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Egypt's Newspapers Deny Anti-Semitic Charges

CAIRO: A political cartoon in the daily Al Ahram this morning carried a blunt caption under a caricature of Prime Minister Menahem Begin of Israel.

"Don't make excuses," it said. "We are not anti-Semitic. We are anti-you."

That summed up the Egyptian response to Mr. Begin's charge in the Israeli Parliament that a "notorious anti-Semitic" campaign had been undertaken in the Egyptian press.

Mr. Begin said that Israel would not resume peace negotiations until Cairo ended its "incitement to hatred against the Jewish people."

In the mood of disappointment that followed the stalemate at the last meeting of Mr. Begin and President Anwar el-Sadat, in Ismailia on Dec. 25-26, the Israeli leader has been subjected here to increasingly barbed personal criticism. But the Egyptian press seems more kindly disposed toward the average Israelis than it was before President Anwar el-Sadat's trip to Israel two months ago.

'A Few Unfortunate References'

One Western diplomat who has followed recent press comment found "a few unfortunate references but no campaign" of anti-Semitism.

Only a few of the nine examples of alleged anti-Semitism cited by Mr. Begin in the Egyptian press could be traced today. The best known was the comparison of Mr. Begin to Shylock, the money lender in Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," which was made twice by Mustafa Amin, a columnist for the newspaper Al Akhbar.

Criticizing the outcome of the Ismailia meeting, Mr. Amin wrote on Dec. 31 that the "meetings were not with the delegates of the state of Israel but with Shylock, the Jewish usurer who sought a pound of flesh from his debtor's body."

"What Menahem Begin offered was not a peace agreement but a bill by Jewish usurer to a debtor in hardship, which he, the usurer, burdened with compound interest, expenses, fines and profits, Mr. Amin went on.

Yesterday, Mr. Amin said that the stalled talks could resume when Mr. Begin stopped using the "language of Shylock."

The most common response from Egyptians is that they cannot be anti-Semitic because they are Semites themselves.

"At no time can Egypt be accused of this feeling," said Foreign Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Kamel last night. "If one stray word here or there has happened, it should not be interpreted in this sense at all."

The official decision from Cairo has been in general to ignore the charge by Mr. Begin.

A well-placed Egyptian diplomat conceded privately that some recent writing was "not careful," but added, "I think that Begin did this deliberately to divert attention from the substance to a side issue. It was ridiculous for him to bring up this question."

Average Egyptians, who pride themselves on having a society in which racial and ethnic groups mix freely, seemed offended by Mr. Begin's accusation. "He is a liar!" exclaimed an office worker from the Nubian community on the Upper Nile.

Several others argued that the Israelis who came here for the preliminary peace conference last month would not have received such a warm and spontaneous reception if there was anti-Jewish sentiment.

The most caustic attacks on Mr. Begin recently have probably been in political cartoons, which Egyptians enjoy enormously. Al Ahram's cartoonist, Sala Jaheen, has given Mr. Begin a neo-Neanderthal look, with a bulging skull, ample teeth and a jutting lower jaw.

One of Mr. Jaheen's recent cartoons

showed the Israeli Prime Minister being throttled by world public opinion. Another had a woman labeled Israel dragging him off by the necktie to a treatment center for addicts and inquiring: "Can you treat someone who is hooked on settlements?" This was an allusion to the Jewish settlements in occupied Sinai, which Mr. Begin insists must remain there even after a peace settlement.

The black eyepatch worn by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has also been used as a cartoon device by Mr. Jaheen. A recent cartoon showed Peace asking to change places with War at the conference table because Peace had been placed on Mr. Dayan's blind side.

None of the cartoons have been explicitly anti-Jewish.

Mr. Amin is an American-educated newspaperman with a reputation for sniping at authority. The late Gamal Abdel Nasser had him arrested in the mid-1960's, tortured and jailed for more than eight years on charges of being in the service of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Amin responded to Mr. Begin's criticism by saying that the accusations had made him laugh because he, too, was a critic of discrimination, "especially anything of a religious nature."

U.S. Specialists Say Newspaper Comments Not Government's

WASHINGTON: United States Government specialists said that there had been references in the Egyptian press recently that could be interpreted as "anti-Jewish" or otherwise prejudicial to Jews but that there did not seem to be any organized campaign as suggested by Prime Minister Menahem Begin of Israel.

The specialists said they had not seen every article published but that Mr. Begin, in a speech in the Israeli Parliament, appeared to have covered most of the items that were possibly anti-Jewish.

The Egyptian press, while influenced heavily by the Government, is not under official control. There is no precensorship, officials said, so articles often appear that the Government may not favor.

Officials in the party of Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, who returned here from a trip to the Middle East, said that in talks with them, Mr. Begin had expressed personal anger repeatedly about an article by a prominent Egyptian columnist that compared him to Shylock, the Jewish moneylender in Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

The officials said they had raised the matter with Egyptian officials when the party was in Cairo and that the Egyptians expressed unhappiness with the article but said it had not been instigated by the Government.

Appearing on Capitol Hill, Mr. Vance appealed to both the Israelis and Egyptians to reduce their polemics.

He told reporters that he hoped "the amount and strength of rhetoric on both sides would be reduced," thereby improving the atmosphere for a resumption of peace negotiations.

Ties Are Eyed

GENEVA (JTA): Several African diplomats to the United Nations here have been hinting that they are considering the resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel. The delegates of Zaire and Liberia have published a declaration in support of the peace talks between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Premier Menahem Begin of Israel.

Begin Says He Will Not Resume Talks Until Egypt's Press Stops Attacks

JERUSALEM: Prime Minister Menahem Begin said here that the Israeli military delegation would not return to Cairo for negotiations until the Egyptian press ceased its "hatred and incitement to hatred against the Jewish people."

Citing nine instances of language he found objectionable in the Egyptian press in recent days, Mr. Begin said, with emotion and at length:

"If this kind of obnoxious language is continued, we shall not be in a position to send the representatives and spokesmen of the state of Israel to a place in which their people, their country and their Government are so vilified."

Begin Is Called 'Shylock'

Mr. Begin's strong remarks were released to the foreign press in a translation of a speech prepared for delivery in the Israeli Parliament. Some observers said the tone of his speech as delivered in Hebrew to the Parliament was less strident, but after his speech, the Prime Minister's office said he stood by the English-language excerpts released to the press here, and Mr. Begin himself used sharp language in remarks to reporters after his speech.

One third of Mr. Begin's prepared text was devoted to what he termed anti-Semitic remarks in the Egyptian press, although Arabs, too, are Semites. Mr. Begin mentioned an article that referred to him as "Shylock the usurer who wanted a pound of flesh from his debtor."

An article in Al Ahram, the semiofficial Egyptian daily, said "the Jew will bargain even with the Angel of Death," and another article, in Akhbar el Yom, said, "Begin should thank God that he was not beaten up by members of the Egyptian delegation in Ismailia," the Suez Canal city where Mr. Begin met with President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt on Christmas Day.

"As you can see," Mr. Begin told the 120-member Parliament, "these are not only notorious anti-Semitic expressions but a repetition of what we used to read in Der Sturmer," a Nazi paper. "In such an atmosphere of hatred and incitement to hatred against the Jewish people and the

Jewish state, it would be useless and humiliating for our delegation to go to Cairo to participate in the talks of the military committee."

"We hope that in the coming days the Egyptian Government will prevent the repetition of such outrageous statements, for which the Egyptian Government is responsible under the prevailing conditions of that country," Mr. Begin said in the closest thing in his speech to a personal attack on Mr. Sadat.

The Prime Minister's speech was billed yesterday as a detailed response to Mr. Sadat's address to his legislature on Saturday on the foundering peace efforts that began on Nov. 19 when Mr. Sadat visited Jerusalem.

Last Wednesday, Mr. Sadat abruptly recalled the Egyptian delegation to the political talks that had begun here the day before. The political committee was headed by the Foreign Ministers of both countries — Mohammed Ibrahim Kamel of Egypt and Moshe Dayan of Israel. President Carter persuaded Mr. Sadat not to cancel a scheduled meeting of a military committee, headed by the Egyptian and Israeli Defense Ministers, which had met earlier in Cairo and had been scheduled to resume there first on last Thursday and then yesterday.

But the Israeli Cabinet decided unanimously yesterday not to send Defense Minister Ezer Weizman to the talks at this time when discourse between the two nations has become increasingly vitriolic and unproductive.

In his speech Saturday, Mr. Sadat again said that in order for fruitful peace negotiations to take place, Israel had to agree to a total withdrawal from the Arab lands it captured in 1967 and to self-determination for the 1.1 million Palestinian Arabs living in Israeli-occupied territories, even if statehood is what they choose.

Mr. Begin again rejected these conditions in his speech, noting that he had done so earlier when Mr. Sadat stated them prior to, during and after his visit to Israel.

Mr. Begin told the Parliament that Mr. (Continued on page 16)

Israeli Youth Turning Away From Their Roots

By AARON SITTNER

Israel's young people are turning away from their Jewish roots, a leading researcher in religious trends observed here.

Prof. Simon Herman of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry described two studies in addressing a seminar on "The Jewish Character of Israel Society" at the President's Residence in Jerusalem. The studies — one in 1965 and a followup in 1974 — sought to pinpoint the level of Jewish identity among 16 and 17-year-old Israelis, all born in this country after establishment of the State.

"We conducted our studies according to the most commonly accepted criteria of social research," Herman said. "We found that only half of the youths considered themselves survivors of the Holocaust. This, perhaps, could be understood because these boys and girls had never lived as a minority among non-Jews, and could perhaps not comprehend what they were led to believe was European Jewry's lack of resistance to German persecution."

But what did startle some of the investigators were the answers to a pair of questions: If you could be born anew, would you choose to be born a Jew?, and if you could be born anew outside Israel, would you choose to be born a Jew?

"The response," Herman disclosed, "was

as follows: To the first and second questions, 100 per cent of the Orthodox or so-called traditional youths opted for Judaism. But among the others, only 62 per cent preferred to be born as Jews here in Israel. If they were to be born abroad, even fewer — in fact, only 35 per cent — would opt for Judaism!"

These findings, said the professor, were those of the 1965 poll. "We tried again, with the same questions, in 1974. We sought to learn if the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War had affected the Israeli's thinking along religious lines. We discovered that not only had their Jewish identity failed to deepen, but it had actually weakened. More of the secular Israeli boys and girls wished they had been born as non-Jews."

As for Jews abroad, Herman believes that despite Zionist activity, overseas Jews are really less tied to Israel and its people today than in the beginning of the century.

"The common Yiddish language is no longer around and two generations have grown up since then," he explained. "Besides, about half the Israelis are from non-European origin, which also sets them apart from most Jews abroad in feelings of common identity."

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CHARGE SYRIA
TEL AVIV: Israel has charged that Syria has moved two artillery regiments with 130 mm guns into the limited forces zone of the Golan Heights.

POSTPONED
JERUSALEM: A bill postponing elections for the Chief Rabbinate for "up to nine months" has been approved by the Knesset.

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Obituaries

DR. NATHAN CHASET
 Funeral services for Nathan Chaset, M.D., 66, of 40 Sachem Drive, who died January 18, were held January 22 at Temple Beth-El. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

A former president of the Rhode Island Medical Society and the Providence Medical Association, he was the husband of Rosalind (Kimball) Chaset.

A former chief of the Departments of Urology at Miriam and Women and Infants Hospitals in Providence, he was director of the vasectomy clinic at Women and Infants and chief of the Department of Urology at Cranston General Hospital.

He also served as attending urologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Davis Park, and as consultant of urology at Rhode Island Hospital, Woonsocket Hospital, Kent County Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Roger Williams General Hospital, Newport Hospital and the Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Besides serving as president of the Rhode Island Medical Society in 1974, he was president and executive committee chairman of the New England Section of the American Urological Association.

A co-founder and director of the Rhode Island Renal Institution, he was a past chairman of the state's Medical-Legal Committee.

Dr. Chaset was a diplomate on the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Urology; a fellow in the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Association of Clinical Urologists, the state Board of Medical Review and the Providence Senior Citizens Task Force.

He was an assistant clinical professor at the Brown University Medical School, and had been an instructor at the Boston University School of Medicine. He was born in Providence on May 7, 1911, a son of the late Benjamin Chaset and the late Eva (Goldstein) Chaset Rosenfeld. A graduate of Classical High School, Brown University and Boston Medical School, he served his residency at the Massachusetts Memorial and Beth Israel Hospitals in Boston.

From 1942 to 1946 he served with the U. S. Medical Corps and obtained the rank of major. He received an official commendation from the Government of Iran for his accomplishments in the Iranian Army Hospitals.

Dr. Chaset was a member of Temple Beth-El.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Dr. Richard Chaset of Fitchburg, Massachusetts and Paul Chaset of Concord, Mass.; a daughter, Ellen Baxter of Los Angeles, California; a brother, Archie Chaset of North Providence; and three grandchildren.

SAMUEL YOLIN

Graveside services for Samuel Yolin, 73, formerly of Greaton Drive, Providence, who died January 20 at the Newton (Massachusetts) Convalescent Center after a two-year illness, were held the following day at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of the late Edith (Simon) Yolin, he had been president of Simon Supply Co. Inc., of Pawtucket since 1937. He retired two years ago.

He was born in Kiev, Russia, November 17, 1904, a son of the late Aaron and Minnie Yolin. He had lived in Providence for 48 years, moving to Newton two years ago.

