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Kibbutz Ends Policy of Accepting Foreign Volunteers

TEL AVIV (JTA) - Degania Aleph, Israel's oldest and largest kibbutz, decided the time has come to end its 18-year-old policy of accepting foreign volunteers. The reason: volunteers have a negative influence on kibbutz youth and their presence has led to intermarriage and emigration.

The volunteers work in the kibbutz fields and factories for months at a time in return for room, board, small amounts of pocket money and an opportunity to tour Israel at little expense. Israel's 200 kibbutzim play host to about 20,000 volunteers a year, half of them non-Jews.

Many of the latter are West Germans or Scandinavians. They have been coming to Israel in large numbers since the 1967 Six-Day War and at that time, were welcomed both as staunch friends of Israel and much-needed volunteer labor.

Black Hebrews Refused Entry Into Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) - A group of 26 Black Hebrews who had sought to enter Israel as tourists were returned to the United States. The Interior Ministry issued the expulsion order on the grounds that they were not tourists but intended to join the Black Hebrew community in Dimona and stay in the country illegally.

The Black Hebrews claim that they are the real Jews while other Jews are imposters. The government has restricted permission for members of the Chicago-based sect from entering the country. But since the arrival here some years ago of the first group, their numbers in Israel have increased to several hundred through illegal entry.

Yordim Returning To Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) - Agrowing number of Israelis who have resided in the U.S. and Canada for a number of years are returning to Israel, despite the precarious economic situation there. According to Israel's Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, 1,700 Israelis returned home in 1985.

"In the Ministry of Labor's delegation in New York there are presently more than 2,500 files of returning Israelis who are expected to go back to Israel during 1986-1987, once they find employment," Haddad said. He added: "Today, there are many Israelis who are ready to go home immediately, but only if they were offered a suitable job.

Kollek Blasts Orthodox

JERUSALEM (JTA) -Two Aguda members of the City Council stormed out of a recent Council meeting enraged at Mayor Teddy Kollek, who had just blasted them and other Orthodox factions for their exclusionary policies

Jewish institutions in the capital.

The Aguda members drew Kollek's anger over religious opposition to a number of macluding a sports arena and a Mormon-sponsored educational center to be constructed adjacent to the Hebrew University campus on Mt. Scopus.

"You, the Orthodox, you have a ghetto mentality," Kollek declared. "Jerusalem is an asset for the entire Jewish people throughout the world Reform, Conservative and Orthodox. Each and every one has a share in Jerusalem, not only the Orthodox," the Mayor declared, adding, "my Jewishness is just as good as yours.'

Kollek also had sharp criticism for the city's two Chief Rabbis, who recently distributed leaflets warning parents not to enroll their children in the Masorati schools which are loosely affiliated with Conservative Judaism.

Anti-Semitic Parlor Game Resurfaces In West Germany

BONN (JTA) - A grotesque, ghoulish parlor game in which pawns representing Jews are sent to death camps by the throw of dice, has resurfaced in West Germany and the authorities seem determined to find the persons responsible.

Copies of the game sent recently to schools and other institutions were postmarked in Darmstadt. The Hesse public prosecutor has instituted proceedings against individuals still unknown.

The game is called "Jude Aergre Dich Nicht" (Jew, do not get angry). It first appeared in 1984, drawing expressions of outrage from the Jewish community and public figures here and abroad. A man and a woman accused of devising the game were brought to trial. But a court in Zweibruecken, Saarland, acquitted them for lack of evidence.

This time, the Hesse authorities have assured Jewish leaders they will do everything possible to bring those responsible to justice. Like the jor projects in the city, in- original game, the new one consists of a board with six pawns, each representing one million Jews. The players cast dice to move the pawns to squares labeled with the names of notorious death camps.

Exhibit On Jews of China On Tour of U.S.

NEW YORK (JTA) - An exhibit of "The Jews of Kaifeng: Chinese Jews on the Banks of the Yellow River' has opened at the Jewish Museum in New York after showings in San Francisco and Miami Beach, as part of its three-year tour of the U.S.

The exhibit traces the history of the Jewish community of Kaifeng over a period of 1,000 years through artifacts, maps, and photographs.

The community, which probably never numbered more than 2,000, integrated certain Chinese customs into their religious practices - which is attested to by the incense burner. It was used to burn incense in the synagogue to honor the memory of dozens of outstanding Biblical personages as well as Confucious revered as a great moral teacher, writes Pollak, author of "Mandarins, Jews and Missionaries" (1980).

Street Renamed To Honor Theologian

BONN (JTA) - The municipal council of the university town of Marburg, overriding objections by local residents, voted unanimously last week to rename a street in honor of Leopold Lucas, a Jewish theologian who died in the Theresientadt concentration camp in 1943.

Lucas was the founder in 1902 of an association for Jewish studies in Marburg. Householders on the street to be renamed for him protested

that they did not want to be associated with Lucas or his fate. But Mayor Hanno Drechsler of Marburg replied that the street name will be a reminder of the thousands of other Marburg Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Lucas' wife, Dorothea, died in Auschwitz in 1944.

No Lift To Cable Cars

TEL AVIV (JTA) - The Haifa municipality's new cable car system linking the top of Mt. Carmel with the beach at Bat Galim, has been sold to a private consortium for \$1.4 million. The purpose of the sale was to circumvent the ban on Sabbath operation of the facility imposed by the government under heavy pressure from the Orthodox religious establishment.

Saturday is the only day off for Israeli workers who might like to use the cable car to go to and from the beach. But the Orthodox say they will not tolerate a Sabbath desecration no matter who owns the cable car. They are supported by Premier Shimon Peres, who like all past Prime Ministers has complied with Orthodox demands rather than risk a coalition crisis.

The cable car, idle since completion, has other problems. The cars are Swiss-made glass gondolas of the type found at Alpine resorts. Critics say they may be fine for the snowy slopes but not for the intense heat of the long Israeli summer when passengers are likely to broil in the glass cocoons rather than enjoy the view.

Maimonides Featured In Worldwide Stamp Salute

NEW YORK (JTA) - Nine postal agencies around the world issued special postage stamps and souvenir sheets in the past year to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the birth of the famous Jewish philosopher and physician, Maimonides (1135-1204). Post Offices in South America,

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