

PLO Rep. Terzi Buys \$1 Million N.Y. Home

NEW YORK — Zehdi Labib Terzi, a Palestine Liberation Organization representative, said that he is aware of the objections to his purchase of a \$1 million Upper East Side New York home. But, he said, he expects to win acceptance from his new neighbors.

The initial response was not a positive one from those surrounding the Georgian red — brick residence at 115 East 65th Street. Some feared having a PLO representative on the street would cause demonstrations or terrorist attacks.

Carl Gengo, who works nearby, said "It could start something," as he recalled the recent bombing of the Soviet Mission's

headquarters just two blocks north.

A next door neighbor, Suda Oles, agreed that the arrival of the P.L.O. was "something else to worry about." But she didn't seem overly concerned, saying that there were always worries, "such as fears of falling, mugging, pneumonia or old age."

"They're only people," she said. "If Mr. Terzi invites me inside for a talk or tea, I'd accept."

Mr. Terzi, who was inspecting the grounds with his Chilean-born wife, Widad, said he intends to extend such invitations and even hold an open house when the house is completely refurbished.

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Israel's Inflation Soared To 111.4 Percent In 1979

JERUSALEM - It was reported Tuesday by Israel's Central Statistics Bureau that Israel's consumer prices had reached a record high 111.4 percent during 1979.

This inflation rate was the worst in Israel's history and one of the severest in the world. It has brought fear of economic insecurity to the country and worry to government and industrial leaders.

With the cost of living index up more than five times what it was four years ago, Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government is regarded as most vulnerable in the area of inflation.

Painful measures have been taken by the new Finance Minister, Yigal Hurwitz, to

curb the spiraling inflation. These measures have called for a great number of layoffs, and experts predict that unemployment will play a major role on the Israeli economy in 1980. Some predict an upcoming recession with bankruptcies of small businesses.

Mr. Hurwitz began looking for ways to trim the Government budget shortly after he took office last November. Already he has abolished and reduced many Government subsidies of food products, froze wages in the public sector, and suspended certain credits to private businesses.

These budget cuts seemed even more drastic when Defense Minister Ezer Weiz- (Continued from page 6)

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Rabbi Sholom Gold Appointed Torah Convocation Chairman

Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig, President of the Rabbinical Council of America, which represents one thousand Orthodox Rabbis — serving in all parts of the United States and Canada, has announced the appointment of Rabbi Sholom Gold, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of West Hempstead, West Hempstead, New York, as Chairman of the Torah Convocation of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Rabbi Rosensweig also appointed Rabbi Isaac Dwek, spiritual leader of the Synagogue of Deal, Deal, New Jersey, as Co-Chairman.

Rabbi Gold is one of the most prominent members of the American rabbinate and is most active in many religious and communal organizations. A graduate of the Ner Israel Rabbinical College, where he was ordained. He served as founder and Director of the Ner Israel Yeshiva College branch of Toronto in 1959 where, at the same, he served as spiritual leader of Bnai Torah Synagogue in Toronto, Ont. He also served as Regional President of the Rabbinical Council of America. Upon coming to New York, he was appointed Chairman of the Taharas Hamishpacha Committee of the Rabbinical

Council of America (Family and Marriage). He was elected President of the Council of Young Israel Rabbis, where he continues to serve as Honorary President.

The Convocation will be held at the Empress Motel, Asbury Park, N.J. from January 28-30. Several hundred Rabbis are expected from every part of the United States to attend.

The theme of this year's Convocation is "The Crisis Facing Orthodoxy In The Eighties." Other major problems to be discussed are: The changing character of the Jewish Community under the pressure of the outside world; The problems that Israel will face in the peace making process; The continuing deterioration of the family in general, as well as, of the Jewish family in particular.

The Torah Convocation will also deal with such general subjects as the relations between Israel and American Jewry and the status of Jewish scholarship in the United States today.

The Rabbinical Council of America is holding this Convocation to enable the spiritual leaders to analyze subjects of profound religious significance. Among



Rabbi Sholom Gold

these topics are the ritual and synagogue practices, influence of Orthodoxy in suburban areas, and the strengthening of the position of the Rabbi in the Jewish general community.

UJA 1979 Collections Top \$280 Million

NEW YORK (JTA) — Final figures released by the United Jewish Appeal indicate that total cash collected during the calendar year 1979 was \$280,058,162, it was announced by national cash chairman Edgar Cadden. This figure represents an increase of almost \$3 million over 1978 totals.

Cadden praised all communities for their contribution to this "remarkable achievement in a most difficult year," but noted that, "unfortunately, this increased amount falls short of meeting current needs. Actual cash transmitted to the Jewish Agency in Israel was less than in the previous year, because of increased allocations to JDC (Joint Distribution Committee), HIAS, and NYANA (New York Association for New Americans) necessitated by our increased rescue efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews, and the Jews of North Africa and the Middle East. The combined effects of increased immigration and the devaluation of the dollar at home and in Israel have been devastating."

Sadat Let's Codex Leave Egypt

LONDON (JTA) — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has given permission for Egypt's most precious Jewish manuscript, the Ben Asher Codex, to leave Egypt temporarily to be restored, according to MP Greville Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who has just returned from Cairo.

The Codex, a Bible written in the 9th Century of the current era, is one of more than 20 valuable books stored in Cairo's Karaite Synagogue. It is badly in need of repair and until now the Egyptian authorities have insisted on its staying where it is. However, Sadat reversed this ruling when he received Janner at his home in the village of Mit Abue al Kom. The only other person present during the 2½ hour talk in Sadat's garden was Janner's 20-year-old daughter Marion.

The President also assured Janner that a number of Jews in Alexandria could visit Israel. They had been invited there some time ago by Premier Menachem Begin of Israel but so far they have been obstructed by Egyptian officials.

Janner, who spent 10 days in Egypt, also met Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali, as well as the Minister of Justice, Trade and Overseas Cooperation, and the editor of Al-Ahram. He also met leaders of the Jewish communities of Cairo and Alexandria and the American and British Ambassadors.

Summarizing his impressions, Janner said he saw no possibility of renewed hostilities between Egypt and Israel and believed that Sadat and his team were devoted to peaceful methods.

U.S. Preparing Egyptian Base

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel television claimed that the United States is secretly preparing an air base in Egypt without either country informing Israel. According to the television's military commentator, this development is occurring at a time when Israel has announced its readiness to grant the U.S. air and naval facilities.

The Americans have been engaged in making a base placed at their disposal by the Egyptians ready for action, he said. The base would enable the U.S. to send troops to protect its vital interests in the Persian Gulf oil producing countries or Pakistan. Neither the U.S., considered a friend of Israel, nor Egypt, in the midst of a peace process with Israel, saw fit to inform Israel which had to learn about it from foreign sources, the commentator said.

He did not identify the foreign sources but observed that this development sheds light on the American political trend in the near future to base its policy on the Arab anti-Communist states. According to the commentator, that is why the U.S. rejected Israel's request for \$3.4 billion in military and economic aid in the next fiscal year and offered to add only \$200 million to the \$3 billion aid package over the next three years. There was no confirmation of the Israeli television report.

Iraq Stockpiles French Arms

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS (JTA) — Iraq has ordered 24 additional Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers and has taken an option on France's new combat plane, the Mirage-2000. According to official available figures, France has sold 64 F-1s to Iraq over the last two years.

The F-1 is the French equivalent to America's F-16. The planes sold to Iraq will be equipped with the new Matra super-530 air-to-air missile used for supersonic dogfights. The missile can hit a supersonic target at a distance of 18 miles. The Iraqi version can also carry a five-ton bomb load. The Iraqi Air Force also flies an unspecified number of MIG-23s equipped with Soviet-made air-to-air missiles.

In recent years, Iraq has tried to diversify its arms supplies and has bought large quantities of military equipment in France, including AMX-30 tanks, Panhard armored cars, anti-tank missiles and a variety of combat helicopters, including the heavily armed Super-Frelon. French reports say Iraq is also negotiating for the purchase of Crotale weapons systems, as well as in-shore defense missiles.

A large number of Iraqi officers are studying at French staff schools or undergoing training at French air and naval installations.

Growth Of Iraqi Air Force

NATO experts believe the Iraq Air Force to have more than doubled since the Yom

Kippur War and that Iraq now has a highly credible strike force. These experts also believe that air crews are now well trained and highly operational according to Western standards.

Israeli military circles, including Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan, warned last week against the danger of Arab concentrations of modern forces on Israel's eastern front. According to Western sources, Syria and Iraq now have a larger and more modern air force than all the Arab countries, including Egypt, had on the eve of the Yom Kippur War.

While France continues to sell arms, including modern supersonic planes, to a variety of nations, including practically all the Arab states, France officially denied last Friday the sale of uranium or other radioactive materials to Libya or Pakistan.

The president of the French Atomic Energy Commission, Michel Pecqueur, said

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EAST GREENWICH

This week the *Herald* salutes East Greenwich. We hope our readers will take advantage of the good quality and buys offered by the merchants on pp. 8-9.

Obituaries

LEON GABAR

Leon Gabar, son of the late Arnold and Annie (Hatow) Gabar, died suddenly January 13, 1980. He was born November 12, 1909 in Pawtucket and lived there until January, 1978. His residence was 48B Valencia, Delray Beach, Florida.

He was the former owner of General Office Supply Company of Pawtucket, Woonsocket and Attleboro. He was a past president of the Pawtucket Hebrew Free Loan Society and the Providence Water Color Club. He was a member of the Delray Art League.

He is survived by his wife, Edna (Baron) Gabar and two daughters, Janet Stollnitz of Silver Springs, Maryland and Susan Tannenbaum of Ancram, New York, and four grandchildren; also one sister, Helen Gimborg of Maitland, Florida.

Graveside services were held Monday, January 14 at Delray Beach, Florida.

REBECCA SMILOWITZ

Rebecca (Fox) Smilowitz, wife of the late Albert Smilowitz, died on January 9, 1980. She was the mother of Max Smiley of the Bronx, New York. Funeral services were held last Thursday in New York City. Arrangements were made by Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel.

JULIUS HEIMANN

PROVIDENCE—Julius Heimann, 82, of 99 Hillside Ave., a retired produce marketing specialist, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Sally (Shogel) Heimann.

Born in Frankfort, Germany, Nov. 18, 1897, a son of the late Isaac and Sadie Heimann, he lived in Providence for two years. He previously lived in Cranston for six years, and in Fall River, Mass., for 35 years.

Mr. Heimann worked for Stop & Shop Stores, and other supermarkets for many years, retiring in 1965.

He was a member of the Ades Israel Synagogue of Fall River and its brotherhood. He was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Temple Beth Torah of Cranston and its men's club. He was also a member of the Zionist Organization of America for 30 years.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Mendelowitz of Cranston, and two grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

CORRECTION: In the obituary for Ida Seidman, her daughter, Mrs. Harriet Lake of Sharon, Mass., was inadvertently omitted from those relatives left behind.

DONALD JACOBS

CRANSTON—Donald Jacobs, 53, of 211 Clarence St., a state tax auditor until retiring, died yesterday morning in Rhode Island Hospital shortly after arrival. He was the husband of Martha T. (Sirkis) Jacobs.

Mr. Jacobs was treasurer and past master of Orpheus Lodge, AF&AM, and secretary of the Men's Club of Temple Beth Israel.

Born in Providence on March 4, 1926, he was a son of the late Louis and Sadie (Jacobs) Jacobs. He lived in Cranston since about 1971.

Survivors, besides his wife, are two sons, Richard L. and Jeffrey M. Jacobs; two daughters, Hope E. and Laura L. Jacobs, all of Cranston, and two brothers, Alfred J. Jacobs of Cranston and Gerald Jacobs of New London, Conn.

A graveside service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Ida Seidman wishes to sincerely thank its many friends and relatives for the great kindness and many cards and donations extended during its recent bereavement.

SADIE SOFORENKO

BOSTON — Sadie Soforenko, 81, of 65 Martha Road, a Providence resident until 1975, died yesterday morning at Massachusetts General Hospital. She was the widow of Myer "Mike" Soforenko.

She was a member of Temple Beth El and its Sisterhood.

A daughter of the late Moses and Rebecca Krieger, she was born in Norwich, Conn., Sept. 28, 1898. She lived in Providence for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Soforenko leaves two sons, Arnold S. Soforenko of Palo Alto, Calif., and Robert J. Soforenko of Carlisle, Mass.; two brothers, Charles and George Krieger, both of Miami, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. at Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Temple Beth El Cemetery.

