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Jewish Students

About 250 Jewish students from around the world have come together in a little town in Pennsylvania for a five day conference called in part "Jewing It." Apart from the unhappy title for the seminar, which undoubtedly somebody thought clever, the program is supposed to provide an opportunity for 130 non-North Americans, mostly from Europe, to learn about community-type Jewish performing arts,

groups, and student newspapers.

On the face of it, this convening, supported Jewish organizations, looks very wellintended. As a starter, it will bring Jewish students together. It is to be hoped that the program, when fleshed and filled out, will have what young people call revelance. And revelance, by definition, relates to not only their specific life sytles and interests, but to the world around them. It would be a mistake, or perhaps an orientation parochially directed, to ignore the world at large. Jewish students, wherever they live, have to relate to the rest of the populations. This seminar could be the beginning of a bridge in addition to a deepening of Jewish conscious-

Constitutes Subversion? What

By ROBERT E, SEGAL

Perhaps acutely aware that the U.S. Subversive Activities Control Board, a relic of the fearful times of Senators Patrick A. McCarran and Joseph R. McCarthy, may be on its last legs, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has perked up lately. In a study called "The Human Cost of Communism In China," the subcommittee, chaired by Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi, declares that the rise of Chinese Communism has cost anywhere from 34,000,000 to 63,000,000 lives.

This is a dreadful toll. Surely, President Nixon will have that human cost in mind when he meets with China's top leaders soon. Senator Eastland and his committee are, in effect, cautioning the President to beware. And so the Security Subcommittee's report may serve

But it would be even more effective if it were accompanied by that kind of report the committee could produce were it to review the ravages of fascism. To be sure, such a report would not sit well with those who publish articles insisting that 6,000,000 were not put to death by Hitler (see The American Mercury, for example) and those who still fawn upon General Franco or long for the bad old days of Mussolini.

It is helpful to learn that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee report is the work of

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GROUP DOING THE HORA, IS THE TITLE OF THIS SCULPTURE AT THE JEWISH COMMUN-ITY CENTER OF GREATER WASHINGTON, ROCKVILLE, MD. IT WAS SO TITLED BE-CAUSE "GOOD DEED" SYMBOLIZES THE PURPOSE OF JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS TO "HELP PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES. THE WORK WAS CREATED FOR THE CENTER ONE OF 485 JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS AND CAMPS AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD, BY MILTON HEBALD, WIDELY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN SCULPTOR. IT WAS COMMIS-SIONED FOR AND PRESENTED TO THE CEN-TER BY MR, AND MRS, NORMAN BERNSTEIN.

Dr. Richard L. Walker, a University of South Carolina specialist in international studies. If those Senators and Congressmen who make business of tracking down "subversives" intend to continue that politically-productive hobby, we are all better served when the raw and refined material disseminated by the lawmakers come from disciplined minds rather than from potential new McCarthys.

Fortunately, the nation appears blessed now with certain legislators willing to risk their own political fortunes by insisting on curbs against the excesses of Washington's subversive hunters. Perhaps the best recent example is the stirring fight made against renewal for the U.S. Subversive Activities Control Board. With North Carolina's redoubtable Senator Sam J. Ervin leading the battle, that moth-eaten anachronism came within an inch of annihilation. Forty-one Senators voted for its demise after Senator Sam had pointed out that the Board had proved totally useless in its 21 years of existence. And the Board chairman, John W. Mahan, pathetically acknowledged before The Senate Appropriations Committee that the Board doesn't have work enough to fill its time.

The nation would be well served if the Senate did close books on the Subversive Activities Control Board. But President Nixon is trying hard to keep the unit in business. In July, he issued an executive order to the Board asking it to identify and list "organizations that seek violent overthrow of the government or violent interference with the rights of others." Alert senators shot down that balloon, holding the President's action an extension of the spirit of McCarthy and an attempt by the Chief Executive to usurp legislative

Next year's fight to kill and bury the Control

Board should be worth watching.

Meanwhile, the House Internal Security Committee (known formerly as the Un-American Activities Committee) continues to prove that when better laws are written to keep the nation wholesome and free of genuine subversives, such bills will not emanate from that bastion of liberal-baiting. Not content with listing such people as Dr. John C. Bennett of Union Theological Seminary, Novelist Jessica Mitford, Paul Jacobs, Dr. Benjamin Spock,

and John Ciardi as "radical campus speakers" while omitting "radicals" with opposing views but dear to the heart of Chairman Richard H. Ichord, the House Committee has voted to retain its Title II of the 1950 Internal Security Act. That provision was enacted in a police state spirit and is regarded with fear and distrust by members of all American minority groups.

Judaism and the Mother

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

A good rule of thumb is that the Jewish

way is the humane way. When you read ads or statements by people ostensibly concerned with the wellbeing animals, declaring that the Jewish method of slaughtering is inhumane, you can be sure you

are reading a falsehood.

The Jewish belief that suffering in this world should be reduced extends to animals, and the Jewish emphasis is upon mercy. Indeed, in other nations, the so-called societies for humaneness have proved to be outright anti-Semitic, and some of the outfits on the fringes of the legitimate humane groups in this country are also suspect.

If Judaism is soft on animals, it is supremely

so on people.

That is why many people are astonished to read from time to time that the Orthodox Jewish attitude towards family planning is stringently

Indeed, some prestigious Orthodox leaders have sounded like conservative Catholics in

frowning on contraception.

Now comes a young scholar, Rabbi David Feldman, of the Bay Ridge Center, Brooklyn, and proves that Jewish law comes down solidly on the side of the mother.

True, there are many citations in the sources which seem to favor a ban on family limitations.

But, in a masterpiece of a book called "Birth Control in Jewish Law," from the New York University Press, Rabbi Feldman conclusively shows that the mainstream of Jewish thought declares that cannubialism is not only designed for procreation, but also for pleasure, and that the avoidance of progeny is solidly backed up by the most authoritative of Jewish seers and sages. Children are a delight, says our faith, but too many of them, under adverse circumstances, are not.

It is thrilling to read any book by a man who takes you, step by step, into the depths of true scholarship to demonstrate a thesis. It is especially exciting to read the opus by Rabbi Feldman which makes it clear that Judaism seeks to diminish the anguish of motherhood

and increase its genuine joyfulness.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- An archeological team unearthed a Canaanite city in its entirety in Arad, revealing city planning to be 4,500 years old. The Israel Exploration Society, the Israel Museum, and the Antiquities Departments of the Hebrew University and the University of the Negev sponsored the summer excavations.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Research Institute for Soviet Jewry will launch a campaign to have American Jews pay for the resettlement of Russian Jewish families, according to the National Conference of Jewish Communities on Soviet Jewry scheduled for October 22-25 at the New York Hilton.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Announcing impending elections of delegates from Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Mexico to the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem in January, 1972, World Labor Zionist Movement Secretary General Itzhak Korn cited the success of the South American Tnuat Aliyah.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Gideon Rafael, director general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, had no contact with Soviet diplomats during his recent visit to Scandinavia despite press speculation that he had indeed talked with the Soviets, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Three Israeli delegates to the International Cooperative Movement's 40th meeting, held in Moscow, have not been granted Russian visas and a Czechoslovakian scientist scheduled to deliver a paper at a Weizman Institute conference on land physics and technology said his passport and exit visa were confiscated at the last minute.