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ISRAELIS STAGGERED BY NEW TAXES MEANING PRICES, UNEMPLOYMENT UP

LIONEL TORDJMAN BAR MITZVAH

Lionel Tordjman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elie Tordjman, who will be called to the Torah and become a Bar Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom on Saturday morning March 8.

Rabbi Philip Shnairson, spiritual leader of the Temple, will officiate and conduct the services which commence at 9:00 A.M. Cantor Joseph Kohn will chant the liturgy.

The parents of the Bar Mitzvah will host



LIONEL

the congregation to a Kiddush in the Temple Social Hall

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israelis were staggered as the Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz presented the Knesset with a new budget that includes new taxes that will bring higher prices, lower living standards and possibly increased unemployment.

The tax package includes a 7.5 percent sales tax on top of the existing ones; a 7.5 percent payroll tax to be paid by employers; and a 20 percent hike in the cost of postal services which includes telephone and telegraph service. Coming on the eve of Purim, the public quickly called the new burden, the "Haman-tax."

The new taxes are designed to raise an additional IL 2 billion from the Israeli public -- already burdened by one of the highest tax rates in the world -- to help finance a record IL 56 billion budget (about \$8.05 billion) for fiscal 1975. The largest portion of Israel's new budget, some IL 22 billion (about \$3.5 billion) is earmarked for defense. Israelis are used to this but the impact of the new taxes only four months after the 43 percent devaluation of the Israeli pound which forced prices up, 56 percent, created stunned disbelief.

Both Histadrut and the Israel Manufacturers Association expressed severe misgivings. Histadrut officials said they were misled by the government noting that there was an agreement that there would be no new taxes until labor contracts expire next July. Leaders of the Manufacturers Association said the payroll tax would result in higher prices, fewer buyers and thus increased unemployment.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



Oil Schmoil A Bee Gezunt

The latest tip on the oil scam is "Today, the world seems to have more oil than it needs -- for the moment, at least."

So says the March 3 Newsweek.

Now if the law makers in Washington will forget about man-made laws and apply the old stand-by Law of Supply and Demand, the next step should be the immediate move to drop the price of oil. But right now, that's how long it took the oil cartel in America to declare a shortage and stop delivery to the gas stations. It happened the same day the Arabs declared the embargo 4,000 miles away.

The first thing accomplished by the cartel, apparently well arranged before the embargo was announced, was to knock out the independent dealers. The rest was easy. The long lines of cars waiting for hours for a few gallons. The stoppage of delivery to homes for heating. Wham, they had us right where they wanted us. There's a shorage, they screamed. There's a shortage. A SHORTAGE. They "panic-ed" the life out of every one of us.

Now we are finding out what really was happening. The tankers were piling up offshore waiting for the refineries to complete the process and move the oil to the storage tanks, which were filled to the brim. But the trucks to the gas stations and homes were relegated to a snail's pace. The cartel gas companies were making obscene profits with minimum sales. It was a man-made shortage, nothing more, nothing less. Now mother nature, and the honest law of supply and demand is catching up with the scheming plotters who created an unnatural state.

A hurry-up, desperate plea from the cartel went back to the Arabs to stop producing so much oil. And the Arabs curtailed the pumping out of the ground. BUT IT WAS TOO LATE. The damage was done to the conspiring cartel and the Arabs. Not only in the U.S. but all over the world. Hear this.

In Rotterdam, six Soviet tankers loaded with 750,000 barrels, are treading water unable to find buyers for their cargo. In the Persian Gulf 60 other tankers are lying at anchor. One thing they cannot do with oil is dump the cargo into the sea because the telltale black liquid will wash up on the beaches.

There is talk that the new market environment will shatter the oil cartel. The main Arab producers reduced production 3.4 million daily barrels, and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is running at 2/3

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U.S. STUDYING GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The United States is studying guarantees to

Israel in the context of an overall peace settlement in the Middle East, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told a press conference.

He stressed that it was "axiomatic" that a final settlement had to have guarantees but noted that they would not be a substitute for a final settlement but a means of "re-enforcement." Kissinger said guarantees could come as part of a joint U.S. - Soviet agreement, a settlement guaranteed by the United Nations Security Council, or a unilateral American guarantee.

In other matters, Kissinger said the U.S. will be prepared to discuss a limitation of arms shipments to the Middle East as part of a final settlement and thought the Soviet Union would also be willing to do so in the same context. Kissinger characterized as a hopeful sign, statement by Syrian President Hafez Assad quoted in Newsweek in which the Syrian President said he would sign a formal peace treaty with Israel if Israel withdrew from all Arab territories occupied in 1967 and agreed to the establishment of a Palestinian state.



THE STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWRY HAS APPEALED FOR BORIS DARASHVILI OF TIBILISI (SHOWN WITH HIS WIFE NATALIA AND CHILDREN), ARRESTED AFTER RECEIVING PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL AND PLACED IN THE NOTORIOUS SICHOVKA MENTAL HOSPITAL. AN EYE-WITNESS SAID DARASHVILI HAS BEEN CHAINED TO A BED AND INJECTED WITH MIND-CHANGING DRUGS.

YAHREZITS TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

(Friday, Mar. 7, 1975)

- Isaac Rice
- Harry M. Rosencrantz
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- Louis Lefkowitz
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- Sam Bails
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- George Gordon
- Samuel Turk
- Mordechi Jaffe

- Ida Buffman
- Sarah Goldman Norkin
- Yetta Cohen
- Rivkah Ruchel Wein
- Ida Molinsky
- Simi Lubeck
- Lois Kutzen
- Lena Fischer Zenoff
- Lena Moskowitz
- Yetta Rebotsky
- Etta Constantine
- Ida Roth
- Helen Kessler
- Anna Levy
- Leia Lempert
- Ida Star
- Ruth Kessler