicycles introduced into interstate commerce. Yes, many cities are considering and designing special lanes for cyclists on heavily traveled streets and roads. Yes, a measure has been introduced into Congress to provide for a heavy ratio of federal spending for the education of the zooming bicycling population (an estimated 91 million bikes are now in use and cyclists have crossed the 100 million mark or half the nation's population).

But your safety—physical and financial—still depends on you. For your own protection, when you buy:

- * Look closely at all potentially sharp edges. If you have a bike with sharp edges, file them down and cover them with heavy protective tape.

- * Study all parts of the frame to be sure there are no improperly welded joints and no fracture due to bad handling.

- * Watch out for protrusions which could cause injury to the thigh or groin.

- * Check for faulty brakes and road-test a bike before you buy. If you buy a bike with handbrakes, be sure the levers can be easily moved, especially if the bike is for children with small hands.

- * Consider chain guards a "must"—even if your bike's pedals can be rotated backwards to release quickly any clothing that might get caught between the chain and the sprocket.

- * Test the handlebars for comfort and safe control. Handlebar ends should not be more than 16 inches above the seat surface, when the seat is in its lowest and the handlebars are in their highest positions.

- * Select a bike that is visible from every

angle and check for clearances: at least 3 1/2 inch clearance between the pedal and front fender or the tire, and pedals must not touch the ground when the bike is tilted at 25 degrees on a turn.

- * Inspect tires for cushioning against potholes and rocks and, again, check for braking (meaning a good tread).

- * Avoid equipment which rises more than 5 inches above the rear of the seat and DO NOT buy a bike that cannot be adjusted to fit and that is not firmly assembled. You should be able to straddle the bike with both feet flat on the ground and with no less than one inch clearance between the frame's top tube and the rider's crotch.

The American love affair with the bicycle which reached torrid peaks during the 1973-74 fuel crisis and the cooled, has now reheated to the point where, in 1977 alone, a new sales milestone of 10 million bikes was reached. And now the industry confidently forecasts an annual growth of 6 to 10 per cent a year between 1978 and 2980.

The lightweight bicycle is leading today's market, accounting for 54 per cent of sales, and the 10-speed bicycle, in the \$80 to \$120 range, is by far the biggest seller.

Obvious forces contributing to the new boom are: gasoline savings, mounting recognition of cycling as a form of healthy exercise, federal-state measures designed to stimulate cycling. Not so obvious is the appeal of the bike to a vast new younger market—that of the mid-teenagers and younger adults.

In fact, the Bicycle Manufacturers Association of America, Inc., comes up with the startling statistic that from 1972 to 1978 sales of bikes (imported and domestic) topped sales of passenger cars (also imported and domestic) by 68 million to 60 millions!

Also sure to support the boom is the ever-rising construction of bike pathways, on top of the already more than 50,000 miles of pathways provided. Before Congress are proposals to allot nearly \$50 million for additional bicycle trails across the US and to mandate the Department of Transportation to stimulate cycling to and from work as a restraint on gas consumption. An estimated 800 million gallons of gas could be saved annually if 5 per cent of city commuters could be switched from the car accelerator to the foot pedal.

American Buffalo Called Powerful

American Buffalo, by David Mamet, is a powerful and mercifully short play about three men who live at the inarticulate edge of communication. They cannot talk except in four-letter words, which are used incessantly in every possible combination. Their only communication is found in action, generally violent. Through the gray dustiness of the junk-shop setting filters pervasive cigar/cigarette smoke that may be perfect for the atmosphere of the play but is unrewarding for the audience as the script's poverty of language. Yet this play, Trinity Square's new downstairs production, is compelling. Its three characters keep one's attention solidly riveted to the scene, which includes the most realistic violence I have ever seen onstage.

Donny Dubrow, owner of a junk shop, is the central figure around whom gravitate a junkie, Bobby, and an older punk called Teacher. Don is trying to help Bobby, even to the extent of trusting him more than Teach thinks sensible. Teach's reaction is always movement, as if only in action can he be sure he exists. Bobby, it seems, has spotted a possible setup for robbery. Don contemplates the possibility for much of the play; he is angry that a coin collector found a buffalo nickel among the debris of the shop, and would like to get back his nickel and get back at the collector. Teach wants to take off at once, trusting to luck for a successful crime, while Bobby has his own needs, the most immediate being money for a fix.

The anger and violence build beautifully in the two acts, tension continuing to grow even as it is released in action. The three roles are well played. Peter Gerety is exactly right for Bobby, the born victim, whose

pathetic bravado can't conceal his desperate insecurity. Richard Jenkins as Teach has some difficult monologues and business, but he was controlled and precise even in some pretty wild scenes. Norman Smith as Don holds them together and apart, the arbiter of what happens until he too is pushed into movement. His equanimity forms a counterpart to Teach's angry ranting and Bobby's hopeful whine. (Smith is a more varied actor than I expected from seeing him as the giant in *Of Mice and Men*, fine as he was in that.)

George Martin directed carefully and effectively, never letting the cast lose control or the pace sag. *American Buffalo* calls for tricky business, particularly in the onstage beating, and it was very well done. The squalid shop, which only a confirmed bargain hunter would invade, was designed by Robert D. Soule. Ann Morrell planned costumes; Sandra Nathanson, properties; and John F. Custer, lights. This is a good, solid production of a difficult play.

LOIS ATWOOD

BEN-ELISSAR RETURNS

JERUSALEM (JTA): Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, director general of the prime minister's office, has returned from Rumania. He was sent by Premier Menahem Begin on a short mission to Rumania to brief the Rumanian authorities on the latest developments in the Mideast. No further details were given. Ben-Elissar did not speak to reporters at Ben Gurion Airport and was reported away immediately after landing. An air of secrecy characterized his entire mission.



FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Your Rabbi and Mine
By BERYL SEGAL

Murray Polner, an ordained Rabbi, gives us a frightening picture of the religious life of Jews in America. Here is where we stand now, in 1977, according to statistics, in the book called "Rabbis."

1. Fifty percent of all American Jews are not interested in belonging to any synagogue.

2. Eighty-five percent of all students entering American colleges had no idea of the meaning of Jewish holidays, although they had attended or graduated from afternoon or Sunday schools.

3. A large proportion of Orthodox synagogue goers were non-boserving, had no commitment to Halakha (Jewish Law), and 25% to 60% of all professed Jews in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, and, of all places, Providence, R.I., did not bother to eat Kosher meat regularly.

And yet, according to the same statistics, we have in America about 800 Conservative synagogues, about 700 Reform temples, and an undisclosed number of Orthodox shulim and shtetlach, undisclosed because there are so many varieties of them that they defy classification and enumeration.

Reform and Conservative each has one Rabbinical Seminary, but an Orthodox Rabbi may be a member of the Rabbinical Council of America, the Rabbinical Alliance of America, or the Agudat Ha'Rabbonim, Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. Besides these there are the Lubavitcher, the Satmar Hasidim and many other, each of them concerned with Torah Yiddishkeit, each having its own shulim or shtetlach. Each has its own Rabbinical Seminary.

The matter is further complicated by the differentiation between Pulpit Rabbis and Teaching Rabbis. In a city like Providence there are at least five or six Rabbi-educators in the Hebrew Day schools and afternoon schools. They are graduated as Rabbis, ordained as Rabbis, but chose teaching as their profession.

About fifty or sixty years ago American Jews had to import Rabbis to fill the positions in congregations from abroad. The American Seminaries and Yeshivot now supply the needs of every shul and temple in America.

Rabbi Murray Polner interviewed a great number of American born Rabbis and he draws on his own experience as a Pulpit-Rabbi for his book called "Rabbis," a book which is neither a novel nor a documentary. The Rabbis in the book live in a constant struggle with their congregations. We hear, of course, the Rabbis' side, but never the congregations'. And this is not fair. Rabbis are human beings, as Murray Polner repeats again and again and we are asked to believe that they are always right, while the congregations, consisting of hundreds of people, are uniformly wrong. There are disagreements, of course. But these disagreements are not insurmountable. With patience and tolerance for one another's ideas they can be smoothed over.

Our own experience in Providence has been different than the situations Mr. Polner describes.

Rabbi William G. Braude served at Temple Beth El for almost forty years. He had his ups and downs during these years. But in all cases, either the Rabbi insisted on his rights and prerogatives and won, or the congregation, also cognizant of its rights, has prevailed. But there was no quitting, no resignations, and no scandals, such as we see in the book "Rabbis." Rabbi Braude is now Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth El, he has written several books and articles in

national periodicals, and he is held in great regard in the community. He is the dean of the Rabbis in the city.

Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen came to Temple Emanu-El in 1948. In 1973 he retired and is now Rabbi Emeritus. Recently the members of Emanu-El and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America gave him and his wife Elenore, the coveted Rabbi Max Arzt Distinguished Service award. A great honor in the Conservative Rabbinate.

It would be naive to believe that the twenty-five years at Temple Emanu-El were all harmony and tranquility for Rabbi Bohnen. But he was held in high esteem during his active years in the Rabbinate and that esteem keeps growing daily, and he will be held up as a model for a Rabbi and leader in the community.

Rabbi Emanuel Lazar of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh, an Orthodox shul, holds high the banner of Jewish living according to the Halakha. He is concerned with Kashruth and he works closely with the Vaad Hakashruth; with the Hevra Kadisha, a group concerned with Jewish burial according to Jewish law, and many other institutions of deep concern to an Orthodox Rabbi.

Was Rabbi Lazar's life a bed of roses? Probably not. But he persists in teaching the ways of Torah to his congregation and the community.

These three Rabbis of Providence, one Reform, one Conservative and one Orthodox, are presented in contrast to the Rabbis in Polner's book. None of our Rabbis picked up their tents and left the community in a huff. And none of them had to compromise with their convictions.

I suspect that most of the American Rabbis are more like the Rabbis we know and do not have the "stormy" careers of the Rabbis described by Murray Polner.

Toward the end of the book we find this interesting study made among Christian and Jewish clergy. What congregations want of their clergy, according to that study, are:

1. To serve without regard for acclaim (Many of Polner's Rabbis seem to be obsessed with their personal acclaim.)

2. To have personal integrity.

Does your Rabbi possess these qualities?

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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8:00 p.m.
Jerusalem Chapter of Hadassah, Donor Dinner
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1978
6:00 p.m.
Ahavath Shalom, Sons of Zion, Beth Sholem, Banquet
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1978
11:00 a.m.
Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Paid Up Membership Brunch
1:00 p.m.
Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Torah Fund Telethon
7:45 p.m.
Temple Beth Torah, Bet Talmud, The Academy for Jewish Living and Learning, Adult Studies
8:00 p.m.
Department of Rhode Island, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Department Meeting
Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, Board Meeting
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1978
10:00 a.m.
National Council of Jewish Women, Providence Section, Board Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Organizational and Orientation Meeting, Local Allocations Sub-Committee
8:00 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El, Film Series
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1978
9:30 a.m.
Brandeis University National Women's Committee
12:00 noon
Ladies Association, Jewish Home for the Aged, Annual Donor Event
7:00 p.m.
Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Torah Fund Telethon
7:45 p.m.
Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region, Women's American ORT, Regular Full Board Meeting
8:00 p.m.
Temple Beth Torah Sisterhood, Board Meeting
Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh Sisterhood, Board Meeting
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1978
9:00 a.m.
Temple Emanu-El Garden Club, Flower Show Trip to Boston
4:00 p.m.
Miriam Hospital, Board of Trustees Meeting
7:45 p.m.
Israel Bonds, Pacesetter's Cocktail Party
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1978
8:00 p.m.
Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Synagogue Sabbath at Temple Beth El, Guest Speaker, Yehuda Hellman

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Defense Minister Bars Settlement Of 50 People

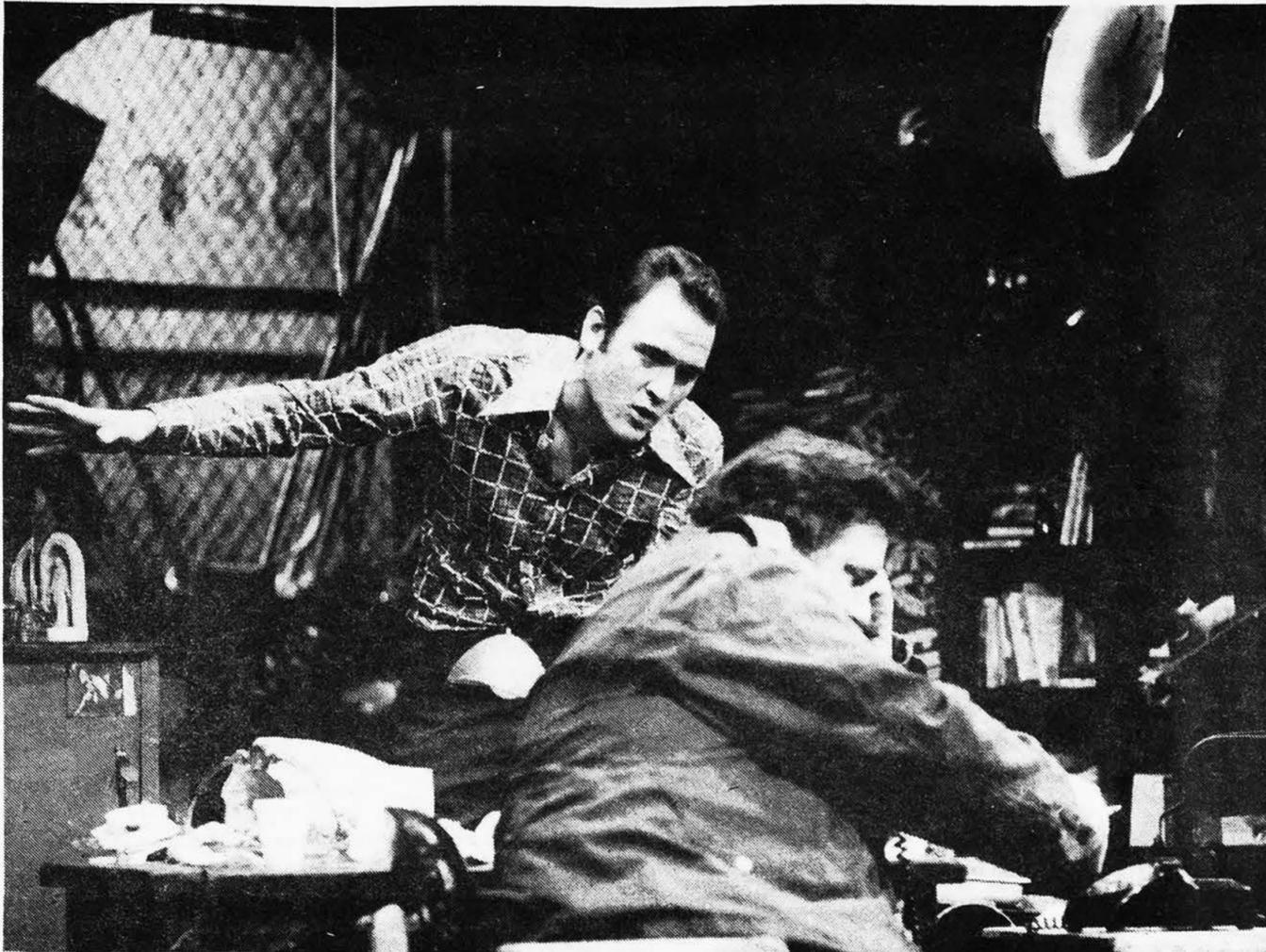
By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA): Premier Menahem Begin was called to rule on the validity of an order by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman barring a group of 50 settlers from establishing themselves at Kadesh Barnea in Sinai, about 40 miles southeast of El Arish. Weizman issued his instructions to the Military Governor, only hours before the settlers, members of a Labor-oriented moshav movement, were to occupy the site which has been under preparation for some time. His order triggered an indignant protest from Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon who said he first learned of it from the news media and contended that Kadesh Barnea was not a new settlement but an existing one. He asked Begin to overrule the Defense Minister. Begin's only comment was that "there is a Cabinet resolution on the issue and everything will be ok."

He was referring to the Cabinet's decision to maintain the status quo with respect to settlement policy. The Cabinet said there would be no new settlements in Sinai but a "thickening" of existing ones. Weizman apparently issued his orders on the basis of the Cabinet position. The Kadesh Barnea site was approved for settlement by the previous government and that an advance party has been preparing the land in the area for the past seven months. Arye Nehamkin, secretary of the moshav group, also maintained that it was not a new settlement. However, he said, his organization is not the Gush Emunim and "if the government decides that we have to leave we shall do so."

JEWISH MINISTER

AMSTERDAM: Holland's coalition government has a Jewish minister of education, Aaron (Arie) Pais. This is the first time in the parliamentary history of the Netherlands that the political head of the department of education is a Jew. Pais is professor of economy at the University of Amsterdam, and is the son of the former chairman of the Sephardi community here. The new minister is also a member of the Society of Jewish Science and History.



RICHARD JENKINS as Walter Cole (Teacher) and Norman Smith as Donny Dubrow in Trinity Square Repertory Company's production of "American Buffalo" by David Mamet. The play runs through March 12 on Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. with selected matinees at 2 p.m. For information and reservations call 351-4242.

