

**VEGAS DELEGATION AT ORT CONVENTION IN ISRAEL**

BY SANDRA MINTZ

The Las Vegas delegates of Women's American ORT, Organization for Rehabilitation, will be attending their 24th Biennial National Convention in Jerusalem October 23 through 27, 1977. Some 1500 of their colleagues, representing 130,000 members of the organization in 1049 chapters from coast to coast, will journey to participate in the Jerusalem deliberations, which will mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Women's American ORT.

Members of the Las Vegas delegation are: Mrs. Ruth Fein, National Board Member Delegate; Mrs. Fran Sanoff, National Board Member Delegate; Mrs. Zare Whiteman, Las Vegas Chapter Delegate; Mrs. Sophie Levy; Ms. Ceil Rose; Mrs. Esther Pellin; Mrs. Nettie Simon; Mrs. Luba Perkins. Also, Mrs. Lil Eisner and Mrs. Faye Steinberg will join the delegation in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Fein, Las Vegas Chapter President, said that "This Golden Jubilee Convention will be the most important ever held in the history of Women's American ORT. During its sessions we will review our accomplishments in the past five decades both in terms of building the global ORT network of vocational education and training and in promoting better education here in the United States. We will also assess our needs in Israel and all over the world and plan to meet the immediate challenges and some of the longer range ones as well of the coming half-century."

Messages of praise and congratulations were received by Women's American ORT from all over the world. President Jimmy Carter's message said, in part: "Your members can take pride in the role of your organization's vocational and technical schools in teaching workers job-related skills. Your schools have offered hope and opportunity to those who have been uprooted by providing them with useful knowledge and expertise to enable them to live happier, more productive lives. For this you have won the gratitude of all who are familiar with your efforts and earned a special place of honor and respect among the world's humanitarian organizations."

ORT, the vocational education and training program of the Jewish people, currently operates some 700 schools in 22 countries with an annual

enrollment of 75,000. ORT - Israel enrolls over 50,000 students annually in nearly 400 educational units, has a teaching and administrative staff of almost 3,000 and has, since 1949, graduated more than 135,000 students. Women's American ORT is the largest member of the 40-nation "ORT family."

The Las Vegas Chapter of ORT currently has some 535 members. The monthly meetings of the Las Vegas Chapter of ORT are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month. For further information, please call 735-4731, 878-7472.

According to Mrs. Sandra Mintz, Publicity Chairman of Las Vegas ORT, highlights and reports of the National Convention in Jerusalem will be given by the delegation at ORT's monthly meeting which will be held Wednesday, November 9 at noon at Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd. For further information, call 732-1812, 733-9317.

**UNEASINESS OVER BEGIN'S HEALTH**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Fears are growing in Israel that Premier Menachem Begin, who has been in the hospital three times since April with heart problems, may be too sick to handle the heavy duties of his office and even that his condition could affect his political judgement.

Such speculations were heightened when Begin, looking pale and weak, was released from Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital on October 11. An official bulletin said Begin was admitted to the hospital 12 days earlier suffering from over work - caused fatigue.

But several days later, his doctor said he was being treated for pericarditis, an inflammation of the membrane around the heart which the doctors said often follows a heart attack like the one that hit Begin



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last April during the election campaign. But Begin presided at the special Cabinet session on October 11 which approved the U.S.-Israeli working paper on the Geneva meet.

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