In Memoriam

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Survivors are two sons, Dr. Hebert Yolin of Wayland, Massachusetts and Dr. Neal Yolin of Wichita Falls, Texas; a daughter, Marilyn Epstein of Providence; a brother, Jack Yolin of New York; three sisters, Ruth Perlow, Rema Dillon and Rose Fand, all of New York; and six grandchildren.

DAVID WOOLF

Funeral services for David Woolf, 37, of 107 Stella Drive, who died January 15, were held January 17 at Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mt. Sinai Memorial Park.

The husband of Vivian (Venditti) Woolf, he was born in Kingston, New York, December 11, 1940. He was a son of Beatrice (Farber) Woolf of Kingston, and the late Alexander Woolf.

Mr. Woolf graduated from Kingston High School and New York State University College at New Paltz, and received a law degree from Suffolk University Law School, Boston. He also graduated from the Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport.

He was a faculty member at Greystone Elementary School, North Providence, until about three months ago. He also practiced law and was a professor of business law at Johnson and Wales College, Providence. He was a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve.

Mr. Woolf was a member of the Rhode Island and Federal Bar Associations, an officer of the North Providence Boys' Club and was active in the North Providence Booster Club.

His survivors, besides his wife and mother, are two daughters, Jessica Lauren and Gillian Allyce Woolf, both at home; a brother, Jerome Woolf of Newburgh, New York; and a sister, Marsha Samuels of Worcester, Massachusetts.

AUGUSTA SHUSMAN

Graveside services for Augusta Shusman of 35 Sackett Street, who died January 17, were held the following day at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The widow of Philip Shusman, she was associated with her husband in Philip's Clothing Store, Bristol, Rhode Island, for 40 years. She was a member of United Brothers Synagogue, Bristol, and a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

A daughter of the late Julius and Dora (Budgar) Eisenberg, she was born in New York City. She lived in Bristol for six years before moving to Providence eight years ago. She leaves two sons, Tevis Shusman of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Dr. Maynard Shusman of Barrington; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Brososky of Enfield, Connecticut; a brother, Dana Eisenberg, and a sister, Leah Eisenberg, both of Providence, and eight grandchildren.

GUSSIE FEINSTEIN

Funeral services for Harry Broomfield, 89, of 99 Hillside Avenue, who died January 19, were held January 22 at Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

She was the widow of Harry Feinstein. Born in Providence, April 18, 1895, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Orlick, and had been a lifelong resident of the city. She was a life member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, a Gold Star mother and a former member of Temple Beth-David.

She leaves two daughters, Bertha Weintraub of Providence, and Barbara Ollove of Bangor, Maine; a sister, Minnie Pritz of Chicago, and five grandchildren.

HARRY BROOMFIELD

Funeral services for Harry Broomfield, 89, of 99 Hillside Avenue, who died January 19, were held the following day at Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Rose (Mintz) Broomfield, he was the operator of the former scrap metal company. He retired about 20 years ago.

A son of the late Morris and Bessie Broomfield, he was born in March, 1888, in Russia. He came to Providence in 1916.

Survivors, besides his wife, are two sons, Max and Louis Broomfield, both of Cranston; a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Mair in Philadelphia; a brother, Max Broomfield of Warwick; three sisters, Gertrude Kaufman of Cranston, Bessie Baker of Warwick, and Ada Davis of Providence, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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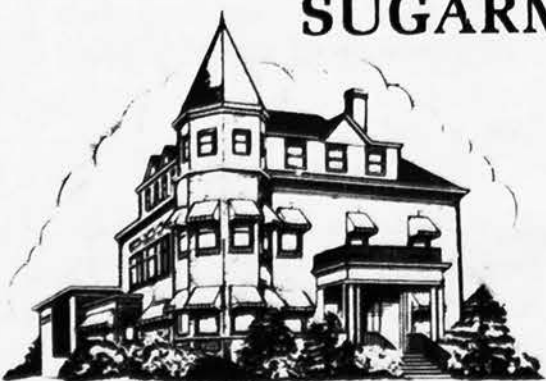
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PLAN TOURNAMENT

The Greater Boston Council, B'nai B'rith Women, will present a rummy gin tournament on Sunday, February 12, at Temple Beth Elohim on Beth El Road in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Further information may be obtained by calling Cheryl Rubin at 617-588-6782 or Sandy Sirull at 617-879-2469, cochairwomen, or Irene Shuman at 734-5074, PR coordinator.

Others on the committee are Judi Raphael, fund raising, vice president, and Elaine Kaplan, president.

MODERN DANCE SHOW

The Brown University Dance Ensemble will present their annual modern dance production at Faunce House Theatre on February 3 to 5 and February 10 to 12 at 8 p.m.

The program will include originally choreographed numbers by members of the ensemble under the direction of Julie Strandberg, director of dance at Brown.

-Reservations may be made by calling 863-2838. All performances are covered by the ticket endowment program of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

ADULT EDUCATION

Congregation Beth Shalom-Ahavath Sholom-Sons of Zion will hold registration for its adult education courses on Monday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the synagogue office.

Courses offered are beginner's Hebrew and Bible.

NCSY PROGRAM

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth will hold a group activity on Saturday, January 28 starting at 6:30 p.m. This will include attending a movie and a visit to Cafe Pizza at Congregation Beth Shalom-Ahavath Sholom-Sons of Zion where there will be music, live entertainment and pizza. Further information may be obtained by calling Rabbi Rubenstein at 331-9393 or Marjorie Kaplan at 351-5822.

TO INITIATE NEW MEN

Six new men will be initiated into Rho Chapter, Alpha Epsilon Pi, on Sunday, January 29 at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Activities Center in the basement of the Memorial Union Annex at the corner of Lower College Road and Campus Avenue at the University of Rhode Island.

Further information may be obtained by calling Richard Wilkes or David Goldwasser at 792-4326.

MINI-COURSES

The adult education committee of Temple Beth Am has announced that during its second hour of Thursday evening courses, a three week mini course will be available beginning Thursday, February 5.

The three mini-courses to be offered are "The Bible" led by Rabbi Bernard Rotman; "The Prayerbook" led by Rabbi Dubovick, and "Moral Issues" led by Rabbi Rubenstein.

Further information may be obtained by calling Florence Futersak at 463-9156.

KALLAH

The ritual committee of Temple Beth Am has announced its first all day family Kallah on Saturday, January 28.

The Shabbat family day will include morning services, kiddush, luncheon, discussion groups and free time. The day will conclude with the Mincha services, Shale Sudos (the third meal), Maariv services and Havdalah at sundown.

A limited number of temple families will be participating under the direction of Rabbi Bernard Rotman and Cantor Natan Subar.

SCHOOL SERVICE

The entire 26 members of the Temple Beth Am Daled class will conduct the late Friday evening service on Friday, January 27. Included in the service will be three original sermonettes delivered by Eric Gold, Gayle Troberman and Cheryl Yamuder.

The service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat in honor of the children.

REGIONAL MEETING

The Providence Preservation Society as sponsor will bring to Providence the New England Regional Meeting of Preservation Action which will be held at the Providence City Hall on Friday, January 27. Representatives of historical societies and preservation groups, public and private, from the six New England states will attend.

BETH SHOLOM SABBATH

Congregation Beth Shalom-Ahavath Sholom-Sons of Zion will, in addition to its regular services, conduct an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, January 27 at 8:15 p.m.

Following a program of Shabbat readings and songs, Paul L. Segal, executive director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, will continue the series of the "Jew in Providence" with a talk on "The Jewish Family and Its Problems: Providence—1978."

Mr. Segal, who studied at Boston University and the Boston College of Social Work, was with the Massachusetts Division of Child Guardianship until 1971 when he assumed his present position.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rabbi Yaakov Simha will begin the "Shalosh Seudot Torah Talk" program as a guest speaker on Saturday afternoon at Congregation Beth Shalom-Ahavath Sholom-Sons of Zion. Rabbi Simha, who studied at Yeshiva Emek Halacha, Brooklyn College and Long Island University, is currently an educator.

ANN ZAIMAN TO SPEAK

Ann Zaiman will discuss "Jewish Art and Jewish Artists" at the regular meeting of the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged which will be held at the Home on Wednesday, February 1. Her talk will be highlighted by slides taken from her own collection showing Jewish art through the ages.

Mrs. Zaiman is a graduate of Brandeis University with a BA in Hebrew Literature and Art. She received her MA in education from Columbia. She is now teaching in the Hebrew High School and at the Institute of Adult Education at Temple Emanu-El. She is the wife of Rabbi Joel Zaiman.

Committee members include Beatrice Fishbein, program chairman; Marion Rosenberg, hospitality, and Dorothy Lippman, president.

ISSUES OF HEALTH

A series of programs entitled "Issues of Health" presented by the adult services and physical education department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island in cosponsorship with The Miriam Hospital will be held for the public from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Center on Sunday, January 29, February 26, March 5 and March 26.

HANTMAN NAMED
NEW YORK: Barry Hantman, professional social worker with 12 years' experience in Jewish communal service, has been appointed a Community Consultant of JWB—the Association of Jewish Community Centers, YM & YWHA's and Camps in the U.S. and Canada.

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Obituaries

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ETHEL COHEN

Funeral services for Ethel Cohen, 83, of 169 Emeline Street, who died January 22, were held January 24 at Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

The widow of Max A. Cohen, she was a past president of the Jewish War Veterans Post 23 Auxiliary and a past district president of JWV Auxiliary. She also had served as chairman of both the state and Providence Mothers March on Polio.

Mrs. Cohen was a former member of the board of directors of Lying-in Hospital, now Women and Infants Hospital; a member of the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and a member of Temple Emanu-El.

In 1959 she received a Community Service Award from the Amvets. She was an active volunteer worker at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Providence, for more than 30 years. Born in New York June 16, 1894, a daughter of the late Samuel and Lena (Sherman) Blackman, she had lived for more than 60 years in Providence.

Survivors are a son, Donald A. Cohen of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Joyce M. Schreiber of Cranston; a brother, Edward Blackman of Providence; two sisters, Ida Blackman and Rose Cohen, both of Providence, and nine grandchildren.

APPEALS CONVICTION

AMSTERDAM: Peter Menten, the 78-year-old Dutch millionaire art collector who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment here for war crimes against Polish villagers, including Jews at Podoruce in 1941, has appealed against his conviction.

Menten, who denied the charges, said he was only an interpreter serving with the Nazi forces.

Your Money's

Worth

By Sylvia Porter



ARE YOU OVER YOUR HEAD IN DEBT?

Bankruptcy, Pros and Cons

If a mere 3 per cent of all of us who borrow and owe money went bankrupt tomorrow, the cost of using credit would soar so high that not one of us ever could afford to borrow again. To explain, if your neighbor shops at the same stores as you, runs up charges and then declares bankruptcy, those stores pass on the cost of this default to you and all others who shop there. Bankruptcy may "free" your neighbor of his debts, but the rest of us pay and pay.

Most of us still believe we have a responsibility to repay our debts, so the credit system works. But there is a minority — 182,210 in fiscal '77 and 211,348 in fiscal '76 — who can't or won't cope with their overwhelming debts and choose to file bankruptcy. And this is the season when coping becomes definitely tough.

What do you lose if you declare bankruptcy?

- Easy access to credit. Most reputable creditors won't lend to bankrupts for years — or ever.
- Most assets and even, in some cases, your home. Laws governing what you can keep after bankruptcy in the form of tangible assets vary from state to state. If you are weighing bankruptcy, first check this out with an informed lawyer.

- Self respect. Going before a judge and declaring default is a highly emotional experience which you overlook or minimize at your own peril. It can affect your sense of pride and independence as well as your personal health.

- The friendship of those who have cosigned your loans and who must pay off for you. Bankruptcy almost invariably is the blackest possible mark on your credit rating and personal record.

What do you gain?

- Release from your creditors' pressures for repayments — what some call a "clean slate." But can you get along without credit after bankruptcy? Many bankrupts return to their creditors and, in order to get new money, "reaffirm" (agree to repay) their earlier debts. New creditors won't give them a dime.

Why do debtors resort to bankruptcy court? A study by the Brookings Institution disclosed the reasons in this order: 31 per cent said too many debts, unwise refinancing, overspending; 28 per cent, family health reasons; 20 per cent, layoffs, strikes, loss of overtime; 13 per cent, hounding by creditors; 10 per cent, actual legal action; 10 per cent, marital problems, drunkenness, excessive gambling; 7 per cent "to avoid paying debts." (The figures add up to more than 100 because many replies fell in two or more categories.)

But let's say all efforts to help you bail out, fail; the only option left seems to be bankruptcy. If so, here are your two final "outs":

(1) Chapter XIII, a method of debt reorganization under which debtor, creditors and a referee (all supervised by a federal judge) get together to work out a way for the debtor to repay his debts on an installment plan. This is known as the wage-earner plan, because it protects the wages and essential property of a debtor who wants to avoid straight bankruptcy by repaying his or her debts from future earnings.

Either you, the debtor, get a written extension of your debts, with more time to pay off in full; or less commonly, you arrange a "composition" in which you pay only a specified percentage of the amount you owe each creditor. Your filing of the Chapter XIII petition must be approved by one-half your creditors, at which time all interest charges usually stop. In addition to legal fees you must pay to the lawyer who files the petition, there are filing fees of about \$15 and a trustee's fee of up to 5 per cent of the debts, plus expenses.

(2) Voluntary bankruptcy, the final of all steps. You must put together a list of all your assets and liabilities and pay a \$50 filing fee. The rest is usually routine.

Except for clothing, tools, a selected list of household goods and other items, depending on the exemption laws of your state, all your assets will be collected by the court and liquidated — and the proceeds will then be distributed among your creditors.