Israeli Military Circles Concerned Over Planes

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (JTA): Israeli military circles are expressing concern that American F-15 fighter-bombers, if sold to Saudi Arabia, would be deployed at the fast-growing Saudi air base at Tabuk on the Gulf of Aqaba, only 150 miles from Eilat and 250 miles from Jerusalem. The American jets, considered the best aircraft of their type in the world, could reach any point in Israel without refueling and would also threaten

the Israeli air base at Etzion in northern Sinai. Since the Carter Administration has proposed the sale of 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia, Israel's military planners are considering the possibility that that country may become a confrontation state in another Arab-Israeli war. Consequently, the planners say, Israel must revive its entire defense strategy and provide for a deterrent capacity against a hitherto inactive sector. Meanwhile, Israel Air Force

Commander Gen. David Ivri left for the U.S. on a two-week visit. He will meet Pentagon officials and will be the guest of the General Dynamics Corp., manufacturer of the F-16 fighter, one of the aircraft types Israel is to receive from the U.S. Ivri may fly one to evaluate its performance.

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New World Zionist Executive Includes Zionists Of All Factions

By Gil Sedan and David Landau
 JERUSALEM (JTA): The 29th World Zionist Congress ended March 1 with the establishment of a 29-member World Zionist Organization Executive representing all Zionist factions and parties. WZO chairman Leon Dulzin thus achieved his goal of a wall-to-wall coalition. But he was forced to defer, for the time being, the allotment of portfolios, including the key office of WZO Treasurer demanded by the Labor Zionist movement. Portfolios will be assigned on the basis of continuing negotiations between Dulzin and the various factions. Labor's candidate for the treasury is veteran banker Akiva Levinsky. Likud wants the office to go to Yoram Aridor, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office. According to informed sources at the Congress, Dulzin and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, both of Likud's Liberal Party wing, probably would have acceded to Labor's demands but for Premier Menahem Begin's unbending insistence that the WZO purse strings remain in the hands of Likud.

The Congress concluded its plenary sessions Feb. 28 by adopting a series of resolutions covering all areas of activity and concern of the Zionist movement. One resolution recommended by the Congress' political committee, upheld the right of the Jewish people to settle "throughout Eretz Israel" with priority to "areas vital to the

security of the State." The resolution amounted to an endorsement of the government's controversial settlement policy. It contained an implicit warning to the militant Gush Emunim that only the government was authorized to determine which areas are vital to the security of the State. Motions by left-wing factions to halt settlement activity in the occupied territories were rejected.

The concluding plenary session was addressed by Begin who called on President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to resume the work of the joint Israel-Egyptian political and military committees "with no mediation, with an open heart on the basis of a peace plan." Begin defended Israel's rejection of pressure to soften its positions. "Sometimes one must say 'no,'" he told the Congress delegates. He said Israel was negotiating to secure the future of "our children from a possible new Holocaust." He urged the strengthening of Zionist education and increased aliya. Begin did not finish his address until the early hours of the morning and the weary delegates paid little attention to his remarks. Most were preoccupied with the arduous task of forming a new WZO Executive. The deliberations and bargaining went on for hours after Begin left the Hall. The new Executive consists of the following:

Likud — 6: Leon Dulzin (chairman), Yoram Aridor, Jacques Torczyner,

Avraham Katz, Rafael Kotlowitz, Dr. Yaacov Tevin. World Confederation of United Zionists — 4: Charlotte Jacobson, Kalman Sultanik, Faye Schenk, Avraham Avihai, Labor — 4: Akiva LeVinsky, Allen Pollack; Ira Yidovich, and one member yet to be named. Religious Zionist Movement — 3: Moshe Krone, Yosef Shapiro, Rabbi Eliexer Bernstein. Democratic Movement for Change — 1: Elli Eyal. Mapam — 1: Avraham Schenker. WIZO — 1: Raya Yaglom. Sephardi Federation — 2: Andre Narvoni, Nissim Gaon. Conservative Movement — 2: Arthur Levin, Tuvia Friedman. Reform Movement — 2: Rabbi Richdrd Mirsch, Rabbi Alexander Schindler. World Maccabi — 1: Dr. Yisrael Peled. Union of Orthodox Jewish

Congregations of America — 2: Dr. Moshe JaXfe, Harold Jacobs. Judge Moshe Etxioni was elected president of the Congress Court. Meir Bension was elected WZO Comptroller and Zvi Klementinov was elected legal counsel of the WZO.

One of the resolutions adopted required that WZO "programs of a religious and educational character should reflect the pluralism of Jewish life throughout the world" and called for equal treatment by the Israeli government of all trends in Judaism. The resolution represented the second major victory at the Congress for the Reform and Conservative movements in their struggle against Orthodox domination of religious affairs in the WZO and in Israel.

Voluntary Health Insurance Offered West Bank, Gaza Strip

GAZA: Residents of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank were offered a voluntary health insurance scheme as of February 1 by their respective military governments. This was announced here by Dr. Eli Lasch, Israeli chief of medical services in the Gaza Strip.

Residents of the Gaza Strip will pay as follows: a single person, IL50 a month; a family of two, IL60; larger families, IL70 a month. They will be required to buy

"health stamps" at local post office branches.

Dr. Lasch indicated that all income from the programme — which he predicted would be approximately IL10m. this year — would be used for development of health services in the strip. He said five new medical clinics will be built here, two of them in the city of Gaza. A new coronary care unit will be built at Gaza's Shifa Hospital at a cost of IL1m.

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BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



I have stated many times that Defense is the hardest part of Bridge. So many players just cannot see what they should do although often it is quite apparent. The one thing that does bother me more than anything is to hear one Defender explain why she didn't lead a certain suit by saying, "He would have ruffed it." The answer usually would be, "So let him, at least it won't give him anything else and will cost him a Trump which could be very helpful." True, sometimes allowing Declarer to ruff lets him in and he can then control the hand and discard losers. But reasonably good Defenders should be able to figure out when that would be. Much more often forcing the Declarer by making him ruff can ruin him or at least won't give him any "free" finesses which breaking a new suit might do. In today's hand forcing the Declarer to ruff would have set the hand and there really is no other possible play to make yet several Defenders chose to lead something else to the dismay of their partners and the delight of the Declarer. It's even worse when one knows he is out of a suit.

North
 ♦ 10 7 6
 ♥ K J
 ♦ Q 10 9 3 2
 ♣ K 3 2

West
 ♦ Q J 8 4 2
 ♥ 10 7 4 3
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ 10

East
 ♥ A K 9 5
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ 8 6
 ♠ 8 7 5 4

South
 ♦ 3
 ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ A J 7
 ♣ A Q J 9 6

South was Dealer, no one vulnerable with this bidding:

S	W	N	E
1C	P	1D	P
1H	P	1NT	P
3C	P	5C	End

Some pairs tried game in No Trump which had no chance from either side with the almost certain Spade lead. Five Clubs, however, is a fine contract. In fact even Six

depends solely on the Diamond finesse. Even with that losing five can make with no problem if the Clubs were to break normally. Unfortunately for the Declarers both things happen, the Diamond finesse loses and one of the opponents has four Trumps. Yet because of that terrible attitude mentioned above, some of these were allowed to make the hand.

Almost every West did lead the Spade Queen, winning and continuing when East signalled encouragingly with the nine. Declarer ruffed and went after Trumps still not aware of what could happen to him when West showed out on the second lead. Apparently some of the Wests weren't either. While over in Dummy with the Trump King before pulling all the Trumps most Declarers took the Diamond finesse and here is where the key play has to be made. I really cannot see how any Defender can possibly go wrong yet many did.

I watched some of the Wests win the Diamond finesse with the King and then into a long "Brown Study." Meanwhile, I, watching, was saying to myself, "How can anyone even be thinking at this time, just lead another Spade and make the Declarer ruff again. Now your partner will have more Trumps than Declarer and can set the hand." True, some Wests did lead the Spade but some returned a Heart which enabled Declarer to win, draw the remaining Trumps and make the hand while heaving a sigh of relief. East, meanwhile, was absolutely disgusted.

Even if the bidding didn't reveal the whereabouts of the Heart Ace it seems to me so simple to make the Declarer use another of his Trumps. Remember West has but one so should be pretty sure East has quite a few. But even if this were not the case making the Declarer ruff seldom helps him and in this hand would ruin him.

Moral: Contrary to many Bridge Teachers, I do not count distribution to start with, meaning voids and singletons. Ruffing with your own long Trumps gains you nothing as they would be tricks anyhow.

