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Peace

Hopes for peace in the Middle East, badly battered in recent months because of Egyptian missile violations in the standstill cease-fire zone, have been revived as it is reported from various sources that Jordan's King Hussein has met with Israel's leaders to discuss the groundwork for peace talks. While Jerusalem leaders have denied the reports, diplomatic observers believe them to be true and say that for domestic political purposes, King Hussein may continue to revile the Israelis as he meets with them secretly to continue the talks.

At the same time, hopes for peace were bolstered as the Egyptian government reshuffled its cabinet to place a new emphasis on economic development and the improvement of public services. The new cabinet leaders have been selected for administrative abilities and not ideology.

As if to underscore the new "moderate" policy of the Mideastern Arab States, it is noteworthy that not one Arab radio station has attacked King Hussein because of his reported talks with the Israelis.

While these new developments have given us cause to hope that peace may be possible in the not very distant future, we must not make the mistake of expecting peace tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.

Rather, as Israel's Ambassador to Washington, General Yitzhak Rabin, has told American audiences throughout the country, "Peace will not come quickly or as the result of open discussions in the United Nations or in the press. It will come as the result of quiet diplomacy with a little advance here and a little advance there. Until, one day, at the proper time, there will be peace."

Hall of Fame

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Have you ever heard of the Hall of Fame? Have you ever heard of Lillian Wald? Have you ever heard of Aaron Rabinowitz? The Hall of Fame is real, not mythical. It is a balustrade in a courtyard of the uptown branch of New York University in the Bronx. There we find busts of famous Americans who are selected by a special committee every five years.

Up to this year no Jew had ever been chosen by the committee (which is not part of the university) for the Hall of Fame.

Aaron Rabinowitz, a realtor and builder who has become one of the nation's leading philanthropists, was most eager that the Hall of Fame should pick Lillian Wald.

Rabinowitz was Wald-minded not because she

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was Jewish but because she was one of the most influential personages in the history of our nation.

Not only had she befriended Rabinowitz when she was young, but Lillian Wald, in her Henry Street Settlement, in downtown New York, had pioneered in a host of social service and nursing ideas.

Out of her immersion in Jewish idealism, Miss Wald created a settlement house which not only provided recreation and education for the dwellers in ghettos, but which radiated out to become the cornerstone of the New Deal philosophy: the obligation of the haves for the alleviation of the plight of the have-nots.

Miss Wald's friends were the Roosevelts, the Lehmans, the Morgenthau and many others. A spinster, she lived and died in Westport, honored by millions.

To get the Hall of Fame folks to select Miss Wald, Aaron Rabinowitz mounted a campaign like that of an election effort, mobilizing people and printing brochures and buttonholing all and sundry.

Finally, Mr. Rabinowitz was successful, and the Hall of famers voted Lillian Wald into the pantheon. At the same time, another person of Jewish origins (not much in the way of Jewish attachment) was honored too: the late Dr. Albert Michelson, a Nobel prize-winner in science.

Congratulations, Hall of Fame! Congratulations, Mr. Rabinowitz!

NEW YORK (WNS) - Israeli Premier Golda Meir told 300 student activists from 90 colleges in the U.S. and Canada that Israel was opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state composed of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip because it would not be viable. So also said that without U.S. aid, Israel's security would be in great danger.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (WNS) - Two synagogues, Temple Beth Shalom and The Light of Israel Sephardic Center, were bombed ten minutes apart in an apparently coordinated attack. No one was injured in the bombings but damage was heavy. There were no arrests and no suspects.

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (WNS) - The two most important events in recent Jewish history - the Holocaust and the re-birth of Israel - are ignored in the great majority of American Christian schools, colleges and theological seminaries, a study jointly conducted by the American Jewish Committee and the Institute of Judaeo-Christian studies at Seton Hall University (a Catholic University) showed.

JERUSALEM--From horror to hope, from tragedy to joy, from theatrical triumph to artistic despair--this is the emotional life story of Russian-born actress Julia Flaum as she tells it in the latest issue of Israel Magazine, now on sale at newsstands in the United States.

KANSAS CITY (WNS)--Max M. Fisher of Detroit, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, told the 1,500 communal leaders attending the 39th General Assembly of the CJF, the commitment of American Jewry to Israel, the U.S. and Jewish youth was "central to American Jewish survival and to Jewish survival itself."

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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of time and effort has been wasted in the past six years to bring the Jewish community and all friends of the Jews, an honest, direct and forthright weekly publication.

Zoppi is wrong. He is just not telling the truth, and we have the facts to prove it. But we are more concerned with the reason and motive for his castigating an accusing finger at us. We do not know whether he is a mere trouble maker, an out-and-out idiot, a mis-informed person or a biased anti-Semite.

For one thing hundreds of paid subscribers inform us regularly they look forward to receiving and digesting every word in each weekly issue. In addition, thousands are picked up, free, from stands in super markets all over town. This is a service to benefit our advertisers and to make the entire population aware of the Jewish community news and views. The Israelite is placed regularly in the lobby lounges and newsstands of hotels to tell the tourists of the Jewish community of Las Vegas. Tony would be surprised at the reaction we receive each week.

Moreover additional thousands are mailed to Jewish leaders including subscribers in 47 states and most free countries of the world. The Israelite attests to this on the front page, courtesy of the Hotel Sahara.

The out-of-town mailing list every week of the Israelite is greater than the total number of papers mailed by all combined weekly and daily publications in the entire state of Nevada. Zoppi should make it his business to know these facts. The Israelite is the only English Jewish newspaper in the entire state of Nevada.

As a well paid flack for a Strip hotel, he should be aware of what is going on in the community. Its ignoramuses like him, not equipped with true knowledge of the area, who invariably do nothing to enhance the image of Las Vegas, or who blurt out statements that put us in an embarrassing position. In either case, his type is dangerous for a dispenser of information about a resort city, whose main goal, from every source, is to create friends, friends and more friends, and not one single enemy.

We feel certain that outstanding performers like Dean Martin, Shecky Greene, Jan Murray, Jack Carter and Barbra Streisand, etc., who play the Riviera, would not agree with Zoppi. We suggest Tony check with Gail Martin, now appearing with her dad. Perhaps it was Zoppi who was responsible for Totie Fields not appearing at an Israel Bonds Dinner, after she made the commitment to Ralph Pearl.

If Zoppi needs further evidence of how wrong his claim is, we refer him to Jack Entratter, who writes an occasion column for the Israelite and has received commendation from as far away as the mayor of Jerusalem. Or Bill Weinberg, who thanked us for a tremendous response of congratulations when we named him "Man of the Year." Or Tony can make query with most hotel executives and prominent citizens.

We remind Zoppi that the Riviera was the only hotel involved in a major stock swindle. His boss Ed Torres was the main manipulator. Perhaps he should spend more time clarifying that blot on the image of gambling in Las Vegas, and not cast spurious remarks about the Israelite.

Finally, we call attention to the Riviera being the only hotel in Las Vegas, we said the ONLY HOTEL, that refuses to place a single ad in the Israelite, especially on special occasions when almost every big business, and every other hotel sends holiday greetings to the Jewish community. Now we know why. This is doubly a shame, because a significant number of guests and patrons in the showrooms at the Riviera are Jews.

If Zoppi isn't anti-Semitic, he certainly could never be classed as a friend of the Jews. Who needs him or his kind?

We ask every Jew, and friend of the Jews, local or tourist, to skip the Riviera, until this issue is cleared.