

ZOA HONORS IRVING "PAT" SPIEGEL

NEW YORK -- The Zionist Organization of America honored Irving ("Pat") Spiegel on his 50th anniversary with The New York Times, citing his devoted service to the Jewish community.

The luncheon at the ZOA House, on November 25, was attended by Mr. Spiegel's colleagues and professional heads of national Jewish Organizations.

Mr. Spiegel, whose by-line has become synonymous with the reporting of events and developments on the Jewish scene for some four decades, was called by ZOA President Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, "not only a journalist, but a friend who has shared the joys of the Jewish community as well as its sorrows."

Dr. Sternstein said that in these critical times it is imperative that "We can call on such journalists as Irving Spiegel, whose voice can articulate the proper and correct position of the Jewish community."

Mr. Spiegel's journalistic achievements were also noted by

Jacques Torczyner, chairman of ZOA's Administrative Board and member of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization Executive.

(ED. NOTE: "Pat" Spiegel, an ISRAELITE friend since its inception 12 years ago is a true Zionist, an outstanding journalist, and one helluva swell human being. J.T.)

JEW REFUSED "NAZI" SADAT RADIO -GOOD

TEL AVIV (WUP) -- Shlomo Kohen-Sidon, an Egyptian-born former Knesset Member, has disclosed that the Jewish merchant who refused to sell a radio during the Second World War did so because Sadat was at that time a Nazi.

Kohen-Sidon was reacting to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's remarks to the National Press Club recently to the effect that he was denied a radio set because he was an officer in the army which fought Israel, and "Egypt's economy

was in the hands of Jews."

Kohen-Sidon, now a lawyer, revealed that up to the early years of World War II Sadat was a leader of the Egyptian Nazi Party, called 'Misral-Fatar' (Young Egypt.)

Egyptian Jews, on the other hand, Kohen-Sidon disclosed, were active in the International League Against Anti-Semitism. This, he said, was expressed in Egypt by boycotting Nazi sympathizers.

Sadat was jailed during the war for aiding the Nazis. Upon his release, he edited the weekly 'Misral-Fatar' which was replete with anti-Jewish propaganda such as 'Death to the Jews' and "the Jews are the dogs of the Egyptians."

Thus, said Kohen-Sidon, when Sadat tried to buy a radio from a Jewish dealer, the latter refused because he did not want any dealings with a man who cooperated with the Nazis who tried to organize the slaughter of the Jews.

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RETURN TO PRE-JUNE 1967 BORDERS IMPOSSIBLE

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The changed character of warfare resulting from the introduction of highly sophisticated weapons system and electronic detecting devices in the Mideast, makes it totally impossible for Israel to return to its pre-June 1967 borders.

This view was presented by Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur to some 200 military officers, experts and analysts from abroad attending an international symposium on the military aspects of the Yom Kippur War. Gur noted that the changes following the war included a greater use of air power by both sides and the supply of Soviet-made Scud missiles to the Arab arsenal that threatens civilian targets behind the lines.

Gur said that in the event of a new war, Israel would retain its qualitative superiority. While the Egyptians seek sophisticated equipment that can be operated by untrained soldiers, Israel

is trained to operate sophisticated weapons by the most sophisticated personnel, he said.

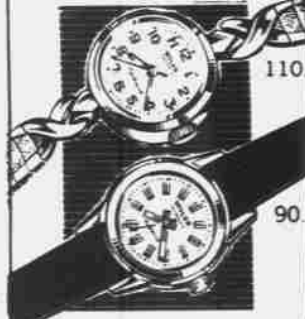
Israel's problem, should a new war erupt, would be to win the war with fewer casualties and with as little damage to the nation's economy and industry, Gur stated. Also, in the event of a new war, Israel would seek conditions to enable it to win a decisive victory.

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