

**JEWISH ACTIVIST FOUNDED WORLD MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AFFLICTED WITH OSTOMY**

By David Horowitz

ST. PAUL, Minn. (WUP) -- Archie R. Vinitzky, who at 65 retired in May of this year after 32 years as an official with the Minnesota State Department of Labor and Industry and who has spent a lifetime in working on behalf of Jewish causes, is one of the main founders of a world movement, the International Ostomy Association, of which he is the President.

He will preside at the Association's world conference to be held in London in October.

Interviewed recently by Bob Goligoski of the St. Paul Dispatch, Mr. Vinitzky recounted the strange saga of his life, how he had been first faced with the problem of his colostomy on the operating table in 1943. It was the start of "three years of hell" he told Goligoski who published the interview under the title "Man Who Had Colon Operation Allays Fears of Others."

Interviewer Goligoski, in his article, recounts the following among other phases of Mr. Vinitzky's heroic victory over the apparent handicap:

"The young St. Paulite became an ostomate at a time when there was little in the way of rehabilitation for ostomates to help them cope with the trauma of a colostomy. He did not know anything about control techniques to prevent accidents. 'So I had many accidents, which were psychologically very rough on me,' Vinitzky said. 'I was constantly afraid to be socially embarrassed...' This drove him to help

other ostomates and eventually help found the International Ostomy Association (IOA).

"Vinitzky is president of IOA which counts some 40,000 to 50,000 ostomate members in at least 11 countries. He also was instrumental in starting the United Ostomy Association, an organization including some 25,000 members in the U.S. and Canada. It has 365 chapters in numerous cities. There are an estimated

**CATHOLIC PRELATE URGES MORE DIALOGUE**

LOUISVILLE (WNS) -- Jews and Catholics ought to encourage greater dialogue that "openly and frankly" probes theological questions and "any and all public policy issues" on which the two groups may be divided, according to the Rev. Msgr. George G. Higgins of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

He told the 350 delegates to the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council that "difficulties and frustrations" can be expected

in such exchanges, but Catholics promoting dialogue would "reject and repudiate" any effort by fellow Christians to "misuse it" as a means of pressuring Jews into supporting Catholic positions on such controversial issues as parochial or abortion.

The NJCRAC reaffirmed its long-standing opposition to prayer and other religious observances in the public schools and to the use of tax funds for parochial schools. The representatives of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, as in past years, dissented on the parochial issue.

1,250,000 ostomates in the U.S. and Canada... "Vinitzky explained that it is often a great shock for a patient to be told that he will need surgery and will later be an ostomate. They worry about many things: 'Will the bag I wear ...show and bulge out of my clothes? Will I smell and become a social outcast? Can I become pregnant? Can I father children? Will I be able to keep swimming, golfing or horseback riding? How will it affect my sex life? Will I be able to keep working?'"

"As one actively interested in helping ostomates, Vinitzky has assured many of them that their fears are unfounded, that they can lead a normal, active life, that they can go about their business and social life and no one will know about the operation..."

Interviewer Goligoski notes further that Mr. Vinitzky "would like to see some 'celebrities' come out publicly and reveal that they are ostomates, much like those who recently held a large gathering to disclose their alcoholism. He believes that this "could inspire thousands of people to accept their surgery and resume a normal life'."

This writer salutes Archie Vinitzky, an active supporter of United Israel World Union and who has brought courage and faith to tens of thousands of people for whom a new life of happiness has opened up.

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