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## NO TROOPS CROSSING THE SUEZ NOTHING FINAL ON CANAL OPENING

### REDS HARASS RUSSIAN JEWS

WASHINGTON (WNS)--The current issue of Underground, a publication of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, reports increased harassment of Soviet Jews, a new trial date for Riga Jews and the murder of a Georgian Jew.

Underground said arrests and harassment of Jews who had filed for exit visas were continuing and cited the case of Yefim Sevela, the noted Moscow Jewish movie director, who has been placed under police surveillance and subjected to official harassment ever since he applied for an exit visa to Israel.

The publication also reported the murder of Shalom Khakmishvili, a hatmaker in the Georgian town of Gudauta, the victim of an anti-Semitic attack and said the trial date of Riga

Jews had been rescheduled from April to May 24. Underground also reported that a prayer service in a private home in Lvov on the first day of Passover was disrupted by a police detachment which forcibly dispersed the 40 congregants. The last synagogue in Lvov, a town containing 30,000 Jews, was closed in 1963.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban in a radio interview said neither Israel nor the U.S. has adopted a final position on terms for an interim arrangement to reopen the Suez Canal. Eban's statement was confirmed by diplomatic sources following Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

These sources said that U.S. Ambassador Wainwright Barbour, in talks with Premier Golda

Meir, said the U.S. has accepted some Israeli conditions for reopening the Canal, had disagreed with others, and asked for clarification of still others.

Reportedly, America accepts "unequivocally" Israel's key demand that no Egyptian or Soviet troops cross the Canal to occupy territory which Israeli troops would evacuate as part of any interim agreement.

### ISRAEL'S 23RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Israel observed the 23rd anniversary of its independence with memorial services for those members of its armed forces who had fallen in her defense. There were receptions, air and naval displays, parades and dancing and reveling in the streets. Thousands of Israelites spent the day picnicking and others attended the

annual International Bible-Knowledge Contest for youngsters, U.S. President Richard M. Nixon sent a congratulatory cable to Israel's President Zalman Shazar referring to "Israel's intense struggle for the achievement of a true, stable and secure peace between us and our neighbors."

A capacity crowd in New York's Carnegie

Hall heard two U.S. Senators, James L. Buckley, N.Y. Conservative, and Henry M. Jackson, Washington Democrat, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yosef Tekoah, and Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation agree that Israel could not, would not and should not yield to any pressures.

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



### Gragson Re-elected Mayor

Mayor Oran Gragson was reelected to a fourth term as mayor of Las Vegas, while Paul Price and Hal Morelli, and George Franklin and Wes Howery, will compete in a runoff general election on June 8.

Gragson beat Bill Biare by 11,891 votes to 6736 and since there were only 933 votes cast for the four other candidates for mayor, the incumbent, having received more than 50 per cent of the vote, was automatically elected. Price topped the ticket for Commissioner 1, beating Morelli by 7527 to 4693, with incumbent Jim Corey third with 3840. George Franklin rolled up 8795 votes to Wes Howery's 5957 and Bob Bailey a strong third with 2430.

This column has seen many occasions in the past where the runner-up in the primary emerged victorious in the general election. Anything may happen, and usually does, when the good citizens of Las Vegas make up their minds.

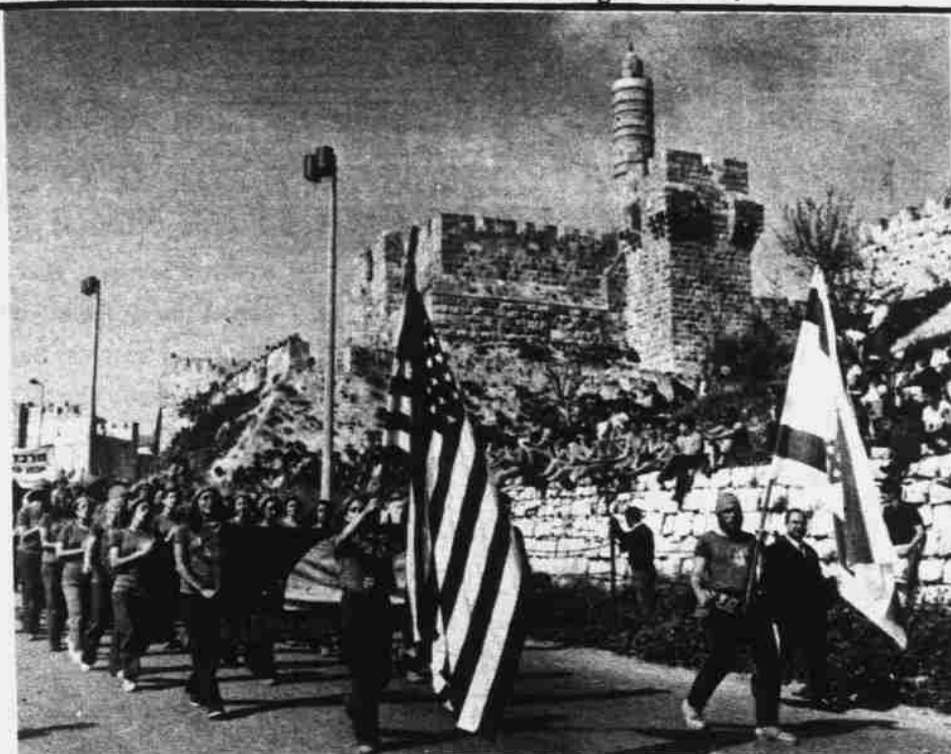
Two items were particularly notable about this election. For one, we found the Review-Journal, the long-time arch enemy of the L.V. Sun, endorsing a columnist for the rival paper. When we spotted Paul Price of the Sun and R-J managing editor Don Digileo in a huddle in the courthouse lobby and noted: "Bird Brains of a Feather, etc." we certainly were saying a mouthful.

Another item that caught our attention was the absence of any story about the elections on either of the two daily front pages. Only mention election day was oddsmaker Jimmy (the Greek) Snyder, who called every race accurately.

No wonder Johnny Carson, returning to his show in New York after a week's engagement at the Sahara, said: Did you ever notice the daily newspapers in Las Vegas? There's nothing in them. "Nothing," he answered himself, "absolutely nothing."

How right he is.

WASHINGTON (WNS)--Jewish leaders were divided over the advisability of the government's granting or withholding a visa to visit the U.S. requested by convicted Nazi War Criminal, Otto Ambros, who had been sentenced to eight years in prison. He had been invited by the Dow Chemical Co. to speak at an "international seminar" at its Midland, Mich., headquarters.



STUDENTS FROM THE AMERICAN COLLEGE IN JERUSALEM PARADED THROUGH JERUSALEM'S STREETS FOR THE ROUSING CLIMAX TO THE 17TH ANNUAL THREE DAY MARCH.

### ISRAELITE ADS PAY

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