



STUDENTS AT DARKEI HAIM, A UNIQUE "URBAN KUBBUTZ" IN BNAI BPAK WORKING FOR THE SPIRITUAL ABSORPTION OF RUSSIAN JEWISH IMMIGRANTS, LEARN THE ALEPH - BET. DARKEI HAIM ATTRACTS YOUTHS SEARCHING FOR A JEWISH IDENTITY DENIED TO THEM IN THE USSR.

**BICENTENNIAL YEAR**

As we are to celebrate  
The bicentennial year  
There are demagogues  
Almost everywhere  
Our temples are  
Desecrated each day  
We must punish those  
Without much delay  
To give to  
Our Jewish poor  
Like Abe Lincoln  
With his "Four Score"  
Then we can  
Have a celebration  
For our people  
And also the nation.

Theodore Posner

missioner Yitzhak Mann to withdraw his resignation. Mann, who was appointed less than nine months ago to implement the new tax reform measures, resigned on the grounds that the Ministry of Finance refused to support his efforts to eliminate tax loopholes and control the black market on money. Mann is supported by the Histadrut. Mann clashed with his superiors in the Ministry over proposals to control tax collection in the diamond industry. He insisted that diamond merchants keep books in accordance with the new tax reforms, but Ministry officials were reportedly prepared to concede to the diamond merchants' demands that they be allowed to pay tax



THESE SPEAKERS WILL ADDRESS THE 1976 BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF JWB, TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., MARCH 24-28. TOP ROW, FROM LEFT -- AM-BASSADOR CHAIM HERZOG OF ISRAEL, WHO WILL SPEAK AT THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET; AHARON YADLIN, ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, WHO WILL SPEAK AT A SPECIAL SABBATH LUNCHEON FOR INTERNATIONAL GUESTS; RABBI EMANUEL RACKMAN OF NEW YORK'S FIFTH AVENUE SYNAGOGUE, WHO WILL BE THE LOUIS STERN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE THROUGHOUT THE BIENNIAL AND WILL ADDRESS THE THURSDAY MORNING PLENARY. BOTTOM ROW -- REAR ADMIRAL BERTRAM W. KORN, PROMINENT PHILADELPHIA RABBI, HISTORIAN, AND THE FIRST JEWISH CHAPLAIN IN AMERICA'S 200-YEAR HISTORY TO ACHIEVE TWO-STAR RANK IN ANY MILITARY SERVICE, WHO WILL ADDRESS THE THURSDAY LUNCHEON; JWB PRESIDENT DANIEL ROSE, WHO WILL DELIVER THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET; AND HERBERT MILLMAN, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF JWB, WHO WILL SPEAK AT THE FRIDAY LUNCHEON. JWB, WHICH IS A BENEFICIARY OF THE LOCAL JEWISH FEDERATION, WILL USHER IN ITS 60TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AT THE BIENNIAL.

on an "agreed" figure without keeping books.

In another development, Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel has warned that unemployment could reach 70,000 by the end of 1976 unless the government takes urgent measures to find jobs and to increase investments that would create more jobs. He also warned that Israel faced serious social unrest if the poorer classes feel that the wealthier people are not bearing a fair share of the economic burden. Meshel said the government was not doing all it could to equalize the tax burden and charged that many affluent persons were not paying the proper amount of tax.

**INFLATION. UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN ISRAEL**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In its continued attempt to conserve foreign currency, the government has increased the travel tax and sharply reduced the foreign currency allowance of children travelling abroad. The new measure is also aimed at curbing the sale of travel allowance money on the black market. The foreign currency allowance for children will be reduced

from \$450 to \$150, but the allowance for adults will remain at \$450. The new regulations require anyone buying foreign currency at a bank to produce an airline or steamship ticket as proof of intent to travel abroad. The purchaser will not be able to cancel his ticket unless he returns the foreign currency allocation to the bank. Meanwhile, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz has been unable to convince Income Tax Com-

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