CELIA GORMAN

Celia Gorman, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence, died Tuesday, January 15. Graveside services were held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged. Shiva will be private. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

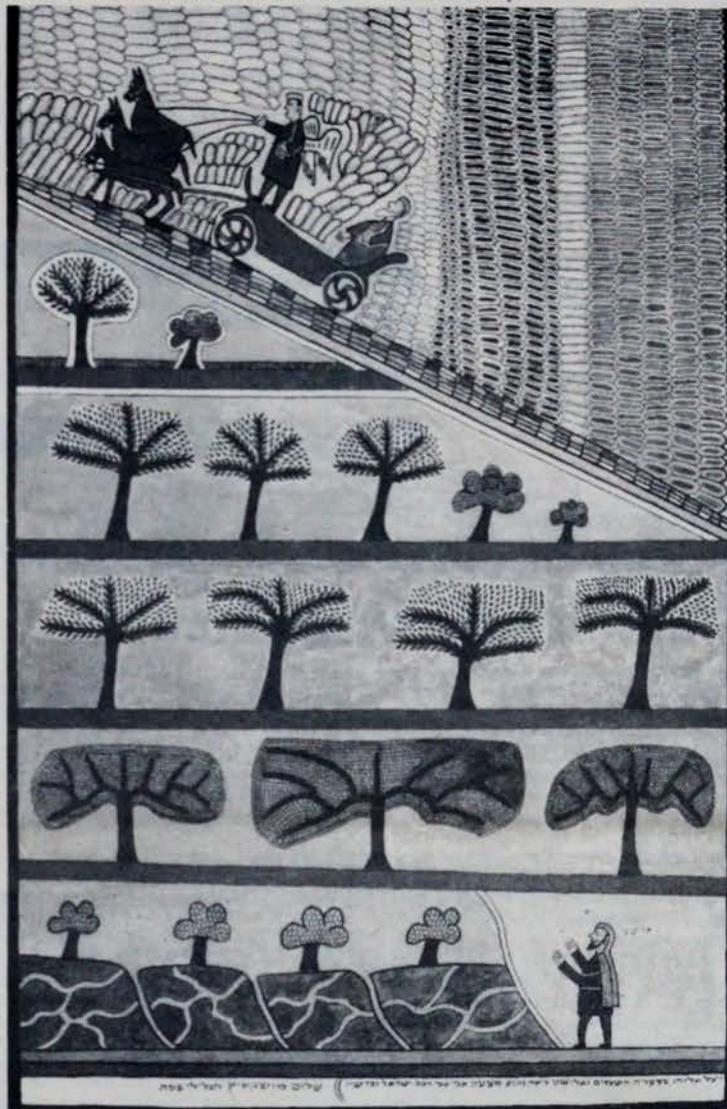
His work was featured in many publications, including Life magazine, Life's "Israel" volume, and an eight-page color portfolio in Horizon magazine. It was the subject of three films, one for CBS-TV, one for German TV and one for ABC-TV. The latter, comparing Shalom's work with ancient Jewish art and exploring the creative process of an untaught artist, won numerous awards and was called "an art film classic." Newsweek magazine devoted a whole page to his work, as did other national and local publications.

Harpaz, conducted a four-day tour of Poland giving lectures in Hebrew to groups of students on the State of Israel. This is the first time such lectures have been given since diplomatic relations between Israel and Poland were severed in 1967. Harpaz, who serves as the vice chairman of the World Hebrew Society, was invited to Poland as a guest of the University of Warsaw.

Upon his return to Israel, Harpaz noted that the Polish government is lending assistance to the remnants of the Jewish community which remains in that country. He pointed particularly to the Jewish weekly "Folks-Shmoti," the Yiddish theater and the Center for Research of Jewish History.

Hebrew Lectures in Poland

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The secretary of the Jerusalem Workers Council, Nissan



SHALOM OF SAFED'S vision, "God's gift" as he called his painting talent, guided him through numerous illustrations of his favorite book: the Bible. Like Rousseau, the famous French naive painter, his treatment of birds, animals, and human beings stemmed from an innocent vision and from love. His paintings are often divided into three or four strips, with each character captioned in Hebrew, a device also found on old Palestinian cushion covers, Passover plates and challah covers. Above, *Elijah ascending to heaven in the fiery chariot, 1973.*

Renowned Israeli Artist Sholem Moscovitz Dies

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Sholem Moscovitz, whose primitive paintings of Biblical themes under the name of Shalom of Safed made him world famous, died Thursday, Jan. 3, in Safed where he was born some 80 years ago. Funeral services were held Friday. He began painting at the age of 55 and soon became famous for his "naive" paintings of Biblical stories which always contained a proverb or sentence from the Scriptures. His paintings are considered of major importance to Israeli art history.

Shalom was a Hasid and heir to the rich mystical tradition of the Cabbala that also had its home in Safed. A humble watchmaker, he was discovered in the late 1950s after the destruction of his workshop in Israel's War of Independence forced him

to eke out a living from making plywood cut-out toys. Within a short time, he attained a worldwide reputation.

Shalom's works have been given one-man exhibits by 14 of the world's leading museums, such as the Stedelijk of Amsterdam and the Kunsthau of Zurich, and are included in such collections as those of the museums of modern art in New York City and Paris.

His paintings, lithographs and tapestries have been exhibited by prominent galleries in the United States and Europe, and are part of distinguished collections. Most recently, Shalom's paintings and stained glass windows were on exhibit at the Jewish Museum in New York from May 8 to Oct. 30.

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Notices

HADASSAH STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Providence Hadassah Study Group will take place on Thursday, January 24 at 10 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Irving Abrams, 72 Fosdyke Street, Providence. Mrs. Barney Goldberg will present a report on current events, and a discussion will follow. All members of Hadassah are invited to attend.

SOCIAL SENIORS OF WARWICK

The next social meeting of the Social Seniors of Warwick will be held on Wednesday Evening, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Am. A penny social and game night is planned for this meeting. Participants are asked to bring a small token of a dollar value. Refreshments will be served.

SILK FLOWER ARRANGING

Eileen Horwitz and Paula Golden of "PRIMROSE Lane" will present a demonstration featuring the delicate beauty of silk flower arrangements at the January 23rd open board meeting of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence. Coffee and dessert will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the meeting and program at 1 p.m.

CELTICS GAME

A trip to Boston to see the Celtics in action on Sunday, March 2 is being sponsored by the R.I. Jewish Singles Inc. Rides will be leaving at 9 a.m. sharp from the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. The tickets are \$10.00 apiece with limited reservations. Price includes ticket and round trip ride to Boston. Send money, name, address, and phone number to: R.I. Jewish Singles Inc., 60 East Bel Air Road, Cranston, R.I. 02920. Drivers Needed.

RABBI TELUSHKIN TO SPEAK

On Saturday evening, January 26 at 8:00 p.m., Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, prominent author and educational director at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in California, will be the guest lecturer at a community wide Malavah Malkah to be held at the Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. Rabbi Telushkin will speak on "Judaism, Secularism and Contemporary Morality." This program is being jointly sponsored by the New England Academy of Torah and the R.I. Federation of Jewish Organizations. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used for the construction of a new Mikva for the Providence community. Call the Providence Hebrew Day School at 331-5327 for ticket information.

MISHKON TFILOH ELECTIONS

Edward C. Spencer was re-elected President of the congregation at the election meeting January 8, 1980. Other officers include: Harry Bornstein — Vice President; Jack Wilkes — Treasurer; Bernard Engel — Recording Secretary; Dorothy Berry — Financial Secretary; Honorary Presidents for Life: Abraham Linder, Sidney Pickar, Nathan Goren, Milton Israeloff.

The board of directors are: Henry Abramowitz, Robert Berlinsky, Mrs. Joseph Bernstein, Jack Brier, Samuel Bernstein, Mrs. Jessie Connis, Eugene Freedman, Samuel Guttin, Benjamin Greenberg, David Krasnoff, Louis Miller, Samuel Rotfopf, Gerald Shaulson, and Morris Tuppe.

DEATH AND DYING

"Dealing with Death and Dying" will be the topic of a lecture for parents of preschool children by noted Pediatric Oncologist, Dr. Edwin Forman of Rhode Island Hospital on Wednesday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. The public is invited without charge. Call 861-8800 (ext. 30) for more information.

SINGLES MEETING

The Jewish Business and Profession Singles (25-50) will hold an open meeting for Jewish singles on Monday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence.

The club is open to singles between the ages 25-50. The meeting will give participants an opportunity to discuss membership opportunities and age limits of the club.

J.B.P.S. GAME NIGHT

The Jewish Business and Professional Singles (25-50) will hold its monthly game night at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence on Thursday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. Bring backgammon, cards, or any board games. Learn how to play games you don't know how to play. No charge.

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Jewish Business and Professional Singles (25-50) of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, will hold a discussion group, "Do You Work For Your Money or Does Your Money Work For You?" at a member's home on Wednesday, January 23 at 8 p.m. The fee is \$5.00 for JCC members, \$1.00 for non-members, coffee and cake included. Call 861-8800 for reservations.

CONVERSION SERIES

On January 18th, following Friday evening services which begin at 8:10 p.m., Temple Emanu-El will conclude its series on Conversion to Judaism. For the preceding two weeks, the series dealt with "Family Tensions and How Families Cope," presented by Dr. Nathan Epstein, Director of Butler Hospital, and "The Halachic Process of Conversion," presented by Rabbi Alvan Kaufner of Temple Emanu-El.

The final discussion, moderated by Rabbi Joel Zaiman of Temple Emanu-El, will include a brief panel discussion. The panel will consist of members of the community who have converted to Judaism. The panel will discuss the acceptance of people who have converted to Judaism by the Jewish community.

Following this presentation, the congregation will, as in the preceding week, be divided into small discussion groups led by assigned group leaders to review the material presented. There will also be special groups set up for adolescents in grades 10 through 12. Many articles and volumes in the Temple Library concerning conversion and intermarriage are available for your inspection.

MID-EAST LECTURE

On Monday evening, January 21 at 8 p.m., Temple Sinai Sisterhood will host Owen Landman who will speak about the Palestinian problem in the Middle East. The public is invited to attend the presentation and discussion which will follow.

Winner of Century III Leaders

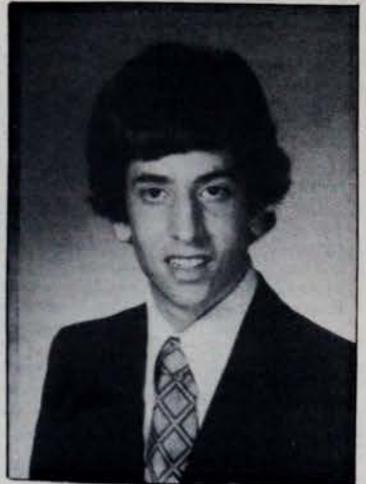
Mr. Kenneth J. Mitteldorf, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mitteldorf of 116 Northbridge Avenue, Warwick is a winner in the Century III Leaders program sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He has been selected from hundreds of applicants in R.I. to receive a \$1,500 scholarship to continue his education. In addition, as a Century III Leader he will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Va., from March 7-10, 1980, for the Century III Leaders national meeting. In Colonial Williamsburg the 102 winners from the 50 states and the District of Columbia will meet to discuss today's critical issues.

A national winner will be chosen in Williamsburg to receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Nine national semifinalists will each receive a \$500 scholarship in addition to their state scholarship. All scholarships are supported by the Shell Oil Company and will be presented at the Awards Banquet during his stay in historic Williamsburg.

Mr. Mitteldorf is an outstanding pupil at Toll Gate. He is a member of the National Honor Society, R.I. Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, State Senate Youth Program winner, Harvard Book Award, 1979, and Rensselaer Medal for Science '79.

In addition, Kenneth is President of the Student Senate, Editor of the Titan Tribune, and on the Mayor's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Mitteldorf has been accepted and plans to attend RICE University, Houston, Texas and major in Medical Engineering.



Kenneth J. Mitteldorf

JCC SEEKS HOSTS

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER is seeking host parents to house four Israeli High School students who will be visiting Rhode Island from February 24 through March 2 as part of the Israeli High School Mission Program.

This is the continuation of a program that has provided an enriching experience for both host and visitor.

Anyone interested in hosting an Israeli teenager for a week, or would like more information, call David Unger (861-8800) at the Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence.

WIDOWED PROGRAM

The Widowed to Widowed Program, sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Service, announces its January group meeting featuring Elliott Goldstein who will speak on "Getting in Tune with Your Body." Mr. Goldstein, who is director of Health and Physical Education at the Jewish Community Center, will be discussing relaxation exercises, breathing techniques to relieve tension, low back pain, and simple exercise as a stress release.

The meeting will take place on January 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the lower lounge of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence.

To help defray costs of this program, a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 is requested.

Widows and widowers are invited to attend. For further information, contact Jewish Family and Children's Service (331-1244) in Providence.

Heart Attack Prevention

Dr. Peter Herbert of the Department of Medicine, Miriam Hospital, will speak on "Heart Attacks Are Preventable" at a meeting of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association on Monday, January 21 in Sopkin Auditorium at the Miriam Hospital. Dr. Herbert, whose research on atherosclerosis is being funded by a National Institutes of Health grant, will discuss the relationship of diet and lifestyle in reversing the atherosclerotic process and substantially reducing the incidence of the disease.

The paid-up membership event will begin with a brunch at 11 a.m., followed by the meeting at 12 noon. Chairwomen are: program, Beth Brown, Dotty Gozonsky and Fanny Shore; hospitality, Sandy Cerel and Elaine Weiss; and decorations, Lil Zarum. Lillian B. Bernstein is president of the association.

Mondale States Pledge

NEW YORK — At a recent meeting of the American Jewish Congress, Vice President Walter F. Mondale stated that the United States would not negotiate with or recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization "until it first recognizes the right of Israel to exist."

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Zion at the Apogee

By Solly Press

JOHANNESBURG (JTA)—At the start of 1980 Israel is well-advanced in the peace process with Egypt, a country representing half the Arabic-speaking world. Yet Egypt, in the words of the Cairo scholar, Dr. Hussein Fawzi, is not of the Arab people.

In the course of a recent talk at Haifa, Fawzi remarked that the Egyptian people could not go along with Gamal Abdel Nasser's attempt to merge the North Africans with the Arabs. According to Fawzi, the Egyptians own view of themselves is that they are in fact "Pharaonic and hence non-Arab."

Though this has been known by Middle East scholars, the public declaration by an Egyptian of Fawzi's stature is significant and has far-reaching implications. It helps to explain Egypt's ability to live without membership in the Arab League. But it also raises questions about the Arabness of, say, the Palestine Liberation Organization leadership, many of whom are regarded as Egyptian — including Yasir Arafat — by, for example, the American authority and researcher, Thomas Kiernan.