Once discharged by the court, your financial slate will be clean. But your bankruptcy record will dog your footsteps for years and years, no matter what you are told. And the act itself does not guarantee that you won't get in debt over your head again. In fact, the chances are apallingly high that you will — unless you immediately seek professional advice and rigidly obey it.

Credit and the Elderly

When the first of the Christmas bills piled up by Mary, age 71, and her husband, age 73, came in, Mary took one of those plastic credit cards they once used only occasionally and applied to the bank for a cash advance.

Without the advance, they could not even have paid their January rent. Although when George retired eight years ago, they managed easily on their accumulated savings, Social Security and his modest pension, they're now over their heads in debt. Although they live as frugally as possible in a tiny apartment in an inexpensive area of Brooklyn (to be near their three grown children and seven grandchildren), they now need their plastic cards to survive.

Even worse, they'll never be able to repay their increasingly staggering debts, facing the humiliation of ducking their creditors until the day they die.

Let's say you're sufficiently informed and affluent to create a retirement income totaling about the same as your actual earnings now (most unlikely). Even so, what you will have at your retirement will be about half what other Americans are then earning. You'll be forced by inflation way, way down the living standards scale.

The retirement dream is in reality an economic nightmare. Millions of our elderly today are forced to depend solely on their Social Security benefit checks, not adequate to provide a decent standard of living. And private pensions, if any, are often either equally modest or actually a mirage.

As a result, one in four of our elderly lives in poverty, and poverty is, in fact, increasing among those over 65 and at a far more rapid rate than for those under 65.

To be bluntly realistic, if you already are

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SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

DAVID R. SARGENT



THREE STOCKS FOR LONG-TERM GROWTH

Q: I am 52 and expect to retire in four years on a police pension. I have \$8,000 to invest now and would like your suggestions. Would you look over my list of stocks and make recommendations on any that should be sold. E.M., Wisconsin

A: Although you hold a few highly speculative issues, they represent only a small portion of your portfolio and should be retained for recovery. The balance of your holdings are suitable for a person looking toward early retirement. In fact, you might use some of your available cash to increase to 50 shares your holdings in Standard Oil of California (NYSE) and International Telephone & Telegraph (NYSE).

With the balance of your money I would buy 50 shares of Heinz, H.J. (NYSE), 100 Sunbeam Corp. (NYSE) and 50 Tenneco, Inc. (NYSE). Heinz has achieved an 11% annual compound growth rate over the past decade. An even greater gain of 20% seems possible for the year to end in April. In recent years Sunbeam has put greater stress on improving productivity, increasing the mix of higher margined products and strengthening the balance sheet. New products, entry into the microwave oven market and wider profit margins could lift 1978 earnings to \$3.25 for the fiscal year ending in March. Tenneco is a diversified energy company with additional interests in manufacturing, chemicals and shipbuilding. Rising energy demand, expanding manufacturing activities and additional acquisitions have prompted a management



FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

By BERYL SEGAL

A column by Robert Nathan, author and economist, sent me to *Pirke Aboth*, *The Sayings of the Fathers*, to reread again what I have studied since childhood. The parallel between Robert Nathan's *Ages of Man* and the passage in *Pirke Aboth* on the same subject is striking indeed. Robert Nathan experienced the flight of time and wrote a column about it, while *Pirke Aboth* knew about it two thousand years ago.

"The years of a man's life are like waves in the sea," says Robert Nathan.

They are, he found in his own life, "lifting and falling, rolling down into hollows, rising, subsiding."

He divided the life of man into crests and valleys in between as measured by birthdays.

On the fifth birthday, the baby becomes a child, an age that comes to an end on the twelfth birthday. From then on till the 16th birthday, the child becomes a boy.

On the 16th birthday, the boy becomes a young man, and on the 21st birthday, he is an adult.

Between birth and adulthood, the waves have been rising and falling regularly. But then the wave subsides into the valley of the twenties.

Time seems to stand forever at the spring, and nothing changes . . . is the characteristic of the age until 30. At 30 he sees for the first time his youth behind him and he settles down to the respectable age of a grown-up.

When the 45th birthday comes around, the man realizes that middle age lies before him, and the 50s are rushing in. He is still strong and hearty, but his life has a certain weight to it. He is at the peak of his mental and physical power. He is energetic, and is at the top of his professional career.

After the 50th birthday nothing happens. For the next 20 years he feels no change at all. The sixties come with no noticeable happenings, unless he suffers some crippling sickness. He still thinks of himself as a middle-aged man, no matter what the succession of birthdays says.

Then suddenly the most frightening of birthdays hits him. He is seventy. Overnight he becomes an old man. He has reached the Biblical age of three score and ten.

At 80 he becomes venerable. He is now a man whose work is all done. He can enjoy the harvest. Were it not for the end that can come at any moment. That end is a reality. He may have months, years, but the end will come to himself, not to others. But of course there is 90 . . .

Such are the ages of man according to the observations of Robert Nathan, we presume on his own life or the life of one close to him.

And now let us see what the *Pirke Aboth* has to say on the same subject. Remember the *Pirke Aboth* were written about two thousand years ago, not in 1977.

Rabbi Yehuda ben Tema said:

"At five years the age is reached for the study of Scripture, at ten for the study of the Mishna, at fulfillment of the commandments (Bar Mitzva), at fifteen for the study of Talmud, at eighteen for marriage, at twenty for seeking a livelihood, at thirty for entering into one's full strength, at forty for understanding, at fifty for counsel, at sixty a man attains old age, at seventy the grey head, at eighty the gift of special strength, at ninety he bends beneath the weight of years, at a hundred he is as if he were already dead and had passed away from the world.

With regard to the age of eighty, we might add that physicians testify to the "added strength" of octogenarians. When a person is fortunate enough to reach the age of eighty he or she feels better than at seventy. Their vital signs are normal. They are in better spirits. They acquire a philosophical outlook on life not found in a person of seventy or even younger. They worry less. Since they know that the end must come, they are prepared for it, and are ready for surprises each morning. Every morning is a surprise.

Some say that by "added strength" is meant a burst of vitality not found in a man of seventy. They compare it to the flame of a candle coming to life with all its brilliance at the end of a light time. Eighty is after all a time for an end.

But then as Robert Nathan writes: "There is always 90 . . ."

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

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Society

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Weber of Vienna, Virginia, formerly of Cranston, announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Stacey Beth, on January 14.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Golditch of Providence. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Weber of Cranston.

Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. F. Traugott of Cranston.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Lipson of Warwick announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan G. Lipson, to Scott R. Bander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bander of Cranston.

Miss Lipson, the granddaughter of Bessie Lipson of Warwick and the late Louis Lipson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wallick, is a graduate of Boston University. She received her master's degree in education from the University of Connecticut. She is a special education teacher for the city of Providence.

Mr. Bander who is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Servita of Fall River, Massachusetts, and Sadie Brown of Cranston is a graduate of Boston University. He received his master's degree in community planning and area development from the University of Rhode Island. He is employed as principal planner of the Division of Planning and Community Development for the city of Central Falls.

A July 16 wedding is planned.

DICK-DEMEL

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Demel of 376 Elmwood Avenue, Maplewood, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ellen Demel of Berkeley, California, to Stanley Dick of San Francisco, California, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Harold Dick of Providence.

Miss Demel is a graduate of George Washington University, and Mr. Demel is a graduate of Syracuse University.

A March 25 wedding is planned.

'Not An Inch' Says Lubavitcher Rebbe

NEW YORK: Israel should not give up an inch of the Holy Land, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menahem Mendel Schneerson, said according to his followers at Kfar Habad.

The scholar and spiritual leader, who lives in Brooklyn, New York, said the Tora forbids giving up the land, and that doing so would only increase the chances of renewed war. Therefore, *pikuah nefesh*, the saving of life, is not an argument for giving up territory.

In his message, which was broadcast live to his followers all over the world, he said Israel should maintain a high level of arms preparedness to discourage any attack.

Reprinted from The Jerusalem Post

Modern Statesmen In Israel Differ From Famous Fathers

TEL AVIV (ZINS): In editorial comments relating to the political upheaval that took place in the last Knesset elections, Yosef Sprinzak, the first speaker of the Knesset, was regarded as the most moderate amongst all of the moderates in his Labor Party. However, his own son, Prof. Yair Sprinzak, is an ardent advocate of the Undivided Eretz Yisroel movement. The younger Sprinzak has high praise for Begin's latest declarations and considers him to be "more than merely a breath of fresh air." He writes that the Likud has rightfully earned the trust of the public and that it has received a mandate to carry out its stated policies. Sprinzak believes that the people of Israel will bless Menahem Begin for what he has done and is expected to do.

Moshe Tabenkin, one of the most prominent leaders of the Labor movement in Israel, son of the famed kibbutz theoretician Yitzhak Tabenkin, voted for Likud in the latest elections. The younger Tabenkin sent a very strong message to Menahem Begin in which he expressed his opposition to the naming of Moshe Dayan (who is a colleague of Tabenkin's in the Labor Party) as Foreign Minister. So far as he is concerned Begin is 100 per cent okay, but his choice of Dayan was a glaring flaw.

Ezer Weizmann, the nephew of Chaim



ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. David Lemberger of New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Elisheva, to Joshua Pearlman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pearlman of Providence.

Miss Lemberger, a graduate of the Yeshiva RSR Hirsch High School for Girls of New York, attends the City College of New York.

Mr. Pearlman, a graduate of New England Academy of Torah of Providence, attends the Ner Israel Rabbinical College of Baltimore, Maryland. He will attend law school in the fall.

A March wedding is planned.

Start Kosher Kibbutz Ulpan

By Judy Siegel

The Jewish Agency has agreed to start a new kosher kibbutz ulpan in Ein Tzurim, near Kiryat Malachi, after hearing complaints from the Conservative movement that their young volunteers missed "Jewish atmosphere."

Dr. Pesach Schindler, director of the Centre for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem, told *The Jerusalem Post* that teenagers and young adults from the Conservative movement who had signed up for the kibbutz ulpan programme for learning Hebrew were distressed to find the lack of Shabbat and *kashrut* observance in most of them.

Of about 210 kibbutzim around the country, 61 have an ulpan programme; of these, 57 are not kosher.

Uzi Narkiss, director-general of the Jewish Agency's aliya department, which is responsible for the kibbutz ulpan programme, affirmed that there were difficulties in finding kibbutzim with "Jewish atmosphere."

Religious kibbutzim (there are only about a dozen in the country) have difficulty housing the volunteers, he explained. In addition, some may not want to take care of young people whose level of religious observance is not equal to their own.

The first six-month term at Kibbutz Ein Tzurim will open next September. A second one is planned too.

Reprinted from The Jerusalem Post.

Will Cooperate

JERUSALEM: The government of India has let Israel know that it is ready to expand technical and agricultural cooperation between the two countries but that it has no intention of discussing the establishment of diplomatic relations, according to well-informed and reliable sources. There is now only one Israeli technician working in India. He was assigned to that post by the World Bank and not by the Israeli government.

It is further learned that India is interested that its relations with Israel should remain on a "low profile" in order not to upset the Arab countries. In sum, there is little expectation that the Indian government will wish to establish diplomatic relations with the Jewish state.

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Unearth Aqueduct

JUDEAN HILLS: A rock-cut Roman aqueduct which supplied the ancient village of Emmaus with water, was recently unearthed in Israel by volunteers from the Beth Shemesh high school. The Jewish National Fund's Canada Park, situated near Emmaus, where Judas Maccabaeus won a striking victory against the Seleucid Greeks in 165 B.C., is yielding new finds faster than they can be evaluated. School children taking part in a Jewish National Fund cultural program are aiding in the restoration of the park's antiquities under the supervision of trained archaeologists.

California U. Anti-Semitism?

BERKELEY, CALIF: The University of California, often associated with liberal causes, has experienced several incidents that a campus rabbi believes are anti-Semitic.

A "conservative swing" on campus that is directed against minorities is partly responsible for vandalism against two Jewish religious organizations, Rabbi Stephen Robbins said.

Assad: Egypt Would Join War On Israel

VIENNA: Syrian President Hafez Assad said last week he doubted a separate peace between Egypt and Israel could prevent the Egyptians from joining the Arabs in another war against Israel.

Should there be a new war against Israel, all Arabs, even the Egyptians will stand together, Assad told Austrian journalists.

This situation cannot be altered by some kind of paper, Assad said, in an apparent reference to a separate peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Reprinted from The Jerusalem Post



ATTEND DINNER-DANCE: Seven hundred employees, retirees, their families and guests braved the stormy weekend weather to attend The Miriam Hospital's 25th annual employee dinner-dance. The affair, which is sponsored by the hospital and the staff association, was held at the Venus de Milo in Swansea, Massachusetts, on Saturday evening. Seven employees who attended the first employee dinner-dance 25 years before, were presented with plaques by Jerome R. Sapolsky, president of the hospital, for their many years of dedicated service. Recipients were Florence Cook, Ann Corey, Dr. Jacob Dyckman, Ellen Gardner, Cosmo Minicucci, Margaret Murphy, Elsie Raymond and Emmy Schroeder.

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Your Money's Worth

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at this age and in this position, there is little escape for you. You have delayed far, far too long.

You can — and you should — seek all the advice from financial counselors that you can get: a nearby consumer credit counseling service; a credit counsel at a local bank, savings institution, credit union; consumer finance company; a family finance expert at your union, or any religious group to which you belong; a community agency specifically created to assist the elderly.

But you are a victim of your employer's, your community's and your own lack of planning for retirement at the appropriate time — many years ago. Your options are exceedingly limited.

