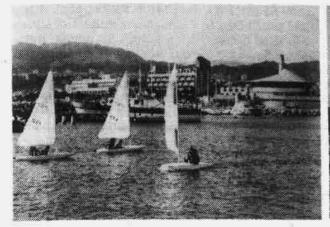
Casino Ship Adds Attraction For Winter Israel Travelers

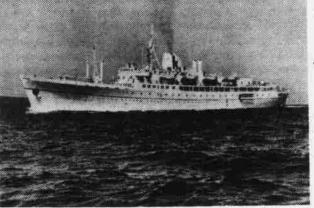


EILAT, ISRAEL: · A section of the waterfront at Israel's winter resort on the Red Sea, Ellat. Visitors to Eilat this winter can also take advantage of a special series of one-day Gambling "cruises-to-nowhere" on the M.S. Orion.

EILAT, ISRAEL: - The water is glass-like, vivid blue and edged by a dramatic coastline and stark reddish-brown mountains. The sounds are few: seagulls, the occasional quacking porpoise, the whoosh of waves....and, cries of "Faites vos Jeux" and the shouts of the craps players.

Americans travelling in Israel this winter will be able to take advantage of overnight casino "cruises-to-nowhere" from this vacation resort on the Red Sea's Gulf of Eilat. The British-run Casino is aboard K-Lines' 6,200-ton Greekregistered ocean liner M.S. Orion, which will be making a series of cruises from Eilat from mid-December until April 1984. The 300-passenger vessel offers its passengers a swimming-pool, 2 bars, nightclub, discoteque, sun decks as well as the casino; the casino offers roulette, blackjack and craps.

The overnight one-day "cruises-to-nowhere"



EILAT, ISRAET: . The cruise ship M.S. Orion, will be making a series of overnight "Gambling" cruises-to-nowhere this winter, from Israel's resort on the Red Sea, Eilat.

start at \$60; there are also weekend cruises to the Egyptian port of Sharm-el-Sheikh, for which minimum fare is \$200.

Israel, although a major tourist destination, has no casino, thus the Orion's cruises fill a gap for travelers interested in gambling. Eilat is Israel's winter resort, offering guaranteed winter sunshine, an excellent array of hotels, including the five-star AVIYA SONESTA resort and the four-star DAN LAGOONA Hotel. The town boasts a bevy of excellent restaurants - mainly French and North African - as well as night-clubs and discotheques. Ten of thousands of European travelers vacation each winter in Eilat, arriving from London, Frankfurt, Copenhagen and Paris on charter flights directly to Eilat Airport.

Increasing numbers of Americans are discovering Eilat, and many are taking advantage of the offer by EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES of a \$90 three-night package, including double occupancy accommodation in a 4-star Eilat hotel,

Israel breakfast daily and round-trip El Al flights from Tel Aviv to Eilat. 1983 was the best year ever for U.S. tourism to Israel, with a record 350,000 Americans visiting the country.

Soviet Jew Arrested

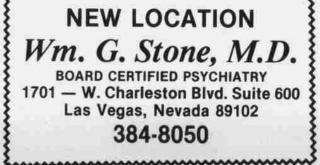
NEW YORK (WNS) - authorities when he Moshe Abramov, 28, an observant Jew from Samarkand in Central Asia, has been arrested charges on of "hooliganism," it was reported by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. He faces a possible sentence of one to five years.

Abramov, who was arrested December 19, is being held in the town of Katta-Kurgan, about 60 miles from Samarkand, according to the Conference. His arrest followed а dispute with local

was asked to withdraw a request to emigrate to Israel which he submitted in 1980. He refused to do so.

A former student at Moscow the "veshi-Synagogue's va," he was working as a ritual slaughterer in Samarkand at the time of his arrest, the Conference reported.

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