Administration Lobbying For Its Aircraft Sales

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA): The Carter Administration, lobbying strongly in Congress for its proposed \$4.8 billion aircraft sales to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, has announced that it was cracking down on the sales of civilian aircraft and spare parts to Libya because of that country's aid to international terrorists, and promoted career diplomat Harold Saunders to replace Alfred L. Atherton as Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs. Atherton himself has been promoted to Ambassador-at-large with special responsibility for the Middle East, subject to Senate confirmation. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, appearing Feb. 21 before the House International Relations Committee at the opening of hearings on the Administration's \$14 billion foreign aid program, told the Congressmen that he would "find unacceptable" a "partial rejection" of the aircraft sales proposals and that its "total rejection would be very damaging." The Administration plans to sell 60 advanced F-15 fighter planes to Saudi Arabia, 50 shorter range F-5E fighter-bombers to Egypt and 15 F-15s and 75 F-16 fighter-bombers to Israel. It has submitted its proposals to Congress for the first time as a single package.

Rep. John Cavanaugh (D. Neb.) asked Vance for his reaction to the possibility that Congress might approve the aircraft sales to Israel but not to Egypt or Saudi Arabia. Vance replied that "our role as a trusted intermediary would suffer most if the package is turned down." He said that if Congress tried to take the package apart, "you would further distort the balance which currently exists in the area." Supporters of Israel contend that the balance would be upset by the Administration's package that includes the first deliveries by the U.S. of lethal weapons to Egypt. Egypt and the U.S. have been saying that Egypt needs the combat jets to offset Soviet military influence in the horn of Africa. Meanwhile, the Administration took steps to block the sale of American civilian aircraft and spare parts to Libya. The State Department said it was opposing the export of two Boeing 727 jets to the Libyan

Airlines and the further export to that country of spare parts for American-built aircraft there. It also seeks to discontinue maintenance work by American technicians in Libya on American-built aircraft there, including eight C-130 military transports. The State Department said "These decisions reflect the U.S. growing concern with Libya's continued support for international terrorism." Saunders, who has been Assistant Secretary of State for Research, is regarded as a specialist in Middle Eastern affairs. Three years ago he provoked a storm of protest when he testified before Congress that the Palestinian question was the primary issue in the Middle East conflict. The then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, concurred, saying it was "academic" and promoted Saunders from Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

Warn Mizrachi May Have To Modify

LONDON: A warning that the Mizrachi movement might have to modify its attitude on national Zionist levels following possible territorial adjustments resulting from the Sadat-Begin peace initiative, was voiced by Eliezer Sheffer of Israel, the Dor Hemshech international coordinator, at a reception in his honor here.

Sheffer said that in the future, in the light of peace negotiations, Mizrachi would be required to place less emphasis on fundraising for Israel and more on the nature of Israel-Diaspora relationships. He advocates the establishment of a World Zionist Organization section specifically devoted to the problem of assimilation unbringing.

CONGRESSMEN VISIT

BEN-GURION AIRPORT: A 15-member delegation of the U.S. House International Relations Committee left here last week after a three-day visit. The delegation, headed by Clement Zablocki (Democrat of Wisconsin), met with Prime Minister Menahem Begin, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and other officials. It also toured parts of Israel.

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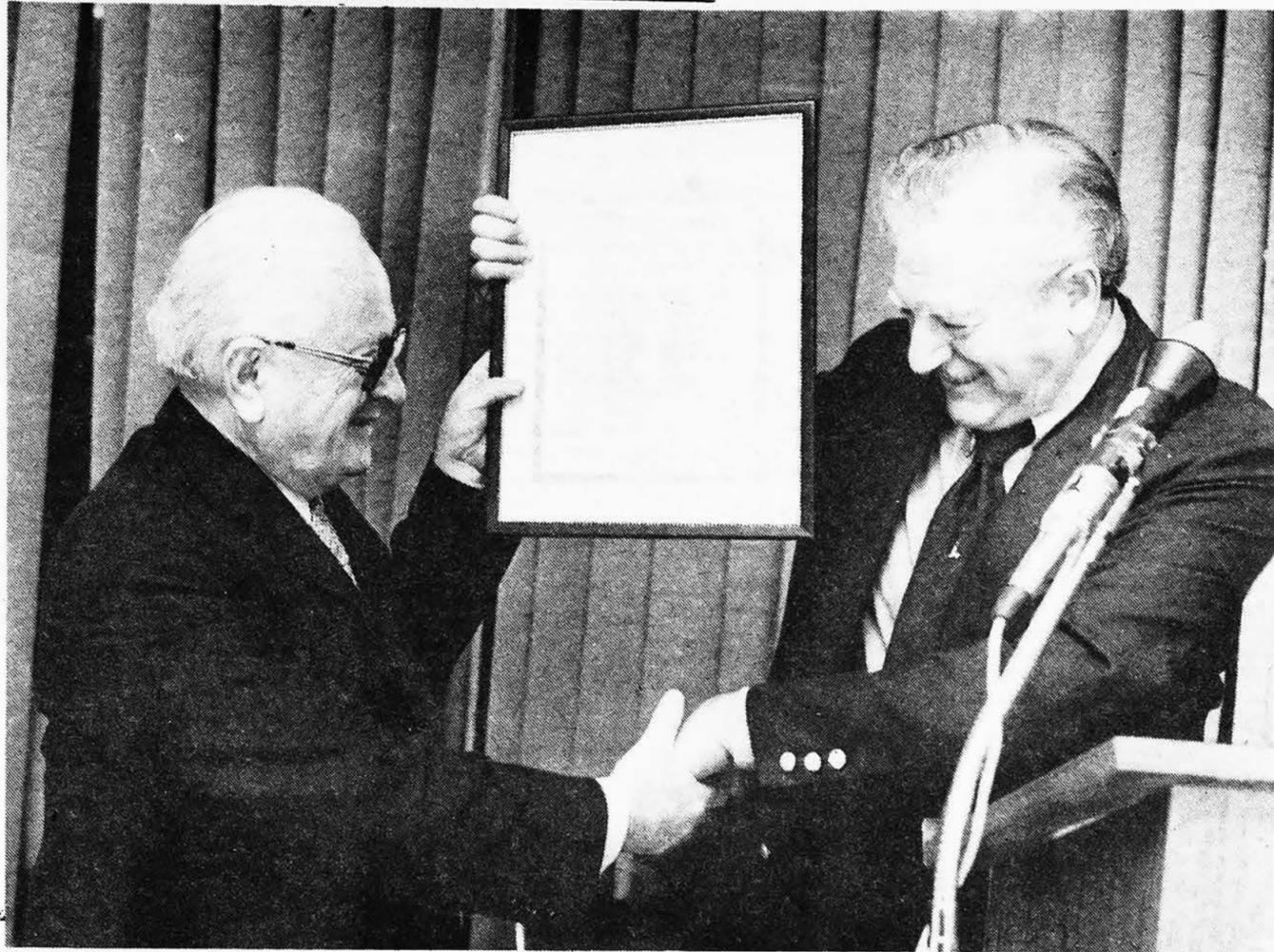


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IN JERUSALEM: Israel's Finance Minister Simha Erlich, left, is presented with a copy of the first Israel Bond certificate bearing his signature and that of Prime Minister Menahem Begin by Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization during the 1978 Prime Minister's Israel Bond Conference held recently in Jerusalem. Israel Bond issues, after receiving government approval, are imprinted with the signature of the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister in office.

Agrees To Delay In Sale Of Planes

WASHINGTON (JTA): Secretary of State Cyrus Vance agreed March 2 to a consensus among a majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Carter Administration delay for a short time a final decision on its controversial sale of combat aircraft to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. The Senators suggested a delay in the formal presentation of the \$4.8 billion package to Congress at least until after President Carter's meetings with Israeli Premier Menahem Begin here March 14-15. Appearing before the committee which is conducting hearings on the U.S. foreign aid program for fiscal 1979, Vance was told by its chairman, Sen. John Sparkman (D. Ala.) that he "would very much hope that Congress would not be rushed into judgment" on the package

proposals in view of the numerous pressures upon it such as the Panama Canal treaties ratification.

Sparkman suggested that the Administration should not expect the Senate to jump to conclusions and reminded Vance that in view of Begin's visit shortly, much could happen in the next few weeks that may alter the Middle East picture. Vance noted, in reply to the Senators, that the Administration has already given Congress ample notice of the package. He said the Administration feels it is "important to go forward promptly" with the sales. He warned that Egypt and Saudi Arabia could acquire their needs from other suppliers and "Israel is much better off if the Arabs buy from us."

