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Soviet Claim False

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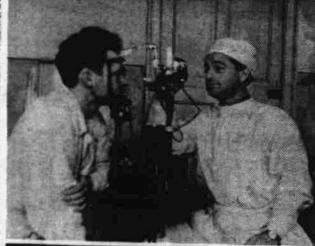
There is nothing new in the apparent confirmation by the Soviet government that it will suspend the collection of the education ransom on Soviet citizens wishing to emigrate to other countries. The education ransom has been imposed, suspended, reimposed and now, once again, suspended. There is not now any reliable assurance that the Soviets will not again resort to this cruel device when it suits their purpose. Once the United Staes has granted the trade concessions and extended the foreign aid the Soviets desire, Mr. Brezhnev, if recent history is any guide, can order the tax collections to begin again.

The Soviet indications that the tax will be suspended were contained in a message in which the Soviet authorities reiterated their claim that 95% of those applying for visas to emigrate have been permitted to do so. This Soviet claim is false and misleading. In my judgment it is a very serious matter when the Soviet government makes direct misrepresentations to the Government of the United States. It amazes me that anyone who has followed these matters would

An overwhelming majority of the House and more than three-fourths of the Senate understand wery well that the education ransom is only one of the means by which the Soviets deny their citizens the opportunity to emigrate or discourage them from applying. We know of the arrests and trials, of the interrogations by the KGB, of people fired from their jobs and relieved of their pensions. And we know the heartbreaking cases of innocent individuals whose visas have been torn from their hands as they made final arrangements for what they believed would be their departure to freedom. There are today over 100,000 individuals in the Soviet Union who have placed themselves at great risk by requesting the documents necessary to file for visa applications. Their tragic plight is the truth against which Soviet propaganda must be judged.

The Soviet response to the great humanitarian concern of the congress is wholly inadequate and may be just a tactical maneuver. The Soviets and the Administration know that my amendment to the trade reform bill will not affect any country that permits its citizens the right and opportunity to emigrate. I am standing firm on my amendment, period.

JUST A SUGGESTION HOW ABOUT A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO A FARAWAY FRIEND, RELATIVE, FORMER NEIGHBOR, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE? LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE P. O. BOX 14096 Dear Jack: LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89114 Send the Israelite in my name to: NAME, ADDRESS APT. CITY. STATE BD PAYMENT ENCLOSED OR BILL ME AT: Name Address Apt. ONE YEAR . \$7.00 ITS RENEWAL TIME RIGHT NOW





THE STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEW-RY HAS APPEALED FOR HELP FOR NOTED RUSSIAN JEWISH OPTHAMOLOGIST DR. ISAAC POLTINNIKOV (ABOVE) WHO, WITH HIS WIFE, IRMA (LOWER RIGHT) AND DAUGHTER, VIC-TORIA (LOWER LEFT), HAVE BEEN REPEAT-EDLY REFUSED EXIT TO ISRAEL.

Israel 1s

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

The notice in the bulletin was rather prosajc: it was an announcement that the service on a certain Friday night would be dedicated to Israel's 25th birthday.

But the seemingly lackluster notice is really a sensational item.

For it was about 30 years ago or so that congregation was born.

And who gave birth to it?

The congregation's parturition was the work of Jews who broke off from other congregations because they complained that the curriculum and the atmosphere of the groups were "too Zionistic."

Throughout our country there are such congregations which were formed by those who didn't want to be involved in what was then called "double loyalty."

Today the erstwhile anti-Zionists realize that to appreciate Israel and evento support her does not mean the weakening of one's adherence to the United States.

To the contrary: a truly patriotic American is one who admires democracy. Israel is a great democracy. Hence one's attachment to the U.S. should make one a Zionist, a word which properly can be defined as a person who believes that those Jews who want to have their own nation have a right to have it.

To be a Zionist one doesn't have to be Jewish. At that congregation, which was once hostile to Zionism and now an applauder of Israel, the rabbi and the parishoners will salute the glorious achievements in the Jewish republic.

One of its greatest achievements is to have transformed foes into friends.

Mazal tov, Israel. The most unbelievable part about Israel to those of us who "sweated her out" is the first syllable.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Police said three Tel Aviv area youths have been arrested on suspiction of breaking into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre here April 13, injuring an American Franciscan priest, and stealing a class enclosed plaque from the top of a statue of Jesus

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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campaign of distortion, pervertion, misrepresentation and abuse, to rabble rouse an unsuspecting citizenry into a chaotic state of fear and apprehension. One insipient argument advanced by Greenspun to shaft the project, was that it couldn't be advantageous because a chairman of the County commission had vacated his seat to vote in favor of it.

Price, in his column told the man who had asked for postponement of the public hearing, to "go to Hell." Price bleated, "It is unlikely you will get many straight answers." The phony columnist went on: 'Obfuscation will be the order of the day." The people have a right to know, he screamed over and over again.

So the citizens filed in to see and hear. Some 2,500 were in attendance. Mothers carried infants. Fathers held firm grips of tots, who clutched other tots, waddling and wondering what fate their future held. Public and high school students came in pairs and groups, along with the collegiate set. Longtime residents, homeowners, drifters and tourists were in attendance. Apart from a handful with motivated purpose, the vast majority were there to see and hear and some to be heard.

It was a good turnout. The paid ads and the motivated persuasion of the Sun, had paid off.

It was not entirely a total waste of time, as stated to us by one of the proponents of the proposed monorail. Individual citizens, representing themselves had their moments of glory at the microphones. One man preferred a subway, which could serve as an air raid shelter, just in case. A woman pointed out the success of the "Jitney" bus operation in Atlantic city. A young lady objected to the monorail because it would obscure the costly signs in front of the hotel-casinos. A UNLV student commenced his view with the word "IRregardless."

But the payoff was the monologue presented by Galane, as attorney for the cab company. Here, at last, we heard from the horse's mouth, in one full swope, all the arguments that had been fed to us piecemeal, almost daily by the Sun. Galane earned his fee.

But, like the Sun, many of the points he made, were insulting to the intelligence of even a two-year-old in attendance.

Galane stated the cab company had a two-fold purpose in opposing the proposed monorail. One was self-preservation. True. The other was in the interest of the public, how's that?

Let us take just one argument raised by Galane to determine his sincerity and responsibility. He asked, most dramatically, whether the proposed monorail would jeopardize the federal funding for future mass transit? Now, just analyze this.

A cab company is appealing to our sense of reason to discredit a present proposal for a limited transit system because at some future date a mass transit system may be jeopardized. Are we to believe that the cab company, which fears that the limited system will hurt its business, is in favor of a mass system at a future date. Come on now, who's kidding who?

It was obvious that Galane would go to any and all extremes to defeat the proposed monorail. He said that there were no guidelines set up, that there was no open competitive bidding for the monorails under consideration. Are we to believe that if open and competitive bidding was an issue, that the cab company would be in favor of the bid most advantageous to the public? Or does it make sense that the cab company is opposed to any and all transit systems that could cause competition for the cab company, which it has every right to do. But why insult the intelligence of the public?

Galane questioned everything from correct land use planning to an accounting for millions spent on feasibility studies. A study in Denver, involving a million population over six counties, cost only \$1,600,000. Why \$5,500,000 for Clark County, asked Galane? We could not believe our ears when we heard this.

And so, the bearing carried on