

WANTS AMERICAN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Thomas Dine, executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, has called for the formation of "new functional coalitions in support of a strong American policy toward Israel." Speaking to about 100 persons attending a general assembly of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, Dine pointed to "a new buoyancy in Washington today" as well as "pains and problems."

But he noted the bipartisan criticism of the statements made

in Moscow by Sen. Charles Percy (R, Ill.) calling for a Palestinian state as evidence that support for Israel cuts across party and ideological lines. "The results of the November 4th election must be seen in that perspective," Dine said. He said a majority of the Senate considers the Palestine Liberation Organization to be "a military and political client of the Soviet Union, while Israel is seen as our only friend and ally in the Middle East."

Dine predicted that Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R, Minn.), the new chairman of the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee's subcommittee on the Middle East, will play a key role in pressing his colleagues to maintain their support for Israel. But he noted that Sen. Robert Kasten (R, Wis.), the new chairman of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee and 12 other Conservative Republican Senators have consistently supported Israel in letters and statements while never voting for foreign aid programs.

He said the classic conservative stand against foreign aid must be changed if Israel is to continue to receive adequate

economic and military support. Dine said emphasize must be placed on the U.S. security interest in

maintaining a strong Israel in keeping with the new national mood to reward America's friends and allies.

"STREETCAR" STARTS RUN AT MEADOWS PLAYHOUSE

"A Streetcar Named Desire," a title taken by author Tennessee Williams from a real streetcar by that name in New Orleans, opens March 3 at The Meadows Playhouse and continues through

March 28 with Joan Snyder playing the demanding role of Blanche DuBois, the faded southern belle who arrives at 632 Elysian Fields to live with her married sister, Stella, played by Susan Schreiber.

SCHOOL CHILDREN CELEBRATE B'SHEVAT SEDER



AT JEWISH NATIONAL FUND HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY, JEWISH SCHOOL CHILDREN RECENTLY CELEBRATED A "TUB'SHEVAT SEDER" IN HONOR OF THE JEWISH NEW YEAR FOR TREES. SONGS, PRAYERS, TRADITIONAL FRUITS, NUTS AND CAKES WERE PART OF THE UNIQUE TU B'SHEVAT EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND. IMPRESSED WITH THE SUCCESS AND ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO THIS FIRST-TIME TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION, DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN, EDUCATION DIRECTOR OF THE J.N.F., SAID PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO EXPAND THE EVENT IN FUTURE YEARS. THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IS THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR RECLAIMING AND AFForesting LAND IN ISRAEL AND IS NOW ENGAGED IN PREPARING LAND SITES FOR NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE GALILEE AND NEGEV.

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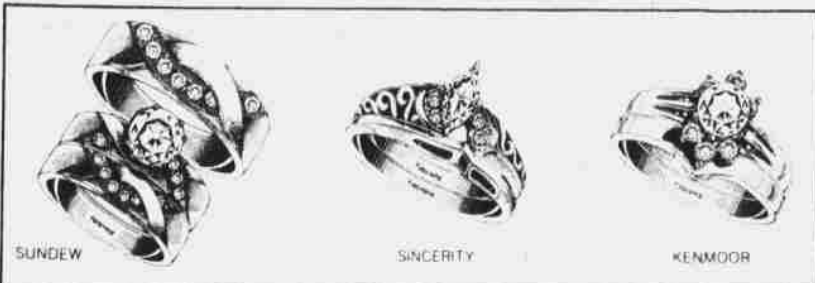
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