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Weizman Warns Gush To Excavate Or Evacuate

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (JTA): Defense Minister Ezer Weizman warned the Gush Emunim settlers at Shiloh on the West Bank Feb. 28 to start digging or they will be forced to leave the Biblical site in central Samaria. The Gush created an international furor last month when they occupied Shiloh. The government claimed that the group, which commute daily to jobs in Israel, were "archaeologists" in search of antiquities. But Weizman, briefing the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, said they were there without permission from his ministry and he was ready to dislodge them unless they began archaeological excavations immediately. He acknowledged, however, that he has not received Cabinet approval for such an act. It was learned, meanwhile that the "archaeologists" at Shiloh have yet to be given formal approval by the special committee on excavations, the authority that issues permits for archaeological digs. The committee is expected to meet in the next few days.

Sports Officials To Aid Israel

By Haskell Cohen

TEL AVIV (JTA): Two of the world's foremost authorities in international sports met here with Israeli officials during the past few days to try to reassure the sports fraternity here that they would be doing everything in their power to aid Israel in their difficulties with international sports federations. Dr. Joao Havelange of Brazil, the head of the International Football Association, here to add his presence to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Israeli Soccer Federation, advised this writer, "Although Israel has been forced out of the Asian Soccer Federation, I will do everything possible to have them admitted to the European Confederation." Israel has been voted out of the Asian Soccer Federation due to the duplicity of Japan which combined with the Arab League and countries beholden to Arab countries for oil. As a result, the local football fraternities are disturbed as to where its teams will be playing on an international level. Havelange, in a lengthy speech delivered in French to the Israelis, assured them he would help them overcome difficulties which have arisen.

The other international sports figure, Adrian Paulen of Holland, head of the International Track and Field Federation, likewise has indicated he will cooperate fully in its quest. Paulen advised this writer: "If the people running the Asian games, upcoming next year, persist in their efforts to deprive Israel of participating in international Olympic committee approved games, I for one, shall make every attempt to have the sanction for games removed just as soon as it is determined definitely that the people here will not be permitted to perform. We were successful in the past when this situation arose, particularly with the Mediterranean games which has now become past history. There is no reason whatsoever why Israel should be driven out of competition with its neighbors on the Asian continent. We cannot countenance this type of discrimination." It so happens Paulen was visiting Israel at the same time as the Dutch national team which performed against the Israeli soccer eleven team, last week. The Israelis gathered to fete both sports luminaries at a cocktail party and felt immediately relieved after the words of comfort were uttered by these international leaders in soccer and track and field.

INFORMATION MONTH

JERUSALEM (JTA): A Zionist information month was launched by the government information center and the Israel Zionist Council to increase Israeli youth awareness about the upcoming World Zionist Congress.

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Haaretz Says Egypt Knew Of Israel's Intentions To Keep Sinai Settlements

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA): Israel's intention to retain its settlements in Sinai was known to Egypt's leaders well before President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem last November and while they were not "enthusiastic" over the plan, it was seen as a basis for negotiations, according to an article March 1 in Haaretz. The Foreign Ministry declined to comment on the story. According to Haaretz, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan met twice in Morocco, in secret, with Sadat's representatives, among them Deputy Premier Hassan A-Tohami. These meetings took place before Sadat launched his peace initiative and were, Haaretz said, part of continuing efforts by Israel to draw Egypt into negotiations.

Observers here saw the Haaretz story as part of an Israeli attempt to prove that the Egyptians went ahead with Sadat's initiative with the knowledge that Israel was determined never to give up the Sinai settlements. The Israeli plan was discussed by Dayan and A-Tohami at another meeting, after Sadat's Jerusalem visit and was discussed again between Premier Menachem Begin and Sadat at their Christmas Day meeting at Ismailia, Haaretz said. Dayan stated recently that the negotiations between Israel and Egypt are dealing only with the Palestinian issue and the future of the West Bank, not bilateral matters. Sadat has declared publicly on several occasions that he will not agree to the presence of Israeli settlements in Sinai under any condition.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and his son Amos, in 1967 (Arnold Newman)

How a son got to know his noted father

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AS THE SON of a noted father, Amos Kollek seems to have enjoyed himself — but he admits that until recently he had hardly ever had a heart-to-heart talk with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The turn in their relations came when the two collaborated on the writing of Teddy Kollek's recently published autobiography, "For Jerusalem." In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Amos Kollek explained that the writing of the book gave him hitherto undiscovered insights into his father's personality.

Amos, now 31, described his father as a gregarious, outgoing person, able to get on with virtually anyone from any kind of background — on a superficial level. But with regard to personal relations the picture was different — his father tended to be cold and aloof.

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Administration To Face Fight If Aircraft Delivery Withheld

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA): The Carter Administration is on notice that withholding the delivery of aircraft to Israel, should Congress block the transfer of planes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, would provoke the worst battle between the Legislative and Executive branches in three years. At the same time, Rep. Lee Hamilton (D. Ind.), a key Administration supporter in the House, suggested to the State Department publicly that it curtail U.S. financial assistance to Israel as a means to cause the Israeli government to be "flexible" on the settlements issue.

Rep. Stephen Solarz (D.N.Y.) declared at a hearing on security supporting assistance for Israel by the House International Relations subcommittee for the Middle East, that should the Administration have the "chutzpah" to reject planes for Israel "it would make for the most serious confrontation between Congress and the Administration" since the 1975 struggle between them over arms for Turkey. Congress won that battle. "I hope you will persuade the President to come to his senses in this regard," Solarz told Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotes who presented the aid program for Israel to the subcommittee. The New York Congressman emphasized that he saw "no justification for cancelling the Israeli sale" of 15 F-15s and 70 F-16s "simply because the Congress decided against the Administration's proposals to deliver 50 F-5Es to Egypt or 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance had told a Congressional committee that the Ad-

ministration would cancel the sale to all three countries if Congress rejected any part of it. Solarz pointed out the sale to Israel is in response to a U.S. commitment to Israel in 1973. "I assure you," Solarz told Veliotes, "Congress won't throw in the towel" if the Administration dropped the sale to Israel. "There are people here who have ways to make the Congressional mandate felt."

A few minutes later, Veliotes told Hamilton, the subcommittee chairman, that "it would be counter-productive" to withhold aid funds from Israel to attempt to cause a shift by the Begin government on the settlements issue. "It would encourage the opposite behavior," Veliotes added, from "those forces in Israel who felt they were being subjected to this kind of pressure." Hamilton had asked Veliotes what the "consequences" would be for withholding aid "to encourage flexibility" on the settlements and suggested that since "We have not gotten anywhere so far" by not withholding aid, "maybe the other approach" should be tried. Veliotes suggested the subcommittee wait for a policy statement from Israel's government on the matter. In a previous round of questioning on the current political process in the Middle East, Veliotes told Solarz that the Carter Administration does not give aid from a negotiating standpoint but provides "generous assistance" to help Israel's economic well being and "to encourage Israel and its people to make difficult decisions." He said he would "not endorse" reductions to make Israel more flexible in the negotiations.

Chouraqui being considered as next president

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Andre Chouraqui, the former deputy mayor of Jerusalem who recently received a gold medal from the French Academy, is regarded as a serious candidate for the presidency, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Born in Algeria in 1917, Chouraqui is a favourite candidate of Sephardi groups who want to see a member of their community as President of Israel. Although nominally a member of the Labour Party, he is not identified as strongly as a party spokesman and supporter as is MK Yitzhak Navon, who has stated his unwillingness to be a candidate.

Reliable sources close to Prime Minister Menachem Begin told *The Post* that Chouraqui is one of the



Dr. Andre Chouraqui

names being considered. President Ephraim Katzir is stepping down from office next month — despite being offered a second term by the

Prime Minister. The sources said that "party affiliation will not be a factor" in the selection process.

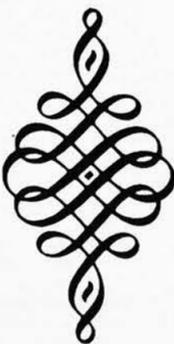
In a rare honour, Chouraqui was last month presented the French Academy medal for his literary work, particularly his recently published, 26-volumes of the Jewish and Christian Bibles. He has also written 25 books, some of which have been translated into nine languages.

Married and the father of five, Chouraqui received a law degree from the Sorbonne and was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by President de Gaulle.

He made headlines when he visited Morocco's King Hassan last March, the first Israeli ever to receive an open invitation from an Arab chief of state.

PLAN NEW SECTION

TEL AVIV: Polish authorities have extended an invitation to Israelis to take part in the planning of a new section of the Auschwitz Holocaust Museums to replace one considered inadequate by Jews, a former leader of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising said here.



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How a son got to know his noted father

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Only once, Amos said, did his father ever really open up to him. This was on a car trip the two took through Europe several years ago.

For the autobiography, Amos recorded his father's recollections on tape and, after transcribing, would ask the mayor to fill in the gaps. Throughout the project, he continually had to ask his father what he felt and thought about various incidents and people.

