

Jewish Engineer, Refused Job In Saudi Arabia, Receives Settlement

NEW YORK (WNS) — A Jewish engineer who charged the Ralph Parsons Company, a California-based international contracting firm, with religious discrimination for turning him down for a job in Saudi Arabia, has received a \$72,500 settlement from the company. The complainant,

Morris Hochberg, claimed in a U.S. District Court that although his professional qualifications were never questioned, he was rejected after a Parsons official asked him if he was Jewish and he answered in the affirmative. Hochberg was supported in his suit by the American Jewish Congress.

The engineer was working in Chicago in 1981 when he replied to an advertisement in the Chicago Tribune calling for a "principal project manager." After checking his qualifications, a Parsons official invited him by telephone to come to California at company expense for a series of interviews. In California, he learned that the work location was in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. Then, according to Hochberg, a Parsons executive told him he would like to ask a "sensitive" question: "Are you Jewish?" When the engineer replied that he was, the official reportedly stated: "I wish I had asked you that question on the telephone while you

were still in Chicago." Hochberg was turned down for the job, although, he noted, his professional qualifications were never questioned or in dispute. He filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and won the Commission's permission to bring suit in a U.S. District Court in California. His suit charged the Parsons company with violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on grounds of race or religion.

The company agreed to pay \$72,500 in damages as part of an out-of-court settlement.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The Ministry of Health has given permission to public hospitals to carry out sex change operations, after having learned that several such operations have been performed in Israel illegally.

Waldheim's Son Comes To His Father's Aid

(Continued from page 11) American Jewish Organizations, the representative group of the largest Jewish religious and secular organization in the U.S. "Whatever purpose there was in keeping these documents confidential over the past 40 years has been superceded by the overriding public need to have all of the evidence relating to charges that Mr. Waldheim knew about and participated in Nazi war crimes," Bialkin declared in the letter.

Bialkin questioned whether, for example, the UN had full knowledge of

Waldheim's war-time record. Were the Soviet Union or the United States or others, aware of his service with the Nazi army in the Balkans? If so, why the cover-up?"

In Vienna, in a broadcast, Rudolf Kirchschlaeger, President of Austria, said that the documents made available by the United Nations and the World Jewish Congress showed that Waldheim must have been aware of German reprisals against partisans in the Balkan countries. But, he said, the documents offered no substantial evidence for other charges, such as that he participated in war crimes or knew about the deportation of Greek Jews to Nazi extermination camps.

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