



**OUR MAN
IN HAIFA**

Where, But in Israel

BY CARL ALPERT

paper headline of last year should go to the following: "Great Success to Israel Philharmonic on its Overseas Tour - Deficit \$100,000."

A Holy War: Kibbutz Mizra has launched an all-out war against the import into Israel of non-kosher food products, especially sausages. The kibbutz is not religious. It operates the country's largest plant for the production of ham, bacon and other pork products and objects to the competition from abroad.

Where is Mary? The most popular names of girls in the Israel Army, in the order of their frequency are Rina, Rahel, Esther, Sarah, Ilana, Miriam, Ruth, Hannah, Anat, Shoshana, Rivka, Yaffa, Tamar, Michal, Orli, Yehudit, Yael, Ronit, Nurit, Mazal, Aviva, Gila, Devora, Hava and Vered. Remember, those were the names given by the parents 18 and 19 years ago. Today's list would be quite different.

Israel's Pyramid: On the campus of the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture, at Rehovot, is a white Pyramid dedicated by the University in appreciation of the Jewish Colonization Association for its contribution to the advancement of agricultural settlement, education and research in Israel. The JCA was founded by Baron Maurice De Hirsch. Don't be disappointed. It's a small pyramid.

Question without an Answer: To those who object to Israel's annexing or absorbing the West Bank on the grounds that the addition of one million Arabs to our 3 million Jews will eventually lead to an Arab majority in the Jewish State, I ask: Why was not the same argument advanced in 1947 against the establishment of a Jewish state at a time when there were only 600,000 Jews and three times as many Arabs?

Moscow Magnet: About a hundred Israeli youth, most of them Arabs, but including some Jews as well, are enrolled at universities in Moscow and Leningrad. Almost all are affiliated with the Israel Communist Party.

Wrong Date: Three Arab terrorists were

caught by Austrian police when it was ascertained that the Israel passports they were carrying were forged. All three passports carried a date which turned out to be Yom Kippur, a day on which no Israel office would be open to issue and stamp such documents!

Well Padlocked: The municipality of Jerusalem does not issue symbolic keys to visitors to the city. Reason: The key to the Holy City is said to be also the key to Heaven!

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A Jerusalem district court has acquitted Ilan Tor, a 30-year-old Kiryat Arba resident, of charges of murder and attempted murder in the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old Arab school girl during a riot on the Hebron - Jerusalem road last March. The court said there was no conclusive proof that the girl was killed by bullets fired from Tor's revolver since other guns were fired during the melee.

HAIFA -- There are odd and unusual news items everywhere, but somehow those that take place here have a distinctive Israel taste and flavor. From my bottomless bag of unique reports I fish up the following:

Discrimination in Reverse: If an Israel synagogue imports an attractive, expensive chandelier to decorate its building, the item is subject to heavy customs duties. If a Christian church imports the same chandelier, the taxes are paid by a special budget of the Ministry of Religion.

Documentary Evidence: The Israel daily paper, Hamodia, has received a letter from a Catholic lady in New York whose hobby is collecting items related to Jesus. She asks the editor to procure for her a certified copy of Jesus' birth certificate, with official seal.

Why Go to Egypt? For those who think they know everything. Where in Israel is there a genuine, native, Israel pyramid? For answer, see below.

Identification Established: Four-year-old Gabi, from Kibbutz Maayan Zvi, looked at the pictures of distinguished classical composers, each with long hair in the style of his times and blurted out spontaneously: "Look, Ima, American immigrants from the kibbutz Ulpan."
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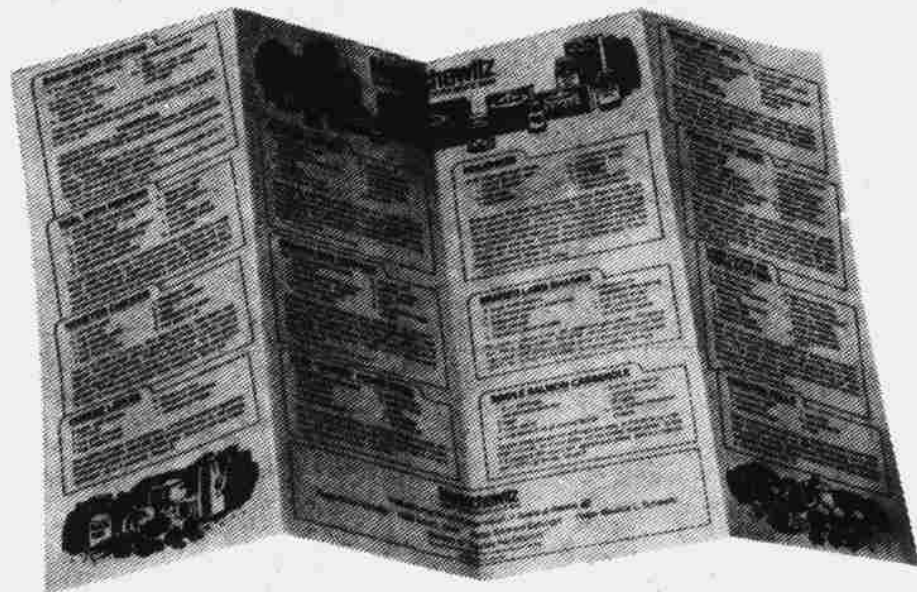
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