

### DR. COHEN, FORMER VEGAS RABBI, WRITES BOOK ON AMERICAN JEWRY

Rabbi Bernard Cohen, who officiated in Las Vegas years back, has been informed by the University Presses, Inc., that they will publish his manuscript, a comprehensive sociological study of contemporary American Jewish life and literature.

Dr. Cohen, who received his rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Southern California, has devoted many years of research and study of the history and sociology of American Jewry and its literature. He is the author of the first sociological study of Welfare activities of the Los Angeles Jewish community, a thesis presented to the Sociology Department of the University of Southern California and has published numerous articles on topics

of Jewish education, history of Jews in California and on modern Hebrew and Yiddish literature.

In addition to his rabbinical activities, Dr. Cohen has been teaching Sociology at the University of Nevada, at Chapman College, Moorpark College and also taught American Jewish History and Modern Jewish literature at the University of Judaism. Dr. Cohen is presently teaching at summer session of the University of San Diego. Race and Ethnic Minority Relations.

The new book by Dr. Cohen on contemporary American Jewry and its literature is hoped will fill a great need and be of interest and use to the growing number of students of American Jewish Life and Literature.

### ASK TO ATTEND RED TRIALS

WASHINGTON - Four prominent Washington attorneys have cabled the Soviet Union's chief prosecutor for permission to interview and attend the trials of 21 Soviet citizens - 18 of them Jews - arrested on charges of treason.

Three of the lawyers -- Myer Feldman, a White House counsel in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations; Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., a leading advocate in the field of human rights; and Clifford L. Alexander, Jr., former chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission -- told a press conference last

week that their purpose, in conformity with the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights, was to assure a "fair trial for the accused in the Soviet closed society."

Warren Woods, prominent in labor relations, was the fourth lawyer who signed the joint cable sent Aug. 6 to R. A. Rudenko, general prosecutor of the U.S.S.R.

The attorneys said they had volunteered their services at the request of B'nai B'rith, whose aid was solicited by relatives in Israel of eight of the arrested persons.

NEW YORK -- Despite recent improvements in television formats, the TV medium is still creating a generation of misfits, it was charged by the National Committee For Furtherance of Jewish Education.

### AJC REVEALS ANTI-SEMITIC DESECRATIONS

NEW YORK . . . The continued desecration of Jewish synagogues, schools, centers and cemeteries in communities throughout the United States is also a "desecration of the principle of human freedom on which this

country was founded," according to Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee.

Referring to a report just issued by AJC's Trends and Analyses Division, Mr. Hoffman revealed that 13 anti-

Semitic desecrations and assaults had been committed since January of this year, ranging from east to west coast.

They included the bombing of a synagogue in Seattle, the fire bombing of a Jewish

center and a private home in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, the tossing of explosives at a Jewish center in the Bronx, the overturning of tombstones in a Jewish cemetery in Karlsruhe, N.D. and the defacing of a synagogue in Milwaukee, Wis.

"Although this is somewhat less than the number of similar incidents that occurred in the same period of 1969, it is an affront to this nation that they should have happened at all," Mr. Hoffman declared. The AJC report, a tabulation of anti-Semitic actions reported in the five-year period from July 1965 to July 1970, lists more than 165 incidents in 63 cities in 22 states.

### GAS CARS CONVERT TO NATURAL GAS

By JOHN B. DuBOIS W. M. Laub, president of Southwest Gas Corporation, today announced that his company will start to convert its vehicles to a natural gas fuel system in the Las Vegas area to help combat air pollution.

"We believe this will be a significant first step in the fight to keep air in the Las Vegas basin clean and clear," Laub stated. "Tests have proven that natural gas operated vehicles reduce the emission of smog contaminants from exhausts by as much as 90 percent."

Laub added that gasoline-powered motor vehicles are responsible for about three-fourths of the smog contaminants in the air in a metropolitan area. He said this is the real target in the war on air pollution and that at this stage Southwest Gas Corporation's program is focused on fleet operations to generate maximum impact on the smog problem.

"It is our hope that other companies and governmental agencies operating motor vehicle fleets will follow our lead in this approach to smog abatement," Laub stated. "The real bene-

fit will come when all buses, taxicabs, utility service trucks and private fleets are operating on clean-burning natural gas."

He said that fleet vehicles use about three times as much fuel as a private automobile and that in Clark County this could account for as much as 30 per cent of daily gasoline consumption.

The federal government's General Services Administration is testing this system and plans to have 1,000 vehicles on natural gas by the end of the year. The California Highway Patrol will also convert a number of its patrol cars to this fuel system.

"We hope to expand this project to our other service areas in Northern Nevada, California and Arizona in due time," Laub said. "The reduction of air pollution by our vehicles alone will be a drop in the bucket. But if our action encourages other companies with motor fleets to convert to virtually smog-free natural gas operation, the end result could be highly significant and beneficial."

"If any of the other systems now being de-

veloped, such as the steam automobile or electric car, also help to reduce air pollution, we encourage their use," Laub said.

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