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### Israel's Housing Problem

Another manifestation of the disruption of Israeli society which had been forecast by observers of the Israeli scene was apparent with the seizure of an apartment in the fashionable Talpiot section of Jerusalem by 30 Hebrew University students who then made the apartment available to a family of 11 which had been living in a one and one-half room apartment. The seized apartment had been reserved for new immigrants.

The action of the social work students, seeking to alleviate the plight of older immigrant groups who live in slums while newer immigrants receive adequate apartments and other benefits never made available to those earlier immigrants from Asia and Africa, is understandable.

Also understandable is the ambivalent attitude of Jerusalem's Mayor, Teddy Kollek, who though sympathetic to the plight of families in need of adequate quarters, hoped that the police would arrest those responsible for the seizure, because seizing apartments is not the answer.

One can understand the position of the Ministry of Housing which, as part of the Israel government's efforts to attract immigrants with professional and technical skills from Europe and the Americas, must provide them with adequate housing and benefits that were not possible to provide when the first wave of post-World War II immigration reached Israel.

However, a nation such as Israel, whatever the situation, cannot build a stable society by sacrificing one segment of the population for another, even if the means to provide equitable apartments, services and benefits to all is limited because of the drain on the economy caused by the nation's defense needs.

Fortunately, Israel has taken the first steps to provide adequate housing for her slum dwellers. But much more needs to be done, and rapidly, or that nation may find itself permanently divided not between Arab and Jew, but between Arab, Ashkenazi Jew and Oriental Jew.

### Million U.S. Poverty Jews

CHICAGO (WNS)--The myth of the affluent American Jew is just that, a myth, an official of the American Jewish Committee revealed.

In a report, "The Invisible Jewish Poor," delivered to the AJCommittee's Chicago chapter, Mrs. Anne Wolfe, a sociologist and program consultant for the organization, revealed that nearly one million Jews in America live at or near the poverty level. Mrs. Wolfe gathered her information from studies of surveys conducted over several years by national and local

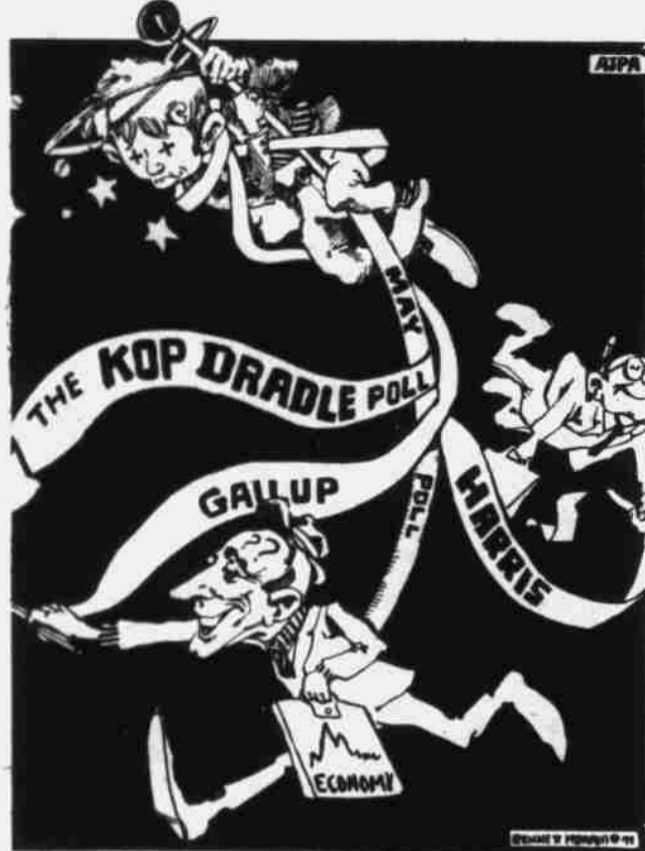
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and Jewish groups.

The studies showed, Mrs. Wolfe said, that 15.3 percent of Jewish families, representing 750,000 people, had incomes of less than \$3,000 a year. If the figures for the "near poor" -- those with incomes under \$4,500 a year were included, the number of Jewish poor would be in excess of 900,000. (The Bureau of Labor Statistics Lower Living Standard estimates, on a national average, a family of four should have a minimum annual income of \$6,500.)

Mrs. Wolfe noted that 60 to 65 percent of Jews living in poverty are over 60 years old. The remaining Jewish poverty group is composed of single, unrelated people or families, many with young children, some headed by only one parent.

