

## Money in Milk Cans

By Victor Perry

Milk cans from the famous dairy district of Freesland in Holland served as the receptacles for storing money collected for Israel when no other suitable containers could be found to hold the flood of contributions which poured in spontaneously during the early days of the Yom Kippur War.

This was related recently in Tel Aviv by Rev. Lodewyk J.R. Ort, Chairman of the Netherlands-Israel Friendship League of Leeuwarden,

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the main town of Freesland, during a luncheon in his honour tendered by Israel's Minister of Finance, Pinchas Sapir. Rev. Ort marked the occasion by presenting Mr. Sapir with a certificate confirming his district's contribution to Israel, through the Keren Hayesod, of 100,000 guilders (\$40,000). Most of the funds came spontaneously from non-Jews. When members of the Netherlands-Israel Friendship League also ran out of milk cans to hold the money, he related, empty ballot boxes from the last local elections were used.

Mr. Yitzhak Palache, Keren Hayesod's representative in Holland, pointed out that Holland

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boasted one of the highest proportions of non-Jewish contributors in the world. As a result, Keren Hayesod never had to conduct separate fund-raising appeals there for Jews and for non-Jews. During the brief period covering the war and its aftermath, over \$5,000,000 was pledged for Israel, most of which has been transmitted already.

Finance Minister Sapir noted that while Jews invariably felt as a nation alone, "Holland has consistently stood with us for the past 25 years of statehood, despite changing circumstances and political pressures."

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