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ARAB TERRORIST KIDNAP PLOT BROKEN

TOP ENGLISH JEWS SAFE

FOOD BASKETS TO ARAB REFUGEES



FAMILIES IN GAZA STRIP AND SINAI RECEIVE OIL, SUGAR, RICE, FLOUR AND SWEETS TO CELEBRATE FESTIVAL OF ID EL PETER, COURTESY OF ISRAELI GOV'T. (ISRAEL SUN PHOTO)

LONGON (WNS) — British police have broken up an Arab terrorist plot to kidnap 13 English Jewish leaders and hold them for ransom by arresting two non-Arabs, members of a gang which had offered to work for the Arabs.

Scotland Yard has acknowledged the arrest of the two men. The British Foreign Office has declined to comment on the plot report which also asserted that two Arab Diplomats were the local contacts.

The El Fatah plan called for the Jewish leaders and their families to be drugged and flown to a terrorist hideout in the Mideast. The Jews marked for kidnap included Charles Clore, 65, chairman of Selfridges' department store and Lord Seiff, of Brimpton, 80, president of Marks and Spencer, clothiers, and vice president of World Jewish Congress

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



Rabbi, Rabbi, Help Me

It looks like we goofed, but good, and we hasten to correct our improper usage of the word "mitzvah." Apparently, our Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary definition is not to be taken loosely, and in fact, is incorrect, according to letters received from Rabbis, who should know whereof they speak.

Our dictionary states: MITZVAH, MITZVAH n, pl. MITZVOTH; (Heb. commandment.) Jewish Relig. A. A. Biblical or rabbinic commandment. B. An act of charity performed in the interests of Jewish religion or law, or of any individual.

We are truly sorry our four pas amazed and outraged at least one Rabbi. The last purpose of the Israelite is to give Rabbis cause for complaint when they have so many more important matters to occupy their time and efforts.

By way of explanation, for whatever purpose it may serve, we took the word "mitzvah" as we do on occasion with other Jewish words like "chutzpan" and "kin-o-hurra" and gave it a wide English interpretation. This is not permissible, according to Jewish Law, we are given to understand in no uncertain terms. Again, we repeat, we erred, and we will not make that mistake again.

On another count, we are taken to task for going along with a request for a "liberal" Rabbi to marry a Jewish woman to a non-Jew. Here again, we are told this cannot be done, it would be illegal. So, again, we apologize to our readers for our stupidity on Jewish ritual, in which we certainly are not, nor ever claimed to be an authority.

But we do find one area, however slight, to justify what we believed to be an act of benevolence to a fellow human in distress. Here we have a woman, a total stranger, who evidently has much reverence and respect for her Jewish heritage. So much so, she will go to extreme measures to incorporate her Faith into the sacred bonds of matrimony. Is this to be entirely cast aside by even the strictest interpretation of our Hebraic Law?

The fact that her husband-to-be, a non-Jew, apparently was willing to go along with her desire, is some indication of his love for her. This could be an important factor in the future happiness for the couple.

The circumstance of intermarriage, however unfortunate, is unquestionably a personal one. Who among us is so devoid of compassion, kindness, fellow-feeling, to deny happiness to a person crying out for a acceptance? If all Rabbis view our Faith in black or white perspective, with no room for a gray area, so be it. If religion has to be 100 per cent, with any lesser degree beyond redemption.

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U.S. JEWRY VIEWS POLICY SHIFT

NEW YORK (WNS) --- Conservative Jewry. A conference was urged by Jacob Stein, president of the United Synagogue, and Rabbi Bernard Segal, its executive director, in a telegram to Dr. William Wexler, the newly elected chairman of the congregational arm of

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NASSER WAR POLICY STRIKES OUT AT ARAB CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli diplomatic circles said the Arab Summit conference in Rabat, Morocco, was first and foremost a failure of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, to line up the other Arab states behind his war policy against Israel. The Rabat conference broke up in disarray, amid confusion and bitter recriminations among the participants and an admission by Col. Nasser that "it has produced nothing at all."

The Israelis said that the Western powers had attached too much importance to the Rabat meeting in the first place and allowed themselves to be maneuvered into conciliatory positions toward the Arabs which proved unnecessary. A case in point, diplomatic sources here said, was the American proposal that Israel withdraw entirely from the Sinai Peninsula to the pre-June, 1967 borders. The Israeli Government claimed

that this and other American proposals amounted almost to appeasement of the Arabs and undermined Israel's bargaining position in any future negotiations.

(U. S. Department officials acknowledged that Secretary Rogers' disclosure was aimed at softening the anti-American polemics anticipated

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ISRAELI CABINET REJECTS U.S. STEPS

At the Israeli Cabinet's special session, Dec 22nd, the Minister for Foreign Affairs reviewed the talks he had had with the Secretary of State and other representatives of the United States Government. Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, reported on the latest developments in the policy of the United States concerning Middle East questions.

The Cabinet discussed the disquieting initiatives of the U.S. Government within the sphere of the four-power talks. The Cabinet views with gravity the latest step of the U.S. Government in submitting its proposals regarding the conflict between Israel and Egypt and Jordan.

The Cabinet rejects these American proposals, in that they: prejudice the chances of establishing peace, disregard the essential need to determine secure and agreed borders through the signing of peace treat-

ies by direct negotiation, affect Israel's sovereign rights and security in the drafting of the resolutions concerning refugees and the status of Jerusalem, and contain no actual obligation of the Arab States to put a stop to the hostile activities of the sabotage and terror organizations. If these proposals were to be carried out, Israel's security and peace would be in very grave danger. Israel will not be sacrificed by any power or inter-power policy, and will reject any attempt to impose a forced solution upon her.

In the war of 1967 Israel stood alone, confronting vast forces desiring her destruction. Ever since then, Israel has not ceased proposing to the Arab Governments the opening of negotiations for the establishment of peace. And the Arab Governments ceaselessly refuse to make peace, continue with aggression and declare that they are making ready a new all-out war.

4 ISRAELIS SLAIN

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Four Israeli -- three soldiers and a civilian tractor driver -- were killed in separate artillery battles with Egyptian forces along the Suez Canal.

Military spokesmen also disclosed that Israeli commandoes carried out their first raid into Egypt in more than a month and destroyed an army base 20 miles inside the country. The force whose number was not disclosed returned safely to the Israeli side of the canal.

In other military matters, the Knesset voted to extend the age of eligibility for military draft to persons aged 45-54 and continued the emergency regulations govern-

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YAHREZITS TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

Friday, January 2, 1970

Elias Leidner
Emanuel Kay
William Sweet
Richard Goldman
Jake Freedman
Adolph Spindel
Aaron Marks
Isadore Kogan

Hanna Spiegel
Charlotte Lebovitz
Vera Katzoff
Mary Cohen
May Kulwin
Esther Laxer
Jennie York
Miriam Perlmutter
Mary Chuvén
Helen Sidman
Bertha Katz