Jews have their own debates on identity to exercise them, and Israel is less interested in the complexities of "Who is an Arab" than it is in extending the current peace process to the rest of the Arabic-speaking world, particularly to the Arab countries in Asia. At present, the latter comprise the heart of the rejectionist front.

This rejectionism seems to be still a function of their hate/leer syndrome vis-a-vis modernistic, democratic Israel, whom they regard as a "threat" to their own totalitarian failings and as a "bad" example for the Arab masses. For a generation Israel has been depicted by the Asian Arabs as more dangerous than the superpowers and their rivalries.

Had Welcomed Zionism And Zionists

The last thing the rejectionists would like to be reminded of is the fact that, a mere two generations ago, they were the ones to welcome Zionism and Zionists to what they, the Asian Arabs themselves, termed the Jewish "land of their fathers."

At that time, the pan-Arabs were led by the Hashemites, an aristocratic group who — to do them justice — saw the benefits of bringing together what they called the "Jewish Arabs, the Christian Arabs, and the Muslim Arabs." Regrettably, on the other hand, the Hashemites thought in terms of empire rather than Common Market regionalism.

Those Arab fatherlanders — in a sense the Hovevei Zion of pan-Arabism — wanted neither Egyptians, Iranians nor Turks as part of the future Arab scheme of things. Indeed, as Nejjib al Azoury observed in 1905, the Egyptians were to be excluded "because they do not belong to the Arab people; they are of the African Berber (Hamitic or Moorish) family; and the language they spoke before Islam bears no similarity to Arabic."

All this is unlikely to be news to a modern Egyptian like Fawzi, or to President Anwar Sadat for that matter. But it does raise the question, at least, of Barbary's age-long contribution to the culture and politics of Araby. And Israel, being on the borders of Africa and Asia, has a special stake in peace between Araby and Barbary.

Earlier Peace Treaty Recalled

Realists as well as romantics will recognize the poignant element in the current strains and stresses of Israeli-Egyptian peace-making when it is realized that Israel Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's uncle, Chaim Weizmann, achieved a peace treaty with the then-leader of the pan-Arabic Nashemites, the Emir (later King of Iraq) Feisal bin Hussein, the great-uncle of Jordan's King Hussein, two generations ago. That was in 1919.

That agreement consisted of nine articles, introduced by sentiments such as "the ancient bonds existing between the Arabs and the Jewish people," and underscored by the realization that "the surest means of working out the consummation of their national aspirations is through the closest possible collaboration in the development of the Arab state (to be) and (then-British ruled) Palestine."

The Feisal-Weizmann pact's articles speak of accredited agents being exchanged, of definite boundaries, of mutual guarantees, of stimulating Jewish immigration "as quickly as possible," of freedom of religion, of protecting holy places, of economic surveys, of accord and harmony, and of mutually agreed arbitration.

The spirit of this agreement was exemplified by the remarks of the Syrian pan-Arab moderate, Chaqri Ganem, who stated that the Arabs had suffered too much like the Jews not to "throw open to them the doors of Palestine." Even though Ganem thought of linking Syria and Jewish Palestine through federation, which is not a true regionalist solution, how different that all sounded to today's "heirs" of pan-Arabism — the Baathists with their anti-Christian, anti-Jewish principles and neo-imperial charter.

(At the height of their power the pro-Hashemite pan-Arabs were in the ascendant in the Hejaz, Jordan, momentarily in Syria and in Iraq until 1958. The pan-Arab Baathists today dominate Syria and Iraq and attempt to play a role in North and South Yemen, elsewhere in the peninsula, and in Eritrea across the Red Sea, and of course in Lebanon.)

The Dream Did Not Die

The dream of an Israeli-Arab Asian peace did not die, notwithstanding the eclipse of the Hashemite-led pan-Arabs, the results of the Anglo-French Sykes-Picot Treaty (first made public by Leon Trotsky), the Axis interlude in the Mideast, the intra-Arab divisions, and of course the later superpower rivalry across the region. Thus British Cabinet Minister Richard Crossman wrote in the "New Statesman" of the potential cooperation among "fifty million Semites."

In the time of Israeli Premier Moshe Sharett and his Lebanese counterpart, President Charles Habib Malik, talk was heard of Israel joining the Arab League via a regional defense pact. Yet the Middle East, being the region it is, took the unexpected turn in the form of the Israeli-Egyptian peace process.

From a regional point of view, Zion is at the apogee of peace-making with her neighbors. The potential for disintegration may be a more powerful factor in international relations than is the integrative impulse, but cooperation also with Arab Asia cannot be excluded forever.



FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

The Disappearing Immigrants

By BERYL SEGAL

Those of us who are interested in Jewish life are aware of the discussions that go on with regard to the recent Immigrants from the Soviet Union.

The question is when do our duties to the Immigrants from Russia end? After the first six months? After one year? Forever?

Jewish organizations, anxious to come to the aid of their Jewish brethren who escaped from behind the Iron Curtain, have undertaken a tremendous rescue mission. That rescue mission begins in Vienna, Austria, and ends either in Israel or in America.

In Israel the government has established a special department that takes under its wings all immigrants who come to settle there. They provide for their jobs, housing, education and they can enjoy all the privileges of citizenship.

In the United States the communities help the immigrants to adjust themselves to their new life. They are, in fact, under the care of each community. Unless they have no relatives in the cities to which they are sent, the communities find jobs for them, they are supported for at least three months after their arrival, and sometimes even more. No immigrant has been without shelter and clothing for a single day. Everyone is anxious to compensate them for the freedom that was denied them for so many years.

Our Community Centers are open to them, our schools welcome their children, and the synagogues are extending to them membership for the first year. And many American Jews open their homes to the Soviet Jews to make them feel at home.

This we did to the more than 25,000 Jews that came to our shores in 1979. We did this throughout our long history. We always remember that we were all strangers once.

Now the communities want to evaluate the results of their efforts.

The Council of Jewish Federations of America has prepared a questionnaire, which they send to all community agencies, with penetrating inquiries about attitudes of Russian immigrants toward their "liberators."

yields by shifting most of the money now in CDs and savings deposits, when they mature, to some high-yielding NYSE issues. Probably a few thousand dollars is an adequate amount to segregate for an emergency savings reserve, unless you are facing some large bills in the near future. Two of the stocks mentioned below were on your enclosed list.

American Tel. & Tel., the communications giant, continues to be a strong addition to any income stock portfolio. Further, I recommend that income-oriented investors buy more shares unless they already have a sizable position in the stock. The yield is currently over 9%. Northern States Power is another well-situated utility that you should consider. Per-share net will probably rise to \$3.65 in 1979 from \$3.39 in 1978, and the \$2.28 annual dividend provides a return of almost 10%.

Household Finance is a company with a lengthy record of yearly increases in dividend payments. The stock yields over 8% and per-share net should reach \$3.75 in 1979, up from \$2.99 in 1978. Atlantic City Electric has also rewarded its long-time stockholders with a steady stream of higher dividends, and this favorable trend should continue. The current yield is 9.7%.

CONSIDERS CASHING IN PENSION

Q: I will be taking a year's leave of absence from my job and may decide not to return to it. Would you advise taking money out of my pension fund (I'm 44 years old) and investing elsewhere, or should I leave it where it is in order to have a pension at age 65? S.P. Michigan

A: The answer, assuming you don't return to the job, depends on what alternative growth and yield assumptions you make about the funds now in your pension plan. It's possible to make some rough calculations — based on the figures you provided — which should help in reaching a decision.

In order to equal the pension you would receive at age 65 if funds were left in, withdrawn money would have to grow continuously at a compound annual rate of ap-

proximately 11% for 20 years, and then provide a return of at least 10% on its value at that time. These are the minimum results you would have to achieve; anything less and you would lose ground to the pension.

Currently yields on many bonds, money market funds, and savings certificates equal or exceed these rates. Nevertheless, returns in the 10% to 11% range are very high in terms of historical norms. I don't think it's prudent to assume that you can do this well continuously over the next 20 years.

Here are some of the answers. I must say that the answers came as no surprise.

In the big cities, as well as in the middle-sized towns, Jewish children of Russian immigrants attend Jewish afternoon schools. Where there is an All-Day school, the children receive scholarships to go there. All the synagogues are inviting the immigrants to come and have all privileges of members free of dues during the first year.

The immigrants flock to the Community Centers. They feel more at home there. Almost 95 percent of families belong to the centers. The children excel in the sport activities and in recreational programs, and the parents hear for the first time lectures on topics other than the party line.

But . . . there is a big but in this respect. As soon as the free period expires the immigrants and their children are gone from the synagogues, the Community Centers, the Hebrew schools.

They don't even plead poverty. They are just gone. They are apparently not accustomed to pay for such activities. They never did in Russia.

The situation in Providence is almost the same. In a city like ours the relationship between immigrant and the community is more intimate. As Mr. Paul Segal, the director of the agency entrusted with the Soviet immigrants explains, he can pick up the telephone and talk to the immigrant's family person to person. He devised a system of group friendship in which an immigrant family meets at least once a month with an American family at their home.

But even here the problem of the disappearing immigrant family from community organizations has not changed.

Is it perhaps our fault? Can it be that what we show them of our freedom here is not to their tastes? Recently I read about a section in New York where most of the immigrants live, where Saturday Nights gatherings take place and the Russian immigrants sing and dance and enjoy each other's company. Perhaps they were missing such evenings of fun in our organizations?

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A: I'm happy to give you a positive answer. Sell your Telephone \$3.64 preferred, use the loss for tax purposes, and reinvest the funds in AT&T common. Your preferred yields but 8.8% at current prices, while the \$5 dividend on the common returns 9.3%. Further, the dividend on the common, which has been boosted 108% in

the past ten years, almost certainly will grow over the years ahead.

Don't switch to a money market fund, for the return there is almost sure to retreat in the year ahead, as inflation slows and interest rates ease.

Q: I am retired with liquid assets primarily in certificates of deposit, Madison Fund, IBM, and six-month savings certificates. Several stocks (list enclosed) have been recommended to me. Would you buy any? D.L. Florida

A: Madison Fund and IBM are sound NYSE holdings. However, they account for only one-eighth of your assets, most of which are in non-growing CDs and savings certificates.

I think you can get needed growth potential and also nail down fairly generous

Notices

DR. BORENSTEIN TO LECTURE

The Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood will hold an open board meeting and petite luncheon Wednesday, January 23, at 12:30 in the Temple Vestry. The guest speaker will be Dr. Bruno Borenstein, who will talk on "Truth and Medicine."

Dr. Borenstein is an oncologist who works in many areas of cancer care and treatment. He is a critical instructor in medicine at Brown University Medical School and medical director of Hospice Care of R.I.

Committee members are: Roberta Blum, hospitality; Minna Kune, program; and Elaine Odessa, President.

BETH-EL SPEAKER

Ray Rickman, executive director of the Providence Human Relations Commission, will be the guest speaker at the Brotherhood Breakfast on Sunday morning, January 20. Rickman will be introduced by Joseph M. Finkle, vice-chairman of the Human Relations Commission.

Rickman, a city department head, who has been serving at the Commission since July, sits on the boards of the Rhode Island ACLU and Challenge House, is active in the NAACP, belongs to the League of Women Voters, and attends St. John's Episcopal Church. Rickman was named this fall to co-chair the Mayor's Task Force on Voting Booth Accessibility to the Handicapped, to the State Advisory Council on Community Affairs, and WPRI TV's Advisory Group.

Rickman will be speaking on "The need to build progressive coalitions among progressive people." Breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m. followed by the speaker at 10:00.

SCHECHTER SCHOOL MEETING

On Sunday afternoon, January 20th at 1:00 p.m., the Solomon Schechter Day School of R.I. will hold a meeting with the other Solomon Schechter Day Schools in Southeastern New England. The goal of this meeting, suggested by Dan Kaplan, President of the R.I. school, is to encourage cooperation among the schools. Schechter schools in Hartford, Woodbridge and New London, Conn., and in Worcester, Swampscott and Newton, Mass., will participate in this regional organization.

In addition, the Solomon Schechter Day School of R.I. plans to host a Spring Conference of the regional organization, in order to discuss their aims and plans for the future.

The committee in charge of the planning meeting on January 20th consists of Ada Beth Cutler, Rabbi Alvan Kaufner, Director of the Schechter School of R.I., Wilcen Snow, Phyllis Harnick, chair, and Dan

Levine Art Show Opening at JCC

An opening reception for an exhibit of photographs by Donald Levine will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence on Sunday, January 27 at 2 p.m. in conjunction with the dedication ceremony for a new elevator and ramp for the handicapped.

Levine, a quadriplegic, has been paralyzed since he was 15 when he took a shallow dive into Narrow River, Narragansett and permanently injured his spinal

column.