She observed that a large proportion of the non-elderly Jewish poor in big cities are Orthodox and Hassidic Jews. "There are 80,000 Hassidic Jews in New York City," she noted, "and they comprise the third largest poverty group in the City." In New York City alone, she said, "it is estimated that one quarter of a million Jews subsist below a level of \$3,000 a year and another 150,000 live at near poverty on income below \$4,500."

Also studied were the Jewish poor in Los Angeles, Miami and Philadelphia. In Los Angeles the County Department of Public Social Services revealed that 8,000 elderly Jews were receiving assistance while another 10,000 who were eligible, had not applied for various reasons.

In the South Beach section of wealthy Miami Beach, Mrs. Wolfe stated, there were 40,000 people and the annual income was \$2,460. These people were living on \$28 a week for food and rent, she said. Eighty percent of the people were over 65, she reported, and 85 percent were Jews.

In her report, Mrs. Wolfe stated that "limited education was found to be an important factor among poor Jews. Because of the high proportion of young Jews in college today, and our tradition as the "People of the Book," we tend to overlook the earlier generation that has a less impressive educational background."

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Israeli authorities believe that Palestinian terrorists may have decided to resort to kidnapping because they thought it was more effective than past actions such as hijackings. Other sources stated that it was established that the killers of Israeli Consul General Elrom were trained in Arab guerrilla camps.

NEW YORK--Authors of two new books on Israel, Gerald Green and Peggy Mann, were honored by the American Zionist Federation,

NEW YORK (WNS)--The U.S. Civil Service Commission has issued new regulations requiring Federal agencies to "reasonably" accommodate the religious needs of Sabbath observing employees and applicants.

**TELLING IT LIKE IT IS**

**Don Tell**

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at them. Who could forget the classic speech of Richard M. Nixon after losing the California gubernatorial race to Pat Brown. In a perfectly clear voice, Nixon told the people via a nationally televised press conference that he was completely through with politics and would return to his law practice. The public also accepted him at his word at the time and he came back to be the voice of the people.

But the most interesting retirement announcement of the last five years is that of Francis Albert Sinatra. You all remember that skinny tough guy from Hoboken who practically overnight brought millions of Bobbie Soxers to their feet and then slipped into oblivion for a number of years only to return to prominence in a dramatic love scene in the movie "From Here To Eternity." Now that same Frankie who sold his stock in Warner Brothers for over six million dollars and is regarded as one of the world's most admired personalities expects us to believe that he will spend the rest of his years meditating on a rocking chair? We predict that the Chairman of the Board will get off his rocker in six months and return to his post of Numero Uno. It's in his blood. He can't change it. The sound of applause, the international publicity, the partying and the shrills from the women are much too great to shrug off, even for Mr. Sinatra.

We remember when he told us Nevadans that he was through with cabaret performances forever. That short-lived announcement came after his fiasco at the Sands Hotel when he drove an electric golf cart into the swimming pool and wound up in a fistfight with hotel executive Carl Cohen. Six months later Sinatra was singing and swinging down the street at Caesars Palace until he wound up in a brawl with Sandford Waterman and again announced his retirement. What about the time he suggested he was through with Nevada for good when he was ousted from owning an interest in a Lake Tahoe resort because of alleged affiliations with known hoodlums. But he came back then and again and we firmly believe he will do so once more. You can't keep a man like Frankie happy on hot water with lemons....

The Riviera Hotel has a winner in the combination of Ray Stevens and British singing star Lulu. The show debuts two days from this writing at the Versailles Room. Stevens, who wrote "Everything Is Beautiful," makes his first Las Vegas stage appearance. Lulu, a red-haired dynamo from England has a powerful and capturing voice. We are sure this provocative package of talent will thrill audiences for a long time at the Riviera.... Congrats to Jay Sarno for making a stand when he publically advertised his support for the 18 year-old vote.... Never knew our clinker could look so baby clean until we took ours for a car wash at Moore's Supersonic on East Charleston....Ever hear of a mixed Poodle/Dachshund mutt. We recently acquired a puppy of this type, named her Toto after Dorothy's darling in "The Wizard of Oz" and we promptly fell in love until she found out I was Jewish....

Gambling story of the year....A poker dealer at one of the strip hotels ran his last \$20 up to \$4700 in a crap game at the Silver Slipper Casino. Looking for a really big hit, he walked into Caesars Palace and one hour later walked out with a manilla envelope containing 600 of those crispy \$100 bills. He had parleyed his bankroll into \$60,000. Two days later he was dead broke without a shekelle to his name. His comments to us recently were not only amusing but they typlified the general indifference of most Vegans towards the value of money. Said he, "I crept into this town from the desert without a job or a future. Today I net over a \$1,000 a month dealing poker and I am a happy guy. But do you have a spare forty-five revolver I could borrow for a few minutes."