

Millions of Jows around the world have never met, seen, or heard of George Putnam, yet he is one of their most devoted friends

A disgustingly handsome, disarmingly gracious, intrepidly gutsy non-Jew, Putnam is a newscaster with L.A. tv channel KTTV. He is writing the book for other Christians by demonstrating, with complete disregard for his own safety at the hands of dissenters, the art of how to become involved with the preservation of Israel's lifeline and democracy.

George Putnam may not even know the meaning of a "mitzvah" but it's being inscribed in this year 5730 in the

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pages of his final judgment.

During his recent visit to the tight little democracy in the Middle East, Putnam made a deep impression on the Israeli natives. With one eye towards Arab boundaries and the other on the L.A. newscaster, Israel officials were aware that a bad neighbor is as great a misfortune as a good one is a great blessing.

At a time when an Inglewood, Calif., radio station is nurturing anti-Semitism by refusing to brake one of its spewing advertisers, and when the FCC hasn't even bared its teeth to challenge the operators' license renewal, George Putnam's KTTV stand came as a refreshingly welcome oasis in the wastes of bigotry

On Jewry's Rosh Hashona eve, Putnam set a precedent for other Christian friends by going well beyond the call of his tv

duties with the following all-encompassing commentary:
"This evening at sundown, the Jewish community in Southern California and Jews throughout the world begin the observance of Rosh Hashona, as the start of their year 5730. With the sound of the shofar, the Ram's horn, they enter their

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Israeli Government has purchased \$22.5 million in foreign currency from the International Monetary Fund to lessen the impact of a deterioration in the nation's balance of payments on the

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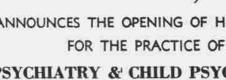
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NEW YORK ... A state medal commemorating the golden jubilee of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, will be struck by the Israel Govern, ent Coins and Medals Corporation, it is reported in the current issue of "The Shekel," the official publication of the American Israel Numismatic Association. Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel, has appointed a committee to select an appropriate

country's foreign exchange reserves.



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holiest period with a call to conscience. This is a tradition as holy as history. It opens 10 days of penitence, leading to Yom Kippur, holiest of all their Holy Days. This is their time of self evaluation, when man and woman ask, 'Where have I been? Where am I? Where am I

Putnam observed that the people of Israel again face the same challenges, the same threats to their survival that they have faced through the ages. It is a time, he noted, for the Israeli Jew and the American Jew, while observing these Holy Days, to count their blessings of freedom and liberty. It is a time when 3,000,000 Jews who are held captives of communism in Russia unfortunately can not share these

"The people of Israel know that liberty and freedom do not come easily nor are they permanent," pounded Putnam. "Here in the United States, we enjoy the ultimate in personal freedom as never enjoyed in recorded history. It is in direct contrast to Communist Russia, communist-enslaved Poland, Communist Czechoslovakia and wherever totalitarianism robs the human of his free agency, his right to choose, his freedom to live with dignity.

"All we do is weep, as we did 30 years ago when madman Adolf Hitler raped Europe's freedom and his Nazis stomped democracy in Czechoslovakia into the ground. Today, the Bolsheviks have throttled that proud little nation.
"Thirty years ago, Neville Chamberlain's umbrella hid us

from reality. The cry rang out, 'Peace in our times!' Only agony followed. We wept a lot."

Putnam asked if Rumania will now be next. Yugoslavia? Turkey? Israel? It is a time, he urged, to face up to the realities of 1969, the communism has not changed in its mad desire to rule the entire world. It is time to tell today's Chamberlains that we will not weep while Rumania,

Yugoslavia, Israel and Vietnam are swallowed up.
"Perhaps, we should weep for ourselves," we who will not face the reality of Kremlin policies; we who indulge in cultural exchange programs with the Soviet Union; we who thrill because a Russian airliner can now land at Kennedy Airport; we who feel great strides have been made towards peace because we hold scraps of papers known as treaties; we who purchase Polish and Russian goods; we who bolster the communist economy in so many direct and indirect ways; we who have appeased until it has become a tragic way of life."

Putnam clarified that we need not look beyond Czechoslovakia for the awful truth that where we have softened, the communists have hardened.

"As a beginning," he recommended, "boycott every product that is made by slave labor and produced from the flesh, blood and near-starvation of those yet chained by

The KTTV newscaster urged that we heed the words of Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, "It is common knowledge that the Six-Day War could not have happened but for Communist Russia. Every Israeli boy killed during the War, every Israeli boy now killed is lost to Russian weapons."

In like respect, said Putnam, bullets that kill Israelis in the Middle East are the same bullets that kill American boys in Vietnam. They all bear the same label, "Made in the Soviet

Union. "It's time to cast aside international hypocricy," reminded Putnam, "to reach out and raise up those caught behind the Iron Curtain, to recognize our real friends and then to go forward with them to complete freedom.

To George Putnam, friend of every freedom-loving person, Jews around the world respond with deep gratitude in

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