

## Intermarriage Expert

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

The bad news is that one out of every three marriages in which an American Jew is involved is to a non-Jew.

The good is that many of the non-Jews who marry Jews convert to Judaism. The percentage may be as high as 50.

In any event, a throng of newcomers is entering the Jewish fold.

Synagogue and Sisterhood presidents, UJA and fraternal leaders, and spouses of Jewish organizational heads -- by the dozens -- are converts to Judaism.

This is one of the most unusual stories never fully told.

There are some rabbis who are urging the launching of a Jewish missionary movement, actively to bring non-Jews into the faith.

One of them is a distinguished rabbi who has done much work for the American Jewish community. He is Dr. Max Eichhorn, for many years on the staff of the Jewish Welfare Board and now, in retirement, ministering to a congregation in Satellite Beach, Florida.

Dr. Eichhorn has just written a startling book which I urge you to read. It's called "Jewish Intermarriages: Fact and Fiction," and you can get it from your own synagogue library.

In the book Rabbi Eichhorn has packed many of his own ideas about the issue of intermarriage and also an enormous amount of intriguing data which he has accumulated over the course of several decades.

As Rabbi Bertram Korn writes in the preface of this book, the volume gives us a chance to observe a man "struggling for truth and human dignity." You won't have to struggle to read the book; it'll be a delight.



**B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT DAVID M. BLUMBERG (LEFT) AND AUSTRALIA'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRS GORDON UPTON, VIEW PHOTOS OF WHAT WAS ONCE THE CITY OF DARWIN, AFTER CYCLONE TRACY STRUCK THE NORTHERN AUSTRALIAN TOWN CHRISTMAS DAY. MR. BLUMBERG PRESENTED A \$1,000 DONATION TO AID THE CITY'S RECOVERY EFFORTS.**

The Las Vegas Opera workshop at UNLV will present Carlo Menotti's "The Old Maid and the Thief" and Leonard Bernstein's "Trouble in Tahiti" at 8 p.m. February 21 and 22 and at 2:30 p.m. February 23, and again at 8 p.m. March 1 and 2:30 p.m. March 2.

Marriage, family, vocational, and personal counseling is available through the University of Southern California School of Education. For information write Dr. Betty Staten, Room 503, Waite Phillips Hall, University Park, Los Angeles, California 90007.

Congressman Jim Santini was appointed to the Commerce Subcommittee on Transportation, which handles all tourism and travel legislation.

## This Week in Carson City

BY  
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(Fifth term Assemblyman Zel Lowman, who served as Majority Floor Leader, is a member of Judiciary, Education and Health & Welfare committees. As President of Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council, he is considered a hard-liner on law enforcement.)

The first major hearing in the 1975 session required the use of the total Assembly chamber on Monday as the joint committees on Judiciary chaired by Senator Mel Close and Assemblyman Robert Barenjo heard the pros and cons of the Equal Rights Amendment. This proposed amendment to the United States Constitution which has now been ratified by 34 states reads as follows:

1. Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex?
2. Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.
3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

The first of several "Days at the Legislature" was held Monday as 14 Eagle Scouts from the Boulder Dam Area Council joined a couple of hundred from the Nevada Area Council to spend the day with Governor O'Callaghan, the five Supreme Court Justices, the 60 legislators and selected executive department heads.

A fair rental housing bill made its appearance in the Assembly with primary introducer John Vergiels saying that it represents a compromise between landlord and tenant interests resulting from work over the past two years.

To add to last week's bills on veteran tax exemptions, was one which asks a return to the celebration of Veteran's Day on November 11.

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