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### Two UJA Campaigns

By Nathan Ziprin

For hundreds of thousands of Jews throughout the world, Passover must again be observed this year without the benefit of the freedoms which this ancient festival celebrates. The silence of the Jews in Russia, the outspoken anti-Semitism in Eastern European countries, the harassment, of the remaining Jewish population in the Arab lands and, above all, the daily tensions of life in war-threatened Israel, add up to a gloomy outlook.

One of the saddest effects of the Six - Day War is that a half-a-million penniless immigrants who have come to Israel with high hopes still find them unfulfilled. Burdened with war costs and now with monstrous defense costs, Israel can no longer share in the high cost of integrating this mass of newcomers who want so desperately to become part of their adopted homeland. And if there were no United Jewish Appeal to turn to, the outlook would indeed be hopeless for the aged, the sick, the handicapped and the children of large families whose fathers must remain unemployed until they can be trained for work in a modern industrial society. Where our aid has been great, today it must become massive.

That is why the United Jewish Appeal is conducting not one nationwide campaign but two--its regular campaign and the continuing Israel Emergency Fund, each without a set goal. There can be no quota because the situation is too desperate, the needs too urgent, to be circumscribed by any goals.

Only by surpassing the magnificent achievements recorded last year for the UJA campaign and the Israel Emergency Fund will the answers be found to the problems in Israel and overseas lands.

Our generous gifts to the UJA are sure to make a happier Passover and a better year for our brethern in Israel and thirty countries the world over.

If the feast of Passover is to retain its traditional significance, we must share it with the unfree and the hungry who would sit at our tables.

## Magen David Odom

By David Yahir

Tel Aviv---

When news of General Moshe Dayan's recent accident and rescue was flashed around the world, few people were aware that his life was saved primarily because of the availability of equipment that American supporters had domated to Magen David Adom, Israel's National Red Cross Service.

General Dayan, currently Israel's Defense Minister, was buried in a landslide on Wednesday, March 21st, while digging for relics at an archeological site in Azor, near the settlement of Holon.

Fortunately, workers at a temporary Magen David Adom warehouse who were stationed nearby, rushed to the aid of the injured general, swiftly and carefully released him from the slide, and drove him in an ambulance to the MDA

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First Aid Station in Holon.

The driver of the ambulance carrying the unconscious hero of Israel's Six Day War contacted MDA headquarters in Jaffa on the inter-communication system that links all MDA ambulances and stations. The head radio operator at the Jaffa Headquarters then alerted the Tel Hashomer Hospital near Tel Aviv, which quickly made the proper arrangement to receive the seriously-wounded Defense Minister. General Dayan was found to have suffered two broken ribs and a cracked vertebra. He is currently recovering from his injuries.

The ambulance which transported General Dayan to the hospital had been donated by the Piotrkov and Vicinity Society, a group of former residents of that Polish community now bonded together in a fraternal society in New York City.

The Magen David Adom First-Aid Station in Holon to which the General was taken, along with its equipment, had been donated by Mrs. Leah Meklembourg of New York City, including the bloodmobile which provided the necessary transfusions.

Finally, the radio network on which the ambulance driver alerted the hospital to expect General Dayan had given to Israel's people by sympathetic friends in the United States.

All these gifts had been solicited and presented by the American Red Mogen David for Israel, which serves as the fund-raising and supply wing of the Magen David Adom in the United States, Canada and Latin America. The Hon. Congressman, Emanuel Celler, (D. New York) serves as National Chairman.

The Holon First-Aid Station is one of 72 such facilities operated by Magen David Adom throughout the cities, towns and border settlements of Israel, the most recent of which is the multi-story, \$760,000 Station, Emergency Clinic and Central Blood Bank going up in the port city of Haifa.

The ambulance that transported General Dayan to the hospital is one of some 300 such vehicles operated by MDA on a twenty-four hour, nation-side basis.

# A Jewish Monk

By Dr. Samuel Silver

During World War II, Jewish chaplains in the C-B-I (China, Burma, India) Theater had trouble making the natives understand what they were.

Gradually, the rabbis became accustomed to identifying themselves as "Jewish monks," That the people thereunderstood.

Now we seemingly have a real Jewish monk, the young fellow from New Jersey shown in the newspapers with shaven head.

The press wire articles announced that Stephen Shafler had embraced Buddhism after serving a stint in Vietnam as a language expert.

But often hit-and-run journalism is misleading. Fortunately, the Jewish News of Newark displayed its usual enterprise and gave us more details about the story.

In an interview with Hyman Shafler, Steve's father, the News discovered that Steve may not have renounced Judaism at all, but that he is doing research on Buddhism as part of a research project for which the University of Washington has granted him \$4000. In order to study Buddhism in detail, Steve applied and was accepted as a Buddhist monk.

Steve's rabbi, the famous Dr. Joachim Prinz, declared that Steve hasn't really left Judaism but has entered a monastery for a period of time "as part of his studies." Rabbi Prinz, according to the Jewish News, made it clear that Steve has not broken with his Springfield, New Jersey, parents.