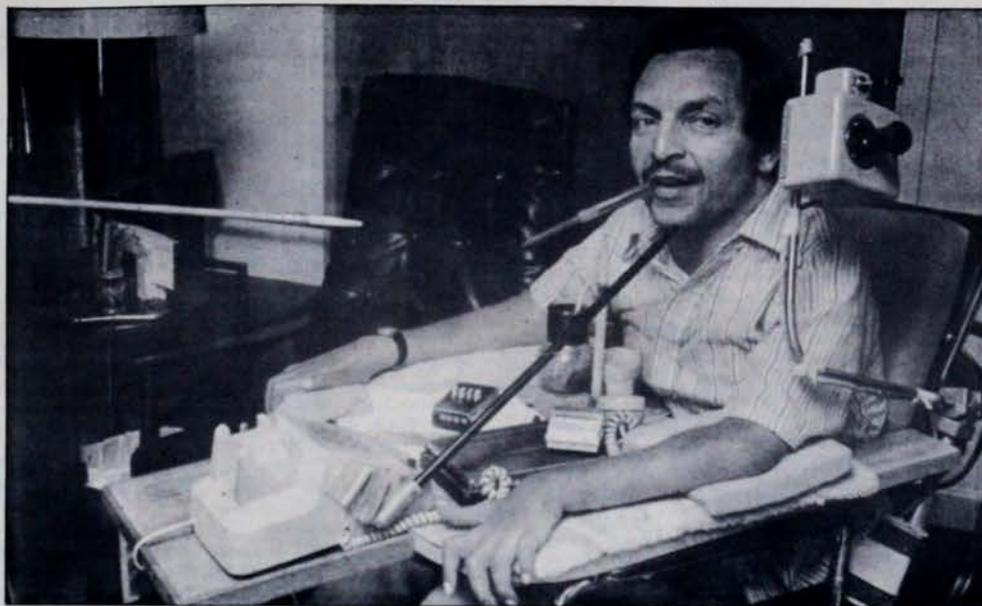
A specially made tripod clamped on a board across his wheelchair has enabled Levine to pursue a career in color and black and white photography. He uses a plastic tube, placed in his mouth, to point the 35 millimeter camera and trip a button which makes the exposure.

He has served on the Board of Directors of Senior Citizens Transportation as a representative of the disabled and has been

active in the Paraplegic Association of Rhode Island.

Viewers at the exhibit opening will have an opportunity to meet Levine. The Federally funded architectural barriers removal project will enable Levine and other handicapped persons to enter the center and use its facilities.

The exhibit and sale of photographs will continue in the center's Gallery 401 through February. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9-5 p.m.



Don Levine

Kaplan, ex-officio. The meeting will be held at the SSDS/RI, which is located at 99 Taft Ave., Providence, R.I.

R.I. JEWISH SINGLES

The Rhode Island Jewish Singles, Inc. will sponsor a movie night on Saturday, January 26th at 8 p.m. at the Villa del Rio Clubhouse, rear of Warwick Mall, Warwick, R.I. Two films will be shown; admission includes soda and snacks or BYOB.

On Saturday, February 2 at 8 p.m., there will be a fun and games night, also in the Villa del Rio Clubhouse. This event includes the games of: bingo, checkers, backgammon and rummy-Q; prizes for the winners, drinks and snacks.

There will be a tennis party on Saturday, February 9th at 8 p.m. at the Cranston Tennis R.I., 266 Atwood Avenue, Cranston. Limited reservations; admission is \$12.00 per person. Deli, wine, beer, soda, and tennis will be on hand. Check and

reservations must be sent by February 2 to R.I. Jewish Singles, Inc., 60 East Bel Air Road, Cranston, R.I. 02920.

Call either Beth (737-0919) or Larry (942-5152) for more information on any of these events.

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The newest addition to the tours is the Hotel Plaza Dominicana in the Dominican Republic, called the "pearl of the Caribbean." In Hawaii, the Kulima Hyatt Resort is nestled on an 880 acre site on the north shore of Oahu, and offers 5 miles of private beaches and an array of recreational facilities.

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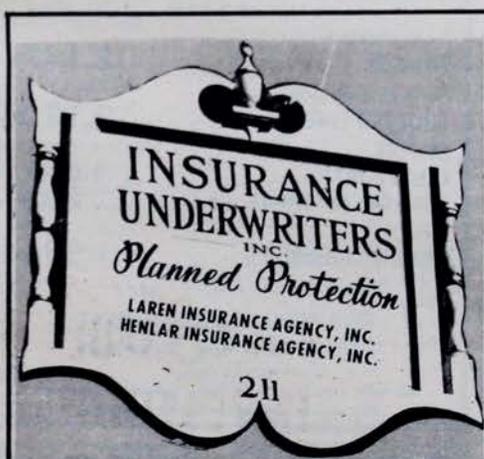
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Arafat Says No More Attacks From Lebanon

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The leader of a U.S. Congressional delegation visiting the Middle East said that Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat told them he would no longer attack Israel from Lebanon. Rep. Toby Moffett (D. Conn.), who is of Lebanese origin, also said there was "a case to be made" for Israel's retaliatory raids on Palestinian terrorist bases in south Lebanon.

At a meeting with Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres in the Knesset, Moffett said his group had met with Arafat in Beirut earlier to exchange views on the security of both Lebanon and Israel. "He (Arafat) pledged to keep his promise not to attack Israel anymore from Lebanon — for whatever that is worth," Moffett said.

Says Israel Has Case For Retaliatory Raids

He said he and five other members of Congress on the study mission to the region were shown "the damage done by Israel in south Lebanon." He said "we can't fully understand how frustration can lead to retaliation. But we know there is a case to be made,

Congressmen Meet With Arafat

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A six-member Congressional delegation visiting the Middle East met in Beirut with Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasir Arafat, it was reported.

Rep. Toby Moffett (D. Conn.), head of the delegation, told a press conference after the meeting that the Congressmen urged Arafat "to halt military operations against Israel from Lebanon." Moffett added that if the Palestinians desire international recognition "they must assume a policy of non-violence, not only in Lebanon, but generally."

Moffett, who is of Lebanese descent, and the other members of the House — Reps. Nick Joe Rahall (D.W.Va.) and Mary Rose Oaker (D. Ohio), also of Lebanese descent; and Robert Carr (R. Mich.), Harold Hollenbeck (R.N.J.), and Paul McCloskey (R. Calif.), — left Jan 8 for Damascus. The delegation, which was appointed by House

that the Israeli actions did some good to the security situation."

Moffett also told Peres that he had warned Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus that the presence of his forces in Lebanon was wearing thin and that he had counseled the Syrian leader that the Lebanese central government should bring together all the groups without engaging the assistance of outsiders. Moffett added that his group felt that the role of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) should be expanded.

Peres said that Israel's policy in south Lebanon was "coordinated tacitly with the national leadership in the north." He said Lebanon had always managed to preserve a delicate communal balance before the PLO upset the equilibrium. "Israel does not distinguish between Moslems and Christians, just between terrorists and those who keep the peace" Peres said. He noted further that the Labor Party sought a bi-national Jordanian-Palestinian solution to the problem of some 200,000 Arab refugees still living in camps in Lebanon.

Speaker Thomas O'Neill (D. Mass.), will conclude its 10-day Mideast tour in Jerusalem where they expect to meet with Premier Menachem Begin, Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres and members of the Knesset.

While in Lebanon the delegation also met with President Elias Sarkis. Before leaving Washington, Moffett said the delegation would discuss with Sarkis the prospect of developing a separate U.S. policy on Lebanon similar to the U.S. policy with Israel and Egypt. Moffett told the press conference in Beirut yesterday, that he and the other delegation members would, upon their return home, urge the U.S. government to work toward the creation of a Palestinian state.

★ P.L.O. Rep Buys \$1 Million N.Y. Home

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He plans to turn the town house into a combined home and office, and is considering calling it the Palestine House. The P.L.O. paid cash for the home, and because they are not a government, they will not be granted the tax exemption usually given to United Nation delegations. The property tax is \$11,800 a year."

The P.L.O. bought the house only after unsuccessfully trying to lease office space to replace their old headquarters in a Park Avenue commercial building that was scheduled to be razed last October. "Realtors did not want us," Mr. Terzi explained, and so he began a search for a home.

The house was paid for by countries who support the P.L.O. Mr. Terzi mentioned Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates as a few of the P.L.O.'s financial backers.

The five-floor town house was previously owned by Janice Buckley, a widow, who found it too large for her needs. She met with Mr. Terzi and accepted his offer. Robert W. Thabit, Mr. Terzi's attorney, said he knew that Mrs. Buckley was terribly upset at having received threatening phone

calls protesting the sale, but she said that she found Mr. Terzi to be "charming" and would not be swayed.

Security was a major consideration in purchasing the house. Steel mesh screens will cover the graceful arched windows facing the street, a side garden and the rear of the building, constructed on a 105 by 20 foot lot. Electronically operated steel doors will be installed. The P.L.O. will have its own security force, but hopes to get special attention from police car patrols in the 19th Precinct, which has the largest number of U.N. delegations.

The building's lowest floor, accessible from the street, will be turned into a reception area, while the fourth floor will house Mr. Terzi's office. But the major part of the building, with 10 rooms and six baths, will hold the family, including two teenage children.

Mr. Terzi said that he appreciates the concern of others who fear an anti-P.L.O. attack against the building, which could jeopardize others in the area. But, he added, during his five years as chief P.L.O. representative to the U.N., neither his home or his office had been attacked.

★ Stockpiling French Arms

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Friday that both France and Niger, the African state where the uranium mines are located, "have always acted in accordance with the non-proliferation treaty and the regulations of the (Vienna-based) International Atomic Energy Agency."

American and British papers last month reported that large quantities of Niger-produced uranium have been sold, hijacked or misappropriated and have ended up in the construction of the "Islamic bomb" now manufactured in Pakistan with the help of Libyan money. The head of the French Atomic Energy Commission said "Not a single nugget of uranium yellow cake has found its way to Pakistan or Libya. There has been no theft nor any misappropriation of uranium."

French sources recall that France last year cancelled its contract to supply Pakistan with a nuclear fuel processing plant after it became known that a nuclear device was being built near Islamabad. The French claim that the nuclear processing

plant sold to Iraq "cannot be used" for military purposes.

Israel Expresses Fear

Israeli sources are less convinced by these arguments and fear that the plants shipped to Iraq, Osirak I and II, could be used for the production of enriched uranium of a military type. A year ago, in January, 1979, a bomb destroyed the core of the Osirak I plant as it was waiting at Seynesur-Mer for shipment to Iraq. French intelligence believe Israeli agents blew up the crates which have, however, since been replaced and shipped to Baghdad where they are in use.

France has not adhered to the non-proliferation treaty but has kept a low profile in this field, reportedly out of consideration of American sensitivity on this issue. Iraqi scientists are nonetheless working on French projects and French technicians are based in Baghdad where they participate in the construction of the Iraqi plants.

Jewish-Black Reconciliations

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Two outstanding women in America's Black community have taken action to help heal the rift that grew out of United States Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young's meeting with the Palestine Liberation Organization's UN observer in New York and the visits of some Black leaders with PLO officials in Beirut.

Mrs. Coretta Scott King has announced that "a major national workshop on Black-Jewish reconciliation" will be held during the week-long celebration in honor of her martyred husband's 51st birthday. The celebration will take place beginning Jan. 10 in Atlanta at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change of which she is president. Participants in the program include Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, one of three religious leaders invited.

Tanenbaum, who will deliver the keynote address at an ecumenical service commemorating the life and work of Dr. King on Jan. 15 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, said the invitation is a "major gesture of friendship and reconciliation between responsible leaders of the Black and Jewish communities." He added, "In a world in which there is so much human suffering and denial of human rights," what binds Jews and Blacks together "is infinitely greater than what divides them."

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Haifa's 10 movie houses were shut down by their owners Sunday for an indefinite time to protest against the city tax on movie tickets. The owners claim the municipality is taking too large a share of their box-office proceeds and say they will not reopen until the special movie tax is waived. As a result, the streets of Haifa are almost empty during the evening hours.

★ Price Hikes

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man returned from Washington last month with no increase in the \$1.8 billion in annual aid to Israel, other than a \$200 million loan at 9 percent. Israel had requested \$3.45 billion.

Also, contributions from Jews outside the country, which go into Jewish Agencies for social programs that help relieve Government costs, have not increased enough to meet the spiraling inflation.

The Finance Minister's budget cuts were met with objections from Cabinet members who deal in welfare programs, housing, and aid to lower-income Israelis.

The inflation rate for December was 8.1 percent over what it was in November, with the year's total more than double the rise in 1978.

The leader in this year's increase was housing, whose costs soared by 159.4 percent during the year. Other increases included food, 135.6; clothing, 66.4; health care, 94; furniture 75.9; and household maintenance, 124.8 percents.

Prices have risen so much that comparative food shopping has become impossible. No one knows what the real price of the item is, so they can't tell if the store is overpricing them.

Some hotels and landlords quote their price in dollars, while most restaurants are writing the menu prices in with light pencil.

But most Israelis are protected from the inflation due to the fact that their salaries, savings accounts, Government bonds and the like, increase as the consumer price index rises. With savings accounts and bonds, the increase is not taxable.

But the inflation holds a great burden on Government finances, which itself contributed to the inflationary spiral, which has been so acute that the Government has to print money without any backing.

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"The war in the Middle East prompted me to begin a new life," he said. "It was hard leaving my large family behind in Israel (four brothers and two sisters), but I wanted to start anew."

He didn't come to this country empty handed, though; he carried an impressive background. He graduated from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where he majored in political science and public administration, and also attended the Jerusalem Music Academy where he received a degree in music.

In addition, he had acquired several years of professional experience by working in Jerusalem at the King David Hotel, the Diplomat Hotel, and the Intercontinental Hotel.

Ironically, it was these qualifications that held him back from getting a job in the United States when he got here. "They all said that I was too old (he was 28) and too educated to get an entry-level position," he said. Six weeks afterward he was offered and accepted the position of Food and Beverage Manager at the Holiday Inn at Burlington, but he turned down the opportunity to stay on as manager.

"I felt I had developed to the fullest there and wanted to broaden my exposure to hotels," he said. "I then tried the Sheraton in Foxboro, but the manager there said that I was 'too ambitious and too smart — you'd be sitting in my chair in a matter of time.'"

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Mr. Zamac loved the Marriott when he saw it, calling it a "class hotel"; just what he was looking for. They offered him the position Director of Catering and he immediately accepted.

Here at the Marriott, Mr. Zamac believes he has found his goal. "I want to develop a relationship between my duties here and the Jewish community. I want to make them aware of our existence and so better serve them. I want to give the Jewish public of Rhode Island the Jewish style of the Marriott touch."

