

**OUR MAN
IN HAIFA**



CARL ALPERT

Whiskey Ice Cream

HAIFA -- About 3,000 patent applications a year are registered at the Israel Patent Office in Jerusalem, thereby receiving protection against infringement under Israel law. This would appear to be a very respectable number of new and original ideas, confirmation of the creative genius of the Jew -- except for the fact that some 80% of these applications are registered by foreign bodies. Inventors, corporations, universities and even government agencies from the United States, Germany, France, Switzerland, Great Britain, Japan and Hungary, among others, go through the arduous process of filing, registering and as necessary renewing the patents to their unique ideas.

Only 20% of the patents handled by the Jerusalem office come from Israelis, but these cover a broad range of ideas. Many of them involve complicated chemical formulae, incomprehensible to the layman though we are advised that they represent significant discoveries in the pharmaceutical field -- an area in which Israel is doing advanced work.

Other ideas for which Israelis have recently

filed patent applications include more prosaic items like improvements in a baby carriage, a methods for utilization of the energy of the waves of the sea, stereoscopic television, a method of producing queen bees, and more of the ingenious table games which have in recent years captured public fancy overseas.

The Israel Patent office will accept application for a patent for anything which is different, and which appears to be reasonably practical. Thus one inventor who sought to patent his original method of creating oil from water had his application rejected. Frustrated, he asked the courts to compel the Commissioner of Patents to accept his application, but failed there too.

On the other hand, a device enabling a person to soap his own back in the bath, without outside help, got sympathetic attention. An idea for a machine which can transform into ice cream any liquid, whether coffee, tea, juice or whiskey, also received favorable consideration.

The youngest inventor on record is a 12-year-old boy who registered a device to aid physically handicapped persons drive a car. The oldest is Eliyahu Sochazewer, father of Technion's President Amos Horev, who now over 80 continues to turn out unique and original mechanical devices in his workshop.

A patent granted in Israel is valid for twenty years. About three years are required, on an average, from the time of application, to the actual granting of the patent.

A Patent and Designs Journal is issued monthly by the Patent Office, listing all actions taken with respect to applications. Normally,

the announcement of application contains the number assigned to it, the descriptive title, and the name of the applicant. Yet in the long list of applications there are always several which appear by number only -- no further information. It is generally assumed that these represent patents filed by the Israel Defense establishment which seeks the legal protection but is reluctant at this stage to divulge the nature of its discoveries or improvements.

In the Soviet Union, we learned, patent rights are handled somewhat differently from elsewhere. A patent in effect confirms rights to private property. But since there is no private property in the USSR, all patents automatically belong to the government. The lucky inventor gets an impressive Inventor's Certificate, which he can frame and show to his grandchildren. Immigrants from Russia, who hopefully bring their patented inventions with them are disappointed to discover that if a year has elapsed since the patent was registered in Moscow, neither Israel nor any other country will re-register it, on the grounds that it has already been "published."

Israel inventors are sometimes disappointed too. One bright genius, after slaving in his workshop for some years on a "highly original" variation of design for an internal combustion engine, found his application for a patent rejected. The same idea precisely had been patented in 1908!

INTRODUCE PLAN TO REDUCE DROPOUTS

JERUSALEM (WNS) The Jewish Agency announced a new plan designed to drastically reduce the dropout rate of Jews leaving the Soviet Union by reducing the number of Jews who will get assistance if they decide to settle in the United States. Under the new arrangement, HIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee will take care only of those who have parents, children or spouses in the U.S.

Others will come to Israel with the help of the Jewish Agency -- or be on their own in Europe.

Speaking at a press conference here, Leon Dulzin, declared: "A Jew who comes here, where ever he comes, if he wants help, has to be helped. If a Soviet Jew will come tomorrow to Cleveland, he is a Jew and if he needs help, he should be helped. But I don't have to help him get there. My duty is to help him come to Israel."

**DR. KISSINGER
TO SPEAK**



DR. KISSINGER

Dr. Henry Kissinger will be the principal speaker at the National Dinner-Dance for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev when the American Associates of Israel's youngest university holds its annual Gala at the Hotel Pierre on Tuesday evening, September 15.

AFI - CIO President, Lane Kirkland, who is Vice President of the University's American Associates will participate in the evening's program.

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