The book, he said, was far more personal than if it had been prepared with any other author. It was also more personal, he thought, than recent autobiographies of other Israeli celebrities, such as Moshe Dayan and Golda Meir.

Teddy Kollek's boyhood hero, Amos learned, was the fictional Indian character, Winneppoo, created by Karl May. Winneppoo was strong and silent. He never showed his emotions. After hearing this, Amos felt he understood a great deal more about his father.

Another facet of his father's character, which emerged during their joint work on the book, is that Jerusalem's 66-year-old mayor is one of the few successful people whom Amos would describe as being without ambitions.

Teddy Kollek, he noted, has a tremendous amount of energy, all channelled today into one direction, the city of Jerusalem. On the other hand, Amos said, his father sometimes shows a surprising lack of confidence. Despite this, his father's general attitude is the "I don't give a damn," said to be far more typical of young sabras than of European Jews. Perhaps because of this, Amos feels, his father has more appeal to the young than many other political figures of his generation.

Many of the personalities mentioned in the book may be stung by his father's comments, Amos said. But the late Pinhas Sapir, who comes in for bitter criticism, knew of Kollek's censure, yet remained friendly. The late Finance Minister was one of many Amos Kollek interviewed in connection with the autobiography (begun in 1972 but interrupted for a year by the Yom Kippur War).

Other persons interviewed included former comrades from the War of Independence and even foes from the same period. Kollek went to England to talk to ex-officials of the British Mandate administration; to the U.S., where he interviewed such celebrities as Averill Harriman and Frank Sinatra, among the many famous people entertained by his father.

Now that "For Jerusalem" is in print, Amos is planning to make a film of his first novel (his father's story is his fourth book). He noted wryly that he has "almost" all the backers he needs to go ahead with filming "Don't Ask me if I Love."

Jewish Family Smaller In '77

JERUSALEM: The average size of a Jewish family in Israel in 1976 was 3.5 persons, as compared with 3.8 two years ago, and 2.9 last year. By contrast the average non-Jewish family consisted of 6.4 persons in the year 1976. Amongst the Jewish sector in the past year there were only 13 families with 6 or more persons. Amongst the non-Jews, however, that percentage of families with 6 or more was as high as 57.3 percent. In 1976 some 29,500 marriages took place compared with 32,300 in the year 1975—a decline of 9 percent. At the same time the number of divorces increased by 9 percent compared to the previous year 1975. These data were made public recently by the Central Statistical Institute.

Two die, 44 injured in bus blast

Two persons were killed and 44 injured when a bomb exploded in a bus as it passed through Rehov Zefania in Jerusalem's Geula quarter last Tuesday night. Those killed were Katriel Blumenfeld, 42, who leaves a wife and seven children, and Yosef Zisman, 25, a yeshiva student.

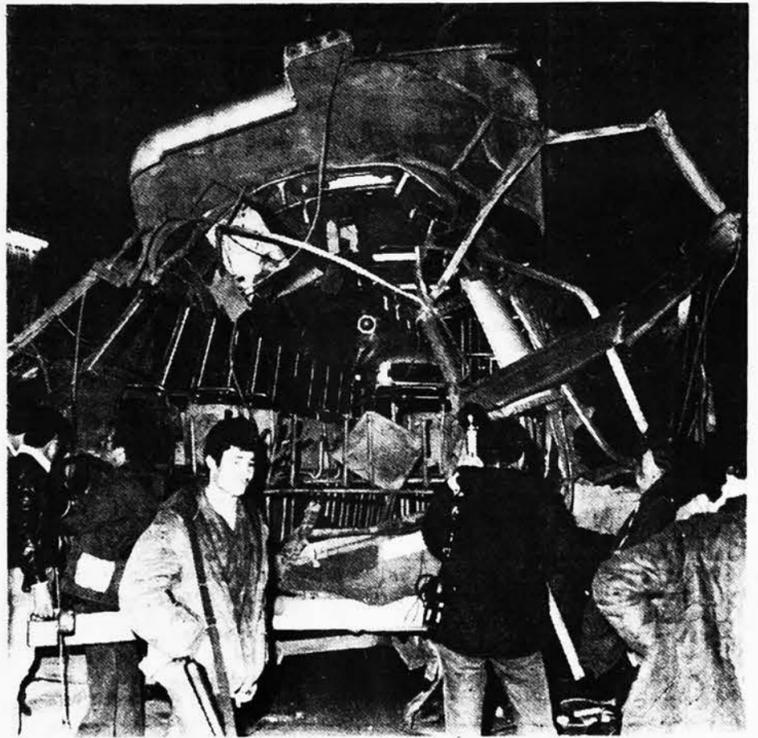
Witnesses said the blast, at 9.20 p.m. on the No. 35 line, ripped out the back of the bus. Ten Magen David Adom ambulances evacuated the injured through orderly street crowds. Six persons were injured seriously.

Large numbers of citizens went to the Magen David Adom first aid station to offer to donate blood after the blast, but an official said that blood resources were adequate.

The terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization issued a statement in Beirut claiming responsibility for the blast "in a military vehicle of the Egged company."

Police warned of possible further terrorist attempts on buses. This was the worst sabotage incident in Jerusalem since April 28, 1976, when two policemen were killed and four injured as a bomb exploded in a paint can.

Two persons died in the Capital last November in two separate bombings. Since then there have been sabotage attempts almost every week, but most of the bombs have



The wreckage of a Jerusalem bus in which two people were killed and 44 injured when a bomb exploded in the back part last Tuesday night.

(Elharar-Zoom 77)

been detonated harmlessly.

Thousands of mourners attended the funerals of the two men.

A small bomb exploded Thursday at the Israel Goldstein Youth Village in the San Simon quarter of Jerusalem. No one was injured and damage was slight.

Police said a pupil found the bomb, in a powdered milk tin, in a washroom. Thinking that the tin belonged to a room-mate, the pupil opened it. When he saw wires, he notified a counsellor, who called the police. Before police arrived, however, the bomb exploded.

\$500,000 in prizes to nine scientists

Nine prizes totalling \$500,000 will be awarded this year for the first time by the "Wolf Foundation" to outstanding scientists all over the world for their contributions in the fields of agriculture, mathematics, chemistry, physics and medicine.

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ty, race, colour, religion, sex or political creed.

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van Rood, University of Leiden, the Netherlands (medicine).

The "Wolf Prize" carries a cash grant of \$100,000 for each of the five fields. The sum is shared equally by the prize-winners when there are two or more in a given field.

The prize committees — one for each field — comprised three members each, one from Israel and two from abroad. The names of the committee members remain confidential, and their choices are final, as agreed by the board of the Foundation.

The prizes will be awarded in Jerusalem on April 10.

'Saboteurs are victims of university blast'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A young man was killed and a young woman was seriously injured when a bomb exploded Sunday afternoon under a bench on the grounds of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The two, residents of the West Bank, are believed to have brought the explosives to the campus.

A university spokesman said that, as far as he knew, the two were not students; but that could be certain only when their names were officially released by police.

Buildings were evacuated immediately after the blast, at 12.50 p.m., and access through the gates was blocked. A second bomb was found near the site of the first and exploded without incident. Security forces combed the buildings for additional explosives. Shortly after 2 p.m. they pushed a crowd of

reporters and students who remained inside the gate towards the administration building and then exploded a suspect attache case in the centre of the campus. It apparently contained no bomb.

The first bomb went off under a bench in Sderot Magnes, a pedestrian boulevard which separates the main quadrangle from buildings housing the Student Union, gym facilities and swimming pool. The area is not very busy.

The gates were opened again at about 2.15 and classes officially resumed, but students rilled about and some classes were cancelled by instructors.

Sunday night the injured woman was in serious condition, in the intensive care unit of Shaare Zedek Hospital, following surgery. She was under heavy security.

In Beirut Sunday, the Palestine Liberation Organization claimed

responsibility for the bomb blast, which they said "killed an undetermined number in the main square of the Hebrew University," according to a UPI report.

This was the first bombing incident at the university since March 6, 1969, when explosives in the crowded National Library cafeteria injured 29 persons. That bomb was smuggled in by a woman in collaboration with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

After the 1969 blast, a security fence was built around the university and guards posted at the entrances. Asked Sunday what security measures are now in force, a university spokesman said they are "routine" — including patrols of the grounds, inspection of bags (by guards and students) at the gates, and inspection of vehicles.

Bygones aren't bygones in the 'underground'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The parade of pre-state underground veterans through Jerusalem, which was to have been the main event of Independence Day celebrations this year, has been dropped in favour of a more modest celebration in the National Hebrew University stadium.

The change in plans was revealed last week by government officials after it became apparent that bygones were not bygones in the relations between veterans of the Hagana, Irgun and Lehi which had often clashed with each other when operating as separate underground organizations during the British mandate.

