

Clever Rabbi

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Once before I opened up this column to Rabbi Joseph Speiser, a very witty man. The rabbi, who incidentally has a great singing voice, is eloquent and devoted. But he does have a flair for the satirical, as the following will approve. It appeared in the bulletin of his synagogue, Kneses Tifereth Israel, where he holds forth with an older rabbi named Moses Shragowitz (a great scholar) in a building architected by the great Philip Johnson. If you can't translate the Yiddishisms in the following, see your nearest rabbi and write to me; I'll provide the glossary:

"I. M. Farblundget walked around with a lingering headache. His friend, M. I. Farzorgt was so concerned he couldn't sleep. So we went to Dr. Y. B. Farinteresirt who told him to mind his own business. In the first place, I. M. will soon get over his headache, and in the second place, it's his headache, not yours.

"But Y.B. was wrong. The headache didn't go away. It spread instead. It was no longer 'his'

headache. Many others were now afflicted and in increasing numbers. Farzorgt ran to the greatest medical team in the country, Moore, Sharpe, Palne and Panic. 'We know your tsoros,' they said. 'We've tried every known remedy but to no avail. The headaches keeps spreading. People have lost confidence in us.' So Farzorgt went home to spend the evening with his friends Farbittert, Fardrussik and Farhorevet.

"As they sat in silence staring at each other, the phone rang. 'Hello, we are Professors Far-mish, Farblundet and Farshtelt calling. We heard of your problem and we think we can help you. You see, we practice modern medicine. According to our theory, everyone without a headache is sick. As we see it, the nicest people have headaches. Don't tell me how beautiful it used to be in the past. All this talk about the past is balderdash. today only people who don't have headaches have headaches.'

"Said M. I. Farzorgt, 'Oy, have I got a headache.'"

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The Netanya town council has approved a suggestion to rename of its streets "Richard Nixon Boulevard".



IN THE MANUSCRIPT CENTER AT THE DROPSIE UNIVERSITY, DR. ABRAHAM I. KATSH, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILADELPHIA INSTITUTION, EXAMINES MICROFILMS OF BIBLICAL FRAGMENTS THAT ARE MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS OLD.

7,000 - MAN UN MIDEAST FORCE

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) --- Secretary General Kurt Waldheim continued to try to form the 7,000-man United Nations Emergency Force for the Mideast.

His major difficulty is that the U.S. is opposed to Warsaw Pact countries being included and the Soviet Union is against members from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Israel has apparently let it known that it would be opposed to troops from countries hostile to her or those that do not have diplomatic relations with her.

This would exclude many African nations which recently broke diplomatic relations with Israel. Security Council members continue to hold intense informal consultations in order to iron out the difficulties.

Meanwhile UNEF has at least 2315 troops as Austria, Finland and Sweden, who are already serving in UNEF on the Israel - Egyptian front all agreed to beef up their contingents to the size of working

battalions about 800 men.

Ireland is also beginning to send troops from Syprus and Canada has a logistics team on the way.

The State Department reported that the U.S. and the Soviet Union are working out means of financing UNEF and the truce observers.

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