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**JERUSALEM... VALERY AND GALINA PANOV, BALLET DANCERS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM SOVIET RUSSIA, MEET WITH AN HADASSAH DELEGATION SOON AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL. ROSE E. MATZKIN, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH TALKS TO THE PANOVS AND INVITES THEM TO HADASSAH'S 60TH ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN ATLANTA SEPTEMBER 8 - 11.**

**Affirmative Action**

The federal government's "affirmative action" programs in education and employment for Blacks and other groups that have long suffered discrimination has caused a splintering in the historic partnership between American Jews and Blacks in the civil rights movement. Jews are against quota systems because we know how it has been used against us. More important the move to help Blacks and others advance has seemingly been and in some cases actually is at the expense of Jews.

This came to a head in the De Funis case in which Marco De Funis, a Seattle Jew, complained that he was a victim of "reverse discrimination" in 1971 when the University of Washington Law School refused him admission while 37 others, mostly Blacks, with lesser qualifications were admitted to the school. Such Jewish organization as the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress, which had long been in the forefront of the civil rights movement, backed De Funis. The Supreme Court by a 5-4 decision declared the case moot since, in the meantime, lower courts had allowed De Funis to enter the school and he was about to graduate as the decision was being handed down.

The court decision may turn out to be fortunate because it now gives the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare an opportunity to work out new guidelines which will provide "affirmative action" without causing "reverse discrimination." HEW has apparently realized this and plans to consult with the three Jewish groups and the NAACP, the Urban League and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund. It is also welcome that the six organizations want to work together and avoid polarization.

Recently Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a Black psychiatrist who teaches at Harvard Medical School, warned Blacks that the alliance between Blacks and Jews in the civil rights movement is necessary now more than ever and "the Black community should not relinquish this alliance on either the Israeli dispute or the quota arguments." The Jewish community must also recognize that this alliance is worth preserving and it is the only way that a prosperous future for both groups in this country will be ensured.

**Need for Aid**

By Robert E. Segal

While that part of the world still claiming to care about what happens to Israel waits to see whether Middle East peace actually has

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chance to take tangible shape, the issue of economic and military aid has moved to center stage.

As this is written, few besides President Nixon and State Secretary Henry Kissinger can know for certain precisely what kinds and amounts of financial assistance were dangled before Israel and her traditional Arab foes to achieve a better understanding with Egypt and a breather with Syria (the most obdurate of Israel's enemies). But the outlines are beginning to appear.

Surely, some firm pledges have been made to Syria and Egypt as well as Saudi Arabia in Henry Kissinger's commendable drive to bring those nations back into the orbit of reasonable negotiation. However, these and other Arab nations have the luxury of knowing that if Uncle Sam checks the rein on arms and economic help to them, Russia is always waiting in the wings and eager to oblige. Moscow has its own quid pro quo for assistance of that kind, as all the world knows by now.

Israel, on the other hand, is in no such driver's seat. Outnumbered, suffering from the high cost in blood and fortune in the battles of 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973, the Israelis need American largesse and equipment as never before. Especially at this juncture, with the government passing from the hands of the old heroes and heroine into the hands of those established in power by a narrow margin do the hard-pressed Israelis need all available help.

We have had strong hints of the possibilities. Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee not long ago, Mr. Kissinger made it clear that he was not deaf to Israel's plea that assistance from Washington be established on a long-term basis. A 10-year pact to replace the year-by-year arrangements would give Jerusalem the kind of material and psychological lift it needs so desperately.

The 1975 American aid bill projects \$430 million in military and economic grants to seven Arab countries. Of the \$350 million listed for Israel, \$300 million is for credits and only \$50 million for a grant. (Last year, Washington empowered the President to grant Israel up to \$1.5 billion. But with Israel now facing the onus of coming with an astronomical sum to pay the costs of meeting Arab onslaughts, it is obvious that Washington will have to extend itself to help the Jewish state afloat.)

Some who still do not grasp the true measure of Israel's precarious position may think this arithmetic for viability is uncalled for. Henry Kissinger has brought President Sadat around to smiling upon Israel, they will say. And the guns are silenced on the Golan Heights. But an understanding of what's on the international ledgers is more important than ever now.

Important, too, is the imperative to face up to the fact that, despite the respite won by Mr. Kissinger, Israel moves on a sea of burdens. The Yom Kippur War punctured the myth of her military indestructibility. The Palestine

**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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beautiful legs?  
 Flushed with excentricities the campaign trail gets clogged up with an assemblywoman seeking reelection with a promise to eliminate pay toilets for women in public facilities. She won her point at MacCarran Airport. Her open door policy on the tissue issue (as DiGilio put it) sure will come in handy for ladies in a rush off a plane without a thin dime in their purse.

On the more sombre side we have a candidate for U.S. post charged with embezzlement and a local office holder on appeal from a conviction.

Then there's an office that pays no salary, yet as we write this two days before filing deadline, there are no less than 19, count them, 19 candidates vying for the spot.

As we are going to press (Tuesday), there was a late flash that a cab driver filed for governor and a previous office holder filed against the present office holder in a race never before won by an incumbent.

Who knows what tomorrow (Wednesday) the last day of filing will turn up? When you are reading this on Friday, you'll know.

If you are confused with what is happening at the polls this year, don't be. We doubt if even the registrar of voters can rattle off each of those vying for every post.

In the next six weeks we'll attempt to bring you up to date on some of the races. In the meantime, have fun.

**New ZOA President**

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

The new president of the Zionist Organization of America is a robust, rotund, resonant Conservative rabbi named Joseph Sternstein.

Elected a month before his 50th birthday, Dr. Sternstein is the youngest head of the ZOA. Conservative rabbis who have led the Zionists in the past include the late Rabbi Solomon Goldman and the very much alive Rabbi Israel Goldstein, now of Israel.

Dr. Sternstein was elevated to this lofty post because of his abilities and his longtime devotion to Zionism; he has been one of the most effective and most eloquent speakers on behalf of the cause.

His election may also have been the result of the desire of the delegates to involve younger people in the movement. The rabbi was once president of Masada, the youth branch of the ZOA.

You can expect to hear much about Dr. Sternstein and you can expect to hear him too. And you will be exhilarated by his oratory.

The rabbi is the spiritual leader of Cong. Beth Shalom in the Long Island town of Roslyn. He has occupied pulpits in Dayton, Ohio and Manhattan. But he has spoken throughout the country. His commentaries on Jewish events have also been heard regularly on New York radio, which he has served as the voice of the New York Board of Rabbis.

The vigorous new president will make his mark on young people, but also on the government of Israel. Dr. Sternstein follows the ZOA line of favoring a centrist position which means that, although he will be friendly to the laborite Rabin regime, he will be tilting towards the Likkud, the more politically conservative element in Israel which is trying to get into the coalition.

Though he is a stalwart spokesman for Conservative Judaism, Dr. Sternstein's friends and admirers include many Reform rabbis. They also number many Orthodox rabbis, who know the rabbi as a scholarly type, he has written on the philosophy of the Gerer cult in the world of Chasidism.

Watch out for the ZOA president. He should be in your neighborhood soon!

Liberation Organization has new cards to play in the game of propaganda between now and that December day when the tough negotiations open at Geneva.