In the hurry-up wire service account, Steve's mother was quoted as saying she believes her son will come back to Judaism. That statement sounded rather odd, but now it makes more sense thanks to the Jewish News story.

Even an expert on Buddhism, Dr. John B. Tsu, said, according to the Jewish newspaper, that one "does not have to reject Judaism" while serving as a monk.

It will be interesting to read further developments in this story, but let us not jump to the conclusion that the your man, to use the wordplay of that delicious cartoon series, Dayenu (by Henry Leonard) has given up Judah for Buddha.

GARDEN CITY, Cal. (WNS) Production of a play here on the Irvine Campus of the University of California by a new left theatre group calling itself the San Francisco Mime Troupe, was denounced by the Jewish Community Council of Orange Council as a distortion of an 18th Century Italian farce which depicts a money-hungry Italian profiteer, but which in the new-left version portrays the villain "as a Jew with an exaggerated hook nose, a Yiddish accent, sexually deprived and obsessed with making money."

WASHINGTON (WNS) President Johnson's popularity in Israel currently is at an all time high, it was reported by National Commander Samuel Samuels of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. on his return from a trip to that country. Commander Samuels said the image of America in Israel is highly favorable from top circles in government to the average man in the street.

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



(Continued from Page 1) always been a prime target in this space. Because the Birchers, while not being anti-Semitic per se, somehow through the years have had a capacity of attracting the most outspoken, common, preachers of religious hate, and often these biased bums have utilized their standing in the society to spread their prejudices.

In all fairness, of late, since the highpoint of the Birchers in delivering the Republican nomination of Goldwater, only to be so soundly beaten in the election, they have been somewhat subdued. Some of the leaders of the society have also been somewhat frustrated in their attempts to show association between Israel and Jews generally with Red Russia and Communism. While there will always be some anti-Semites around who refuse to believe anything that does not discredit the Jews, it is universally accepted that Israel is a foremost Democracy, probably the staunchest ally of the United States in the world, and even further apart in principle and practice from Russia and Communism, than our own country. We have seen recent official John Birch Society literature in praise of Israel, and we are grateful. It is the heritage of Jews to welcome all who come as friends,

One of the facets of the John Birch Society, since its inception, was denounciation of the United Nations as a Communist organization. We did not agree with them because the proof presented was often vague, out of context and more commentary than fact. Also, up until recently, although it was obvious the satelite countries were gaining strength in the world body, there were enough democratic voices to maintain some balance of equilibrium Therefore, we maintained a hope, however dimmer it became, that a conference table of nations was better than no meeting around at all. We believe that it was possible for intelligent representatives of nations to assemble with open minds to discuss ways and means of ironing out problems. If anything it could quell a temper, or perhaps delay a crisis, and possibly stop a war.

Now that is no longer possible. The Communist blochas taken over and there is nothing we can do to dislodge them. The Reds are using the UN as a forum for propaganda, and with their controlled press are delivering only their version of what transpires back to their readers and radio/tv listeners back home. At the same time, news reporters from Democratic countries, with free speech, present both sides, no matter how far from the truth are the arguments presented. Thus you have complacent inhabitants behind the Iron Curtain, and confused citizens here in America. Even men in high office, who should be better knowledgeable, are convinced of circumstances that are utter lies.

Of course, we are concerned with the recent resolution of the UN condemning Israel.

Last week, in addition to our opinions concerning the one-sided verdict handed down, we dispatched telegrams to Nevada's two senators and sole congressman for their reactions on the issue. Their responses appear on Page 3.

It is interesting to note the portion from Sen. Bible's view, in which he quotes the Washington Post: "The Israelis were pleased that the Security Council had finally recognized the danger of terrorism and by a unanimous resolution."

If there are any Israelis pleased with even that portion of the resolution, it has not come to this editor's attention. What did come to this editor's attention were countless denounciations of the resolution en toto. We call Sen. Bible's attention to the fiery speech of Israel's Premier Levi Eshkol, reported on Page 1 of this edition, in which he charged the Security Council was biased against Israel. He added: "History will one day tell about the importance of the Security Council in its attempts to insure peace in the Middle East, in this last debate."

What also came to our attention was the lead editorial in B'nai B'rith Messenger, titled "The Double Standard."

In part the editorial stated: The United Nations Security Council told the world last weekend: "It is not immoral for armed terrorists to blow up a busload of school children. But it is immoral for their kin to retaliate. It is not immoral for armed men to prey upon civilians. But it is more immoral if the armies of two nations clash."

"Thereby, the United Nations has sown the seeds for another all-out war between Israel and the Arb States."

The full editorial of the Messenger will be reprinted when space is available. But that is the sum and substance of where the United Nations is leading us.

That is why we repeat, the UN has outlived its usefullness to the democracies of the world. That is why we agree with Congressman Baring (Page 3) who states: "I firmly believe the time has come for this country to pull out of the United Nations."

More, much more, on this at a close future date.