SWEDISH PHOTO EXHIBIT ON "PEOPLE AT JERUSALEM'S ISRAEL MUSEUM

BY DONNA ROSENTHAL

In recent weeks hundreds of visitors to Jerusalem's Israel Museum have seen "PEOPLE" through the eyes of the late Swedish photographer Anna Riwkin-Brick. These photographs, bequeathed by her to Keren Hayesod, offer but a glimpse of her prolific works documenting events of Jewish historical importance since 1928 from the earliest settlements, to a girl soldier, to an afternoon at a Dizengoff Avenue sidewalk cafe.

When asked to comment at her 1969 Tel Aviv exhibition, Anna Riwkin-Brick simply said, "My photographs speak for themselves. I have nothing to add." And indeed they do--they speak to people the world over. Famous as "the children's photographer of Sweden," her personal shooting techniques involve one immediately with her subjects. One is instantly drawn in to feel "together" with all her children --Dutch, Korean, or Ethiopian. For it is her love for people, especially children, that is felt throughout her work. And this love is what gives her work special dimension -- the joy of exploring people.

Her extraordinary career started in Stockholm in 1927, where she immigrated as a child from Russia, and since then she and her camera traveled on "photosafaris" to visit Sia on Mount Kilimanjaro, to Mokihana's Hawaiian paradise, and to Norikio-san's home in Japan.

One of the world's most ambitious photographers, over 25 of Anna Riwkin-Brick's books can be found in homeseverywherein many lan-



MR. S.J. KREUTNER, THE DIRECTOR GENE-OF THE KEREN HAYESOD - UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL AND HIS DAUGHTER AT THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION OF "PEOPLE" THROUGH THE EYES OF ANNA RIWKIN -BRICK CURRENTLY AT THE ISRAEL MUSEUM IN JE

THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE RUSALEM. SELECTED FROM THE MORE THAN 30,000 THE LATE SWEDISH PHOTOGRAPHER, ANNA RIWKIN-BRICK LEFT TO THE KEREN HAYE-SOD - UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL.

guages. Many are about her favorite people --Through her camera's eye, we enter the worlds of GENNET OF ETHIOPIA, the village of the little Lapp GIRL ELLE KARI, and meet MIRIAM who LIVES ON A KIBBUTZ. These seemingly unrelated worlds and peoples are harmoniously related in all of Anna Riwkin-Brick's art.

The daughter of Shalom Alexander Riwkin, an active Zionist and delegate to the First Zionist Congress, her lifelong attachment to Israel is preserved on film. No matter what direction her camera took her, she always traveled via Israel. And countless numbers of her photographs have captured its changing moods and spirit, and its smorgasbord of nationalities.

These photographs forever capture vivid mo-ments in Israel's history and will be invaluable source materials for generations of students, scholars, and admirers. From PALESTINE of 1948 to ONE PEOPLE in 1969, her photographs range from scenes in pre-partition Jerusalem, to the face of a frightened Indian immigrant, to frenzied activity during Zionist conventions.

Israel was her second home and in 1970 Israel became her final resting place. Her photographs of this land she loved span 28 years and it was her desire to give her enormous archives relating to Zionism, Judaism and Eretz Israel to the State of Israel. Today these tresures -- over 30,000 photographs -- are in the safekeeping of Keren Hayesod. Keren Hayesod has introduced us to "PEOPLE" all of them living commentary about the growth of this nation. This exhibition is the work of a master of photography, and a great Jewess, about Jews and the land of Jews, and Keren Hayesod plans to share more of her art with her enthusiastic audiences.

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