You can — and you should — seek as many ways as you can find to raise your income (and still not forfeit any benefits due to you). There are jobs you can fill, ranging from baby sitting to house sitting to health care for those less physically able than you. Do not belittle any opportunity.

You can — and you should — band together with those in similar positions to save by buying foods in bulk, by sharing costs of transportation, by exchanging services, etc.

But the solutions are for those of you who begin to PLAN for retirement (a crucial four-letter word) in your 30s, 40s and, at the latest, in your early 50s. Here are key guidelines:

- Some of your expenses will be higher: for instance, your costs for medicine, both prescription and non-prescription, will be an average 2½ half times higher than for younger adults.

- Some major items in your budget will either cost less or cease to be at all important. Your home mortgage will have been paid off or your overall housing expenses will be lower. In a warmer climate, your clothing needs will be less, your heating costs slashed. Your heavy education bills will be behind you, your food costs lower because you eat less. Medicare will be crucial. Etc.

- You'll also be eligible in retirement for prime money-saving tax breaks: extra exemptions, home selling tax breaks, other special deductions connected with your age.

But no matter what your style of living, you must be coldly realistic in estimating your own needs. Aim now for an emergency savings fund, for extra health insurance to supplement Medicare, for some "inflation cushion" to protect the buying power of your retirement income. These preparatory steps must not be postponed if you are to avoid ever stepping into the shoes of Mary and George.

Using credit as a supplement to your retirement income may be a temporary bail-out. But that's all it is or ever will be.

SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

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Trading in your other real estate-related issue, GAC, has been suspended by the SEC.

You might dispose of Dynamics Corp. of America (ASE), a broadly diversified company whose recent earnings have been hindered by costs incurred in introducing new Waring (electric houseware) products, weak prices for crystals manufactured for the digital watch market and sluggish farm equipment sales. The longer term record has been erratic, and no cash dividends have been paid since 1970.

Gulf & Western (NYSE) is broadly diversified as well, and prospects for some of its divisions are not especially favorable. Also, the SEC is investigating the company's accounting methods and several questionable transactions, which further clouds the outlook. In spite of the relatively high yield, I'd suggest bailing out now in favor of a safer vehicle.

ATO's (NYSE) financial condition is somewhat weak, and recently profit margins have been squeezed by start-up and consolidation costs in the construction equipment area. You might sell this one as well. Investment Company of America's longer term record has been distinctly sub-average, and I see no reason for you to maintain your position in this fund.

The remaining stocks on your list may be held. Although they are rather low yielding, they do have favorable prospects and will give you inflation protection. With the proceeds from the recommended sales and with your settlement money, you might initiate positions in American Natural Resources, Cleveland Electric, Tampa Electric, Southern Pacific and Charter New York, all NYSE issues providing income and moderate dividend growth potential.

Jewish Funeral Held On Majorca

PALMA, Majorca: The funeral of Dr. E. Davids here recently, was the first Jewish funeral on the island for some 500 years. Alec Kesselman, the president of the Majorca community officiated.

The local authorities for the first time gave permission for the funeral to take place on a Sunday. The service was conducted in the new cemetery site which has yet to be completed.

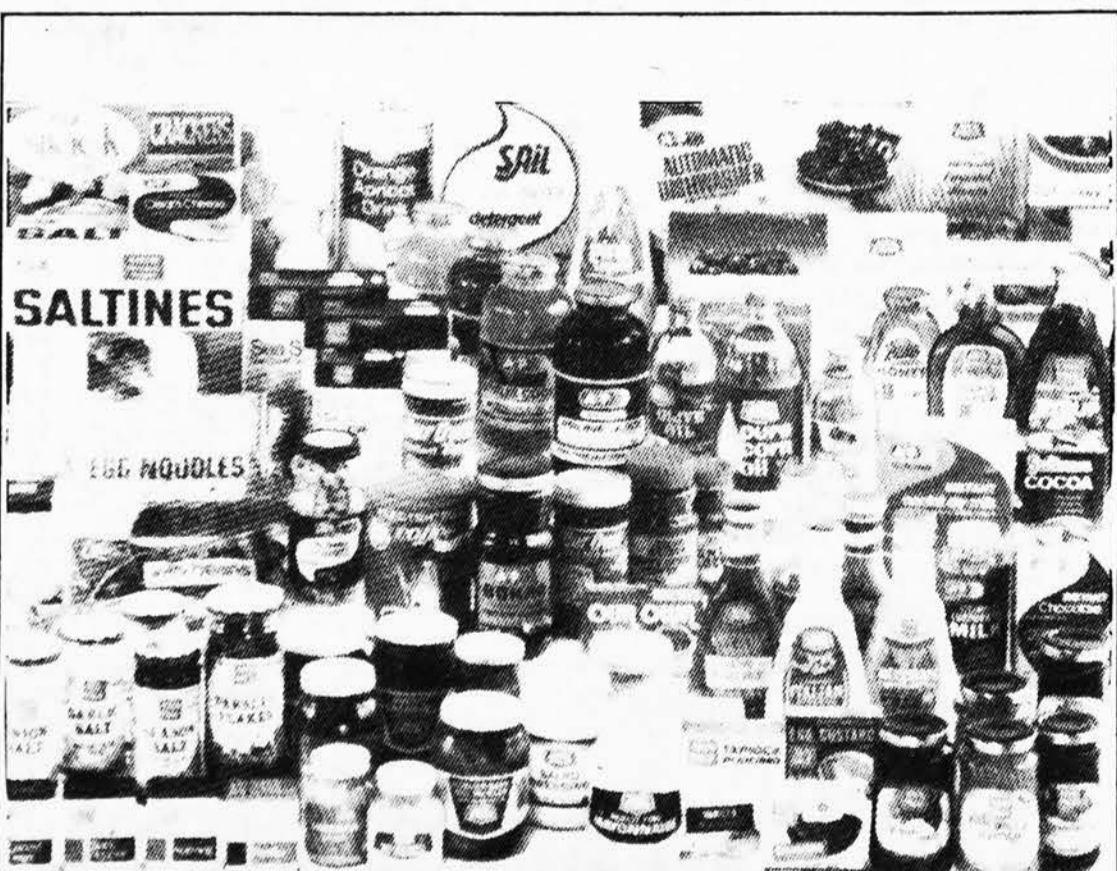
No trace remains of the three centuries-old Jewish cemeteries on the island.

DANISH DELEGATION

TEL AVIV: A parliamentary delegation from Denmark arrived yesterday for a week's visit in Israel. The delegation, headed by Karl Skytte, president of the Folketing (parliament), was met at the airport by Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir.



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BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



The art of finessing is just that, an art. Even though, under normal circumstances, a finesse has a 50-50 chance of working, sometimes its failure can cost much more than success might gain. Furthermore, by losing it might mean the wrong or dangerous opponent will gain the lead. A finesse might be considered a last resort type of thing unless it can lose nothing to try should it fail. Today's hand shows what can happen when a finesse loses to the wrong hand and how it could have been avoided.

North
 A 8 4
 8 5
 K Q 6 3
 A J 6 4

West
 J 7 3
 A Q 7 6
 10 8 5 2
 10 8

East
 Q 10 9 6
 J 10 9 3 2
 9
 Q 9 3

South
 K 5 2
 K 4
 A J 7 4
 K 7 5 2

North was Dealer, both sides vulnerable with this bidding:

N	E	S	W
1D	P	2NT	P
3NT	End		

The bidding shouldn't and didn't create any problem, every pair ending in the same contract. The problem was to make it if West did not lead a Heart. Some Wests did which gave Declarer his ninth trick with his Heart King. I watched the hand several times but only remained if West led the Club 10. Had North not bid Diamonds a low Diamond would have been a reasonable lead but no one led that suit.

This article revolves on the lead of the Club 10. Almost every South, most of those without even giving it any thought, called for the Jack. They felt they were being presented with a free finesse. True, West might have been underleading the Queen,

10 and 9, but it would be very costly to find that you were wrong. Again, even then the Heart Ace could have been with East and that threatening Heart switch would only result in an extra trick with the King. But that old adage, "It's better to be safe than sorry," is a good one to follow when playing bridge.

What then could be done? What did happen is that East covered the Jack at trick one and before nine tricks could be scored, East had to be put on lead. His Heart switch through Declarer's King set the hand. How about this, instead of rushing up with Dummy's Club Jack. Let West hold that first trick. Even if he had the Queen he might have had four Clubs and will still have the Queen. If he continues Clubs, now the Jack is absolutely safe for if East has the Queen, as he does, it means the suit will break evenly and Declarer can win the other three tricks in it. His own King wins trick two and Dummy's Ace will drop the other Clubs. With normally good defense, meaning that neither opponent discards the wrong cards, the hand cannot be made if the Club Jack is played at trick one. It cannot be set if Declarer ducks the first trick.

This is not that difficult to see if only Declarers would take those very few extra seconds to study their combined hands and envision what might be in store for them if they fail to allow for it. Ten seconds is a long time in this case, most other times in life it is nothing at all.

Moral: Try to see which opponent holds the Danger hand and then see what steps must be taken to prevent his ever leading. Finally, take those steps.

MAY LEAVE POST

JERUSALEM (JTA): Chaim Herzog may leave his post as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations this summer, it is learned here. The envoy, now in Israel on a brief private visit, refused to talk to reporters about his future plans until after he has seen Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. One man tipped within Foreign Ministry circles as his possible successor is the ambassador to Bonn, Yohanan Meroz, a former private secretary of Golda Meir when she served as foreign minister.

Sadat Bareheaded At Holocaust Memorial

JERUSALEM: When President Sadat visited Yad Vashem during his stay in Israel, Israeli Premier Menahem Begin gave him a black skull cap, explaining that because the shrine had religious significance, men should have their heads covered.

President Sadat appeared to don the skull cap, but at that moment, security men prevented reporters and photographers from entering the shrine. However, Israeli TV cameras were already inside, and some reports say that the blurred pictures transmitted from the shrine showed President Sadat bareheaded.

Population Profile

JERUSALEM (JTA): Israel's population was 3,650,000 at the end of 1977, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The Jewish population is 3,076,000 and the non-Jewish is 574,000. The rate of growth has decreased in both sectors.

The statistics showed that the number of Jews increased by 56,000 in 1977, an increase of 1.8 percent compared to 2.1 percent in 1976. The non-Jewish population increased by 19,000, a 3.5 percent hike compared to 3.9 percent in 1976. Of the 56,000 Jews, 52,000 were born in Israel, the remainder were immigrants. Some 17,000 Israelis left the country permanently, according to the bureau.

Top Billing

NEW YORK (JTA): Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's electrifying visit to Jerusalem in November and the beginning of Egyptian-Israeli talks in search of Middle East peace was rated the top headline story of 1977 by American editors, according to the magazine, Editor and Publisher, the news media's trade magazine. Another top story was the Hanafi Moslem sect's occupation of three Washington buildings last March.

CAIRO MAIL ARRIVES

TEL AVIV: The cards and letters Israelis mailed home when they were in Egypt two weeks ago are now beginning to arrive, though Egyptian authorities said at the time they could not promise a postal connection with Israel. Letters sent through the Mean House reception desk arrived with no Egyptian cancellation on the stamps, but those sent from elsewhere in Cairo were cancelled.



ELECTED: Burton Robert Levenson of Cranston was elected Illustrious Potentate of Palestine Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at its annual meeting held on January 23 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cranston.

Mr. and Mrs. Levenson and their two sons live at 200 Hoffman Avenue in Cranston. He was graduated from English High School in Boston, Massachusetts; Brown & Nichols Preparatory School and Boston University. A distributor for Paymaster Checkwriter Corporation, he has served as a warrant officer in the U.S. Army. He is a former director of Playflower Savings and Loan; a trustee of Plantations Lodge, B'nai B'rith; a member of the Governor's Council for hiring of the handicapped, and an associate member of the R.I. Police Chief's Association.

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SHIFTING SANDS AT YAMIT

By ZVI ARENSTEIN

It's very possible that the people of Yamit have been misunderstood. News coverage tends to be incomplete, reflecting only the top layer of public opinion. In Yamit this week, that top layer has been repeating over and over, to anyone who would listen, "Israeli sovereignty in the Rafiah Approaches. We will not be moved."

For six years, Yamit has been called "Dayan's brainchild." In 1972, the then defence minister unveiled his dream of a city of a quarter of a million inhabitants and began arranging trips for impressive people to see the location.

They were incredulous. "You're going to build a city on these sanddunes?" they exclaimed. "Impossible!" There was no one there to answer them but some scattered Beduin families.

In 1973, Jewish National Fund bulldozers started flattening the dunes. At the same time, a group of Russian immigrants were told by an official of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department that if they really wanted Yamit to be built quickly, the best thing they could do would be to go and live as close as possible to the site. Ten families accordingly moved into "temporary" quarters at moshav Sadot.

In March 1974, on the day construction started, Yisraeli Kuzenitz, a leader of the group, was in Philadelphia, addressing a gathering of 20 families from all over the United States who had shown an interest in living in Yamit. In October of that year, after four months at the Beersheba absorption centre, 12 of those families were handed the keys to their flats in Yamit.

The town developed slowly — too slowly for the people living in it. The first winter brought only 30 families; with the end of the school year, the number went up to 200. Another year brought another 150 families.

It wasn't long before a commercial centre was built, complete with supermarket, brightly-lit hardware store, trendy clothes store and coffee shop, all showing a strong

Western influence in their design. But there aren't many amenities of that kind in Yamit. For two years, people have been watching their Saturday night movie seated on a cold stone floor — in the open air. And mothers having to take their children for medical tests stand at the entrance to the town to hitch a ride to Beersheba Hospital.