Ex-Irgun leaders last week rejected any limitation on the size of their contingent in the planned parade which was aimed at keeping it proportional to the Hagana contingent. The Hagana had been the

much larger force but a disproportionate number of Irgun veterans had been expected to participate in the festivity under the patronage of their former commander, Premier Menahem Begin.

In addition to this friction, there was also concern over the physical demands of a march on some of the older veterans.

Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said Wednesday that the army general staff is organizing the event in the University stadium. The number of veterans participating in the field, he said, would be determined by the IDF general staff and representatives of the veterans' organizations. The government is to invest IL1m. in the stadium ceremony and the army is to invest an undisclosed sum. Choral groups and military bands will also participate.

Meanwhile, Mayor Teddy Kollek, who has accused the government of

a lack of imagination in organizing the anniversary celebrations, last week announced that a gala concert by the Israel Philharmonic will be held on the eve of Independence Day inside Birket el-Sultan, the ancient rock-cut reservoir at the foot of Mount Zion. Zubin Mehta will conduct and among the world-famous soloists who will appear are Isaac Stern, Daniel Barenboim, Leontyne Price, Yitzhak Pearlman and Mstislav Rostropovich. A special acoustic shell will be built and the city walls above the site will be specially illuminated.

The municipal spokesman made a point of noting that the event was being organized entirely by the municipality and that the government had made no contribution thus far.

He said the possibility of broadcasting the concert abroad and over Israel Television are being explored.

UJA Denies Press Reports Of Mismanagement, Rift

NEW YORK (JTA): The national United Jewish Appeal moved to clear up what it termed "a number of rumors and charges about the management of the UJA" which have been circulating for some time in Israel and the United States. Israeli press reports alleged that, among other things, a committee of inquiry had been set up by Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA president, to investigate "mismanagement." Some of the press reports, which claimed to have based their article on a "secret report by top UJA officials, also claimed that there were recriminations among the officials over both the committee of inquiry and the purported "charges of serious mismanagement in the UJA."

Without referring directly to the Israeli press reports, a joint statement issued by Leonard R. Strelitz, UJA general chairman, and Lautenberg, affirmed that for more than three years the UJA "has retained the services of a financial consultant to study the internal operations of the organization." The study, according to the statement, was initiated "to update management practices and is designed to improve the effectiveness and productivity of JA in carrying out its annual national campaigns." "On the basis of this study, the statement continued, "the consultant has submitted a series of reports to the officers of UJA which contain recommendations for changes and improvements in technical, personnel and financial operations. A number of recommended changes have already been implemented and are being reviewed and studied further. "In the course of the review, some differences arose concerning methods of implementation. These procedural differences have now been resolved and the review is proceeding in an orderly fashion, conducted by a committee responsible to the Board of Directors of the UJA. The officers of UJA, together with the professional staff, are united in

support of this procedure. While this review is taking place, we will proceed with full strength in the conduct of our 1978 fund raising campaign."

In a statement issued earlier this month, Lautenberg said that a report in Haaretz Feb. 17, "purporting to be a factual report" of a UJA Board of Directors meeting Feb. 15 was "totally inaccurate." The meeting, Lautenberg said, was called to deal with "a number of rumors and charges about the management" of UJA which had been circulating "for some time" in the U.S. and Israel. Lautenberg asserted that during his term in office as UJA general chairman, just prior to Strelitz, he recommended "the retention of the services of a financial consultant to take a broad look at the organization's management practices. This procedure was not instituted in response to any charges of mismanagement" but as an ongoing effort "to assure the highest level of financial responsibility." But, Lautenberg continued, before the information in the consultant's findings could be brought before the Board of Directors, "selected information was extracted from them and criticism developed about some UJA management practices," thus leading to the "rumors and charges."

In view of these circumstances, he said, he appointed a management review committee comprising Board of Directors members and UJA chairmen: Board members who were asked to serve with Lautenberg are, he said, Melvin Dubinzy, Max M. Fisher, Sylvia Hassenfeld, Jerold C. Hoffberger, Joseph Meyerhoff, Donald M. Robinson and Paul Zuckerman. National chairmen are Joel S. Breslau and Stanley L. Sloane. Lautenberg said the review committee's appointment was approved by a vote of 17-3 by the full Board at its Feb. 15 meeting. The first article in the Israeli press appeared in Haaretz two days later. Since then other Israeli papers have carried similar reports.

Labor Disputes Arise In Israel

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (JTA): Magistrate courts throughout Israel were closed as the magistrates met at a special meeting to demand the 50 per cent wage increase a special committee had recommended that Israel judges should receive. District courts, however, were operating but the district court judges sent representatives to the meeting. A resolution was adopted at the meeting closing both courts for three days last week. The judges are not calling their action a strike although this is the first time that judges in Israel have absented themselves from work in a labor dispute.

The 50 per cent increase was recommended in order to allow the judges to live on their salaries without having to seek outside income. It has been approved by Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir as well as the Cabinet. But the government fears that if it

gives such an increase to the judges, other government employees will ask for similar wage hikes. The magistrates called their job action after the Finance Ministry said it wanted to defer action on a raise for the judges until after an agreement is reached on a new contract with the Civil Servants Union. The problem over the magistrates' salaries is only one of many labor disputes going on in Israel. Violence broke out at the Central Bus Station here when striking salaried drivers of the Egged Bus Cooperative tried to prevent buses from leaving the station. The buses have been driven for the last two days by members of the cooperative while their wives replaced them at their office jobs. Several persons were injured at the bus station and several people were arrested. Police also clashed with striking drivers at the Histadrut headquarters.

National Front Tries For Membership Growth

LONDON: The extremist, right-wing National Front is to consider setting up a section to encourage trade union members to join the movement. The Front's leader, John Tyndall, is reported to have said: "The object of forming a trade union organization will be to oppose the red element in the unions; to recruit as many

trade unionists as we can, and to get our members into trade union office."

The Front has been trying to recruit young people to join its newly-formed Young National Front, and it is also understood to be recruiting members in the Royal Marines and in the Royal Navy.

Begin Receives Friendly Letter From Sadat; Will Reply Soon

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA): Premier Menahem Begin said that he would reply early this week to a letter from President Anwar Sadat of Egypt delivered by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred L. Atherton. The contents of the four-page letter were not disclosed but it was reportedly written in a friendly tone and concerned the current efforts to draft a joint declaration of principles by Israel and Egypt. The letter was the first personal contact between Sadat and Begin since their Christmas Day meeting at Ismaila and led to speculation that it might lead to another meeting between the two men. But Begin, after conferring with Atherton said only that there was still a basis for continuing the present negotiations.

Atherton, who arrived here unexpectedly from Cairo also met with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and was to meet with At-

torney General Aharon Barak later. He is scheduled to go to Amman March 3, presumably for another attempt to persuade Jordan to enter the Israeli-Egyptian peace process. Atherton is expected to return to Cairo next week with Begin's reply to Sadat. Begin and other Israelis have expressed hope in recent days that direct peace talks would be resumed with Egypt instead of the indirect contacts maintained with Atherton as intermediary. But Egyptian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Kaamel observed that the next move did not depend on Israel or Egypt but on the Americans.

REJECT PLAY

OBERAMMERGAU: The residents of this Bavarian mountain village have rejected a reformed version of the centuries-old Passion Play which eliminates references considered anti-Semitic.

Saunders Names Six Factors In US Thinking On Middle East

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA): A State Department official has listed six factors that comprise the current U.S. "perceptions" toward the Middle East of which the Israeli factor ranked "last but not least." According to Harold H. Saunders, the Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, the U.S. must take into account "terrorism," the "support around the world for Palestinian nationalism" and Israel's position on the "world scene" when considering the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But Saunders, addressing a panel discussion at the first national Young Leadership Council of the United Jewish Appeal at the Shoreham-Americana Hotel, indicated priority for five other factors. He listed these, in order, as the possibility of an "accidental confrontation" between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the Middle East, the fact that the U.S. gets 20 percent of its oil supply from the area; the oil revenues and capital holdings in the region which can have a "sharp impact" on "the global economic order"; the fact that Saudi Arabia and Algeria are "organizers of the poorer nations" and the possibility that the Middle East conflict could breed another oil embargo.

