

# NERVES OF STEEL

NEW YORK -- Warning against "Trojan horses within the American-Jewish community," Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, President of the Zionist Organization of America, cautioned against those who are pressuring Israel to be "moderate" when all the facts indicate that she has offered far-reaching concessions that have been rejected by the Arabs. In view of an unprecedented policy of "a diplomatic war of nerves," Sternstein urges Israel, her leaders and world Jewry, to keep steadfast and not panic.

Anticipating tremendous pressures exerted upon Israel, Sternstein urged resistance to the possibility that the Administration would foist its own proposals for a solution and reiterated the ZOA position rejecting retreat to the lines of 1967. Concluding, Dr. Sternstein stated, "Israel, together with American Jewry, will continue to proceed in its efforts to interpret her position to our government, which we know maintains basic friendship for her."

"But, it remains for the American-Jewish community, from every area and from every level of influence, led by an inspired and committed Zionist movement, to make certain that the American people continues without interruption or hesitation to maintain its long and traditional support for Israel."

## HAIM COHN EXPLAINS JEWISH JUSTICE

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Conservative and Reform rabbis should challenge in Israeli courts the Orthodox monopoly on religious life in Israel, Israeli Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn told a press conference at the American Jewish Committee offices here.

Cohn said by doing so they might gain the

right to perform marriages and other religious functions in Israel. One of the reasons Israel has not yet drafted a constitution is the Orthodox demands that it include a provision stating that "Judaism should be the religion of the State," Cohn said.

Cohn said he would oppose a law

establishing the death penalty. He strongly criticized the United Nations Human Rights Commission for its resolutions condemning Israel for the arrest and conviction of Greek Catholic Archbishop Hillarion Capucci. He said that Capucci, who is serving a 12-year prison term for smuggling

arms to terrorists in Israel, "is a common criminal," adding the only thing that matters

is that what Israelis do is done with "a good and true accounting to our conscience."

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee has urged the Securities and Exchange Commission to require any company that participates in any boycott or engages in any discriminatory practices to make such information public.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Jewish War Veterans of U.S.A. lauded President Ford for his "courageous and determined" action in regard to Cambodia's attempt to capture the merchant ship Mayaguez.

**OFFICERS** -- Recently, the Las Vegas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution installed at its annual dinner meeting the new officers for the coming year. Shown above at the installation ceremony are, from left, outgoing president William Southard; National Trustee of the Sons of the American Revolution, Supreme Court Justice John Mowbray, who presided at the installation ceremony; and James Cunningham, incoming president.



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