

# Highlights of Women's Division Raleigh Trip

By Blanche Yarus

Thirty Charlotte women went to Raleigh on April 20. This was arranged by Renee Gorelick, trip chairwoman of Women's Division of Charlotte Jewish Federation. They met with Governor and Mrs. Jim Hunt and toured the Governor's Mansion.

Governor and Mrs. Hunt greeted the tour members individually, and said, "We're delighted to have special friends come....Many of you are friends I have worked with on things to improve North Carolina, to open doors to opportunity....we're really all part of a progressive leadership team. North Carolina is a special state, and I think your members have helped make it that way."

Among the showpieces in the executive mansion was a massive crystal and gold-leaf chandelier, the gift of the Horowitz family. They had lived in Germany at the time of the Nazi regime, but managed to escape to the U.S., eventually to Asheville, N.C., where they started a family business. After the war, they corresponded with friends and learned that an acquaintance had purchased their family home in Germany. Discovering that the chandelier had not been destroyed nor confiscated, arrangements were made to purchase it, as well as some tapestries, and ship them to the U.S. In the late 1960's, the family presented the chandelier and the tapestries to the State of North Carolina for the Governor's mansion.

Following the tour of the Governor's mansion, the group went to the new North Carolina Museum of Art, where they were welcomed by Marilyn Katz, Docent, who guided the tour. The exhibits were unusually interesting, ranging from modern and contemporary art forms, to the early Egyptian period. Among the areas toured were the 20th Century American and a collection of ancient classic sculpture. In the Egyptian collection was the oldest object in the museum, a ceramic vase 5,000 years old; and in common with other fine museums, a group of mummies.

There are plans for a room to be used exclusively for a Judaica collection which may be ready by January '84.

On the return trip, the group were guests of Corky Segal, president of Greensboro Women's Federation, at her home for a cocktail buffet; other Greensboro Women's Division leaders joined the group for the evening.

Opening remarks were by Muriel Hoff, Poet-in-Residence in Greensboro, who read "Daughters." Debby Miller of the Greensboro Women's Division, member of the National Board, invited the women of Charlotte to join them on a Women's Federation Mission to Israel



On the front steps of the Governor's mansion: B. Bernstein, E. Berger, L. Blumenthal, E. Cojac, H. Friedman, R. Gleiberman, R. Goldberg, P. Gorelick, R. Gorelick, G. Gross, R. Hannes, F. Jaffa, M. Kodosi, G.G. Kosch, M. Kropp, S. Kurtz, L. Levine, M. Levine, R. Luski, L. Marx, B. Pransky, H. Rosenberg, C. Scharf, R. Siegel, R. Silverberg, E. Small, R. Steinberger, C. Weiner, S. Winokuer, B. Yarus.



Renee Gorelick, Trip chairwoman.

October 13-24. It will also include a visit to Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The city of Prague, once a prosperous city with a Jewish Community of 350,000 Jews, in a highly democratic country, now has 6,000 Jews in a strongly anti-

American country. There is a collection of 33,000 Jewish artifacts and 90,000 documents, some of which are coming to the U.S. in October, to be shown at the Smithsonian, and other museums in other major cities. This is the collection that the Germans called "an exhibit to an extinct race."

One of the high points of an extraordinary day was the concluding talk by Bea Fine, president of Women's Cabinet of Richmond, Chairwoman of the Women's Division of the Southeast Region, and member of the National Board. She has traveled very widely, and recently returned from a trip to Russia. "When I meet with a group like this, all I can think is how wonderful it is that we can meet publicly, and we can do the things we're doing, and we can do them in a home, on the street, or in a hotel; we can meet wherever we please.

"I remember what my father said to me years ago



Governor and Mrs. Jim Hunt greet Patty Gorelick.



Bea Fine, Chairwoman of Women's Division: SE Region; Bobbi Bernstein (l.), Charlotte Division Campaign chairwoman, and Ruth Goldberg (r.), Charlotte Women's Division Co-president.

"You're a Jew - pay your dues." Women have the same right and responsibility to pay their dues as men do. This is why Women's Divisions exist and work to keep Judaism and Israel alive. Israel must be supported at any cost, and by all means, from money to political action."

This trip was the concluding event of the current season for Women's Division. Plans are well underway for the first trip of the next season. This will be to Washington, D.C., December 7 and 8, 1983. The trip will be open to everyone who contributes \$1 a day for the 1984 campaign. For more information contact Renee

Gorelick, Trip Chairwoman, 366-1137.

The Charlotte Jewish News will announce details at a later date.

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