Saunders, who had been director of the State Department's intelligence and Research Division for the past two years, acknowledged that there has been a shift in U.S. perceptions on the Middle East during the last 15 years but that it "does not have to work against the interests of any nation." He said that 15 years ago the Middle East was "important but not vital" and there was a need to prevent Soviet dominance there. In the 1970s, he said, the region was "more nearly vital to our interests" because of the oil requirements of the U.S. and its friends and the needs of Israel. "Today, the perceptions are quite different," Saunders said, growing out of the "changed circumstances" since the mid-70s, the "major shift of many Arabs" toward the West in the last few years and the fact that the Middle East is one of the most rapidly growing markets in the world, which is being felt in America by Americans and "not only governmentally." He characterized an Arab-Israeli peace as "crucial" in the "hard calculus" of American interests in the area. He stressed that the U.S. role is that of "a catalyst, not an imposer" of a peace settlement. The panel was also addressed by Rita Hauser, an international lawyer and former U.S. representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, who characterized Saunders' presentation as "a perfectly good academic summary of current U.S. policy going astray." Hauser said American policy in the Middle East should be for peace in the area without the Soviet Union's intrusion. "That was true in 1945 and remains true today," she said.

Sen. Edward Brooke (R. Mass.) described Israel as "an island of stability in the sea of chaos" in the Middle East and "no U.S. policy can be effective without that stability." The Senate's only Black member stressed that U.S. "fundamental commitment to Israel is a test of our own

values" and that what appears to be "a firm basis of relationship today" with Arab nations "may disappear in the vortex of Arab politics tomorrow." Taking issue with the Carter Administration's move to sell "sophisticated lethal weapons" to Saudi Arabia, Brooke said "such a decision is not in our interest and should . . . come, if at all, when there is a settlement" in the Middle East. Attacking the concept of a Paestinian state, Brooke said such a state "would be a dagger pointed at the heart of Israel" and Israeli Premier Menahem Begin "has rightly rejected the idea of a West Bank-Gaza Paestinian state." He added, "We have become painfully aware" that the Carter Administration is engaged "in pressuring tactics" to achieve a settlement in the Mideast.

Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, addressing another session of the conference, described the Mideast settlement proposals by Egypt and Jordan as "pre-made prescriptions of take it or leave it" and warned that their peace terms "would be the peace of the graveyard" for Israel. The approximately 1000 business and professional men and women from across the country attending the three-day meeting applauded Dinitz when he stressed that "Israel cannot give a state for a state visit." The state visit referred to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's trip last November to Jerusalem. Dinitz was also applauded when he asked, in an allusion to Jordan's seizure of the West Bank in 1947 when Palestine was being partitioned, is "nonacquisition of territory by force applicable only from 1967 and afterwards and not applicable to 1947 and afterwards?" He also defended Israeli settlements in the occupied areas as "legal, moral and right because they are there to protect Israeli lives." Dinitz stated that the settlements issue was being used by Sadat as "a complete diversion" to achieve his terms "not by accommodation but imposition with the help of the United States."

Ask Ban To Entry Of Grand Wizard

LONDON: The board of deputies of British Jews has written to Home Secretary Merlyn Rees, supporting the call made by several MPs to ban the entry of Klu Klux Klan leader Bill Wilkinson into Britain.

Bill Wilkinson, "Imperial Grand Wizard" of the Klan, spoke to "News of the World" reporters about his plans to come to Britain in the next two months to set up a "Kleagle," or branch, in this country. An article which subsequently appeared sparked off a series of protests from members of parliament, including Liberal leader David Steel. The home secretary, is understood to be ordering inquiries into the possibility of the visit.

NEW MUSEUM

~ BUCHAREST (JTA): The Jewish Museum organized by the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania will soon be inaugurated here. The museum includes historical documents concerning more than 600 years of Jewish life in Rumania.

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Egypt Ends Special Palestinian Privileges

CAIRO: Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem announced that privileges granted for over two decades to Palestinians living in Egypt would be withdrawn and that thereafter Palestinians would be treated the same as other Arab aliens.

In response to the recent killing of a prominent Egyptian editor by Palestinian terrorists and to Palestinian criticism of President Anwar el-Sadat, Mr. Salem told a session of the Egyptian Parliament that "the Government has decided to consider the Palestinians living in Egypt as being just like the citizens of other sister Arab countries."

Since the 1956 war with Israel, Palestinians in Egypt have been on a virtual par with Egyptians citizens, enjoying the same legal rights and employment and business opportunities. They have also been given preferential admission to universities and institutes. Palestinians have lacked only the right to vote and to run for political office.

Consequences of Move

Egyptian officials estimate that 30,000 Palestinians or more live in Egypt. Over 7,000 of them are said to be students and many others hold professional jobs, own stores and property or drive taxi-cabs.

Egyptian sources said Palestinians would now need the residence permits required of other foreigners here and will have to exchange a set amount of foreign currency when entering Egypt. They had been exempt from these requirements.

The move will also make it easier for Egypt to keep track of the Palestinians' movements and to crack down on their political activities. There has been concern here that the Palestinians were a security risk because of the Palestine Liberation Organization's hostility to President Sadat's peace initiative.

It was not clear when the new measures would go into effect. But they are expected to strain relations between Cairo and the P.L.O. further.

Prime Minister Salem told Parliament that ending preferential treatment of Palestinians did not mean that Egypt was reducing its political commitment to the Palestinian cause. "Egypt can never forget the Palestinian people in the Israeli-occupied area," he said. "It is they who are suffering."

In a slap at the P.L.O. and Palestinian extremists, Mr. Salem said that "Egypt will not allow them to remain the victims of conspiracies and machinations by those who trade in their name for personal benefit and gain." He did not say whether Cairo intended to break with the P.L.O.

Today's announcement by Mr. Salem was made during a parliamentary review of the events that began with the murder in Cyprus of Yousef el-Sebai, the editor of Al Ahram, the newspaper, by Palestinian terrorists nine days ago and that ended with the death of 15 Egyptian commandos in a shootout with Cypriot National Guardsmen at Larnaca Airport.

The Egyptian Government is investigating reports that P.L.O. gunmen joined the Cypriots in shooting at the Egyptian commandos at Larnaca.

At the parliamentary session, the Egyptian War Minister, Gen. Mohammed Abdel Ghany el-Gamasy, defended the commando raid, which was mounted to seize the killers from a plane on which they were holding hostages. General Gamasy predicted that more such operations against terrorists would be necessary.

Egyptian officials say they believe the assassination of Mr. Sebai was part of a larger plot to kill Egyptian journalists who went with President Sadat to Jerusalem.

Today, both Prime Minister Salem and General Gamasy reiterated Cairo's criticism of the handling of the affair by Cyprus. General Gamasy said, "All indications prove that the Cypriot security authorities confronted the incident with a negative and casual attitude."

He contended that the Cypriots had not provided adequate security at the conference of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization, which Mr. Sebai was attending, and bowed to the demands of the two killers instead of "taking firm measures to arrest them and to release their hostages."

The two terrorists, who have been identified as Palestinians, took off with a group of hostages in a Cyprus Airways plane from Larnaca Airport but returned the next evening after being denied asylum elsewhere. The Egyptians commandos were repulsed by Cypriot troops when they mov-

ed in on the plane while negotiations were under way.

The killers surrendered during the battle. Cairo has contended that the commando action kept Cyprus from allowing them to escape to Syria. General Gamasy said today that "it was necessary to intervene militarily once the plane landed at Larnaca to put an end to the terrorism."

Today Prime Minister Salem rebuked the P.L.O., saying: "Those who claim to lead the Palestinian people, given their increased attacks on Egypt, have sold themselves completely to the rejection front and it looks as if they are justifying the shedding of Egyptian blood."

"They will have to bear the consequences of their attitude and Egypt will deal with them on that basis."

An Egyptian source said he understood that withdrawing recognition of the P.L.O. was one option being considered.

Warns That Egypt Is Counting On US

MIAMI BEACH, FLA. (JTA): The Israeli leader who headed the first peace delegation to Cairo declared here March 2 that "President (Anwar) Sadat now counts on America to exert pressure on Israel."

Dr. Eliahu Ben Elissar, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, said he believes that Egypt's negotiating position has "actually become tougher following Sadat's visit to the United States a month ago."

Ben Elissar, who arrived in this country March 1 for his first American visit, made these assertions at a press conference here,

NAMED AFTER LANGLET

BUDAPEST (JTA): The Hungarian government has named a main street here after Waldemar Langlet, a Swedish diplomat during World War II, for his actions on behalf of Hungary's Jews. He is credited with having saved the lives of more than 100,000 Jews by delivering Swedish

prior to his address before 900 U.S. and Canadian Jewish leaders launching the worldwide Israel Bond campaign in 1978. This year's campaign centers around the celebration of Israel's 30th anniversary. At his press conference, Ben Elissar said that during Sadat's recent visit with President Carter and State Department officials, the Egyptian President set out "deliberately to involve the U.S. on his side" and succeeded in having Washington adopt an attitude "in favor of Egypt's original position, which has brought about a hardening of its stand on the crucial issues."

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