All this time there has been no shortage of official reassurance.

"Yamit must be absorbed into the borders of the State of Israel in order to ensure defensible boundaries," Prime Minister Rabin told the residents in November 1976. "Israel wants and is ready for all negotiations for peace. This must go together with secure borders, because the assurance of security is the assurance of peace."

They believed the headline in *The Post* when Prime Minister Begin visited the area only three months ago: "Yamit gets go-ahead for massive growth." Planning was begun for a city of 100,000 inhabitants.

So far, some IL300m. have been invested in Yamit, and a similar amount, for infrastructure alone, in the surrounding settlements. One moshav, Neot Sinai, has had IL25m. of this sum, which means approximately IL1.5m. per family.

Today, the inhabitants of Yamit are in a state of psychological shock: they simply cannot believe their ears. After years of reassurances and promises, of being lulled into believing that giving the area back to Egypt was absolutely out of the question, they are facing a new reality.

This week, Moshe Dayan came back to Yamit as foreign minister.

"If you stand in the way of peace," he warned now, "the country is not going to back you."

His listeners could not understand what he was saying to them. Did he mean that Yamit didn't want peace?

Reaction to the prospect of peace had been slow here. Only three weeks ago, the town was more concerned about electing a new council, the bad bus service, the open-

ing of a new branch post office, a high school for future teenagers.

Ze'ev Ofer, a general in the reserves, was too busy learning his duties as the Housing Ministry's new representative in Yamit to think about the possibility that Yamit might be returned to Egypt. "It's ridiculous even to discuss it," he said.

Perhaps he was right. According to Begin's plan, Yamit itself is not to be given back. The entire area will, certainly, revert to Egyptian sovereignty, but the Israeli settlements will remain under Israeli control, with Israeli services and defence forces.

The prime minister has been trying for the past two weeks to convince the people of Yamit that they have nothing to worry about. "We want you to be part of Israel," he keeps saying. But they've heard that line before, and this time it is more difficult to believe it.

When Begin announced his plan, the people of Yamit started envisaging their town as a Jewish ghetto surrounded by hundreds of thousands of Egyptians.

"We didn't come to live in Egypt," was the general feeling. And after a series of long town meetings, it was agreed that Yamit must remain under Israeli sovereignty. That too much had been invested here to just get up and go.

They decided to begin their campaign with demonstrations, and phone calls to the news media at all hours of the day and night.

Their strident voices have been heard, but very little has been forthcoming in the way of concrete counter-proposals. They have not been very successful, as yet, in convincing the Israeli people of the rightness of their cause.

A visit to Jerusalem last Sunday afternoon — while 3,000 inhabitants of development towns from Ophira to Katzrin were gathered at moshav Sadot to hear two ministers telling them that if Yamit foundered, it would be because its inhabitants had abandoned it, not the government — was instructive. People in



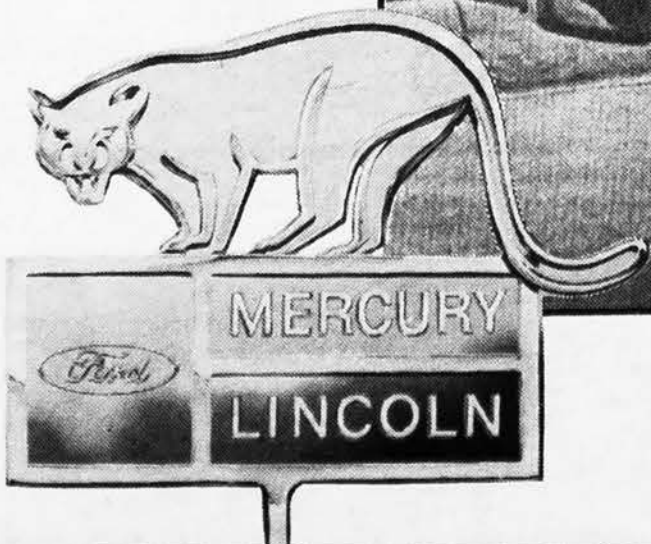
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... were remarkably unconcerned, or the other. "No one in the country cares about Yamit. You understand that?" The point was that very few people had been persuaded that its withdrawal was of any importance. "I'm willing to give up Yamit for peace," he said, voicing what seemed to be a general opinion. "I don't think it could have been built there in the first

place. Yamit has failed so far that it has not found a way of showing the nation that it is not necessary to "sacrifice" Yamit to achieve peace.

... of the residents do not hold with such resolutions.

... demagoguery," says Yitzhak Rabin, who with his wife Yehudit edits the weekly paper.

... at last week's edition might be more instructive about the different points of opinion here than five minutes of news in the radio and TV news

... article entitled, "What to say and do," for example, one resident

... there is a possibility of a peace agreement with Egypt that will leave Yamit in full Israeli sovereignty. When that comes, it is the size of our settlement that will determine our position. A small settlement will disintegrate and disappear. A large, stubborn settlement will remain in Israel, without going counter to the proposals, to retain practical control over the area."

... seems to have two alternative heads of it.

... pessimists foresee people gradually moving away, factories closing down because of lack of investments. The opposition would prefer to take Prime Minister Begin at his word when he says that the settlement is behind Yamit. But they want to underwrite his word with action.

The need for courage

By ABBA EBAN

The man who wrote that "a straight line is the shortest distance between two points" knew a great deal about geometry and nothing about diplomacy.

Since Anwar Sadat's voyage, the tactics in Cairo and Jerusalem have been circuitous and obscure. Each government is caught up in the tension between its international aims and its domestic emotions. The tension will now have to be resolved.

President Sadat cannot reach an agreement both with Israel and with the Arab rejectionists. And Prime Minister Begin cannot have peace both with Egypt and with Gush Emunim. Each of them should now show his courage within his own family — and his flexibility outside it.

And they should be philosophically resigned to the impossibility of satisfying all the people all the time. Benjamin Franklin understood this many generations ago: "There was never a peace made, however advantageous, that was not condemned as weakness and its makers censured as injudicious or corrupt."

The clouds are gathering, and there is danger lest the gains of private diplomacy be eroded by public argument.

Mr. Sadat cannot be completely serious when he describes the Israeli recognition of Egyptian sovereignty in Sinai as a mere "side-issue." The restoration of his country's territorial integrity — recklessly compromised by his predecessor — must surely be accounted his greatest achievement.

He would lose nothing by appraising this accomplishment at its true and full value.

Mr. Begin's opportunities of chivalry lie in the domestic field. The hard fact is that his party vehemently opposed every agreement, compromise and accommodation by which the Labour governments kept the hope of Arab-Israeli compromise alive through darker years.

The list of Herut-Gahal-Likud rejections extends from the armistice agreements of 1949, through Resolution 242 in 1967, the cease-fires in 1970 and in 1973, the Geneva peace conference in 1973, the dis-

engagement agreements of 1974 and the Sinai interim agreement of 1975.

Any serious historian will have to rule that these painful compromises, individually and in aggregate, contributed more to the break-through of November 1977, than the change of Israeli leadership on May 17 of that year.

History works more in paradox than in logic, and those who tried to stop us from building the foundations of the peace structure may now have the chance to build the roof. Let us hope that this is so.

But even in that case, it does not become the Likud to pose as the sole or primary architect. Its prospect of success in the near future depends on its failure to have its way in the past. A contrite or placatory expression by the Likud towards the political judgment of the Labour movement would not only give our political arena a salutary whiff of grace and veracity. It would also help to develop the consensual climate that will be essential during our next ordeals.

The kind of hard decisions that will be required in the coming weeks cannot be fulfilled without support by the two major elements in our public and parliamentary life — the Likud and the Labour opposition. The support given by Labour to Mr. Begin's efforts deserve a reciprocal gesture of solidarity.

The key to success for Mr. Begin's autonomy plan lies in the frank recognition of its interim character. The inherently transitional nature of the plan emerges from the fact that the major issue of territorial sovereignty is left in suspense.

The explicit provision for review after a few years is another sign of provisionality. We should make the best of this condition. The Arab world can accept many things on the assumption of provisionality that they have no chance of accepting on the assumption of finality and permanence. Autonomy is probably one of them.

On the Israeli side, we should not rule out the prospect that the West Bank and Gaza Arabs, after a few years of autonomy, may emerge from PLO concepts towards a view

of regional harmony that would reassure Israel about the acceptability of their full independence in a Palestinian-Jordanian state.

In that event, the notion of a territorial agreement, on which the Israeli government pours such scorn today, will be seen to be the natural and inevitable formula. The central truth about Eretz Yisrael is this: the two parties have a prospect of reaching agreement on the next phase, while they have no chance of agreeing on the ultimate destination.

There is equal need for lucid thinking on the Rafiah salient.

The formula to which Mr. Begin and I gave our agreement in 1967 — "a peace treaty on the basis of the former international boundary and Israel's security needs with a special agreement for Sharm e-Sheikh" — is better than that employed in the latest Israeli plan. The phrase "on the basis of" was meant to leave some limited room for mutual adjustment.

For years we have all been saying that Rafiah is the funnel through which invasions of Israel from the south have been planned (1967) or carried out (1948). (The fact is that an Egyptian army did approach Ashdod.)

If there is any merit in the Israeli security doctrine held for 30 years, there is a strong case for negotiating the exchange of a triangle containing the main Rafiah settlements for a symbolic patch in the Israeli north-western Negev which would imply no vulnerability for Israel. The notion of Egyptian sovereignty in Sinai may exclude unilateral cession, but it does not rule out exchange.

The one thing that should be abandoned is illusion.

There is sharp intellectual discomfort in Dr. Ra'anan Weitz' assertion that the immediate construction of 2,000 new dwelling-units in the Rafiah area is logically consistent with the government's political line. My own embarrassment was only heightened by my admiration of the author's talent and pioneering zeal.



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Who Says a Kibbutz Has To Be Poor?

HAIFA: There is indignation in the Kibbutz movement. Why do people believe that a kibbutz has to be poor? Why is it a crime for a kibbutz to have an affluent society of its own? Why the derision on the part of city folks when they learn that kibbutz members can live very well indeed? Why this morbid poking into kibbutz private life? Why didn't they point a finger at us when we had only olives and half an egg for a meal?

These are, in effect, some of the questions kibbutz members are asking in the wake of a short article in *Haaretz* entitled "American Style at Kibbutz Netzer Sereni."

Some aspects of kibbutz improvements and development are already taken for granted. No one is surprised any more when he finds air-conditioning, hygienic conditions, excellent food, decorative arts and green lawns in the larger and more prosperous kibbutzim. The people worked hard in these settlements, and they're en-

titled to comfort which they have earned.

What caused lifted eyebrows, however, was the report that some members at Netzer Sereni had private bank accounts on the outside, took frequent trips abroad, and apparently had lots of spending money — this is in a society which is supposed to preach proletarian egalitarianism.

This kibbutz also operates several prosperous factories which have an annual turnover of almost 100 million Israel Pounds a year, five times its income from agriculture. There's nothing wrong in that, but of the 140 persons working in the plants, about 100 are hired help from the outside. In other words, the kibbutz is not only a capitalist, but very successful.

Explanations and qualifications followed. Yes, it may be true that some of the Netzer Sereni members maintain private bank accounts (through which they can carry on private investments in the stock market), but the money stemmed from German reparations. Some of the members are

survivors of Buchenwald, and when the reparations came through, it was decided that each recipient could keep 80 percent of the payments. The balance went to the kibbutz. These members were free to do as they wished with their money. Some spent it on travel. Some put it into expansion of their homes and furnishings. And some opened bank accounts.

The public was amused to read that Netzer Sereni maintains its own supermarket where members can buy what they want, paid for in kibbutz script. Netzer Sereni has departed from the original collective ideology in other ways as well. They were one of the first to discontinue the common nursery for children. Here the youngsters are raised with and by their own parents.

The kibbutz secretary told a reporter: "Should we have to apologize for being successful? Yes, we are a collective under conditions of affluence."

Income tax? They insist that they pay honestly, as required by the law. But some observers point out that the law was enacted by Labor Governments and was designed to give the kibbutz a definite advantage, by dividing the gross income statistically among all the members, and thus reducing the total payments. Netzer Sereni, it should be noted has almost 600 souls, including members, children, temporary residents, ulpan students, etc.

There are some kibbutzim that are said to be much wealthier than Netzer Sereni. And there are certainly many that have not reached anywhere near its economic standards, especially some of the newer ones.

Rich or poor, capitalist or Socialist, there is no doubt that the kibbutz is a unique creation of the Zionist movement, and object of curious interest to all from the outside.

PLAN CONGRESS

JERUSALEM (JTA): Evangelical Christians will meet here at the end of the month for an international congress for the peace of Jerusalem, Dr. Douglas Young, one of the organizers, told a press conference. The aim of the congress will be to demonstrate Christian support for Israel at the time of political trials. Young said that American Evangelicals constitute a pro-Israel body far greater in size than the Jewish community. According to Young, their pro-Israel position has been translated into overt political action, such as pro-Israel advertisements in American newspapers. Premier Menahem Begin is scheduled to address the congress.

No Withdrawal

JERUSALEM: Israel will not withdraw from the International Labor Organization, despite the United States' decision to do so, the Cabinet decided. The Israeli decision came despite the fact that the US quit the organization due to Arab manipulation of the organization as an anti-Israeli instrument. The explanation in Jerusalem was that contrary to Washington, Israel could not return to the ILO when she would wish to do so.