Mr. Zamac was busy getting the banquet hall ready for an early evening occasion. He said that he has seen well over 1200 weddings and bar mitzvahs, and knows what will please his customers. "When I handle a banquet here," he said, "I want to have a personal relationship with my customer to find out exactly what will please them. I plan to make every event successful."

Nonetheless, Mr. Zamac persisted in trying to get any hotel job he could and finally took the position of housemaid at a Boston hotel.

At the same time, he was attending classes at Bunker Hill College in Boston. But this was no ordinary feat; he took twelve courses at a time and earned his degree in Hotel Administration in one year.

Every so often a new position would open at the hotel and Aby would move into it to "broaden my experience. I wanted to make every week worth a year of experience," he said. "If the dishwasher broke, I would fix it. If the windows needed washing, I would clean them, and not leave a single fingerprint. Now, that is what I demand from my staff."

Among some of his other jobs at the hotel were dishwasher, busboy, waiter, salad cook, and kitchen expediter.

"That was something," he said. "I would



Aby Zamac

shout out the orders in my Israeli accent to a cook with a heavy Puerto Rican accent. If I put in for five hamburgers, there's no telling what they'd come out as."

About this time, February 1978, he visited his family in Israel. His stay was to last a few weeks, but two days before his return a terrorist attack on a civilian bus occurred. Mr. Zamac sent his wife back to the United States while he stayed another month to fight in the army against the terrorists.

Upon his return to the United States, he had no trouble finding a good position. He was appointed Assistant to the Owner of the Holiday Inn in Waltham, Mass., and six months later became the hotel manager.

He is planning two things that he hopes will increase his Jewish clientele. He is trying to bring kosher food into the menu at the Marriott restaurant, and he also hopes to arrange several fund-raising events for the many Russian-Jewish emigrants that have come to this state.

Mr. Zamac admits that he was reluctant to work in Providence at first because he didn't think he would like the city. In fact, he still lives in Boston and commutes to Providence daily, although he expects that to end soon because he has seen things now that have changed his opinion.

"I found that Jewish solidarity is greater in Providence," he said. "It is a smaller, friendlier group. Many people have offered me their help to move here, find a home and school for my children."

So it is very likely that we will be hearing more about Aby Zamac in the future. He's come far in just four years, and with his experience and colorful background, we can expect him to go much further.

Aguda Israel Congress Meets

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Sixth "Knessia Gedolah" (World Congress) of the Aguda Israel movement opened at the Binyanei Haoma convention center here with calls for an end to assimilation, an end to intermarriage and the establishment of three worldwide centers to combat the decentralization of religion.

"We must fight against assimilation, and against intermarriages," the chairman of Agudat Israel, Rabbi Pinye Levin, told some 530 delegates assembled in the crowded hall. Two-thirds of them are from abroad, including the U.S., Europe, Latin America, South Africa and Australia, and the remainder from Israel. Thousands more members of Aguda Israel assembled in three other halls to watch the proceedings on closed circuit television.

Levin claimed that assimilation and mixed marriages are the fruit of efforts made by the Reform and Conservative movement abroad. He also cautioned the delegates against the dangers of a free press.

The opening session of the convention, which is to last five days, was attended by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir and other MKs. But the highlight of this evening's session came when the Rabbi of Gur and Rabbi Shach, both members of the Council of Torah Sages, entered the convention hall. Hundreds of admirers crowded the gates in order to catch a glimpse of the two sages.

The session took on a somewhat festive air when the delegates received a telegram from the Lubavitcher Rebbe congratulating them on the convention and advising them to do all they could to spread "Judaism, the Torah and the mitzvot" throughout the world.

Opposition To Reform, Conservative Judaism

The assembly, which last met in 1964, is expected to sound the battle cry against Reform Judaism during its present session, in particular against any Israeli recognition of either Reform or Conservative Judaism.

Last week, MK Yehuda Meir Abramowitz told the press that the Aguda intends to launch "an open all-out campaign" against the two groups, for "they are largely responsible for the catastrophes of assimilation and mixed marriages which have befallen the Jewish people throughout the world." He also noted that the Aguda plans to establish centers in New York, London and Jerusalem to combat intermarriage.

The convention may also turn to political issues, such as whether it is permissible to hand over Judaea, Samaria and Gaza to Arabs. Until now, these issues have largely been avoided so as to prevent internal dissension between party doves and hawks and Zionists and non-Zionists.

Dayan Denounces Elon Moreh Relocation Site

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan denounced the plans to relocate the Elon Moreh settlers at Djebil Kebir. He called the move "a calamity" costing the government millions of Pounds because the new site has neither strategic nor security value and is isolated in the midst of a densely populated Arab area of the West Bank.

Dayan offered his views at a plenary session of the Knesset's House Committee. He is expected to raise the issue again before the full Knesset. He approached the committee for the right to speak after its presidium overruled his request on grounds that the issue had already been dealt with by the Knesset. Coalition forces turned back four non-confidence motions by opposition factions aimed at forcing the immediate evacuation of Elon Moreh.

Dayan, an independent MK, supported the government at the time but made it clear that he was opposed to both Elon

Moreh and Djebil Kebir. He demanded the right to state his views. The House Committee, after a stormy session, voted 10-7 to hear him. Dayan was backed by opposition MKs, including members of the Labor Alignment and Shai and by David Glass, a dovish member of the National Religious Party.

"A settlement at Djebil Kebir will become a calamity for generations," Dayan said. "The whole idea of putting Jews in Djebil Kebir is clownish and the government is throwing millions and millions of Pounds down the drain. How can it squander so much money uselessly at a time like this?" he asked.

Dayan's views were in direct opposition to those of Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir, a member of the House Committee's presidium. Shamir is expected to be named Israel's next Foreign Minister, filling the post that has been vacant since Dayan resigned last Oct. 21.

Fewer Than 100 Jews In Afghanistan

NEW YORK (JTA) — It is said that there may have once been as many as 40,000 Jews living in Afghanistan. However, according to a report prepared by the American Joint Distribution Committee, there are today but a few families — no more than 100 people — and their whereabouts in the current situation are unknown. Most of the people lived in Kabul, some in Herat and there are reports of one remaining family in Balkh.

Some date the origins of the Jews of Afghanistan to the days of the First Temple and though that may be difficult to document there is ample evidence of later migrations into Afghanistan from southern Russia and from Persia. In the late 1870s thousands of Jews went from Herat to Persia to avoid a punitive war tax — but as late as 1927 it was still possible to count 60 distinct Jewish communities. In 1933, following the assassination of Nadir Shah, the Jews were driven from the countryside and concentrated in the municipal centers for safety. Another significant exodus from Afghanistan took place in 1944, a time of famine, and thousands more went into India

— eventually going on to Palestine.

The establishment of the State of Israel brought a messianic fervor to the Jews of Afghanistan and an intense desire for aliya, though the government refused to allow them to leave. As late as 1950, when the Jewish population was estimated as being between 3000 and 8000, Jews paid an infidel tax and had to report for military service though they were not allowed to bear arms. Despite the prohibition on immigration the Jews did find their way out — family by family. Most came to Israel, some to the United States.

A JDC report received in 1971 described the situation at that time as follows: "The Jewish community is rapidly shrinking though there is no overt threat. In Kabul there are 25 to 27 families and about 25 in Herat. . . One major area of difficulty is education. When the Jewish youngster reaches about eighth grade he frequently receives pressure from students and teachers to bring about conversion, therefore few finish high school and there are none in Kabul University."

Begin—Sadat Talks End

ASWAN, Egypt. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt ended their four-day meeting last week with no apparent progress on setting up a self-administering authority for Palestinian Arabs.

The two leaders, after three work sessions totaling over four hours, were unable to agree on how much power should be given to Palestinians living under Israeli occupation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of the Jordan River.

They did agree, however, that once the accord is reached, it will first be put into effect at Gaza, whose political leaders are more compromising than those at the West Bank, who are likely to reject any Begin — Sadat agreement.

The leaders wish to begin the plan where it would be most likely accepted, this way putting pressure on the West Bank to give in. The Palestinians are against any such attempts to divide their group and have vowed opposition to the plan.

It was learned at a joint news conference at the airport that these proposals were made by President Sadat. Mr. Begin was returning home to submit the ideas to his cabinet, although two of his aides said that he was receptive to the proposals.

"Gaza was under the Egyptian administration before 1967," Mr. Sadat said, "and we feel it is our duty to end the occupation and let them enjoy their full autonomy. That is what is behind my proposal."

During the Camp David talks that led to the signing of the peace treaty in March 1979, Israel rejected Egypt's proposal that

autonomy be given first to Gaza, fearing renewed Egyptian influence in that area, which lies on the Mediterranean coast at Israel's western border.

Last week's suggestion was somewhat different, however. This agreement would not take effect until both governments agreed on the structure and power to be given the autonomous authorities. Following that it would just be a matter of timing with Gaza first followed by the West Bank.

A shadow has been cast over these talks, however, with the threat of a Palestinian boycott of the autonomy plan, in which the United States is also playing a role. Washington and Cairo are pushing for a plan that would make the autonomous governments powerful enough to make the plan attractive to the Palestinians. "We want to disarm the rejectionists," said an Egyptian Foreign Ministry official. "Otherwise the treaty looks like only a bilateral matter. They can say that all Sadat cares about is getting back the Sinai, that he doesn't care about the Palestinians."

Prime Minister Begin, on the other hand, wants to limit Palestinian power to municipal decisions, holding back the judicial and legislative arms that he fears would create a Palestinian state. The talks have stalled for months over this issue, and some believe that only President Carter's personal intervention can resolve the issue.

"We still have differences on key issues," President Sadat explained. "For sure, I would have liked that we had made much progress; but we still have time, another four months, to agree on autonomy." The treaty calls for an accord by May.

BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



Today's hand is a cute one in that to make it you have to make a play that is completely foreign to human nature and seemingly logic. Yet if you analyse the situation as a whole it is the most reasonable thing to do and as the cards are can't cost anything and couldn't were they changed a bit.

North
 ♦ A K 6 3
 ♥ K 9 8 6
 ♦ K 4 2
 ♣ K 2

West
 ♠ J 9 8
 ♥ A
 ♦ Q J 10 9 8 5 3
 ♣ 6 3

East
 ♠ 10 7 5 4 2
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A Q 10 9 7

South
 ♦ Q
 ♥ Q 10 7 5 4 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ J 8 5 4

East was Dealer, East and West vulnerable with this bidding:

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

Normally, opening preemptive bids should not hold an outside Ace such as West's Heart Ace. However, third and fourth hand bids are different, the rules are out. No matter, every bid follows that saying I use, "You have to do the best you can at the time you have to do it." In this case West would either have to pass or open Three. The remaining bids were normal. North had both Majors with his 16 points. South, forced to bid, could respond three with nothing so certainly felt a jump to game was justified.

Agudat Israel Opposes Open Borders With Egypt

Agudat Israel, an international sect of ultra Orthodox Jews, ended its first congress in 16 years with the resolution that they oppose open borders with Egypt because that would "stimulate assimilation and intermarriage for Israeli Jews."

The congress also took harsh measures against Reform and Conservative Judaism, voting to change Israel's Law of Return so that anyone converted to Judaism by someone other than an Orthodox rabbi would no longer be considered a Jew.

The sect holds various influences over Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government, with about 200,000 members, half of which are in the United States. Its four Parliament members make just the difference between a safe and precarious majority on Mr. Begin's fractious coalition. It is this influence that won repeal on Israel's abortion law, which virtually called for abortion on demand.

Their resolution on open borders, however, did not demand that they be closed as a price for the movement's remaining in the coalition. Free movement between the Egyptian-Israeli lines was part of the peace agreement signed by the two countries in March, 1979.

A main theme of Agudat Israel's platform is their concern for intermarriage, a factor they believe causes Jews to lose their Jewishness. Resolutions called for "the establishment of a new worldwide task force of Orthodox Jews to fight assimilation all over the world." The sect also said, "Groups of rabbinical students will be sent to educate Jews in areas where assimilation and intermarriage are rampant."

Many Israelis were angered that the country's president, Yitzhak Navon, was not invited to their congress. The reason given was that the Council of Tora Sages, who act as spiritual leaders, do not stand for anyone, and could not stand for the President when he entered the room. The Prime Minister does not require a standing greeting and was invited, but turned down the invitation out of respect for the President.

Many of those in the sect are anti-Zionist in that they oppose the creation of a Jewish state before the appearance of the Messiah. But since they are members of Parliament and accept state money for schools, they are denounced as heretics by more fundamen-

West led the Diamond Q won by South and I watched as every Declarer, without thinking the whole hand out, went right after Trumps. Does seem logical but this is what happened to them. West led another Diamond after winning his Ace and East, of course, ruffed it. All East had to do now was to lead anything but a Club and just sit and wait for his two Club tricks to set the hand. Declarer could discard two Clubs on the two high Spades in Dummy but that wasn't enough.

Of course, the position of the outstanding cards was very unfortunate. Every honor was in the worst place for the Declarer and the discussions later all were sure to make mention of that. But when they looked at me for agreement I told them they should have made the hand and not been too surprised at what had happened.

West's preempt should have alerted them that East could easily hold a singleton Diamond. That West also would hold a black Ace was also possible. If it were the Trump Ace, an even chance, that would mean that surely East would hold the other one. With the long Diamond suit and both Aces West would have opened a one Bid. To insure the contract against almost anything but especially the expected at trick two Declarer must do something highly irregular. He must overtake his good Spade Queen in Dummy and discard his own last Diamond on the other high Spade. Now a Trump lead but again being careful to play Dummy's King first, not small to South's Queen or the same thing will happen to a second Diamond lead. East will be able to cash his Trump Jack. Sooner or later Declarer will have to lead a Club and the two losers there will come but that will be all.

