

### ALL IS NOT WELL IN ISRAEL

(By Robert Cohen)

The unholy monopoly between El Al Airlines and the Israeli government has seriously damaged the Israeli economy.

This monopoly bars charter flights from bringing thousands of tourists to Israel from all over the world. Air fare to almost any tourist destination is much cheaper than Israel. You can go round trip from Los Angeles to Istanbul, Turkey for \$499. Although it is approximately the same distance from Los Angeles to Tel-Aviv as to Istanbul, air fare ranges between \$854 and \$1,675.

Thousands of young Israelis leave Israel every year because they cannot find jobs. If the Israeli government would permit charter flights to come to Israel, thousands of jobs in the tourist field would be created -- hotel employees, restaurants, travel agents, bus drivers, farmers and the whole economy could get a new lease on life.

SO -- GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL -- waste no more time. Encourage charters to come to Israel and subsidize them.

(ED. NOTE: Bob Cohen is a long time, respected Las Vegas attorney, very much concerned with affairs in the Jewish community. He has made many trips to Israel and is a devoted and dedicated Zionist. J.T.)

### GUR WARNS ARABS

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Oilmen and businessmen have been circulating a petition to the Arab League condemning the Syrian intervention.

Prof. Mordechai Abir, a Hebrew University specialist on East African Affairs, meanwhile, told foreign newsmen that Israel should use the Lebanese crisis as a leverage to press for a general agreement with the Arabs. He said while he approved of Israel's policy not to intervene in Lebanon he believed political moves should be started because once the crisis is over Syria will "radicalize its policy toward Israel in order to build up her image in the Arab world." In Washington the State Department said it was watching the actions of the Arab states in Lebanon and declared that it considered Israel a "factor" in the developments in Lebanon.



UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH J. SISCO, (CENTER) RETIRING AFTER 25 YEARS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IS HONORED AT A LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SIMCHA DINITZ, WHO PRAISED MR. SISCO AS A "TRUE FRIEND OF ISRAEL" AND MRS. SISCO ARE OTHERS IN PHOTO.

### SOVIETS RAPPED FOR NEW HARASSMENT

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry has strongly attacked the "harsh new restrictions" the Soviet Union is placing on the size and value of parcels being sent to the USSR.

"The move clearly represents a new form of harassment of Soviet Jews who rely so heavily on aid from

people in the United States," according to Malcolm Hoenlein, the GNYCSJ's executive director.

He said the new rule will raise the import duties on some items by 70 percent.

### AMERICAN JEWS ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Criticism of certain Israeli governmental policies by American Jews does not imply any diminution of their commitment to Israel, according to Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "Let no one be mistaken and misread our occasional questioning of this or that Israeli governmental policy as disunity or weakness," he said.

"We remain committed with our very lives all of us, to Israel's survival in security and in peace." Schindler's remarks were made at a farewell luncheon given by the Presidents Conference, to Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco who is leaving the State Department to become president of American University in Washington.

Sisco, who dealt with Middle East affairs for a decade, said there is hope for

peace in that area because both the Arabs and the Israelis are "sick and tired of war." But he said he did not believe anything would happen this year.

Simcha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, called Sisco a "friend" of Israel and said "I think that nobody in the American government knows Israel, understands Israel better than Sisco."

President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger both sent letters praising Sisco. Also paying tribute to Sisco were Rabbi Israel Miller, former chairman of the Presidents Conference and Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency.

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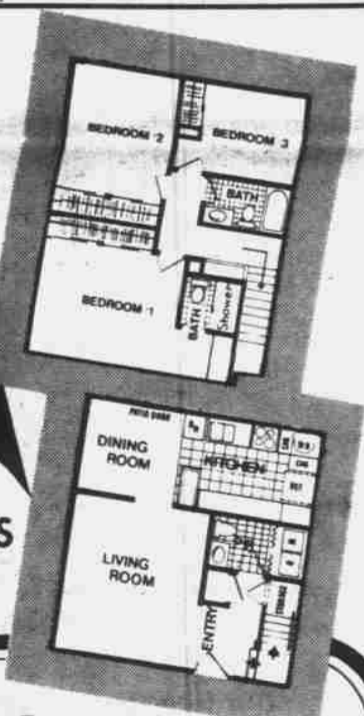
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