

# LETTERS

Dear Michael:

Any American who has had extensive dealings with Soviet foreign officers and bureaucrats knows that they are chosen as experts whose views and decisions are parroted according to rigid Kremlin directives. We called them "the unmoveable men with the stone behinds," and our in-house joke was: "When an Englishman meets a pretty girl, he shakes her hand; a Frenchman kisses her hand; an American asks for a date; a Russian wires the Kremlin for instructions." The U.S. negotiator also learns from experience that first these instructions are understandably and pragmatically determined by and subject to Soviet self interest and second, the U.S.S.R.'s self-esteem, vis-a-vis comparison with the United States, is an acutely sensitive nerve, which when touched evokes a response that is so uncharacteristically emotional and out-of-keeping, as to suggest a vulnerability relevant of a profound inferiority complex.

The Berlin Wall is a response to this fact. When, by osmosis, East Germany began to be depopulated by those voting with their feet in an exodus from the region of less freedom to that of more freedom, the pejorative implications with its implicit aspersions created such profound pain, chagrin and consternation in Moscow that the response was immediate full employment for East German masons. This is most intense in the case of invidious comparisons with the United States.

On March 14, the eve of the Jerusalem meeting on the World Conference on Soviet Jewry, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, emphasized the above first reason (e.g., the state of U.S. - U.S.S.R. relations and wheat sales) for the virtual and to Soviet-Jewish emigration in taking issue with Leon Dulzin who emphasizes the second (preference for life in the United States). From my own experience, I would caution what while we give credence to the former, we must not in consequence lose sight of the vital importance of the latter reason also for this drastic decline.

The World Zionist Organization has put forth many arguments in this debate, especially the assertion that the violation of the agreement to use the Israeli visa only for emigration to the Jewish State gives the Kremlin a perfect excuse to annul the Jewish emigration movement. Quite apart from these views, however, I could have predicted from personal knowledge (accompanied by a constant process of drinking less vodka and more milk), that once so many "noshrim" opted for the United States in a direct expression of preference over continued living in the Soviet Union, the salivating response of the rulers of the land where Pavlov's dogs were invented would be bitter and unrelenting at this snub and act of denigration which they would find so intolerably aggravating they would want to abort the possibility of a future recurrence.

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## JAPANESE RESTAURANT OPENS IN JERUSALEM

The "Teppanyaki," not only the first Japanese restaurant in Israel, but undoubtedly also the first glatt - kosher Japanese restaurant in the world, opened at the King Solomon Sheraton in Jerusalem.

A specialist Japanese chef, Shigeru Akashi, arrived recently from Tokyo and is sharpening his knives and his imagination in preparation for the opening date. Akashi speaks very little English, but has already made himself quite at home in Jerusalem both with the 5 Japanese staff members in the hotel, and with the small Japanese community in the city.

The "Teppanyaki" has authentic Japanese decor, with rice - paper walls, quarry - tiled floors and pinewood furniture in the fashion of the Land of the Rising Sun. The service staff are dressed in traditional Japanese costume. There are four horseshoe shaped grill tables, at which waiter - cooks prepare food with a samurai - like flourish in full view of the guests. In another section of the restaurant, guests are able to prepare their own sukiyaki and other dishes with the help of kimono - clad waitresses.

The "Tatami Room" is a private room seating 12 people in true Japanese style - on the floor - and is ideal for intimate private dinner parties.

## U.S. TO SELL AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES

WASH. (WNS) -- The Reagan Administration announced here that it will sell 200 Sidewinder air - to - air missiles to Israel at a cost of about \$16 million. The announcement by the Pentagon, came as the Defense Department officially notified Congress of the sale to Israel. Congress has 30 days to object the sale, an action considered unlikely. The arms are being sold to Israel as part of "long - standing U.S. policy of assisting Israel to ensure it has the means to defending itself within secure borders," the Defense Department noted.

Pro - Israel sources here however were quick to note that this action by the Pentagon is not viewed as a signal that new arms will begin to flow to Israel again. The Administration, these sources said, is still holding up official notification to Congress on the sale of 75 F-16 jets although it gave Congress preliminary notification. The F-16s were promised to Israel in 1978

as a result of the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan. Administration spokesmen have repeatedly said that the decision on the F-16s will be made by President Reagan.

## NAZI HUNTERS ANSWER QUESTIONS



BEATE AND SERGE KLARSFELD, WORLD RENOWN NAZI HUNTERS, ANSWER QUESTIONS IN THE HALLWAY OF THEIR APARTMENT/OFFICE FROM MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH PRESS.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Knesset approved a record 1.124 trillion shekel budget for fiscal year 1983 - 1984. It acted in the final hour of the last day of the winter session before adjourning for the Passover recess. Eight other fiscal measures were approved, some of them in such great haste that the exact vote was not counted. In some instances, Knesset members who had proposed amendments did not bother to attend the session to argue for them. Subjects on the agenda included subsidies to dependent children.

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