


**OUR MAN
IN HAIFA**



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Only in Israel

HAIFA -- Every stone, a bit of history; every person, a human drama - that's Israel. Even the parade of daily news takes on a color and glamor all its own. For example, the following, culled from the press:

In Good Hebrew: The mayor of Affuleh received a letter complaining about a leaking sewer pipe and imploring municipal action. Mayor Ovadia Eli took immediate steps to correct the situation because he was impressed with the good Hebrew in which the letter was written - by Tai Wang, a child of a Vietnamese family which has found refuge in his city.

Long Memory. "Tea or Coffee?" Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky asked Israel Minister of the Interior Joseph Burg when the latter visited him in Vienna not long ago. The query recalled the visit to Kreisky by the late Golda Meir, on the eve of the Yom Kippur War. She had come to seek his support. Upon emerging from the interview she was asked what she had obtained. She blurted out: "He didn't even offer me a cup of coffee."

Everyman's Army. A soldier in the Israel Army who was due to go on watch duty was awakened at 4:30 A.M. instead of at 5:30 as scheduled. His complaint to the military ombudsman drew a reprimand for the offenders.

First Things First. (From an ad). "We appeal to the public to contribute to a family whose mother has died, leaving 11 orphaned children. First of all, the requirement is for tallit and tefillin for the children."

A Born Jew. Erez Jacobson, born to Mrs. Debby Jacobson at the Beilinson Hospital, arrived in this world fully circumcised. The ritual held eight days after his birth was ceremonial only. Some religious circles became excited at the news which may indicate arrival of the Messiah soon.

Public Invitation. Chana Schenous, of-Tel Aviv, was in a bus bound for Jerusalem when she heard her name mentioned during a news broadcast on the bus radio. She was "invited" to come at once to her hospital since a kidney suitable for transplant had just been made available. Chana, who had been undergoing dialysis for nine years, got off at the next stop, and took the next bus home. The transplant was safely made.

Israel's Best Seller. The Uzi, the Israel-designed and manufactured sub-machine gun, has achieved overseas sales of 1,350,000 weapons,

to 42 countries.

Perfect Tact, No Fingers Pointed. Ad in the Jerusalem Post. "Have you borrowed a book from Kitty Falk? Be a friend and return it this coming week to (address)."

Christian Minority. The membership of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in Jerusalem is composed of Christians, Moslems and Jews - but not equally. Jews are 90% of the total, and the remaining 10% are split between Moslems and Christians.

Viva La Compromise. At an Israel cabinet meeting earlier this year there was disagreement whether the Syrian plane downed by the Air Force was a MIG - 23 or a MIG-25. Minister Joseph Burg, anxious to make peace, suggested they agree on a MIG-24.

Equality for Women - Almost. The list of specific occupations in The Israel Defence Forces comprises 775 different jobs. Of these 516 are open to both men and women. The exceptions have to do with dangerous duties in the front lines during combat.

How Times Have Changed. The Kibbutz Artzi, roof organization of Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim, has together with Bank Hapoalim set up a separate financial agency which will enable the kibbutzim to buy and sell securities on the stock exchange without going through outside brokers as heretofore.

JEWISH JOURNALIST DIES AT 84

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Nathan Ziprin, a pioneer in American Jewish journalism and editor from 1941 to 1968 of Seven Arts Features and World-wide News Service, a subsidiary of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, died March 5 in Phoenix, Arizona, at the age of 84. He suffered a fatal heart attack at a Phoenix hospital where he was taken to have a leg amputated. Ziprin had been in failing health for several years after his retirement. Funeral services were held March 10 in the Bronx, where he lived for many years.

Born in Chmelnik, Russia in 1898, Ziprin was brought to the United States in 1909 at the age of 11. He attended public school in New York City and had received an honorary LLB degree from New York University in 1922. His

weekly commentary on Jewish events appeared in some 20 Jewish news publications. He continued his column for a number of Jewish newsweeklies for several years after he retired as editor of Seven Arts Features. A widower, he had written two tributes to his wife, who died several years ago.

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**TWO PALESTINIAN
STUDENTS SHOT**

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israeli soldiers shot and wounded two Palestinian high school students during a melee in Nablus. One, with a bullet in his stomach, underwent surgery and was reported to be out of danger. The other was hit in the leg. According to an army spokesman, the soldiers fired into the air to break up a stone throwing demonstration protesting the continued shutdown of Bir-Zeit University.

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