

Austria & Blackmail

October 1, 1973 Honorable Bruno Kreisky

Chancellor of Austria Vienna, Austria

Sir:

The news that Austria is once again closing its gates to the Jews is reprehensible. These people do not seek to live in your country. They have not sought that immense honor and privilege, to live among those persons who joined in Anschluss. Only passage, only safe conduct, a mere few days while they prepare to leave Austria for Israel, a country which, thank God, loves them.

Blackmail is not new to Austria, nor is being blackmailed. Chancellor Dollfuss, of blessed memory, gave his life for Austria. Your action tarnishes the reputation of the Austria he wanted. To save Austria from the Nazis, Chancellor Dollfuss gave his life. He was shot to death by Nazi stormtroopers in Vienna on July 25, 1934. In that same year King Alexander of Yugoslavia was murdered by pro-Nazis in Marseilles. These two men stood up for the honor of their countries. They did not capitulate to terrorism and gangsterism.

Where are you, Chancellor Kriesky, and where is the Austria of Dollfuss today?

You are not governing as a dictator. You have no divine right.

Where do you have the reservoir of temer-ity that lets you say that you cannot let Jewish refugees pass through your country. You cannot protect them, you say. This is the Austria of dishonor. This is the black midnight shame of an Austria that handed her Jews to the SS and gobbled up her property and pays no reparations. This is the Austria that seeks the succor of the Fatah, the Black Septembrist. Where is the Austria of Herzl?

Do the following and save the honor of your country:

Prorect those trains from Russia; 2. Protect those Jews while they await passage to Israel.

I will say this, also. Many publications here advertise the virtues of vacations in Vienna. If you cannot afford the problems of in transit Jews from Russia, then Jews from America cannot afford the luxury of a visit to Austria.

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YAHRZEITS TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

(Friday, Oct. 5, 1973) Jacob Leon Foreman Dr. Carl H. Schnaer Sydney Pollak William Mendelsohn Jacob Belinsky Benjamin Fullman Morris Goodelman Meyer Smith **Ralph Weinstein** Dr. Hyman Rosenblum Regina Strauss

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ISRAELI PREMIER GOLDA MEIR WAS UNSUCCESSFUL UNSUCCESSFUL IN ATTEMPT TO CON-VINCE AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR BRUNO KRIESKY NOT TO SHUT DOWN SCHOENAU TRANSIT CAMP FOR RUSSIAN JEWISH EM-IGRANTS TO ISRAEL. SHE MADE THE UN-SCHEDULED TRIP TO VIENNA FROM STRA-SBOURG WHERE SHE ADDRESSED CONSUL-TATIVE ASSEMBLY OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

VIENNA (WNS) -- Three Soviet Jews on their way to Israel and an Austrian customs official, held as hostages by two Arab terrorists for 14 hours, were released after the Austrian government announced it would restrict transit facilities for Jewish emigrants and close the Jewish Agency's transit center at Schoenau Castle near Vienna.

The decision by the Austrian Cabinet was announced over radio by Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, a Jew. He said that his government was convinced the hostages were in danger of death and that the terrorists could not be allowed to take them out of the country.

Kreisky in a television interview later ex-nlained that: "Since the Munich tragedy, I had several times asked myself what I would have done in Willy Brandt's place. I quickly decided that in similar circumstances the important thing to do would be to avoid the irreparable, which is to say. death.

The chancellor said there was no deadline for closing the transit camp but added "there" is no doubt, the camp will cease operating in the near future." He stressed that individual Soviet Jewish emigrants would still be allow-(Continued on Page 3)



OCT. 7-13 is NAT'I FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority" BY JACK TELL

What is Religion? Yom Kippur, the solemn Day of Atonement, the end of ten days of repentance, calls for a bit of reflection.

Let us start with the all-encompassing word, "Religion." Just what is "Religion?" Even most extensive research tells us it is

a term which can hardly be defined because of its wide diversity of interpretation and the personal nature of the experience which it names. Religion has to do with what is most vital in the feeling, belief and performance of every human being.

In one man's lifetime nis conception of what is religion may change from one period to an-When a man becomes conscious of a other. power above and beyond the human, and depends upon that power, religion has become a factor in his being, affecting emotions, thoughts and behavior, and values of life become adjusted to the understanding.

No wholly satisfactory scientific method for the investigation of the history of religion has been devised. Each religion presents special features, independent, unlike that of any other, and yet resemblance has been discovered even in the history of diverse religions.

It is only surmised what religion was known to primative man. In the evolution of assumption it was determined the end point in most historical analysis of religion, many agree, is monotheism, represented by Judaism, followed by Christianity and then Islam.

Christianity, of course; is a religion following Jesus Christ, noted for its organization. There are two church groups, "traditional" represented by Roman Catholic, Orthodox East-ern and others, and "reformed" as we find in the various branches of Protestantism.

Islam is the religion of which Mohammed was the last of the prophets, following Abraham and Jesus. It is Moslem teaching, in their book, the Koran, followed by the Sunna, that Abraham was the father of the Faithful, the first Moslem, and Jesus did great miracles. The Koran and Sunna differ from the Old and New Testament in interpretation of the biblical text.

Judaism is the great complex of law, tradition and doctrine of the Old Testament, foll-owed by the Talmud. The Torah, which was given by God to Moses, represents Jewish Law, as God's Law.

Some believe Judaism is sustained by a hope, divided into two facets: that Israel will return to the Promised land of Canaan and that a Messiah will arise and make his God worshiped by all the world. The inspiration of modern (Continued on page 4)