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Council of Churches Slams New Israeli Missionary Law

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Council of Christian Churches in Israel has protested vigorously against a recently enacted law imposing prison terms and fines for certain types of missionary activity. A delegation representing the churches met with Yisrael Lippel, director general of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, to protest that the law was written without consulting the Christian community. They also charged that its aim was to create "a feeling of hate and suspicion against the Christian church."

The law provides penalties of five years in prison or an IL 50,000 fine for anyone attempting to persuade another person to convert to his religion in return for material benefit. A person who converts for material benefit is subject to three years imprisonment or an IL 30,000 fine. The law itself does not mention missionaries nor does it contain the word "Christian."

But the explanatory paragraphs attached to the bill when it was presented in the Knesset warn against the allegedly growing influence of missionary elements in Israel who take advantage of financial difficulties of Jews to convert them to Christianity. It was the explanation which aroused the anger of the Council of Churches.

The church representatives told Lippel they were determined to fight to have the law abolished. Lippel said they should understand Israel's sensitivity to missionary activity, especially after the Holocaust. He conceded, however, that the Christian community should have been consulted before the law was adopted.

The bill was originally submitted to the

Knesset in 1975. It was passed only late last year in accordance with promises made by the Likud government to its Aguda Israel coalition partners. The Aguda has been inveighing against missionary activity for years, claiming it was conducted on a large scale. But the church delegation noted that the conversion rate of Jews to Christianity is less than 10 a year compared to as many as 2000 Christians who convert to Judaism each year.

Observers here said the law was not necessary because in the few cases where missionary activity was successful, the converted families soon left the country.

CJC STRIKES AGAIN
MONTREAL: The Canadian Jewish Congress renewed its complaint to the Canadian government that Archbishop Valerian Trifia,

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Slain PLO Official Met With Eliachar In London

By Phillip Gillon

Said Hammami, the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in London who was assassinated recently, had three long conversations late in November with Elie Eliachar, the honorary president of the Israeli Council for Peace with the Palestinians.

Eliachar was invited to meet with Hammami and some other moderate members of the PLO in London.

At these meetings, Eliachar told the Arabs that it was absurd for them to continue insisting that Israel must be destroyed and replaced by a secular democratic state. Eliachar warned that they were missing the historic opportunity created by the peace initiative of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

Much to Eliachar's surprise, Hammami agreed with him in principle, subject to certain modifications. But he said that the moderates could not see their way clear to influencing the PLO's main leadership because of Israel's inflexible attitude towards the PLO.

Hammami said: "Israelis insist that we must repudiate the clause in our covenant calling for the abolition of Israel, before they will agree to talk with us. Why didn't they insist on President Sadat revoking the first clause of the constitution of his party, which adopted the Khartoum resolutions of no recognition and no negotiation with Israel? Instead he was welcomed as a hero in Jerusalem. If Israel would only open the door a little, we moderates in the PLO would get a chance."

Asked for his opinion of Hammami, Eliachar said: "He was a great Palestinian nationalist, a realist trying to accommodate two sides to a problem, a great believer in the impossibility of war or terror solving any problems."

The "Voice of the Palestinian Revolution," a hitherto unknown organization, has claimed responsibility for killing Hammami "because he made contact with the Jewish country."

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APPOINTED TO BONDS REGIONAL POST: Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman of Temple Emanu-El was selected to serve as New England Region cochairman of the National Rabbinic Cabinet of State of Israel Bonds at a luncheon meeting for Rhode Island rabbis, congregation presidents and Israel Bond chairmen held at the Jewish Community Center recently. Shown above, left to right, are Rabbi Zaiman, Arthur S. Robbins, general chairman of the Rhode Island State of Israel Bonds Committee; Rabbi Jerome S. Gurland, president of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis who called the meeting, and guest speaker, Rabbi Richard M. Yellin of Mishkan Tfila, Chestnut Hills, Massachusetts, New England Region chairman of the National Rabbinic Cabinet. Participation by the Rhode Island synagogues in the 30th anniversary of the State of Israel was discussed.

Israel Reducing Its U.N. Mission; Move Seen As Snub To World Body

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.: The Israeli Government has decided on a major shakeup of its United Nations mission.

The changes will cut the size of the delegation and curtail some activities that have given the mission high visibility, both at the United Nations and in the New York community.

Nine of the ten members of the mission will be leaving by summer and the intention is to reduce the number of diplomatic posts in the future to five.

Reduction is partly a budgetary consideration but there also appears to have been a suggestion that the embassy in Washington should take on more of the activities variously characterized as "lobbying" or "information services."

Chaim Herzog, Israel's chief delegate, had been expected to return home when he completed his three years this summer. His three deputies, who hold the rank of ambassador, also expected to be reassigned. But it now appears that some of the positions will be eliminated.

These and other changes were decided upon when Ephraim Even, the director

general of the Foreign Ministry, visited recently.

Suggestion of Cool Attitude

Other delegations, which gauge the size and caliber of missions as a reflection of government attitudes, are likely to see the cutbacks as a demonstration by Prime Minister Menahem Begin's Government of its poor regard for the United Nations as a forum for foreign policy.

The Israelis have long argued that they cannot get a fair hearing in the United Nations because of the overwhelming opposition of the Arab and Communist blocs, pointing to the many anti-Israeli resolutions approved at each General Assembly sessions.

The Israelis have countered by pursuing an aggressive strategy with frequent speeches attacking their opponents in the public debates and by vigorous lobbying, particularly among uncommitted third-world countries.

The delegation members are active in maintaining contacts with private groups in the United States, Jewish and non-Jewish, and trying to win support for Israel's position. Mr. Herzog made 100 speeches last year to such groups.

The position of delegation spokesman, now held by Tuvia Saar, a former Israeli broadcaster, is to be eliminated. Press activities will be shifted to the Israeli consulate, which also is being reshuffled and reduced in manpower.

The reductions have become common knowledge in Jerusalem. The changes also are being talked about by American Jewish groups, which customarily seek Israeli diplomats as guest speakers.

Mr. Herzog, who will be returning to private law practice in Israel, told an interviewer recently that it might have been a wiser course to "double the establishment" rather than reduce it. He also remarked that it was inexplicable that Israeli information services were being scaled back at a time when the United Nations was establishing a new information facility to promote the cause of the Palestinians.

No successor to Mr. Herzog has been named and some consideration is being given to the appointment of a career foreign service officer to the United Nations position, which would reflect a change of policy. Mr. Herzog was the director of military intelligence in Israel and later a political commentator and writer.

Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Simcha Dinitz, also is leaving his post and Mr. Evron is said to be under consideration to replace him.

Court Revokes Bail

NEW YORK: The European affairs department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported it had learned that a German court last week revoked bail for Hermine Braunsteiner-Raynan, the former Queens housewife who is on trial in Dusseldorf, West Germany, and placed her in jail. Mrs. Ryan and 13 others are charged with murdering inmates of the Maidenek concentration camp during the Nazi years.

Last week, following the testimony of two Polish witnesses, she interrupted the proceedings by calling them "pigs" and shouting other phrases of abuse. Her bail was cancelled because of the outburst.

36 West Bank Arabs Arrested

TEL AVIV: Security sources disclosed the recent arrests of 36 West Bank Arabs suspected of membership in six terrorist cells, most of them linked to El Fatah. Three cells were uncovered in Ramallah, two in Hebron and one in Nablus. The suspects are believed responsible for various bombings or attempted bombings over the past two years including the planting of explosives in buses in Jerusalem and elsewhere.

Germans Of Today Innocent: Schmidt

BONN: West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who laid a wreath at the Auschwitz Memorial during a visit to the former concentration camp, said that nothing could undo the Nazi tyranny of the past, but the Germans of today are not guilty of the crimes committed at Auschwitz.


He added: "No young German need feel inhibited when he meets a young Pole. But he must know what has been committed in the name of Germany."

The Chancellor, who is on a five-day visit to Poland, appealed for further reconciliation between Poles and Germans.

Takes Home Seeds

JERUSALEM: During his recent tour of the Golan Heights, Britain's former Prime Minister, Sir Harold Wilson, insisted on making a detour to plant a tree personally in the Galilee forest which is being planted in his name by the JNF in Britain. While doing so, he scooped up a few seeds in the hope that he will be able to produce some offshoots from the forest in his own garden at home.

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With A Blessing For The King Of Spain

By JUDY SIEGEL

The lack of diplomatic relations between Madrid and Jerusalem did not prevent the Spanish authorities from treating Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef like a visiting head of state during his historic visit to their country a few weeks ago.

The 15,000 Jews of Spain regard Rabbi Yosef's visit as the most important event to touch their community since the expulsion from Spain in 1492. Photographs of the chief rabbi were prominent on the front pages of Spanish newspapers and shown on Spanish TV. One paper editorialized that the chief rabbi obviously has "Spanish blood in his veins," and claimed him as one of their own.

Spanish Jews watched with pride when Rabbi Yosef and his party were preceded by an honour guard of motorcycle policemen who, at the chief rabbi's request, parked their vehicles on Shabbat and accompanied him on his walk to the synagogue.

"Even though they were Catholics and don't have to observe the Sabbath," the chief rabbi told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview this week, "I didn't want them to ride because of me."

Officially, the chief rabbi was there to attend the opening of the first Jewish school in Spain since the expulsion. Located in a luxury residential quarter of Madrid, the school was built with contributions from the local Jewish community and from Swiss philanthropist Nessim Gaon. It is attended by 150 elementary-school-age boys and girls.

The chief rabbi was constantly asked, before and during the trip, whether his visit cancels the ban on contact with Spain that some sages have established. Rabbi Yosef replied that there never was such a prohibition, and based his ruling on the extensive research he has conducted.

Rabbi Yosef's acceptance of a surprise invitation from King Juan Carlos to visit him at the royal palace was preceded by a considerable debate — in the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem — about whether he should meet with the King if asked.

Some argued that an official meeting would serve only the interests of the Spanish, who have so far refused to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. A display of warmth and cordiality to a visiting Israeli, they continued, was aimed at winning American — and especially American Jewish — approval. But in the end the chief rabbi's acceptance was approved by Israeli authorities.

Rabbi Yosef used the opportunity — his first face-to-face meeting with a king — to recite the Hebrew blessing that is prescribed for such an occasion, and explained to the royal couple its significance.

The king responded modestly that he was not sure if he was worthy of such blessings, but he accepted from the chief rabbi a silver goblet and a book of photographs of Jerusalem, and gave him a silver coronation

medal in return. The chief rabbi also transmitted greetings from the president and prime minister of Israel.

Queen Sophia, who travels to the university in Madrid each week to hear a lecture by the city's chief rabbi on Jewish history, confided to Rabbi Yosef that one of her "weaknesses" is her love of music and song. "I said that our Tora looks favourably on music because it brings joy and means that a person is satisfied with his lot."

When Rabbi Yosef suggested that the time was ripe for the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the king said he hoped that "following further developments" in the Middle East, he would be able to recommend such a step.

After blessing the king's two young daughters at the monarch's request, Rabbi Yosef was led to his car by the royal couple — a rare gesture in the palace.

Their strong faith was the common link between the chief rabbi and Spain's Cardinal Rimado Gonzales, who invited him to a private talk in Toledo. "We agreed that religion must be strengthened in order to preserve morality in a difficult world," the rabbi said later.

The chief rabbi found the Jewish community living in religious freedom and enjoying a decent standard of living. Only a handful trace their roots back to the Spanish Jews of the 15th century. Nearly all arrived some 20 or 30 years ago — either Sephardim who escaped the Arab countries or Ashkenazim who fled the Holocaust.

The Jewish Agency has an aliya emissary there, and 40 Jews have come on aliya in the past few months, but they are not strong Zionists. "In their heart," said the chief rabbi, "they are not against Israel. But they are afraid of Arabs."

However, Spain's Jews are in desperate need of spiritual leadership and Jewish education facilities, said Rabbi Yosef. On his return to Israel he called the World Zionist Organization and asked that they send religious teachers there to train the younger generation. The chief rabbi himself gave dozens of sermons and lectures to packed audiences wherever he went in Spain.

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Two New Rabbis

JERUSALEM: Jerusalem which has long been without any chief rabbis now has two again. Rabbi Shalom Mashash, the former chief rabbi of Morocco who immigrated to Israel only two weeks earlier, has been elected chief Sephardic rabbi and Rabbi Bezalel Zolti, a member of the Supreme Rabbinical Court of Appeals, is Ashkenazic chief rabbi.

There has been no Ashkenazic chief rabbi in the capital for 17 years and none for the Sephardic community for seven years.

To Drop Interests

JERUSALEM (JCN): All Israeli government ministers and deputy ministers will have to dispose of business and economic interests which may conflict with their official positions, within two months. This directive is in line with recommendations of the Asher Commission drawn up to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist. The ministers concerned must either sell, lease or place in trusteeship their economic interests.

Chagall At Louvre

PARIS (JTA): President Valery Giscard d'Estaing inaugurated a special Chagall exhibition at the Louvre national art museum. This is the second time in French art history that a living painter has his works on display at the Louvre for a "one-man show."

Chagall's recent works now on display continue to describe Jewish life and Jewish themes. The Russian-born painter, whose works decorate Israel's Knesset building, is due to leave for Israel next month for a week of celebrations marking his 90th birthday and 75 years of work as the world's most outstanding living Jewish painter.

Golda Meir On Emotion

"It's stupid to describe me as hard. I'm the most sensitive creature you'll ever meet. It's no accident. Many accuse me of conducting public affairs with my heart instead of my head. Well, what if I do? I see no harm in it, on the contrary. I've always felt sorry for people afraid of feeling, of sentimentality, of emotion, who conceal what they feel and are unable to weep with their whole heart. Because those who do not know how to weep with their whole heart don't know how to laugh, either."

