

**Red Anti-Arabs?**

VIENNA (WNS) — East European Communist leaders are concerned by widespread anti-Arab feelings among all levels of their communities which has erupted into clashes between citizens and Arab students and visitors, according to a New York Times report from here.

The problem has developed to the point where Communists Party officials have begun to make reports to party officials on the situation. Even Party member were reported to be contemptuous of the Arabs and their military and political efforts.

The newspaper report cited diplomats and left-wing travels to the Soviet block. It noted cases where police have sided with civilians in battles with Arabs and reported that Party leaders in Prague ordered police to be wary of young Czechs picking fights with Arabs.

The interpretation offered for this feeling noted the habit of Arabs to take up with local girls rather than spend time pursuing their studies; the problem of obtaining higher education for most youths while scholarships and aid are handed out generously to Arabs, and frustration over the Mideast crisis mixed with plain racism.

**Jews On Drugs**

NEW YORK (WNS) — The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies has released a study which shows that drug use by Jews in New York City reached "epidemic proportions," affecting even 12-year-old children in camps and day schools.

The report, based on an eight-week survey, estimated that about 12,000 Jewish youths between the ages of 12 and 21 are using hard drugs. A majority were Jews with Reform or Con-

**Christian Thanks Judaism**

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

In Detroit, Michigan Temple Beth El invited an eminent Christian to speak.

He is Dr. Theodore A. Gill, a former editor of "The Christian Century."

In the course of his talk Dr. Gill said thanks to Judaism. Here are some of his telling words:

"Thanks for all that I and my Christian colleagues have had from all of you long, long before now, before us, before our times.

"Thanks for our young rabbi, the diffident, fascinating Jew, Jesus of Nazareth.

"Thanks for all the Jewish fathers of our own tradition, who let us in on yours.

"Thanks for the grand germinal visions of universal beginnings, and the intentionality of history, and the significance of human life which we have from you and hold with you.

"Thanks for your flawed heroes, who are ours too, and who have raised compassable moral ambitions in us all.

"Thanks for the glorious poetry, the songs of devotion that recall us from our recurring prosy flatness to the awe and beauty and mystery of faith.

"And, conversely, thanks for the prophets who stab us ruthlessly in our prejudices, who lance our theological abstractions just when they float free of the lumpy earth and its gamy men, and in our religious attention right back where it belongs: on people, especially those in trouble, of whatever kind.;

Dr. Gill terms his statement "a flourish of gratitudees." We should add our own to Rabbi Richard Hertz and other leaders of the Detroit temple who provided Dr. Gill with a forum for his fresh and gracious heart-outpouring.

servative affiliation but "even Hassidic Jews reportedly have experimented with drugs," Federation president George Heyman Jr., said.

The 12,000 figure was computed by estimating that 20 percent of the city's 60,000 "visible" youthful addicts were Jewish. But this total could be low, Mr. Heyman said, because "Jews traditionally turn to private care."

A six-point program was advanced by the Federation drug abuse committee as the response to the city-wide drug problem. A key feature was 30 new narcotics treatment centers each able to treat 2,000 young addicts.

The report noted there was a "shocking" lack of knowledge among community leaders about the

problem. A poll of 400 rabbis disclosed that "few proved better informed than the public at large."

**WASTING TIME**

NEW YORK (WNS) — Soviet officials made a vain attempt recently to get Jews in the Georgian Soviet Republic to withdraw their signatures from a public appeal for help in emigrating, the American Jewish Congress reported. The AJCongress said that Jewish worshippers reacted with indignation when Soviet officials visited one synagogue to try and convince them of the dangers to the Jewish community inherent in the appeal.

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