

WASHINGTON DATELINE

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Toon to Succeed Keating

KENNETH BARNARD KEATING, U. S. Ambassador to Israel, was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery last week. He would have turned 75 this week.

Prior to burial, Keating was eulogized in funeral services at St. John's Church, across the street from the White House. President Ford did not attend the Services. He sent Mrs. Ford to represent him.

Among other mourners were Vice President Nelson Rockefeller; Chief Justice Warren Burger; Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; Under-Secretary Joseph Sisco; Senators Jacob Javits; Hugh Scott; former Senator Eugene McCarthy; Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and I. L. Kenen, past chairman, AIPAC.

It was while covering the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem in 1961 that I first met Kenneth Keating, then a U.S. Senator from New York. Since then, he had visited the Jewish state a number of times and was considered one of its best friends and supporters. In 1973, President Nixon selected Keating as our Ambassador to Israel.

President Ford has chosen Malcolm Toon as Keating's successor in Tel Aviv. A native New Yorker, Toon, 60, is a long-time Foreign Service officer. He recently completed a tour of duty as Ambassador to Yugoslavia. He was also Ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1969 to 1971.

Rumors had it that Toon was to be chosen as chief American representative for Middle East negotiations at the Geneva Conference. He holds rank of Career Minister, the highest title in the Foreign Service after Career Ambassador.

Over a decade ago, Toon also served in Moscow as head of the Soviet Affairs Department.

The White House announced that President Ford will meet in Washington with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on June 11 and 12th. Ford invited Rabin for "discussion of matters of mutual interest and in order to further strengthen the friendly relations."

ISRAEL INDUCES YORDIM TO RETURN

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel may offer special benefits and privileges for the estimated 200,000 Yordim living abroad if the government accepts the recommendation of a special committee headed by Labor MK Aviad Yaffe. Yordim are Israelis who have lived abroad for two years or longer.

The recommendations submitted to Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen and Jewish Agency Chairman Pinhas Sapir include many benefits granted to new immigrants such as custom duty exemptions but not available to Israelis. Returning students will enjoy the same benefits if they have been abroad for 20 months and return to Israel immediately after completing their studies. The recommendations included the establishment of a committee to study the needs of returning Israelis on an individual basis.



JAYCEE JIM BAUMBERGER WAS THE VICTIM DURING A RECENT RAID BY HELLDORADO KANGAROO KOPS OF A JAYCEE MEETING. BAUMBERGER WAS MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP OUT THE HELLDORADO CAUSE BY TURNING OVER A BUCK FOR A BUTTON -- WITH A LITTLE FRIENDLY AND GENTLE PERSUASION, THAT IS. THE RAIDERS WERE, LEFT TO RIGHT, NICK COTTRELL, ART PEPE, MARLIN HOESLY, BAUMBERGER AND JOHN BOTOS, JR. HELLDORADO FESTIVITIES CONTINUE IN FULL SWING WITH A GIANT KANGAROO KOURT ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 16 & 17 ON FREMONT STREET.

The Nevada State Council on the Arts will hold its major grants session for the 1975-76 fiscal year at the Frontier, Thursday through Saturday, the 15th - 17th of May, to analyze the 54 major requests for funding that were received by the April 1 deadline.

Israel's decision to give the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia full rights under the Law of Return, has encouraged Dr. Howard Lenhoff, Prof. of Biology at U. of Cal. and Vice President of the Amer. Asso. for Ethiopian Jews, to organize a nationwide student movement to inform American Jews about the welfare and immigration to Israel of the Falashas.

This Week in Carson City
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Two hearings had been scheduled in Las Vegas for the probable final Saturday before adjournment. One was on SB 601, the consolidation bill so long in the making in this session. It really proposes a joint government since the Legislature has total authority over city charters but the Constitution rules County government. The main point at issue was whether or not it would go on the 1976 ballot, but most of the elected officials and several citizens at the delegation hearing urged the Legislators to make the decision themselves a matter which they characterized as the Assemblymen and Senators having been elected to do.

The Governor has signed into law the drastically amended AB 17 which now prohibits smoking in elevators, libraries, museums, buses, rooms in public buildings when a meeting is in progress, hallways, waiting rooms, cafeterias in State buildings and physicians offices.

A bill to require the registration and regulation of lobbyists before the State Legislature was passed by the Assembly after rough and tumble debate.

The money committees of the two Houses agreed to give State employees a 15% pay raise retroactive to January 1 of this year and a 4% increase next year with the possibility of 2% additional at that time depending on the levels of income from gaming and sales taxes.

The retirement measure, SB 336, passed by the Assembly; attempts to put the public employee retirement program on a firm actuarial basis.

A Resolution not expected to pass this session was finalized in the Senate asking the Regents of the University of Nevada to continue their study with the intention of beginning the Law School at UNLV.

We hope all are taking advantage by watching Channel 10's coverage of the Nevada Legislature Sunday nights at 7 and 10 p.m. It is the most comprehensive TV news on our lawmakers in Carson City.

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