— GOLDA MEIR

From an interview with Oriana Fallaci, *Ms. Magazine*, April 1973

Gambling Casino In Brooklyn Shul Raided By Police

NEW YORK: Police raided a gambling casino in a Brooklyn synagogue building here and arrested 37 people, including a rabbi associated with a rabbinical college.

The police had received a complaint about the casino from the wife of a man who had lost money there. They had heard of such an operation earlier, but could not pinpoint its location. The casino had been open for three weeks in Temple Ahavat Sholom in the Flatbush section and had expanded its operation from three to five nights a week. It closed on Friday night for Shabbat and on Wednesday night for a synagogue-sponsored bingo game.

The police raided at a time when 300 people were busy gambling. The police seized \$4,500 in cash, 3 crap, 12 blackjack and 12 poker tables.

A synagogue official, said that "the synagogue is not associated" with the gambling operation, but had rented space for it to be held.

Carter Nominates Gandal For Post

WASHINGTON (JTA): President Carter has nominated Alvin Gandal, a postal official since 1969, to a five-year term as chairman of the Postal Rate Commission. The nomination is awaiting Senate confirmation. The five-member commission reviews rate revisions proposed by the Postal Service.

Gandal, 45, who holds a law degree from Case-Western Reserve University, served as legal advisor in the Postal Service General Counsel's Office, was director of the Office of Arbitration Procedures and is currently director of the Office of Contract Analysis. Gandal, who is the father of two sons, is the nephew of Mrs. Philip Slomovitz of Southfield, Mich. She is the wife of Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Jewish News of Detroit and a vice-president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

POPULATION RISES

JERUSALEM (JTA): Israel's population was 3,650,000 at the end of 1977, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The Jewish population is 3,076,000 and the non-Jewish is 574,000. The rate of growth has decreased in both sectors. The statistics showed that the number of Jews increased by 56,000 in 1977, an increase of 1.8 per cent compared to 2.1 per cent in 1976. The non-Jewish population increased by 19,000, a 3.5 per cent hike compared to 3.9 per cent in 1976. Of the 56,000 Jews, 52,000 were born in Israel, the remainder were immigrants. Some 17,000 Israelis left the country permanently, according to the bureau.

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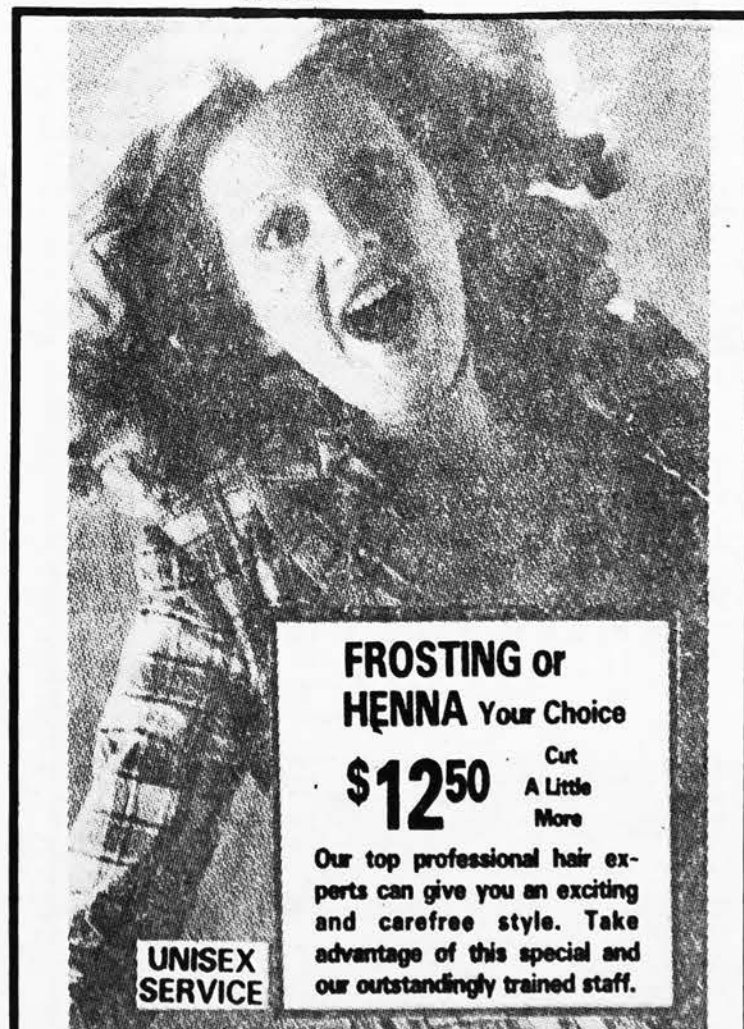
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Arabs Who Oppose Sadat Deride Halt In Talks As Mere Maneuver

BEIRUT, Lebanon: Egypt's decision to suspend political discussions with Israel in Jerusalem was derided as a mere maneuver by Syrians, Iraqis and other Arabs who oppose the peace initiatives of president Anwar el-Sadat.

But conservative Arabs such as the Saudis welcomed the Egyptian decision as an opportunity for reconciliation in the Arab world, which was split by President Sadat's dramatic visit to Israel in November.

Government-controlled Syrian newspapers continued to urge the Egyptian people to overthrow Mr. Sadat. The Damascus newspaper Al Thawra termed the suspension of the Egyptian-Israeli talks an attempt by Mr. Sadat to fool "Arab public opinion so as to later justify a separate deal" with the Israelis.

Similarly, a high-ranking official of the Palestine Liberation Organization said here that he was confident President Sadat would be back at the negotiating table with the Israelis soon. Yasir Abed Rabbouh, who heads P.L.O.'s information department, told reporters: "Let the Arabs have no illusion. Sadat is completely committed to the American-Zionist designs."

Begin 'Made a Fool of Sadat'

An Iraqi newspaper, the newly published daily Al Iraq, said in an editorial as quoted by two Baghdad radio that Prime Minister Menahem Begin of Israel "has made a fool of Sadat."

Analysts here said that a sense of apprehension had prevailed throughout the Arab world after the interruption of the Jerusalem talks. They described the negotiations as having underscored the views of many that Arab and Israeli positions are irreconcilable and cannot be settled by peaceful means.

Meanwhile, newspaper editorials in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates suggested that leaders of all Arab countries — opponents and supporters of Mr. Sadat alike — gather for a conference of reconciliation, and diplomatic sources said Saudis and Kuwaitis were discussing the possibility of a joint mediation effort to heal the inter-Arab rift.

"Their objective also is to salvage President Sadat and Egypt for the Arab cause," one Arab diplomat here said.

However, initial signs are that the anti-

Sadat Arabs may still be reluctant to resume cooperation with the Egyptian leader.

Rallies Recall Egyptian Riots

Leftists and Nasserites here held a rally to show what they called "solidarity with the Egyptian people" on the anniversary of the price riots that erupted in Cairo, Alexandria and other Egyptian cities a year ago. Similar rallies were held in Syria. The press in Damascus called it the "first anniversary of the Egyptian uprising against Sadat."

Mr. Sadat had blamed Communists and leftists for the riots. The rallies are part of the campaign that anti-Sadat Arabs have been carrying out since the Egyptian President started his peace initiative.

Arab diplomatic sources have quoted Syrian officials as saying that President Sadat's resignation is a precondition for resumption of cooperation with Egypt.

The press here carried speculation to the effect that Mr. Sadat may offer his resignation in the speech he is expected to deliver before a special session of the Egyptian Parliament on Saturday.

The Lebanese daily As Safir, which supports Libya, warned in an editorial against what is described as "resumption of the old concept of Arab solidarity just because Sadat has interrupted his talks with the Israelis." The only way for the Arabs to act is to adopt as hard a line as that of Mr. Begin, the paper said.

CHARTERS AT AIR BASE

BEN-GURION AIRPORT: Charter flights from Scandinavia will soon begin landing at an army air base not far from Eilat, according to airport sources here. The army field is needed because of limited space at Eilat's civilian airport. The passengers will be taken by bus from the base to Eilat — a trip of about half an hour.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

PETAH TIKVA: Former Prime Minister Golda Meir was discharged from the Beilinson Medical Centre over the weekend following a week's hospitalization. Professor Ciro Servadio, medical director of Beilinson, noted that "she left in both good spirits and good health." Mrs. Meir had been admitted to hospital after feeling generally weak.

Austrian Chancellor Says Jews Not Nation

VIENNA (JTA): Jews do not constitute a nation, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said in an interview for a supplement on the Arab world in the newspaper, Die Presse. "For me, the different Jewish groups are communities of fate," he said. "Jews live everywhere in the world. They have much more in common, both in appearance and lifestyle, with their host people than they have with each other." There are, he added, Black Jews, Indian Jews and Mongolian Jews, which "proves" that there is no Jewish nation.

Kreisky also said he advocates the return of "west Jordan territories" to the Arabs. These territories, although they had once constituted Jewish provinces, should belong to those who have lived there for the last several centuries. The only solution to the Middle East conflict, he said, would be the recognition of the existence of the State of Israel, but at the same time the existence of a Palestinian nation must also be recognized.

The Chancellor, who is a member of the Socialist (Second) International and has headed several fact-finding missions of the organization, said he has recommended round-table talks of the members of the International on ways to solve the conflict. In the second phase of such talks, he said, Socialist representatives of Arab countries should be invited to take part.

TOP STORY

NEW YORK (JTA): Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's electrifying visit to Jerusalem in November and the beginning of Egyptian-Israeli talks in search of Middle East peace was rated the top headline story of 1977 by American editors, according to the magazine, "Editor and Publisher," the news media's trade magazine. Another top story was the Hanafi Moslem sect's occupation of three Washington buildings last March.

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WASHINGTON: Ownership of the 754-mile trans-Arabian pipeline (Tapline) will revert to four United States oil companies when the Saudi takeover of the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) is completed.

Israeli Rabbi Visits Spain

JERUSALEM: King Juan Carlos is hoping to be able to recommend soon that the Spanish government should establish full diplomatic relations with Israel. This was reported by Rabbi Ovadia Yossef, Israel's Sephardi Chief Rabbi, on his return from a nine-day visit to Spain.

The Chief Rabbi, who was warmly appreciative of his hour-long interview, said that King Juan Carlos had indicated that further favorable political developments in the Middle East would play its part in influencing such a move.

The King praised Israel for her achievements in desert reclamation and he praised the "wisdom of the Jews" in general, Rabbi Yossef said.

The high point of Rabbi Yossef's visit was the opening in Madrid of the first full-time Jewish day school in Spain since the Expulsion of 1492. Madrid's first formal synagogue since the Expulsion was consecrated in 1968. The minister is Rabbi B. Garzon.

Israeli Spirit On Rise, Says Dulzin

BUENOS AIRES: Leon Dulzin treasurer of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization executives, said here that there has been a noticeable uplift in the spirit and hope of Israelis since the government of Premier Menahem Begin took office.

At the same time, Dulzin told a press conference it is difficult to see concrete changes so soon after 29 years of Labor rule although there are fewer strikes and hopes that by the end of the year inflation will be reduced from the present level of 39 per cent to 29 per cent.

BOMB DEFUSED

BRUSSELS: An explosive device was discovered last week in front of a building of the Israel Embassy in Brussels, police said. The device was defused by state troopers and army experts, police said. No one was hurt.

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Cabinet Ministers Seek To Reassure Alarmed Settlers In Sinai, West Bank

JERUSALEM: Senior Cabinet ministers sought to reassure alarmed settlers in northern Sinai and on the West Bank that Premier Menahem Begin's peace plan would not compromise their security, although it would require them to adjust to certain new conditions. They stressed that this was in the interest of peace, that most of the nation firmly supported the government's peace momentum and there was no turning back.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon brought that message to 3,000 settlers from the Rafah salient and Yamit assembled at Sadot in northern Sinai, a region that would be returned to Egypt under Begin's plan. Minister of Interior Yosef Burg and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party (NRP) spoke to settlers at Migdal Oz in the Etzion bloc south of Jerusalem who oppose Begin's plan to extend "self-rule" to the Arabs in the Judea and Samaria regions.

Sharon tried to persuade the settlers to continue their work and increase production. He promised that Israeli forces would protect them, not only during the five-year transition period envisaged by Begin, but always. He said nothing was more important from the security aspect and the Zionist concept than that they remain in the area and cultivate it.

Dayan sounded a more somber note. He said he understood why the settlers were worried but told them in effect to "bite the bullet" and prepare to live under different conditions than existed hitherto. He stressed that Begin's plan was overwhelmingly endorsed by the Knesset and warned that "shouting will not help anything."

He promised that if peace is achieved, "even if the Israeli flag is no longer hoisted here or at Ophira (Sharm el-Sheikh), the practical means of life, of Israeli administration and Israeli security are assured. If you still say no to peace," he warned, "the nation will not be with you."

The settlers, many of them immigrants from the United States and the Soviet Union, did not appear to be reassured. Dayan's remarks were interrupted more than once and he was heckled. "I did not leave the U.S. to live under the Egyptian flag," one sun-tanned young farmer shouted. Another, from Russia, declared, "We did not come from one exile to live in another." A young sabra cried out, "You cannot solve the problem of Arab refugees by creating Jewish refugees."

It was learned later that Dayan's speech at Sadot had been cleared in advance by the Cabinet at its weekly meeting. Earlier, in a television interview, Dayan insisted that Israeli settlements in Sinai will never be abandoned and Israeli forces would always be responsible for their security although the army would, in the future, hold lines "in front of them, not behind them." He said the government planned to take appropriate measures to guarantee "not only the existence of those settlements but also their security and their link with Israel."