Moral: Preemptive bids always are a warning of impending weird distribution. Take heed.

talist groups, such as Naturei Karta, which has called Agudat Israel to a rabbinical court to demand it be stripped of his name, which has taken on anti-Zionist connotations.

Meanwhile, Agudat Israel has started a verbal battle against other sects. A resolution "declared war on attempts by Conservative and Reform groups to seek recognition in Israel as a means of resuscitating their floundering movement in the U.S. because of the nonparticipation of their youth."

In Israel, weddings, divorces, and conversions by Reform or Conservative rabbis are not recognized by the Orthodox rabbinate, and so not recognized by law. A marriage by a Reform rabbi recently was registered by an Orthodox rabbi in the Reformist's attempt to break the monopoly the Orthodox movement holds over religious life.

But Agudat Israel extended that authority, resolving that converts coming to Israel not be recognized as Jews unless converted by an Orthodox rabbi. They also rejected a suggestion that a child be recognized as a Jew if the father was a Jew and the mother a non-Jew. Jewish law states that the mother passes the religious inheritance to her offspring.

Khomeini Confiscating Jewish Property

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Kol Israel Radio said that the regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini is confiscating the property of wealthy Iranian Jews worth many millions of dollars. According to the report, the property of 54 Jewish families was expropriated after they were charged with collaborating with the regime of the deposed Shah.

Among those to lose their property is a well-known Jewish industrialist who was formerly a member of the Iranian parliament, and the late Habib Elkhanian, a Jewish leader executed by the Islamic regime shortly after Khomeini came to power for alleged collaboration with the Shah and for maintaining contacts with Israel. The property of Elkhanian's sister was also confiscated, Kol Israel said. The radio reporter did not disclose the source of his information but said it was reliable.

Mapam Votes To Remain Aligned

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Mapam ended its three day convention at Kfar Hammacabiah by voting 483-301 in favor of continuing its alignment with the Labor Party. The delegates also adopted a resolution calling for closer ties between the two factions — meaning a greater input by Mapam in policy decisions — to be defined in a written agreement. It appeared, however, that failure to reach such an agreement would not dissolve the alignment.

The final decision represented a compromise between those elements in Mapam who want to strengthen the link with Labor and others who favored looser ties or wanted to keep the alignment alive only until the elections in 1981. The most outspoken opponent of the alignment was Mapam veteran Chaika Grossman who said she was supported by the party's younger circles.

She conceded that she expressed a minority view but stressed that Mapam must preserve its distinctive ideology which is to the left of the Labor Party. She said that if Mapam went its separate way in the next elections, Labor would have to rely on it to form a coalition rather than on the National Religious Party.

The convention expressed opposition to further Jewish settlements on the West Bank and called for the immediate implementation of the Supreme Court's order to evacuate Elon Moreh. It also discussed the problem within Histadrut. The delegates said Likud is trying to reduce the Histadrut's scope and influence in the nation's economic activities.

Meir Talmi, Secretary General of Mapam, announced at the end of the convention that he was leaving his post after seven years. He is expected to be replaced by former Health Minister Victor Shemtov. President Yitzhak Navon attended the opening session of the convention. Also present was a delegation from the Rumanian Communist Party.

Rumanian Emigration Flow Increases

NEW YORK (JTA) — Alfred Moses, American Jewish Committee national vice president, went to Rumania to participate in discussions with Rumanian officials on Jewish emigration from that country.

Moses played a key role in talks that led to emigration assurances from the Rumanian authorities last July, when Congress was considering whether to renew Most Favored Nation trade status for Rumania.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations recommended MFN renewal in testimony before the House Trade Subcommittee to Jewish leaders.

Jewish emigration from Rumania had fallen off precipitously early in 1979, Moses reported. Only some 320 were able to depart for Israel in the first six months of the year, about half the already low 1978 rate. Movement picked up significantly after the July discussions with the Rumanian authorities, and some 1100 Jews left Rumania during 1979. While this was still below the 1978 total of 1200, departures in the last quarter of 1979 increased to about 150 a month, an annual rate of some 1800 should this pace continue.

Sharp Disagreement Among Aguda Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An angry dispute over what position Aguda Israel members should take on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip caused the abrupt termination of a session devoted to that issue at the Aguda's Sixth "Knessia Gedolah" (World Congress) here. The ultra-Orthodox movement, sharply divided between doves and hawks, Zionists and non or anti-Zionists, has avoided taking an official stand so as not to aggravate these divisions.

What began as a discussion of the matter at this world assemblage ended in turmoil after Rabbi Shlomo Ginzburg suggested that every Aguda member was entitled to express his opinion inasmuch as the "council of Sages" has never issued a ruling or at least, express the opinion of his rabbinical mentor. Ginzburg is a member of the Aguda Israel Party faction headed by MK Shlomo Lorincz which opposes Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories.

His remarks angered the backers of Rabbi Eliezer Shach, a member of the "Council of Sages," who believes Israel should withdraw in the interests of peace. Ginzburg was attacked by both sides. As the shouting became intense, the chairman ordered Ginzburg to leave the podium. When he refused, the session was adjourned.

Earlier, the American representative of the Aguda movement, Rabbi Simcha Ellberg, attacked Zionism and the Israeli branch of the movement for cooperating with the Israeli government. "We are worried by the essence of the tie between the nation of Israel and the State of Israel," he said, "especially while the problem of who is a Jew has still not been resolved. . . . We want to make the State of Israel the center and focus of diaspora Jewry but how can we expect religious Jews in the diaspora to support a State of Israel which alienates itself from the Torah and most of which is secular?"

But Ellberg, a member of the World Council of Aguda Israel, praised Premier Menachem Begin for his positive approach to the values of religion and Jewish tradition.

Important changes in Rumanian procedure in dealing with emigration were instituted following last July's discussions, Moses noted. Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania made it known publicly that persons who wished to emigrate should register, and emigration lists were opened in early September. Forthcoming conversations with the Rumanian authorities will turn on further implementation of the July assurances, Moses declared.

The assurances sought from the Rumanian authorities last July were intended to lighten procedural obstacles to departure and thus allow for greater movement. A major obstacle, Moses noted, still existing is the fact that even after a would-be emigrant is issued a passport by the Rumanian authorities, he still must go through a discouraging pre-application process before he can request a visa.

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Roman Diary

Journey Through the Italian Synagogues

By Michael Fink

We arrived in Rome late in August of '78, settling into a rather barren but coolly marble apartment in Monteverde Vecchio leased to the annual director of Rhode Island School of Design's European Honors Program with headquarters in the heart of the oldest Jewish community in Europe. My wife, Michael, our 2-year-old daughter, Emily, and I were to constitute the royal or sacred family for the academic year 78-79.

At his opening address to the students, my colleague, Hardu Keck, the program's chief critic and its only other RISD representative, traced the origins of western civilization from Rome back to Athens, recommending a sidetrip to Greece. I suggested we also investigate the city of Jerusalem, which was sacked not only for its treasures of silver but also ultimately for its words of silver and gold. The Vatican calls itself the New Jerusalem — in stones as well as words. For the remainder of the year I attempted to explore in every way the relationship between our diaspora and the development of Europe. This is the story in brief chronological notes of our year, a year based in Italy seen through Jewish eyes.

We held a Rosh Hashanah reception at our newly furnished apartment, old velvet drapes and wing chairs, Jewish furniture dealers and upholsterers still ply their trades behind the Palazzo Cenci where our school maintain offices, classrooms and studios.

After our supper we went to the orthodox, elaborately Victorian Temple built in 1904 to celebrate the recent Emancipation, on the site of several tiny wooden prayer halls. We were following an established Roman tradition. 19th century romantic artists and Bohemians used to visit the ghetto in search of the exotic and the regional. The nearby Jewish Community Center published a book of their comments and photographs. The rich casual intimacy of family life, so typically Italian, blends with our familiar rituals. Though women sit in raised balustraded galleries, little children run and chat openly below among the men. Nevertheless armed police protected the congregation from possible Palestinian and neo-Nazi violence, surrounding the Temple guarding it, lending an ironic existential quality to Rosh Hashanah; you take your life in your hands to choose to relax and enjoy a Jewish moment.

Attached to the Temple a tiny, terrific museum reviews Roman Jewish history, a record of violent anti-Semitism, harsh Papal policies. The ghetto made Jewish life hard, but it also made Jewish life possible, isolating but protecting. In the 18th century, Jews wearing round yellow badges were rolled down the alleys in barrels, to amuse the rabble. In the long account are included spells of relief, gestures of Roman tolerance. Across the street a church bears Hebrew letters inscribed on its portals, a sermon to Jews forced to attend Christian services, as they were forced to invite the Pope to preach in synagogue. Beautiful ritual objects, some crafted by Christians when Jews were forbidden the tools, and fine furnishings — a gilded Elijah's chair — bring out the poetry of Jewish life. Jews always had to choose to be Jews. Yet in 1943 the great tragic Deportation moved through the Portico d'Ottavia behind the Temple. Plaques list names, and JDL slogans warn anti-Semites of renewed Jewish strength. Around the curved corner of this neighborhood, a Jewish bakery sells challahs with candied fruit inside and frosting on top — all year round. Jewish restaurants here offer a major treat and famous celebrated delicacy, *carciofi alla giudea*, the goldenfried Jewish artichoke.

Between the Jewish catacombs in Monteverde, where we lived, along Trastevere, over the Tiber to the Cenci was a daily Jewish journey from times of the Maccabees establishing Israeli business connections to Caesar and Pompey and the dreadful final conquest by Titus (to be talked of further later). In these oldest sections of Rome, the most Roman of Romans with deepest family roots in space and time, are the Jews.

Our autumn consisted of organized bus trips northward to explore Renaissance and Baroque art treasures inextricably intertwined with church history. Yet this was precisely the time of reactionary curtailing

of Jewish freedoms. I liked to read from my Jewish guide book in each church and museum, about the lives of the Jews under the influence of whatever Pope, Prince or Vandal was then in power, some better, some worse.

I would slip away, rent an old horse, old black buggy, old driver, take up Emily and Michael and a student or two, and seek the local synagogue. Slow, gentle, with mild Italian phrases blending with the trot on the cobbles, we would ease away from tourism towards a private visit. This was a romantic chord that ran through each journey — the northern synagogues of Mantua, Pisa, Rimini, Venice (where the Jewish quarter was on the site of a foundry, whence the coinage of the word *ghetto*.) We saw so many little prayer rooms that what I remember is more surreal impression than art history. Under the shadow of a great duomo huddles a tight block of dark high ancient tenements. Lodged on the top floor of one anonymous structure hides a secret treasure: a miniature version of the decor of the church, splendor toned down to near austerity, symbols translated from cross to star.

In Venice Jews were forced to wear red. In synagogue they boldly chose crimson walls against dark elaborate woodwork and columns painted gold. Poignant secrecy, the element of surprise, opt expression of Jewish Italian experience, compelled and hypnotized me much as the grandeur of Catholic art moved the students. One anonymous painting of Abraham with Isaac combines a recognition of the Italian visual genius with the choice of commitment to Jewish belief. I spoke not to guides but to Italian Jews, un-faillingly interesting, interested, courteous, all with stories to tell of how they survived the terrible years. There seems to me to be a great wish on the part of Italian Jews to believe in the goodness and good will of the Italian people, but one can sense too the bitter knowledge that Jewish life has not been steadily safe for any reliable length of time. In some towns we would seek the Temple only to find it had been desanctified, or no Jews were left to support it, or even open up for us to see. In Florence the Temple is also Victorian, created in 1870 by David Levi to commemorate Florentine Emancipation in 1848. It is grand but empty. Holocaust hit Florence hard, and the Jewish community is devastated, the remnant mostly departed for Israel.

In December we held a big Chanukah-fry for students and school friends. I then organized a traintrip to Paris for the group. Michael, Emily and I made straightway for the ancient Jewish quarter behind the new Pompidou pompous center where the students gathered. Again a swamp site tucked by the townhall, the *Hotel de Ville*, the Jewish *marais* holds at its edge an important memorial to the Holocaust, with well-planned maps of information and portraits of Jewish resistants, and their friends. After a warming Yiddish lunch of potage, we hunted for antique ritual objects, and I con-



Desanctified Synagogue near Mantua.



The Portico d'Ottavia of the Jewish Ghetto.

tinued my search for a recording of a song sung just after the war called *La Rue des Rosiers*. The Street of the Rosetrees, but where have all the roses gone? No shop stored it, and I felt like a ghost bringing back memory of the melody. I had lived in the Paris of early fifties, when Europe was dark, black images recent and raw. Being a student then was incarnating the wandering Jew, not youthful tourist. Though Paris retains a considerable Jewish population, most are scattered and assimilated. This does not stop rightwing students from plastering the walls and toilets of even the chic intellectual centers with anti-Jewish graffiti. The most ironic merges David's star with Hitler's swastika. But they were also everywhere in Monteverde Vecchio around our corner, and have appeared since our return in downtown Providence.

