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## Headlines Challenge UJA

The United Jewish Appeal is preparing for its 29th Annual National Conference against a background of ominous international news.

While the headlines are telling the disquieting news about a resurgence of neo-Nazi tendencies in Germany, other dispatches from the Middle East are reporting the alarming upsurge of terroristic forays against Israel. This dangerous situation forces the hard-pressed people of Israel to channel more of their meager resources into security requirements, with a resultant slowdown in economic development and immigrant absorption programs.

Any cutback in immigrant absorption programs will be felt most severely by some 200,000 newcomers in 21 development towns throughout Israel. Most of these immigrants came from disadvantaged backgrounds. They need the most extensive financial, social, medical and educational aid to fit them into the modern industrial society that Israel is constructing. Only increased help from the UJA can speed this humanitarian work.

At the same time, Jewish welfare organizations overseas find their budgets inadequate to meet the minimal needs of thousands of destitute Jews. This financial squeeze resulted in large measure from the cutoff of West German reparation payments in 1965. It cost UJA-supported welfare agencies an annual loss of \$18,000,000. The loss to Israel in both reparation payments and in economic aid amounted to more than double that amount annually.

When the delegates to the UJA National Conference gather in New York during December 8-11, to set the objectives for the 1967 campaign, they will have to take into account these critical international events.

The new situation will require greater financial support from the American Jewish community in order to maintain vital aid programs for destitute Jewish men, women and children in North Africa, the Middle East and Europe, and to prevent a slowdown in the assistance programs for thousands of struggling immigrants in Israel.

Whatever the decisions reached at the UJA Conference, they can only be implemented by increased giving in every community campaign throughout the United States. Jewish hopes--Jewish lives--the Jewish future, will be determined by the response of the Jews of America.

simply meant to convey the idea that if religion is to survive in the turmoil of our times, it must have relevance to the problems of day.

Thus, in his refusal to yield to those who 'have despaired of making religion and the God-idea cogent and relevant in the contemporary world,' Dr. Eisenstein has in effect aligned himself with those segments in American Judaism who savor their shirayam from other rabbinic tables. There is totally too much splintering in Jewish religious life in America today. Here at least is one area of agreement--preservation of the God-idea against the onslaught of the new pagans and the "death of God" theologians.

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## BBYO and THEN SOME

by Candy Margulies

The Las Vegas chapter of the B'nai B'rith Girls new officers and chairman: President, Shelley Levine; V. President, Lorie Shapiro; Secretary, Doreen Fox; Treasurer, Bonnie Bass; Historian, Mindy Kern; Reporter, Susie Harris; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Levowitz and Committee Chairmen are: Service, Lisa Lubec; Creativity, Judy Gold; Jewish Heritage, Candy Margulies; Citizenship, Loretta Kohn, Recreation, Sharon Walker; and Fellowship, Gail Frost.

The installation was held in the Youth House and proved to be a very successful affair. Corsages were given to the new and past officers and a bouquet was given to Shelley compliments of the AZA.

Marci Greene, Mountain Region's President was in town over Veterans Day weekend. Her purpose of coming to Las Vegas was, as Marci puts it, "I'm coming not to help the chapter get straightened out or pull them out of the hole, I'm coming to keep them on top of the mountain where they belong. I think Vegas BBG has proved themselves to be on top and it deserves the credit for its achievements. It wasn't an easy job for them to receive the honor of being on top. They got it through hard work and steady devotion. I'm only here to enstall their spirit for convention and to see if they remain on the very TOP of the MOUNTAIN!!"

Convention is coming soon and the girls are all anxiously awaiting to see who the lucky few will be who goes. This year the Convention site is the same. It will be held in Apache Junction, Arizona, for 3 days. Already the best convention ever, has been planned. The workshops, which are a secret to all, have been leaving some clues to let everyone know that this Convention will be TOPS!!!

Best of all Vegas BBG and AZA plan on wiping out Convention with not only spirit but with Storytelling, Oratory, etc. These are some of the contests all of the chapters in the Region compete for. Vegas AZA and BBG have combined into a close brother-sister relationship. Therefore, we are getting sweatshirts advertising the fact. We have chosen black and gold colors.

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# TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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gave The Germans?"

Answering the query, was our first reaction, would only tend to lend dignity to it. We chose to weep silently at the very thought. But too many related items are taking place at this same psychological time, and so we'll attempt to control our emotions as we give logical response to this horrendous suggestion.

Germany permitted a demented regime to systematically annihilate millions of human beings. Without cause, without reason, without distinction and without justification, the lives of 6,000,000 persons were erased, with millions more to follow were it not for the intervention of armed forces from other nations. The German citizens did absolutely nothing to protest this wholesale mass murdering. There was not a single underground movement afoot to combat the demented regime.

The plea of the individual German now, is that he did not know what was going on. This is extremely hard to believe. Every person in Germany knew the Jews were being hunted down and carted off to concentration camps. Everyone there saw the abuse being heaped on the Jews, the crude signs "JUDE," on Jewish business establishments, the harassment in public and in the homes. The indignities were manifold and every man, woman and child was aware of the circumstances.

