

Political Hopefuls

Jane Ham Files For Re-Election

Assemblyman Jane Ham has filed for re-election to the Nevada Assembly, District 16.

Ham, 64, is a Republican. She has served two terms in the Nevada Legislature. A member of the Judiciary, Elections and the Labor and Management Committees, Ham also serves on two interim subcommittees - Education and a study of Grand Juries in Nevada.

The important issues in 1985," Ham said, "Will be taxes, upgrading Nevada Education, and continued diversification of the state's economy."

Ham believes that the continuing growth and improvement of the economy will provide enough surplus in tax revenues that taxes will not have to be raised in the 1985 legislative session. "However, at this time, no one knows what effect the Las Vegas strike will have on state revenues," Ham said.

Ham has already voted in favor of a raise in the base pay for teachers in order to attract good teaching talent to the state. Ham favors the establishment of a College of Engineering at UNLV as a means of attracting industry to Clark County. She wants to look to the private sector for funding the engineering facility.

Ham voted in favor of Citicorp at the special legislative session this year. She said, "We have already made a good start on diversification by changing the banking law. Allowing Citicorp to establish a facility in Clark County will encourage other business and industry to come to Nevada."

In March of this year, Ham attended a meeting at the White House in Washington, D.C. for

women office holders. The elected women were briefed on current issues by the top cabinet members of the Reagan administration. Ham has also represented Nevada at a 1981 White House briefing, and, in San Diego in 1983, two meetings for elected women and women state legislators.

David Grisman Concert - June 22



A show date of June 22 has been announced for a live concert featuring the music of the David Grisman Quartet. Proceeds of the 8 p.m. performance in the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Artemus Ham Concert Hall will benefit the Musical Arts of Southern Nevada.

Tickets are \$9.50 and will be available beginning June 1 at Bullocks in The Fashion Show and at Cinnamon Ridge Guitars on East Charleston next to Vesley Music. In addition, they will be sold at the Artemus Ham Hall the day of the concert.

The David Grisman Quartet, now on a four-month tour of the United States and Canada, will make the stop in Las Vegas, June 22, followed by concerts in Denver, Salt Lake City, Montreal, Quebec, and the California wine country. European summer festivals will feature the group during the month of July.

Grisman, under contract with Warner Brothers Records and Tapes, is an award winning musician best known for his mandolin acoustical sounds which have produced a whole new genre of music called "Dawg Music." He is joined on the tour by violinist Jimmy Buchannan; Rob Wasserman on bass; and Jon Sholle on guitar.

For more information about the David Grisman Quartet concert, call 451-2148.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) — The annual report of the Netherlands Askenazi Congregation said membership dropped during the past year by 200 people, to 11,345. Some 9,000 of them live in Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam.

New Finance Ministry Director General Appointed

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Recent ferment in the Treasury over what critics call "election economics," emerged when the Cabinet announced the appointment of Nissim Baruch, Premier Yitzhak Shamir's economic adviser, as the new Director General of the Finance Ministry.

He will replace Dr. Emanuel Sharon who resigned suddenly over policy differences with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad. Sharon joined the Ministry only a few months ago. Treasury sources said he quit because he was unable to adapt himself to Cohen-Orgad's "disorderly work habits."

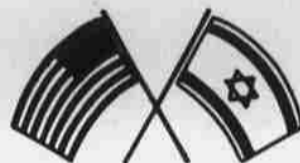
It was Sharon who leveled the charge of "election economics" and his criticism is said to be shared by other Treasury officials who are disturbed by what they perceive to be deviation from tough economic policies by the government in order to appease voters in the upcoming Knesset elections.

Cohen-Orgad, who

replaced Finance Minister Yoram Aridor earlier this year, undertook an austerity program to fight Israel's soaring inflation rate, its widening balance of payments deficit and dwindling foreign currency reserves.

So far this year, inflation has been rising at an alarming rate. Nevertheless, the government has recently taken decision that the budget division considers costly.

Immediately after the Cabinet session on June 10, Shamir met with Cohen-Orgad and the new Director General of the Ministry to discuss economic policy in light of the election campaign. The voting is little more than a month away and Cohen-Orgad has already promised to submit a bill in the Knesset to ban a proposed economy move that would affect personal savings.



Soviet Law Changes Threatening Soviet Jews

LONDON (WNS) — The life of Jewish activists in the Soviet Union could be made harsher than it already is because of new alterations in Soviet law, says a study published here by the Institute of Jewish Affairs.

Major amendments in the Soviet criminal code were made following a decree

adopted by the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet earlier this year.

Analyzing the changes, the institute, research arm of the World Jewish Congress, says they make Soviet law "considerably more repressive," that they restore features of Stalinist legislation, and that some of the changes contradict the spirit of the Helsinki final act.

Major amendments in respect to so-called anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda provide for tougher penalties for actions committed with foreign support.

The report says this could affect dissidents and refuseniks who receive help from abroad, making them liable to more onerous punishment and discouraging them from accepting foreign help even when they lack other means of support.

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