Our only other journey away from Italy was a January week in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Our sojourns related intimately to each other. In Jerusalem the Israel Museum featured an exhibit of ritual art and craft from Diaspora. We saw menorahs made in the architectural styles of Palazzi from northern Italy and chateaux from France. At Bet Hatfusoth we saw models of each synagogue we had been in on our northern trek. I was so proud of taking our Emily, or Emilia, Emilie, Amalia, on such fabulous excursions. In Italy a child is a great travel asset, not so in France. Certainly in Israel. Used to solitary slippery meanderings, I found that bulky, slow progress wholly new, but quite wonderful! The entrance to Bet Hatfusoth is a model of the Arch of Titus. Back in Rome in February the school went to the Forum. Upon the actual Arch Hebrew graffiti proclaim "Am Yisrael Chai." The Arch takes on a sudden immediacy in time. How often has Israel in one status or other been violated. The holocaust seems like a continuing condition of Jewish existence: splendor and sudden loss. Jewish life is a form of moral nature. In fact, here for Lincoln Cemetery I am anxious to propose a memorial not only to six million victims of Nazi murder, but to all Jews who died because they were Jews and thus to proclaim Israel, and to Nature itself, the ultimate divine design doomed by human arrogance.

Back in Rome we met Mary McCarthy, artist-in-residence at the American Academy, near our home there. Part of my job was to bring lectures to the Cenci to add a humanist dimension of cultural history to our studios. Half-Jewish, Miss McCarthy has written poetic essays on the art history of Florence, Venice, Rome, always with special interest in the relations of the Jewish intellectual and business world to the broader forces moving through history. We spent winter afternoons in our little Cenci library beneath the bright and gilded Renaissance portrait of Beatrice Cenci, princess of the palace, tragic heroine, legendary Lizzie Borden.

Spring came. We prepared for Pesach. We bought our matzoh in the basement commissary at the Temple. We invited a mixture of students to introduce some and remind

others of the Seder, tailoring the Hagadah to the tempo of a two-year-old. Italian matzoh has a bulk of its own, the wine a kosher Chianti, herbs wondrously fresh, seasonal, local.

Shortly thereafter we all left on the southern tour. Vast British and American cemeteries, elegantly groomed, stretch behind and beyond the road, a green testimony to that idealized alliance. We found hints of Jewish life in Capri. By early May our own Jewish life within was growing and we basked in peaceful parks with statues and aviaries, planning to have our baby at home and take up our RISD lives in Providence. One spring Sunday we drove to Ostia Antica, along the road from Monteverde to the Leonardo da Vinci (does Fink derive from daVinci?) airport. A 1960 dig revealed the ruins of Europe's first shtetl. You see the lovely menorah loom up on a sunken leaning column, a tree and a lamp from our past in the port of a Rome now buried beneath the centuries. The Etruscans are not the only near-forgotten people whose pain contributed to the greatness of Rome, which in turn became fancy rubble.

My conclusions. The obvious, Jewish students do not respect their own fabulous story. Despite sadness and gloom, a touching material meagerness imbued with wit, variety, warmth, charm makes our story a source of great psychic and esthetic energy. We have enemies but also become our own enemies. Jews need each other. In Israel Diaspora serves not only as a tragic reminder but also a noble reminder of great cultural gifts.

Studies in France had made me a little French in taste and style. Stays in Israel radically changed my sense of being a Jew. Has a year in Italy made a change of enough substance to justify the efforts we made to establish and adapt ourselves? Well, Rome itself is all wonders, its elephantine charms, its superb water, its amiable giant gardens, stairs, fountains, surreal broken pillars. But these things meant more: The Catacomb of the Resistance Hostages, Jewish and Christian, intellectuals and workers, young and old, absurdly shot down together in the Ardentine trenches, their caskets bearing crosses and stars of David. A self-portrait as persecuted wandering Jew by the octogenarian ex-Russian painter Joseph Levin in his retrospective of a life's work at a gallery in the via Ripetta. Ancient Rome appeared to me as a gigantic soap opera. I CLAUDIUS expanded, while the present and future, and my own home, consisted of Michael, Emily and the child to come. Even the United States of our return home was for me a Jewish dream, Emma Lazarus' hopeful promise of lamp lifted by golden door. Israel, Italy, or America, the Jew dreams his reality and in storm or calm holds to his dream.

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Behind the Headlines

The 'Last Material Gesture'

By David Kantor

BONN (JTA) — The Bonn government's "last material gesture" toward Jewish victims of Nazism has been an embarrassing issue here for several years. Last Dec. 14, guidelines for an arrangement to pay new reparations were agreed upon between the major political parties. However, the indications are that the embarrassment will increase.

Under the suggested formula, Bonn will make available a total of 440 million Marks over a period of four years, of which 240 million Marks will be paid this year. Of that amount, 40 million Marks will go to the Central Organization of Jewish Communities in West Germany (Zentralrat). In each of the years of 1982 and 1983, 100 million Marks will be made available.

The bulk of the money is to go to the New York-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which is to distribute it among survivors of the Holocaust. The government of Israel has reportedly reached an agreement with the Claims Conference on how and where a part of the money will be invested. But no details are as yet available.

The idea of the "last gesture" came up in the early 1970s after it was made clear that many Jewish survivors of Nazi persecution were not in a position to forward their claims against Germany on time to benefit from the original reparation agreement. Most of the Jewish survivors lived in the Soviet Union or other East European countries when the deadline for filing claims expired; they were neither informed nor legally able to take the necessary measures in order to get financial compensation for suffering, or to recover property plundered by the Nazis.

Earlier Approaches On Reparations

Former Chancellor Willy Brandt, chairman of the ruling Social Democratic Party, negotiated the matter with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Claims Conference. He reportedly promised that 1 billion Marks would be made available for the so-called "hard cases" among the Jewish survivors. But it became obvious that Brandt had gone too far both politically and financially.

His successor, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, felt himself committed to the idea of a "last gesture" but adopted a much more pragmatic and realistic attitude. He nominated former Finance Minister Alex Moeller to continue the negotiations with the Claims Conference. After a long period of hesitation, Goldmann accepted an offer of 660 million Marks which seemed to reflect a sincere desire of the Bonn government to make final amends. But Schmidt made the arrangement conditional on the support of the Christian Democratic opposition. Despite lobbying efforts from both Social Democrats and Jewish organizations, this support could not be assured, at least not in advance.

According to the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, the agreement between Goldmann and Moeller was opposed by Franz-Joseph Strauss, leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union who is now the opposition candidate for Chancellor.

Latest Developments Outlined

Following a new round of negotiations in which leading Israeli politicians were also occasionally engaged, all three parliamentary factions in the Bundestag agreed to a "last gesture" to be fixed at 440 million Marks. Differences of opinion remained about who should present the necessary parliamentary motion on the issue. The opposition argued that it was up to the government to include the sum in its budget. The ruling Social Democrats sought a joint initiative of all parties represented in the Bundestag.

Last Dec. 11, the government included the 440 million Marks "last gesture" in its budget for 1980 and asked the opposition to accept it in advance. No agreement could be reached, however, in the Bundestag committee dealing with budgetary matters and the issue went to the parliamentary factions for final consideration.

The main problem was caused by the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) joint faction which demanded additional

clarification as to the use of the money to be paid. Later on it was made clear that the issue involved a move to link the "last gesture" payment to the financial claims of certain groups of civil servants of the Third Reich, among them people who were never cleared by the de-Nazification tribunals and who were barred from material benefits under the Constitution.

The outcome of the debate among the parliamentary groups was that the three factions represented in the Bundestag urged the government to ask for a supplementary budget which will include the 440 million Marks. In another motion the three factions on Dec. 14 urged the government to explain to the Bundestag what consequences were to be drawn from the "last gesture" toward the Jewish survivors in regard to other groups of "hard cases" and, in particular, the former civil servants.

As matters stand now, a debate is scheduled in the Bundestag by March 31 in which, on the initiative of the CDU-CSU opposition, the issue of the "last gesture" will be aired along with material claims of civil servants of the Hitler era. But there is ample reason as far as many people are concerned to try to avoid linking the fate of the victims with that of their oppressors and to spare the Bonn government additional embarrassment.

Soviet Emigration Rises

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union reached a record high in 1979 with 51,300 persons arriving in Vienna with Israeli entry visas, according to Charlotte Jacobson, chairwoman of the Soviet Jewry Research Bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ). The second largest number of Jews — 34,733 — emigrated from the USSR in 1973. In 1978, over 29,000 Jews left the Soviet Union. Since 1971, when significant numbers of Jews were allowed to leave to join family, approximately 227,000 Jews have emigrated.

Of those who arrived in Vienna, 17,200 proceeded to Israel; 34,025 (66 percent) preferred to settle in other countries, primarily in North America. Mrs. Jacobson reported. The largest annual figure reflected a continuation of the significant growth of monthly emigration numbers which began in September, 1978. From March of last year, this figure exceeded 4000, with the largest number, 4764, leaving in October.

Despite the overwhelming increase in emigration, Mrs. Jacobson noted, a slight decline in monthly figures during November and December (4174 and 4115, respectively) might indicate foreshadowing of future obstacles in the way of emigration.

USSR Has Adopted A New Policy

"Naturally we are happy that more Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union this year, and we regard this as a significant im-

provement in the granting of exit visas. I am particularly concerned, however, about the growing number of people being refused exit permits," she said.

"We have obtained information," she explained, "which indicates that Soviet authorities have adopted a new policy. Jews are being refused exit visas because the degree of kinship of Israeli relatives is not of the first degree, therefore disqualifying them for emigration. We must not lose sight of the fact that in spite of the high annual figure these new constraints indicate that the long-range situation could, in fact, get worse."

(According to Soviet procedures, Jews are permitted to leave the country only when it can be shown that they will be reunited with family. The first requirement for an exit visa is a letter of invitation (visov) from an Israeli relative. During 1979, an average of 12,000 letters per month were sent to the USSR compared to 8900 in 1979.)

Evidence Of Soviet Intransigence

According to the NCSJ Research Bureau, Soviet intransigence is evident in the fact that from July to October as many as 900 families received visa refusals in Odessa. In Kharkov, activists reported approximately 300 "first time" refusals from July to September. In Kiev, on Nov. 20, the ovr (immigration office) announced that applications would be received only from

New Charter Rejected

LONDON (JTA) — Eleven prominent Palestinian political and intellectual leaders have unanimously rejected making changes in the Palestine National Charter, so that it no longer calls for the extinction of Israel. The proposal was put to them by the Arab-owned "Middle East" monthly because of claims that the Palestine Liberation Organization could not become a partner in Middle East peace talks until it dropped the extreme passages in its basic document.

The Palestinians, all of whom have been described as moderates, declared that the Charter should not be changed and that this was not necessary for a continuation of the PLO's pursuit of international recognition.

They include: Prof. Edward Said (Columbia University); Dr. Fayed Sayigh (consultant to the Kuwaiti delegation at the United Nations); Prof. Hisham Sharabi (Georgetown University); Sidky Dajani (PLO executive committee member); Mahmoud Labadi (PLO spokesman); Zehdi Labid Terzi (PLO representative at the UN); Sabri Jiryis (director of the PLO research center); and Khaled Fahoum (chairman of the Palestine National Council).

They gave a unanimous "no" to the following questions: Should the Palestine National Council be changed? Should the Palestinians set up a government-in-exile with a new provisional constitution for Palestine? Would changing the Charter lead to a U.S.-PLO dialogue or force Israel to recognize the PLO?

Prof. Said, once thought of as a possible Palestinian participant, in Middle East talks, stated: "In the present context, pressure to change the Charter is an assault upon Palestinian rights." Sayigh also opposed changing the Charter but added that should circumstances warrant it, "consideration might be given to the adoption of a new political program."

Some Provisions Of The Charter

The Palestine National Charter was adopted by the Palestine National Council in 1968, four years after the creation of the PLO, of which the Council is the Plenary Assembly.

Among its provisions is that "armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine" (Article 9), and "the Arab Palestinian people, expressing themselves by the armed Palestinian revolution, reject all solutions which are substitutes for the total liberation of Palestine" (Article 21).

However, most of the PLO leaders questioned also claimed that these provisions did not nullify the PLO's right to pursue a political solution.

those who are immediate family with relatives in Israel. In mid-December an additional 226 Kiev families were refused in one week.

The most recent indication of this trend took place last week. The NCSJ learned that Soviet authorities virtually ceased accepting applications in the Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Moldavian republics.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The roar of young lions in the Safari Zoo at Ramat Gan will soon be reduced to a purr. Israel has sold eight of them to South Africa because the natural increase of the lion population in the tiny zoo has created a housing problem. The beasts will be placed in cages and flown to South Africa by El Al.

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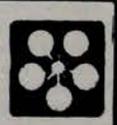
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In that light, Dayan said "It is very very important for Israel to defuse its conflict with the Moslem world and making progress on the autonomy question would be one way of doing that." There "are a number of local problems," including autonomy, "whose quick solution would remove us from the circle of those in conflict with the Moslem world," he said.

The former Foreign Minister dismissed

the view that the U.S. snubbed Israel by not informing Jerusalem of the decision to use air bases in Egypt. "The Americans can still be our friends without telling us they have an air base at Kina," he observed.

In Dayan's view, the U.S. prefers to use bases in Egypt rather than Israel because they are thinking in terms of actions in the Moslem world. By using bases in Israel in order to realize such an aim, the U.S. would alienate Saudi Arabia. Furthermore, bases in Egypt are more centrally located than those in Israel.

Along with these observations, however, Dayan emphasized that if the U.S. were to need Israeli bases, Israel must answer such a request in the affirmative. If Israel were to refuse this request, we could no longer expect to receive American aid. Dayan also said he does not believe the idea of a strategic alliance between the U.S., Egypt and Israel is feasible. He believes the Americans will take military action in order to ensure their oil supplies.

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Efforts by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency over the weekend to obtain comment from the hospital were unavailing.

Saperstein declared that persons requiring special diets were not billed by the hospital "unless that special diet happens to be kosher. This is clearly discriminatory and smacks of anti-Semitism."



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Dayan Advises Easing Tension With Moslems

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said that the Middle East situation is more serious and potentially dangerous than the depicted in the press. Dayan spoke on the Israel television program "Moked."