Although every individual German may not have actually seen the operation of the gas chambers, the stench of dead bodies was evident for miles around and should have given reason for some investigation. The German people did nothing.

This complacency of every German, whether it be for physical, moral, or intellectual inability to cope with the deficiencies of modern nature, forfeited their rights to acceptance in the normal understanding of the human race. Physically, they look human. In many respects they have above normal intellect. They may abide by some code of moral law. But their philosophy of mankind is warped. This makes the difference. They are a blight on the face of the earth.

They are a menace to all others.

Insane persons are put in the crazy house. Lepers are confined to colonies where they cannot spread contagion. It is not a question of forgiving these unfortunates any more than we should consider forgiving the Germans. Insanity, leprosy and German citizenship denote sickness. They are, in most respects, incurable diseases.

Send teachers in to educate the present generation, the magazine-wiriting Rabbi suggests as a solution. This paper suggests sending in psychiatrists. They need doctors, not teachers.

Why blame the present generation, asks those who feel the Germans have suffered enough? Should the sins of the fathers be thrust on their children, others reason?

The present generation of Germans, we say, is no different from any other generation. A poll in Germany within the past few months was overwhelmingly in favor of terminating the statute of limitations on the demented German warlords accused of crimes. The wily German legislatures very cleverly extended the statute a token 55 months against the preference of the populace. This gives those lice a little more time before they can come out in the open as free men. The present German generation is ready to accept those despicable animals right now as normal decent citizens.

Many of these monsters are alive, living off the wealth they have plundered from innocent victims. Some of the fiends have the audacity to retain their own name in defiance of everything decent and honest. There's Walter Rauff, who conceived and operated the mobile gas chambers. His residence is Puerto Provenir, Chile. Gerhard Bohne, who advised on the murder program against crippled, elderly and undesirable persons, has assumed the name of Alfred Kurt Baudinger in Buenos Aires, where another filth has found haven, Eduard Roschmann, commander of the Jewish ghetto in Riga, Latvia. His alias is Friedrich Wegener. There are thousands of war criminals who are relatively safe in Argentina and Chile, who are waiting and eager to return to the "Fatherland" once the statute of limitations is to be an effective method of preventing any future arrests. Any normal human being wouldn't want those vermin back in their midst. Alive, no less? Why they shouldn't be permitted even to return dead, to contaminate the hallowed ground where they caused atrocity beyond redemption.

For those who are in favor of forgiving the Germans, we call their attention to the cover of Esquire magazine on the stands right now. There's a photo of Hitler's face, looking sad and wistful, captioned: "This month I'll be 76. Can I come home now?"

## Editorial Watch Your Tour

BY DR. SAMUEL SILVER

When does an American cease to be an American? When he ceases to be in America? Most American tourists, I am sure, are exemplary in their conduct.

Others seem to change outlook when they go overseas. American Jews, for example, subscribe to the notion that evil should not be fostered.

Yet thousands of them go to Austria, a country which is pockmarked with anti-semitism more blatant than latent.

Recently, the Reconstruction Magazine wondered aloud why Jews would surrender their dignity and patronize a nation where Hitlerites are almost lionized and where anti-Nazism is enough to make a person the butt of popular ridicule.

The attraction of Spain and Portugal for American tourists Jewish and non-Jewish, evokes wonder, too.

A friend of mine told me about one of his friends who spoke enthusiastically about the charm of Spain and the picturesqueness of the Portuguese people.

My friend was boiling because his friend had spoken admiringly of the Portuguese as "unspoiled." The bucolic nature of the Hispanic countryside also evoked praise.

"Doesn't he know," roared my friend, "that unspoiled means untouched by progress, that picturesque often means squalid, and that obsequious people are the fruitage of dictatorship? Doesn't he know that despite the whitewashing done on Franco he remains the hater he was, unrepentant and brutal, still refusing to grant freedom to his own subjects, to organized Protestant and Jewish groups? Naturally, he wants American dollars. But how can Americans who in this country are adherents of freedom and supporters of democracy betray these ideals when they go abroad?"

Of course, it's the thing to do these days to go to Spain. But one can understand my friend's feelings about this strange blend of fashion and fascism.

One tourist spot worthy of support is Gibraltar, which has a Jewish prime minister, Israel Hassan, and lots of troubles because in his zeal to get it away from England, Franco is putting the squeeze on Gibraltar's economy with undisguised ruthlessness.

When an American leaves America would it not be well for him to bring to other nations that which is finest in America?

## The Rabbi Was Right

By Nathan Ziprin

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein of the Reconstructionist school of religious thought is not my theologian and reconstructionism is not my brand of religion.

Yet he spoke my thoughts when he told a dinner audience of 500 who came to honor him on his sixtieth birthday that he was losing patience with the advocates of Jewish reversion to "a position of post-Christian and post-Jewish paganism."

What we need today, he warned, "is not a revival of paganism, against which Judaism has fought for three millenia, but a reconstruction of religion which conforms to new knowledge and supports man in his efforts to cope with the new ethical demands of this age." If I have read his script correctly, Rabbi Eisenstein

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