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Mathis - My Rival

My wife Rita is one of those die-hard Mathis fans. You know the type. They buy all of his albums and when one of those same songs they have heard 100 times comes on the radio, they stop everything and listen. I have taken her to see Mathis at least 50 times. That's about \$1,000 (average \$20 each performance) I've spent keeping my wife in love with this guy. And what happens when he comes to Vegas? She literally tears my arm out rushing to make the reservations.

It's not his stage presence she swears. It's his style and vocal delivery that gets her. I usually feel the same about Mathis when we see him. It's like staying in your living room and hearing his albums. But I generally go with her anyway and more than likely have an excellent time. Who knows why, but after the years I have learned to appreciate his consistent style and easy to listen to music, Mathis grows on you like a loving pet. And after a while, you can even regard yourself a fan. I do.

Well, this time he appears at the Sahara

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WASHINGTON (WNS)

-- Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), declaring that "the best hope for peace in the Middle East lies with an Israel strong enough to defend itself and thereby deter aggression," announced he would "at the earliest practicable opportunity" move for legislation granting Israel a new line of "military credits" of \$500 million for the purchase of F-4 Phantom jets. There is a bill now before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which would permit the Administration to grant Israel \$300 million but Jackson said "uncertainties surround" the

bill now in the hands of the committee headed by Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.) Fulbright is one of the few Senators noted for his anti-Israel sentiments.

From Israel came unconfirmed reports that the U.S. had made an "unofficial" offer to resume the supply of Phantoms if Israel eased its conditions for an interim settlement and permitted a token number of Egyptian troops to cross the Suez Canal after an Israeli withdrawal from the east bank. In Washington, a State Department spokesman called the report "a crazy story."

AJC Report on Russia

BY MORTON YARMON

(Director of Public Relations, American Jewish Committee)

NEW YORK--Morris B. Abram, Honorary President of the American Jewish Committee and former United States Representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, asserted that "the full force of the Soviet State is marshalled against the survival of Soviet Jews as Jews."

Speaking at a news conference at the American Jewish Committee's national headquarters following an intensive visit to the Soviet Union where he met with Soviet authorities as well as Russian Jews, Mr. Abram predicted that the Soviet Union eventually would find it advantageous to permit "increased emigration of those Jews who are least assimilable -- those who will give the most trouble and provide leadership to others."

Emigration of Soviet Jews will be increased, Mr. Abram added, when questions of the Middle East are resolved. He pointed out that "more than one private Soviet citizen" complained to him of the high costs involved in Russia's support of Egyptian military efforts against Israel.

Soviet policy, Mr. Abram said, "resolutely pursues a program whose outcome, in the case of Jews, can only be cultural death," adding, though, that it "has none of the purpose or even the overtones of biological extermination."

He attributed such Soviet policy largely to "a basic conflict between the Soviet system and its xenophobic concern to keep its citizens hermetically sealed off from outside contacts and ideas, and a theme of Jewish life which is dependent on a free flow of ideas and regards these as a blessing and not as a crime."

Mr. Abram based his prediction that the Soviet Union would allow increased Jewish emigration on his belief that "the Soviet Union is genuinely concerned about the attacks on its Jewish policy," and that it was likely "to take measures to contain the harm to its reputation, particularly as it feels hemmed in by problems with China and its satellites."

Since the Soviets would like to reduce tensions over the Jewish question, Mr. Abram continued, they must logically take certain measures.

Obviously, he added, "they are not going to repeal the cardinal principle of Soviet internal policy to still criticism abroad and Jewish unrest at home. They are not going to liberalize life in the Soviet Union for Jews when they were even prepared to invade Czechoslovakia, to stifle the scent of freedom there."

The problem for the Soviets, Mr. Abram went on, "is to find a way of releasing the building pressure without making fundamental domestic changes. The way lies in increased emigration of those Jews who are least assimilable -- those who will give the most

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ISRAEL POPULATION NOW 3,062,000

JERUSALEM (WNS)--THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS ANNOUNCED ISRAEL'S POPULATION TO BE 3,062,000 OF WHICH 2,610,000 WERE JEWS. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 67,000 JEWS DURING THE PAST YEAR. SIXTY PERCENT OF THE GROWTH REPRESENTED NATURAL INCREASES. IMMIGRATION ACCOUNTED FOR THE REMAINDER. ISRAELI NON-JEWS TOTALLED 452,000.

Shalom!

I give you this wonderful Hebrew greeting because it is a word with so much importance today. How much the world needs peace now. I am writing to express my personal appreciation to the Jewish Community of Las Vegas for the honor you are bestowing on me October 17th at the State of Israel Bonds Dinner.

Believe me, I am deeply touched and greatly moved to receive the City of Peace Award from the State of Israel.

More than receiving the award, I am personally pleased to attend the Israel Bond function. I know how important it has been and is today in maintaining an economic balance during these difficult days in Israel.

I hope you will join with me at the banquet in working for the great democracy of the State of Israel.

Best regards,

Mike O'Callaghan

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YAHARZEITS TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

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