Citing the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the turbulence in Iran as examples of the volatile Moslem world, Dayan noted that the situation is much more serious than one thinks. But, he added, he does not believe it will bring about a clash between the superpowers.

In that light, Dayan said "It is very important for Israel to defuse its conflict with the Moslem world and making progress on the autonomy question would be one way of doing that." There "are a number of local problems," including autonomy, "whose quick solution would remove us from the circle of those in conflict with the Moslem world," he said.

the view that the U.S. snubbed Israel by not informing Jerusalem of the decision to use air bases in Egypt. "The Americans can still be our friends without telling us they have an air base at Kina," he observed.

In Dayan's view, the U.S. prefers to use bases in Egypt rather than Israel because they are thinking in terms of actions in the Moslem world. By using bases in Israel in order to realize such an aim, the U.S. would alienate Saudi Arabia. Furthermore, bases in Egypt are more centrally located than those in Israel.

Along with these observations, however, Dayan emphasized that if the U.S. were to need Israeli bases, Israel must answer such a request in the affirmative. If Israel were to refuse this request, we could no longer expect to receive American aid. Dayan also said he does not believe the idea of a strategic alliance between the U.S., Egypt and Israel is feasible. He believes the Americans will take military action in order to ensure their oil supplies.

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Ex-Nazi Criminals Speak on ABC-TV

NEW YORK (JTA) — Accused Nazi war criminal Tacherim Soobzokov, now facing denaturalization proceedings for allegedly concealing his Nazi collaboration from government authorities, let slip some well-known anti-Semitic code words when he blamed "pressure of a small minority group" for the Justice Department's action against him.

His remarks were aired as part of a television documentary entitled "ABC News Closeup - Escape From Justice: Nazi War Criminals in America," Sunday, Jan. 13 on the ABC Television Network.

Soobzokov is a resident of Paterson, N.J., where he is the chief of the Purchasing Department for Passaic County. On Dec. 5, 1979, the U.S. Attorney General's Office and the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigation (OSI) served him with a denaturalization notice, accusing him of concealing his collaboration with the Waffen SS and his participation in Nazi atrocities in and around Krasnodor, in the Transcaucasus.

Of the 16 alleged Nazi war criminals now under litigation, Soobzokov is the only one who agreed to an interview for the ABC documentary. Perhaps this is the reason he is granted what seems an inordinately large portion of the program to profess his innocence.

Trifa Case Examined At Length

The case of Archbishop Valerian Trifa, head of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in America, headquartered at Grass Lake,

Mich., was also examined at length. (A date for his denaturalization hearing had been expected imminently, but reliable sources have indicated that presiding U.S. Justice Cornelia Kennedy said last week in Detroit that Trifa's case would not come to court until the spring or later).

Rabbi Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, said on the ABC special that he remembers hearing Trifa on the radio in Bucharest in 1941. Trifa's remarks were "a death sentence for us," Rosen said.

Trifa is accused of complicity in the January 1941 Bucharest pogrom, staged by the fascist Iron Guard. At least 600 Jews were murdered, including 200 who were hung on meat hooks and stamped "kosher meat." When Trifa was tried in absentia in Rumania in June 1941, he was identified as "commandant of the student Iron Guard corps; he has organized this corps and supplied it with arms."

Trifa entered the United States in 1950 and became a citizen in 1957. Denaturalization proceedings against him began in 1975, when the government filed a complaint against him to cancel his citizenship on the grounds it was illegally procured "by the concealment of material fact and misrepresentation."

Trifa and Soobzokov are among the more than 200 alleged Nazi war criminals and collaborators currently being investigated by the OSI, headed by Walter Rockler. According to ABC, the more than 200 alleged Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. are collectively responsible for the

deaths of two million Jews, Gypsies and anti-Nazi partisans.

Other War Criminals Discussed

Other alleged Nazi war criminals discussed on the ABC documentary include: Feodor Fedorenko of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a former guard at the Treblinka concentration camp; Edgars Laipenieks of San Diego, Calif., accused of Nazi complicity in Riga, Latvia; Andrija Artukovic of Surfside, Calif., the former Minister of Interior of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia; and Willis Hazners of Dresden, N.Y., accused of atrocities against the Jews of Riga.

For the first time Americans had the opportunity to see on network television actual documents implicating the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for having intervened on behalf of an alleged Nazi war criminal, Laipenieks. Charles Allen Jr., author and journalist, shows copies of CIA letters that he secured in 1975-76 revealing at least a 14-year relationship between the accused mass murderer and the CIA.

Although concern or action by the major American Jewish organizations was not presented in the documentary, a peaceful demonstration at the Hazners' home in rural upstate New York portrayed the involvement of rank and file members of the American Jewish community.

Led by Rabbi Paul Silton, education

director at Temple Israel in Albany, and Lyn Light, director of the Jewish Students Coalition-Hillel at State University of New York at Albany, some 50 SUNYA students were shown praying, singing and carrying posters outside Hazners' home.

The program also interviewed experts on the issue of Nazi war criminals in America to determine why alleged Nazis were "recruited, protected, even employed by the United States government."

A "Sordid Chapter" In U.S. History

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D. NY) calls the presence of alleged Nazi criminals in this country "a sordid chapter" in American history. As chairperson of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International Law, she has been instrumental in exposing the issue and prodding the Justice Department to take action.

In addition to Holtzman and Allen, famous Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal; Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel; former Immigration and Naturalization Service employe Vincent Schiano; former Nuremberg prosecutor Telford Taylor; OSI head Rockler; and 82-year-old retired dentist Dr. Charles Kramer, who has worked on the Trifa case for more than 20 years, also offer their views on the presence of Nazi war criminals in America.

Billed as "the most comprehensive examination of Nazis in America ever televised," the documentary is narrated by ABC news correspondent Tim O'Brien, with investigative reports by "Closeup" correspondent Michael Conner.

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Financial Futures

"The following column is excerpted from Sylvia Porter's new best-selling book, 'Sylvia Porter's New Money Book For the 80's.'"

If you are to invest in bonds or other fixed-income securities, you also must study what might be called the "future market for interest rates," or "financial futures." Futures are a highly-sophisticated type of investment historically associated with such commodities as wheat, corn, copper etc.

In briefest summary, a future is a contract — a contract for a future delivery or purchase as a predetermined price. A typical copper futures contract might require a buyer to purchase 25,000 pounds of copper from the seller next July at X cents a pound. If copper prices have gone up in the meantime, the buyer has a bargain — or if down, vice versa.

There are futures contracts in fixed-income securities, too. The concept behind futures is to hedge against coming price movements — or to place a bet on the way you think the price will go.

A large bond dealer, for instance, may hold a huge supply of U.S. government bonds paying attractive interest rates; nevertheless, the dealer wants to be protected against a further rise in interest rates — which would cause his supply of bonds to tumble in price. So he sells contracts to deliver U.S. government bonds in the future.

If interest rates do rise, his bonds will be worth less, but he'll make a nice counterbalancing profit on his futures contracts. Why? Because if bond yields have increased and prices have fallen, he can fulfill the agreement of his futures contract and buy bonds at a lower price for delivery than that at which he originally contracted to sell.

Conversely, if interest rates fall, he'll lose money on his futures but will make a profit on his bonds. (This goal is to guarantee himself the attractive interest payments without fear of capital loss.)

Interest rate futures as the 1980s began included: Treasury bond and commercial paper futures and two types of Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) futures, traded on the Chicago Board of Trade; three-month and one-year Treasury bill futures, traded on the International Money Market of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange; and a GNMA certificate delivery contract on the American Commodity Exchange affiliate of the American Stock Exchange.

The lure of futures — as opposed merely to buying bonds — is that leverage is tremendous. A tiny change in interest rates will give a huge profit — or it may wipe out your investment.

For this reason alone, you should trade in financial futures only if you are an experienced investor able to risk ample sums of money not essential to your well-being!

Black Leader Criticizes Blacks Who Support the PLO

NEW YORK (JTA) — A major Black leader, speaking before the executive committee of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), said that some Jews are being "tricked" when it comes to criticizing Black supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), just because those supporters happen to be Blacks.

"I don't believe," said Norman Hill, director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, "that Jews should be timid when it comes to voicing disagreements about the PLO. When any Black leader or group embarks on a political course which might well undermine the peace process in the Middle East while at the same time aiding the PLO — the most fanatical enemy of Israel and the Jewish community — then Jews have a right, indeed a responsibility to disagree."

Hill, who had been invited by the NCJW to discuss the rift in Black-Jewish relations stemming from the resignation of Andrew Young, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, cautioned Jewish leaders to avoid stereotyping Blacks. "If Black-Jewish relations are to be improved," he declared,



To suggest how overpowering this leverage is, consider that the typical interest rate futures contract calls for the buyer to buy (and the seller to sell) \$100,000 (or Treasury bond futures and GNMA futures) to as much as \$1 million (for T-bill futures) worth of fixed-income instruments at some date in the futures.

Yet you can buy or sell one of these contracts by putting up a deposit of only around \$1,500, which is called the "margin." If interest rates move even slightly, the value of the tens of thousands of dollars of bonds involved in the contract can change enough to wipe out your \$1,500 deposit — or double your money. (In the case of Treasury bond futures, a fluctuation of only .12 of a point in interest rates would change the value of a single contract by \$1,500; in the case of GNMA futures, .12 of a point; in the case of Treasury bill futures, .6 of a point.)

By now you may be wondering: Suppose I do earn a profit on a \$1,500 deposit. Where would I get the money to fulfill a contract calling for me to buy or sell thousands of dollars worth of bonds? Don't worry; very few futures speculators ever have to take over or make "delivery" on their contracts.

But be warned: Even the most sophisticated futures speculators do lose their shirts in this most esoteric of markets. And the amateurs? I shiver . . .

What, then, should be YOUR policy on all this?

Let me put it bluntly: Unless you know your way around the bond markets, and can afford to take the risks, go and stay far, far away.

Don't go into these sophisticated markets blindly.

Don't buy low-grade bonds which might default and wipe you out.

Unless you have at least \$5,000 to invest don't buy individual bond issues even where there are no minimums. (One alternative here might be to buy into a bond fund.)

Don't try to diversify too much when you are buying just a few bonds. Commission charges on buying or selling one or two bonds can be steep and in addition the spread on the bid and asked when you are buying just one or two bonds can also be sizable. Some brokers might quote you a spread as much as five points (\$50 on a \$1,000 par value) if you buy a single bond.

Don't try to make a killing by trading on thin margins.

Do get guidance from a broker or banker you respect and who knows you, your circumstances and the bond market.

Do make sure you are dealing with a reputable firm.

Do learn the basics of bond yield, maturity, discounts and ratings before taking the plunge.

Do use your head and curb your greed. The bond markets are great for wise and cool investors. They can be murder for fools.

"there must be an intensified effort within the Jewish community to counter generalizations about Black positions on Israel and the PLO.

"As long as many Jewish people erroneously believe that all Blacks share the positions of Jesse Jackson and his supporters, then it will be quite difficult, if not impossible, to re-establish a sound working partnership between Blacks and Jews." Hill also suggested that Blacks and Jews review "the fundamental concepts that have served as the operating principles and foundations of coalition politics."

The civil rights leader added that, following the Young resignation, "some Black leaders unfortunately broke virtually every rule of coalition politics. Emotionalism triumphed over rational discussion, self-interest supplanted cooperation. And long-term goals were forgotten in the rush to secure short-term advantages." Hill warned that unless there is "a reaffirmation of the coalition rule book, we can expect more serious splits like the one accompanying the Young affair."

U.S. Air Training In Egypt Bases

WASHINGTON (JTA) — American aircraft are engaged in "training" exercises with Egyptian airmen at the West Air Base in Cairo, the State Department said today. The Department's chief spokesman, Hoding Carter, refused to comment as to whether the U.S. aircraft were reconnaissance planes. But he emphasized that they were there for training purposes with the Egyptian Air Force.

State Department sources also said that "possibly" additional U.S. aircraft will go to Egypt. The sources said they were "not aware" that the American planes may have flown over Sinai or made any use of the Israeli facilities on the peninsula. This is the first time American aircraft have been engaged in such exercises.

Asked if the U.S. aircraft might use Israeli facilities as well as Egyptian, a source said "We have under review use of such facilities in a number of countries." He declined to comment on "specific possibilities."

Yesterday, Egyptian Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said the U.S. could use "Egyptian facilities." In connection with the joint U.S.-Egyptian exercises, he stated that "We have been discussing the question of facilities with the United States." He said the exercises were aimed at training Americans in the use of those facilities. Earlier, President Anwar Sadat offered Egyptian facilities to the U.S. — but not

bases — to enable the rescue of American hostages in Teheran and to protect Arab countries against aggression.

Palestinian Radicals And The U.S. Hostages
In another development, the State Department today gave a carefully worded response to Rep. Philip Crane (R. Ill.), who said it appeared that "Palestinian radicals" were involved in the seizure of the American hostages in Teheran. Crane, who is seeking the Republican Presidential nomination, made his comment following a briefing from Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Asked about Crane's remark, Carter replied that such reports come "from a variety of sources, much of it contradictory." He said, "Insofar as anybody said at the Deputy Secretary level that there were definitely Palestinians there, that would be a mistake in the interpretation of what the Secretary said." Later, however, Crane's office told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Congressman "definitely came away with the impression" that Palestinians were involved.

Pressed on the issue of Palestinian involvement in the seizure of the hostages, Carter said "We have evidence that suggests a number of things but I would not give you that one as one of the suggestions. The problem here is that reports come all over the place" and "it is hard to decide." Carter said. He added, "But I really want to lead you away from the notion that anybody here is confirming" Palestinian involvement.

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