

**OUR MAN  
IN HAIFA**



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*Problems That  
Don't Go Away*

HAIFA -- The Yom Kippur period is conducive to contemplation, and in accordance with our annual custom at this time of year, we offer our list of the dozen major problems which will confront Israel during the coming twelve months. Some reappear on the list each year, changing place only in order of importance.

1. Peace with Lebanon. The unpleasant war in the north, though it was imposed on Israel as a result of terrorist attacks and obvious threat of worse, can with patience, tolerance, effort - and some luck - yet result in a peace treaty with a stable Lebanese Government, parallel to the treaty with Egypt.

2. Economic Stability. Soaring inflation and the cost of the Peace for Galilee Campaign have confronted Israel with a new threat to the national economy. Fiscal measures on the one hand, and stepped-up production and export on the other will be required to keep an even keel.

3. The Autonomy Talks. Negotiations regarding the future status of Judea, Samaria and Gaza were deferred because of the events in Lebanon, but the problems will not go away, and must again be faced. The talks must be resumed in the spirit of the Camp David agreement.

4. Public Image. The media of communications throughout the world successfully smeared

Israel's reputation. Painstakingly Israel must regain public confidence, as the truth sinks home about the terrorists who held a whole city hostage.

5. International Relations. On the political level, Israel must rebuild and fully restore its traditional ties of friendship and close relations with the Governments of the United States and Western Europe - again, a task requiring maximum diplomatic efforts.

6. Israel in the U.N. There is little doubt that the Arab extremists, defeated on the military battlefield, which they had chosen as the arena of confrontation, will now seek to oust Israel from the U.N. or otherwise make its presence there most uncomfortable.

7. Religious Controls. The influence placed in the hands of the orthodox elements as a result of their key role in the Government coalition will create new crises within Israel. The plan to close down El Al on the Sabbaths is not the only confrontation with the secularists which will cause excitement this year.

8. Yerida. The brain drain out of Israel continues, and there is fear that sharpening of the economic problems will increase the number of Israelis who leave the country. There has been much talk about seeking ways to halt the emigration, but little substantial has been done.

9. Road Safety. Deaths on the highway are not as dramatic as on the battlefield, but statistics show that the more than 14,000 persons killed in road accidents since 1948 are a thousand more than the number of Israelis killed in all the country's wars, including terrorist attacks and the Peace for Galilee Campaign.

10. Internal politics. A Government which has only a small majority in the Knesset, and an Opposition which carps and snipes at every opportunity, results in political tensions and stresses. There is possibility of a sudden call for new elections in the near future.

11. Energy. National security and economic stability alike are dependent on adequate fuel supplies for energy. Both oil and coal are now being imported, and the total dependence on foreign sources could be an Achilles' heel.

12. Water still flows from the nation's taps, but most of it goes down the drain. National consumption continues to increase and is rapidly approaching the limits of supply.

Crisis looms unless the shortage can be met by new and unconventional means.

Setting the problems down on paper does not make them any easier of solution, but at least we get a clear picture of what we have to face as Israel heads toward its 36th year of existence as a State.

BONN (WNS) -- A former captain in the police of Darmstadt, Hans Heinemann, has been sentenced by a court in Kaiserslautern to three years imprisonment for complicity in the murder of Jews in Russia. The court found that Heinemann participated in 1941 in an execution of some 100 Jewish men, women and children near the town of Kiev.

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