

KIBBUTZ AND ISRAEL'S FUTURE DISCUSSED AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Harvard University's Project for Kibbutz Studies in the Center of Jewish Studies and the North American Committee of Oranim are sponsoring a conference, Kibbutz: Its Relevance for Israel's Future, to be held at Harvard's Chronkite Graduate Center beginning Saturday evening, April 23 through Sunday, April 24.

Sidney Troy, President of the Committee, announced plans to bring Dr. Chaim Hadomi, Harvard Alumnus and Dean of Oranim, The School of Education of the Kibbutz Movement, affiliated with Haifa University, to Boston from Israel as a featured speaker. Participating in the symposia will be Dr. Lawrence Kohlberg, Director of Harvard's Center for Moral Development and Education and internationally-recognized authority on developmental psychology, Dr. Henry Near, Acting Director of the Project for Kibbutz Studies, Dr. Moshe Giladi, past Dean of Oranim will also take part with Dr. John Snarey, Harvard Medical School and Graduate School of Education and Dr. John Reimer, Assistant Professor, Boston University.

Leonard Fein, editor of Moment Magazine, will be the keynote speaker at Sunday's luncheon.

The Project for Kibbutz Studies at Harvard offers courses, lectures, publishes research and consults on public policy implications.

The offices of the Committee for Oranim are located in Keyport, New Jersey, with chapters throughout the U.S. The Committee identifies people who relate to the values of the Kibbutz Movement and provides support of Oranim's teacher training programs which promote kibbutz principles to all of Israel through education.

PASSOVER MESSAGE

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As the Passover celebration begins, I need not remind American Jews that we are blessed and doubly blessed. We can observe Passover in the bosom of our families and friends, comfortable and secure as we watch our children respond to the beauties of the ancient ceremony. It is, indeed, the oldest of our festivals, and from it we gain strength and inspiration that maintain us throughout the year.

Passover has meaning not only for us but for enslaved populations everywhere. It is about suffering and about freedom from suffering. We treasure it not just for ourselves but for all mankind. "Let my people go" is a universal message.

Thus, when just a short time ago I witnessed a gathering in honor of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., it struck me with great force that here too was a kind of Passover -- a symbol of people's renewal. The Black Passover will take a different form but the essence will be there. And so it will be for many others subjected today to despotism and oppression. As we rejoice during our own festival, we will surely think and talk of them.

Our happiness this year, as in past years, will not be unalloyed. So many Passover seasons have come and gone since we first voiced our hopes for a permanent peace in the Middle East. We have experienced many disappointments, many disillusionments -- but once again we express our yearning for a genuine end to the hostilities that have brought so much suffering to that troubled part of the world.

There are days, even weeks, when we can concentrate on other matters -- our domestic economy, our own human relations problems. Yet we cannot be free for long from our concern for our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union who are as discriminated against today as they were under the Czars. In a recently-published diary of a Jew in Russia during Czarist times, he tells how he once appealed to a bureaucrat for his elementary rights.

"You have no rights," the official told him. "You are not human -- you are a Jew." Perhaps the rulers of present-day Russia may not express themselves so crudely, but their feelings are not very different.

Just a few weeks ago President Reagan described the ideology of the Soviet Union as "the focus of evil in the modern world." But we know that evil has never triumphed for long. Mankind will always respond to the song of praise that Moses once raised.

"I will sing unto the Lord, for he is highly exalted;

The Horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song, And he has become my salvation.

This is my G-d and I will glorify him: My father's G-d and I will exalt Him."

Nazi Criminals: Where Are They?

An investigative study by the World Jewish Congress reports that the three highest ranking Nazi officials whose whereabouts are still unknown - Martin Bormann, Heinrich Muller and Richard Gluecks - are "now most probably dead." The report also discloses that the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations has acquired a 50,000 - name Nazi SS list which has been matched against American immigration records.

The major WJC study, prepared by its London-based research arm, the Institute of Jewish Affairs, examines the current status of Nazi war criminals -- how many are still being sought and what efforts are being made to bring such people to account in the countries where they now live. The study details the more infamous fugitives still at large and gives short biographical notes and the escape stories of twenty-seven major Nazis.

Regarding Josef Mengele, the notorious extermination camp doctor at Auschwitz, the charge by Simon Wiesenthal that the Nazi doctor was living "in a Mennonite town on the border of Bolivia and Paraguay," is contradicted by an even more shocking assertion: The report notes that according to Tuvia Friedmann, head of the Nazi Crime Documentation Center in Haifa, Israel, Mengele spent the last fifteen years in the United States.

Many of those who eluded the Allies at the end of the War were assisted in their escape by Bishop Alois Hudal of the Vatican and still more probably escaped using International Red Cross travel documents obtained by giving false information. The report finds that many fled to South America which is still a haven for Nazis. Apart from Bolivia, there are important Nazi fugitives in Chili, Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.

A statistical analysis of legal proceedings against suspected Nazi criminals in West Germany since the end of the War finds that of some 88,000 such proceedings opened, nearly 80,000 of these cases did not end with convictions. Various reasons for this are cited; thousands of suspects died, many went into hiding and some were unfit to stand trial; many were acquitted because of insufficient evidence.

The report describes proceedings against suspected Nazi criminals in the United States and looks at the work of the Office of Special Investigations. Its Director, Allen Ryan, puts the case for continuing to initiate legal proceedings against Nazi war criminals and accomplices in the concluding paragraph of the story: "Not to proceed against them would necessarily forgive what they did in the past. What we are doing is enforcing the law against the very people who violated it."

The WJC study was prepared for the Institute by Mr. Michael May, head of the Institute's Documentation and Research Unit on Anti-Semitism.

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