Dayan denied any differences between himself and Begin but admitted that he did not share Begin's "optimism" over the outcome of his Dec. 25-26, summit meeting with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. With respect to Begin's plans for the West Bank, Dayan said the Israeli army would remain in that territory to make sure that the Arab residents did not abuse their "autonomy" by attempting to set up a Palestinian state. He said the army would intervene if the Palestine Liberation Organization tried to settle hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees on the West Bank.

The Israeli forces will remain in the area "not to interfere in the lives of the Arabs — we want to stop this, to abolish the military administration — but to protect Israel's populace," Dayan said. "If no attempt is made to violate the agreement in a way that would be detrimental to us, the Arabs can live in these areas without ever coming into

contact with the Israeli army during their entire lives," Dayan declared.

He stressed the importance of Jordan's role in any future peace settlement. He said Israel's position is that Jordan's role is a subject for negotiations in which Jordan has been invited to participate. "We are not trying to push Jordan out, but she does not want to come in," Dayan said.

At Migdal Oz, Burg was confronted with a promise he had made after the elections that the NRP would do everything it could to have Israeli law imposed in Judea and Samaria. "We have come today to demand that this undertaking be fulfilled," the settlers said. Burg defended the peace plan, however.

He said there were doubts on one side and fears on the other, but at least a start has been made. "I want to repeat, the time of festivals is over and the struggle for peace has started," he said. Hammer also supported the Begin plan. "We had to take risks for peace," he told the settlers.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut executive stood opposed to deserting any settlements in the administered territories. A statement adopted said that the settlements were intended as a security belt for Israel and their position must remain secure regardless of any peace settlement to come.

The Gush Emunim secretariate said it expected the government to yield further concessions. It demanded that three Gush settlement groups, presently contained within older settlements, be allowed to establish their own outposts on the West Bank without delay. Gush leader Hanan Porat took that demand to Begin who was confined to his home with the flu.

Some of the changes that would affect Israeli settlers in northern Sinai were indicated by informed sources here. They would probably have to pay taxes to the Egyptian government and would be subject to the Egyptian criminal code although civil disputes would be heard before Israeli courts, the sources said, Egypt would also have the right to insist that its flag be flown over Israeli settlements in Sinai. In any event, there would be no Israeli flag. But the sources said that Egypt would be asked to waive certain sovereign rights thereby giving the Israelis a degree of extra-territorial status.

Jews Tell Of Harrassment

HANOVER, West Germany: The small Jewish community of this north German city feels it has come under organized attack and harrassment by neo-Nazis in the last six months in a way that its leaders say has not happened in West Germany since the end of World War II.

Culminating last month in neo-Nazi demonstrations, a beating and a threat to a Jewish shopowner, the period produced incidents leading to 25 official complaints to the police. They involved anonymous telephone threats and insults, a cemetery desecration, the distribution of anti-Jewish pamphlets, the daubing of anti-Semitic slogans and reports from high schools and elementary schools of racist comments and jokes.

The authorities have essentially told us to be quiet and not to do anything to dramatize the situation so as not to make it worse," said Bruno Grunfeld, a member of the Jewish Community Council. "But it is dramatic — because nothing has happened like this in 30 years. It is vicious."

Although two arrests have been made, the community described the police as appearing "less than enthusiastic" in their investigations. Chief Inspector Karl Heinz Seim of the Hanover police asserted, however, that all possible efforts were being made and that seven youths from 16 to 21 years old were under surveillance.

Inspector Points to Statistics

"But I wonder," he said in an interview, "if too much isn't being made out of this. You must think so if you look at the statistics."

The official statistics, from the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, reported in the beginning of last year that there were 142 extreme right-wing organizations in West Germany with 18,300 members. There were 533 suspected right-wing extremists holding positions in federal, state and municipal organizations, the figures showed. In 1976, the last year for which complete statistics are available, 33

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15 Leading U.S. Jews Plan Talks In Egypt

NEW YORK: Fifteen leading American Rabbis and Jewish laymen are due to travel to Cairo next week at the invitation of the Egyptian Government to initiate a historic phase of interfaith relations.

Ashraf A. Ghorbal, the Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, confirmed that the invitation had been extended to the Synagogue Council of America, an umbrella organization for Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews.

A council spokesman said that the abrupt break in the Egyptian-Israeli talks in Jerusalem had no effect on the invitation and that the Americans still intended to make the trip.

The week-long trip to several points in Egypt is to center on the first highlevel talks involving Jews, Moslems and Egyptian Christians in modern times. While interfaith dialogue between Christians and Jews has flourished recently, largely because of the attacks made on anti-Semitism by the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), contacts between those two faiths and Islam have been virtually nonexistent for centuries.

Jewish spokesmen described the agenda as entirely religious in nature and predicted that the talks could become the basis of a continuing dialogue.

Though most Jewish leaders embrace this aim, uneasiness has been growing among some that such a trip at this time could further upset political tensions by lapsing into what one leader called "amateur diplomacy."

The invitation resulted largely from the close personal ties between Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive director of the Synagogue Council, and Ambassador Ghorbal. Rabbi Siegman held his first meeting with the Ambassador four years ago to discuss the idea and they have continued to explore the possibility.

The recent peace initiatives by Egypt's President Anwar el-Sadat, provided the two men with what they considered a favorable set of conditions.

The first step took place when Ambassador Ghorbal addressed the Synagogue Council on December 7.

'Help Heal the Wounds'

Rabbi Siegman, noting that the purpose of the trip was to "open a Jewish-Moslem dialogue," expressed the hope that "as a result of our visit, both faith communities

will be encouraged to draw on their respective religious traditions to help heal the wounds caused by 30 years of political conflict."

The American delegation hopes to reach an agreement with Egyptian authorities that would allow for the identification and cataloguing of rare Jewish documents stored in various locations.

Egypt was once the center of a vibrant Jewish culture. Among the most notable contributors were the philosopher Philo, who provided a bridge between Hellenistic and Jewish thought in the first century before Christ, and Maimonides, the great 11th-century figure. For the last eight centuries, however, Jewish culture has fallen into decline and contact between Jews and Moslems has faded.

Until the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, Egypt had tens of thousands of Jews. The number has since dwindled to a few hundred with one synagogue.

The American delegation plans to visit the synagogue and to meet with representatives of the Coptic Christian community, which has often complained of harsh treatment in the Moslem-dominated society.

In addition to Rabbi Siegman, the delegation includes: Rabbi Saul II Teplitz, president of the Synagogue Council; Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger, president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz, president of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Ely E. Pilchik, president of the Reform Central Conference of American Rabbis, and Rabbis Arthur J. Lelyveld, vice president of the Synagogue Council of America.

Also, Rabbi Irving Lehrman, past president of the Synagogue Council; Norma Levitt, recording secretary of the Synagogue Council; Irwin B. Blank, past president of the Synagogue Council; Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly; Mrs. Ruth Perry, president of the Women's League of Conservative Judaism; Jeff Shor, treasurer of the Synagogue Council; Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen, past president of the Synagogue Council; Herbert Berman, vice president of the Synagogue Council, and Herbert Bernstein, a board member of the Synagogue Council.

HADASSAH WARNS

NEW YORK: The head of Hadassah, the 350,000-member Zionist bloc, yesterday scored "Jewish personalities who have taken it upon themselves to publicly criticize certain policies of Israel at this critical juncture."

Calling attention to Israel's precarious position in the Middle East in the absence of Permanent peace, Rose D. Matzkin, president of the Zionist group, charged that the statements of Jewish leaders were "being picked up and exploited by organized dissidents within the Jewish community."

In addition, she said that these statements would be used by members of Congress and the Administration "who would like to decrease various types of aid to Israel."

The Zionist leader's remarks were made at a news conference at the formal opening of an eight-story headquarters at 50 West 58th Street.

WZO DRIVE

JERUSALEM: The World Zionist Organization (WZO) in a spiritual "awakening drive" has sent a group of rabbis abroad for two years of service with overseas communities.

They will go to Venice, Nice, Vienna, Stockholm, Marseilles and several Latin American communities.

The WZO will supply ritual articles and tens of thousands of Jewish calendars in several languages.

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people were said to have been found guilty by courts for extreme right-wing activities.

But a national television news special stated clearly last week what became apparent in the second half of last year — that there is a growing fascination in West Germany with the Nazi era. It did not say there was any great new sympathy for Nazism, but it offered a public opinion survey that found that about a quarter of the population would again like "a strong leadership personality" and that about one-third would favor a single strong party.

Pain and Shock in Hanover

Reporting on the apparently large sums of money being made on books, magazines and phonograph records concerning the Nazi era, and their effect on young people in particular, Otto Wilfert, the program's producer, said he found the trend increasingly dangerous. His investigation changed his original notion that the "Hitlerwave," as it is called here, was nothing more than a grotesque fad, he said.

In Hanover, a city of 550,000, the development has caused pain and shock to the Jewish community of 400, largely small businessmen and some professional people, reflecting the overall makeup of the West German Jewish community of 26,000.

"We never had a bit of trouble before here" said Dr. Leon Feiler, a physician who has practiced in Hanover since his release 32 years ago from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp 40 miles to the east. "We thought that with time, the old Nazis would just disappear — biologically just die off, you know — and that Germany would be a good place. But now we have Nazis again — and they're young ones. That is very disturbing."

The incidents here were described in the

city's newspaper, Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung, as reminiscent of "early days of the Hitler storm troopers."

Moviegoers have found leaflets reading "Don't buy from Jews" on their seats, and shop windows have been smeared with such words as "Jew" or "Jews out."

Among the targets of anonymous telephone calls have been non-Jewish teenagers with Jewish friends. "They told a girl I know that if you kiss a Jew you'll get his poison and have a Jewish baby," said Andreas Pavelcek, 17 years old.

Young men dressed in black jackets, trousers and jackboots, with deaths-head insignia on their lapels, have openly handed out neo-Nazi literature on the Kropcke, the city's main shopping square. Others, gathering in a beer hall, set up a picture of Hitler and greeted guests with cries of "Heil Hitler!" until they were ejected by the owner.

Young Pavelcek said that neo-Nazis seemed to have organized groups at his high school. "I was threatened a hundred times," he said. "They'd say 'Do you think you'll emigrate on your own, or will we have to assist you in getting to hook-nosed land?'"

But the incident that upset the community the most was the beating last month in which young Pavelcek, the non-Jewish son of the caretaker of the Jewish community center, and a Jewish friend were set upon by 15 youths in neo-Nazi dress in a discotheque.

Threat to a Mother Reported

Shortly afterward, a youth wearing the deaths-head emblem was said to have entered the store of the mother of the Jewish teen-ager involved in the discotheque incident and told her: "We want to get a look at you to see who we'll get next, you or your son."

Inspector Seim described the group behind the incidents as apparently limited to seven or eight young men from comfortable middle-class homes.

"I understand the Jewish community's

fears," he said, "but I don't think the amount of rightists has increased — just their activity, perhaps because they want to balance out all the left-wing unrest. I don't see anything to get upset about in the jokes; they're just kids."

But Dr. Feiler, who is president of the community, met last week with the interior minister of the Lower Saxony state government to express concern. Even before the latest incidents, Heinz Galinski, the spokesman for the entire Jewish community in West Germany, had sought to draw the Federal Government's attention to what he said was a marked increase in neo-Nazi activity.

"I was given reassurances," Dr. Feiler said, "that the guilty parties will be punished and that will be the end of that. My feeling is otherwise. I don't think we're at a climax yet. I'm sorry to say so."

Last Cairo Story Was July 2, 1948

NEW YORK (JTA): The dispatches from Cairo by Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondents David Landau and Maurice Samuelson were the first Cairo date-lined stories to appear in the JTA's Daily News Bulletin in 29 years and five months. The last was dated July 2, 1948. It was headlined: "Arab States Reject Bernadotte's Peace Proposals; Refuse to Recognize Jewish State."

Suspect Arson In Forest Fires

TEL AVIV: A wave of forest fires of a suspicious origin has prompted an investigation by fire and police experts. Seven fires, mainly in the northern regions of the country in recent weeks, have destroyed thousands of trees. At least in some cases the fires are believed to have been set by terrorists. Several Arabs have been questioned about a recent fire on the southwest Carmel ridge. The other fires, all in forests planted by the Jewish National Fund, were at Achto in western Galilee, Vardit on Mt. Carmel, Genigar and the Churchill Forest near Nazareth and Ramat Yohanan in Galilee.

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Begin Says

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Sadat had promised him that a settlement covering Israel's withdrawal from Sinai would include an agreement that the Egyptian Army would not cross the line of the Gidi and Mitla Passes. But, he said, there was a large disparity between what the Egyptians offered in the military talks and the demilitarized zone that Mr. Sadat had promised.

"No rhetoric can change the indisputable fact that the Sinai desert served as a staging ground to attack Israel," Mr. Begin said, "and to threaten Israel with destruction five times in 30 years. This can never be again."

Any peace treaty, he said, had to be predicated on "the complete demilitarization of the Sinai Peninsula from the Gidi and Mitla Passes to the international boundary."

As the dismaying forensics continued between the two nations, the United States continued its attempts to heal the breach so talks could be resumed.

Assistant Secretary of State Alfred L. Atherton Jr., who has been deployed here by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, met today with Mr. Dayan and Mr. Weizman. He reportedly was seeking to break the deadlock between the Egyptians and Israelis on a declaration of principles that would permit the negotiations to proceed in an organized manner.

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