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NEW YORK, DR. GERSON D. COHEN (RIGHT) CHANCELLOR OF THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA, RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM THE MAYOR OF N. Y., JOHN V. LINDSAY (CENTER). OTHERS IN THE PHOTO INCLUDE WILLIAM MCGILL, (LEFT) PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND MARTHA PETERSON, PRESIDENT OF BARNARD COLLEGE. THE PROCLAMATION HAILED THE MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD AS "ONE OF THE GREATEST COLLECTIONS OF DIVERSE ACADEMIC AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS EVER GATHERED IN ONE PLACE AT ONE TIME."

**Will U.S. Change Policy?**

President Nixon's remarks on the Middle East at his recent press conference may be a signal that the United States plans to increase pressure on Israel to reach a settlement in its conflict with the Arab states. But does it also portend a shift in the American policy of support for the Jewish State?

No one can fault the President's announcement that he has instructed Secretary of State-designate Henry A. Kissinger "to put the highest priority" on efforts to settle the Middle East deadlock. It is certainly a part of the world which deserves high priority since the problem still has the potential to set off a global war.

But President Nixon's remarks carried two especially disquieting notes. First he rebuked both Israel and the Arabs for failure to reach an agreement. This may be just a way of demonstrating an even-handed policy by the U.S., but no one should be allowed to forget that it is Arab refusal to recognize and negotiate with Israel that has been the main obstacle to peace.

Even more important is that the President for the first time linked the Arab-Israeli dispute with the oil problem, which the Administration up to now has maintained is two separate problems. It is unbelievable that the U.S. would give in to Arab oil blackmail. But it does appear that the Administration is using the Arab threats and the energy crisis as a means of pressuring Israel. This would explain the remarks by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco over Israeli television that oil was a factor in America's foreign policy.

President Nixon's statement came at about the same time it was announced that the U.S. is selling 48 F-4 Phantom Jets and 36 A-4 Skyhawks to Israel. So it appears that the U.S. does not plan any surprise turnabout on its pro-Israel policy. But the American Jewish Community will have to stay alert for any slow, subtle changes in the Administration's policy.

**Separate and Unequal**

by ROBERT E. SEGAL

Americans are understandably preoccupied with "forced busing," job quotas based on race, and other kinds of backwash from the internal troubles of the late 1960s. Yet we tend to forget that other areas of the world are plagued also by old racial animosities. For our own good and for the sake of all mankind, we should be more aware of forces now in motion in Rhodesia and other parts of southern Africa where apartheid endures and rankles.

Take the recent case of Peter Niesewand. At 28, a star reporter for Reuters, UPI, and

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BBC, he was detained recently by the Ian Smith regime in Rhodesia because the government had a suspicion that he might do something against those in power. To understand why the mere presence of one young foreigner can inspire such panic, you have to remember that the Smith regime is authorized to lock you up for seven years for the ambiguous offense of "spreading rumors."

Another bright young person, Judith Todd, 29, daughter of a former Prime Minister of Rhodesia, has been warning Americans who will listen that the Byrd amendment, which authorizes U.S. trade with Rhodesia in defiance of UN sanctions, is ominous. Miss Todd and her father both were jailed five weeks in Rhodesia for daring to oppose policies of the Smith regime.

How does that affect us? Why should we worry about apartheid, a problem festering several thousand miles away? Since when do we concern ourselves with other nations' internal affairs?

One good reason for apprehension is the indubitable relationship of anti-Semitism to hatred of non-Caucasians. When Wilhelm Marr and his racist colleagues in Germany, put forth their call for an international anti-Semitic movement in the early 1880s, they were inspired in part by America's adoption of Oriental exclusionist legislation. Americans raised the cry of "Yellow Peril." The British moaned about the white man's burden. Precursors of Alfred Rosenberg and Adolf Hitler warned against Jewish international conspiracies. Might we not expect then that Rhodesia would build its political and economic structure on a foundation of white supremacy? Should we be surprised if Hendrik Verwoerd, architect of South Africa's apartheid system, had on his record strong opposition to the admission to South Africa of Jews fleeing the Nazis in 1936?

The indivisibility of hatred rooted in race, cultural and religious differences, and in ethnic variety is so apparent that sharp minds despair of those who are blind to this classic interrelationship.

In Capetown and Johannesburg, the Nationalist Party, on top for 25 years, works feverishly to keep power in white hands. The 3,600,000 whites --- now by wheedling, now by threatening --- have managed to keep atop 16,000,000 Africans. Ultimately, the hope of those who rule is to see the blacks established in nine African homelands (bantustans). Segregation is to endure and intensify but independence is also promised. But South Africa, despite huge profits garnered from industrialization since World War II, is torn by a developing militancy rooted in discontent with poor pay and denial of fruits of full citizenship. Little wonder that aroused churchmen throughout the world are liquidating their investments

**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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Jews from reaching Israel. Even world-wide Jewish agencies, working in the open for the same purpose, denounced her activities. Those who befriended her did so at just her word. She refused to stop, no matter how high she had to reach, whether the source of her aid was King Carol or the Catholic Bishop of Rumania.

Although she was in constant threat of exposure from the strangers she had to approach, she refused to give up. As each avenue of escape became closed, she found another, narrower one that was open. She wound up in Istanbul, the last outlet for illegal immigration, and that was the end of her contribution to Jewish history.

Ruth Kluger truly provided the last escape for many thousands of persons living in Israel right now.

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in American and British companies reaping high profits from cheap labor in South Africa. And little wonder that we who enjoy the fruits of liberty and are familiar with the evil of racism in all its forms find ourselves involved in a far away struggle.

**No Massacre**

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

The cause of truth is indebted to a Waterbury Conn., rabbi named A Joseph Heckelman.

Rabbi Heckelman recently gave us some more truth about an alleged "massacre" that has been imputed to Jews during the 1948 war of independence in Israel.

According to the Arabs and their friends the village of Deir Yassin was pillaged by Jews and inhabitants were murdered and ravished.

You can't talk to a professional pro-Arab or an Arab debator about the Middle East for ten minutes before he will cite the Jewish "atrocities."

A number of chroniclers have stamped the story false, but Rabbi Heckelman did extensive and exhaustive research on the story and declares it to be a fabrication.

The town of Deir Yassin was indeed the scene of conflict. Elements of the Irgun sought to neutralize it during the early days of the 1948 war. Arabs began to fire from dwelling places. The Jews counter-attacked and in the strife innocent civilians were among the casualties.

But there was no massacre and no rapes. The stories about Jewish viciousness are untrue, writes the rabbi in the magazine, Conservative Judaism. He will elaborate on this and other episodes in the war in his forthcoming book, "American Volunteers and Israel's War of Independence."

We are obligated to the rabbi for his well documented article. He does not like conflict, but he believes that world public opinion should know the truth about Deir Yassin. It was, alas, war, he writes, but not murder.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A group of Soviet Jewish scientists headed by Benjamin Levich have denounced the official campaign in the Soviet Union against Nobel Prize winning writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn and physicist Andrei Sakharov, according to reports reaching here. The group, which numbered 10 Jewish scientists who have been refused exit visas for Israel, warned that the authorities were preparing for police action against them.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The Association of Latin Americans in Israel has started a campaign in cooperation with the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Absorption to bring 10,000 immigrants from Latin America in the next three years above the normal aliya from the continent.