

### DETENTE, FUTILE EFFORT

NEW YORK (WUP) -- Rabbi Judah Cahn, the newly installed president of the New York Board of Rabbis, last week scored detente as a futile effort serving only the interests of the Soviet Union.

During the installation ceremonies, held at the Biltmore Hotel here, Rabbi Cahn declared: "The United States, in its eagerness to bring about detente, is giving the Russian hawks the freedom which is gradually being utilized to weaken our country and those who look to us for help. Genuine detente should spell brother-

hood, humanitarian weal and reciprocity between nations. Detente should mean a two-way street, a give and take, flexibility in the cause of peace. However, what presently and erroneously goes by the name of detente is an exercise in futility.

"We need and would heartily welcome a real detente, which would redound with blessings, not alone for America and Russia, but to the entire world as well. We should recognize the misnomer of detente as it is being presently pursued, lest we become the victims of those who speak the language of Detente, but act the role of dictator."

Indicating that he plans to call on the United States Government to recognize what he termed the "futility of Detente," Rabbi Cahn declared that "in no area has the Soviet Government demonstrated a willingness to take decisive action which would indicate a change in its political philosophy. Just what have Mr. Kis-

singer and the State Department brought to the American people in exchange for the efforts they have expended in behalf of making peace with the Russians?" Rabbi Cahn asked. "We are feeding them during time of bad harvests. We give them technological assistance, wherever possible. We pull back from confrontation, so that the world will not consider our country militaristic or hawkish. We back at pressuring Russia to abide by the Helsinki Agreement and the UN Charter on Human Rights, to which it is a signatory, and which guarantees the right of individuals to freedom of movement from one country to another. We are reluctant to protest the limitations which Russia places upon its religious minorities in denying them the right to live in consonance with their faith.

Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, who will be honored at a Testimonial Dinner on April 8 for his life-long dedication to the cause of Judaism, is the Executive Vice President and the Director of Chaplaincy Services of the New York Board of Rabbis.

The NYBR, founded in 1881, is an association of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Rabbis in New York and vicinity. It conducts chaplaincy programs in 200 hospitals, penal and correctional institutions, mental hospitals, youth shelters, homes for the aged and nursing homes, ministering annually to 300,000 men, women and children.

In addition, the Board sponsors the International Synagogue at the John F. Kennedy Airport, and directs the Brith Mila Board of New York. It has created the world's only school for Mohelim at the Mt. Sinai Hospital. Moreover, it presents a positive image of Judaism via radio and television on all major stations, and it publishes a monthly bulletin of Jewish interest which is distributed to rabbis throughout the world.

The Board has an information service which makes available to the public pamphlets and literature dealing with the basic tenets of Judaism.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- South African Prime Minister John Vorster ended his four-day visit to Israel with the announcement that he and Premier Yitzhak Rabin had agreed to set up a joint ministerial committee to promote trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.



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