

DEFICIENCIES FUND IN WORLD ZIONIST ORG.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Comptroller of the World Zionist Organization has found many areas of deficiencies in his 21st annual report.

In one case it noted that the youth department was given an allocation of IL 9.4 million in 1976 - 77 for accommodations and tours but actually spent some IL 23 million. The Comptroller charged that some of the leaders of youth groups that arrived in Israel under the department's auspices were not fit for the job. He claimed that some were yordim, Israelis who had left the country, and their personal example could hardly promote the ideals of the WZO.

The Comptroller also urged the department for education and culture in the diaspora to attempt to have groups that invite Israeli educators to bear a greater part of the expenses involved. He criticized

zed the methods of sending teachers abroad and said that although the 29th World Zionist Congress had called for more teachers being sent overseas there was actually less since other types of emissaries were sent.

The Comptroller also noted that many emissaries when they returned did not even report to the education department on their experiences abroad. The Comptroller said the department now only has nine teachers sent by it in the U.S. with the rest of its programs being taught by yordim. He also complained that there was little coordination between the WZO's department of overseas relations with other WZO departments or the Foreign Ministry.

The report found cases of a lack of cooperation between this department's representatives and Israeli diplomats

HELEN REDDY, KELLY MONTEITH FOR DINNER SHOW AT SAHARA

"We don't even have to leave the hotel!" exclaimed one happy lady as she and her husband emerged from Hotel Sahara's Congo Showroom after the Helen Reddy and Kelly Monteith dinner show. "The midnight show has different stars -- Flip Wilson and Lainie Kazan."

That is the idea behind the Sahara's split bill policy, and it has proven to be a winner right from the start. The current bill continues through Feb. 22, with Billy Crystal replacing Monteith in the early show, starting Saturday.

In Billy Crystal, Congo Room patrons are enjoying the diverse talents of a young fellow who has been around the entertainment busi-



HELEN

ness all his life. His most recent claims to fame are his continuing role in the TV spoof "Soap" and his dy-

namic performance in the hit movie "Rabbit Test." Flip Wilson is stronger than ever this outing. His stories, graphically

illustrated in his unique style, never fail to please, and his hilarious musical version of "Around the World" is a show-stopper. And of course no performance would be complete without street-wise, wisecracking "Geraldine."

Lainie Kazan is everything one could possibly want in a girl singer. Her range, tone, timing, and innate musicianship are appreciated by the orchestra members, who are inspired to give it that something extra to the benefit of an appreciative audience.

The Helen Reddy/Billy Crystal-Flip Wilson/Lainie Kazan shows continue through Feb. 22.

BERNADETTE PETERS, RICH LITTLE AT MGM

Bernadette Peters is proving to be a "Grand" attraction as she continues in her first appearance ever at the luxurious MGM Grand Hotel during this special two-week engagement with impressionist Rich Little.

Miss Peters brings her upbeat, perky songstyling to the 1,200-seat Celebrity Room twice a night as Little's opening act.

Among those are:



BERNADETTE

Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Humphrey

Bogart, Cary Grant, James Cagney, Edward G. Robinson, Boris Karloff, Jack Nicholson, Walter Mathau, singers, Engelbert, Perry Como, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and a host of others.

Also featured in his MGM shows are special moving tributes to motion picture greats Bing Crosby and John

Wayne. Miss Peters is one of the few entertainers now performing in Las Vegas, who has reached stardom on Broadway, in motion pictures, on television and the nightclub stage.

Rich Little and Bernadette Peters will share the Celebrity Room stage through Feb. 28, to be followed by Engelbert.

ISRAEL HAD NEGLECTED FALASHAS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Ministry of Absorption has admitted that one of its researchers recommended six years ago that the government and the Jewish Agency not encourage Falasha aliya.

But a Ministry spokesman said the recommendation, by a Dr. Luttwak, has not served as a guideline or basis for policy decisions by either the government or the Jewish Agency. The spokesman stressed that the government has and is doing things to help the Ethiopian Jews come to Israel, but cannot reveal them because of the situation in Ethiopia. The report

was apparently leaked to a radio correspondent by Falasha activists here Jan. 10.

The Falasha activists claimed the report confirms their allegations that the government and the Agency have not been acting energetically to bring their brethren to Israel. Luttwak's recommendation cited the importance of Israel's relations with Ethiopia as a major reason for not encouraging aliya by the Falashas. But the report also cited claims that the Falashas have no real links to the Jewish people, ethnically or culturally, and that many Ethiopians might claim to be Falashas.

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