

WORLD BEAT

edited by Marta Garelik

NJCRAC Concerned About Farmers

NEW YORK (JTA) — The national coordinating body of community relations policies in the American Jewish community urged that its 113 local and 11 national constituent agencies direct more attention to the plight of the American farmer and support various efforts aimed at easing the growing farm crisis.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) adopted a resolution to this effect during the organization's annual plenary session at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. It is believed to be the first time the issue of the farm crisis has been directly addressed by a national Jewish community organization.

The action comes amid growing concern in the American Jewish community on increased activism by rightwing extremist groups, many preaching virulent anti-Semitism, in the farm belt. These organizations have sought to depict Jews and other minority groups as responsible for the continuing problems facing the American farm community.

National Jewish AIDS Project Formed

NEW YORK (JTA) — A National Jewish AIDS Project was established here to generate, mobilize and coordinate efforts in the community to respond to the needs of victims of the fatal disease and their families.

It is estimated that at least 300 to 500 Jews have been diagnosed as AIDS victims since 1979. This estimate is based on taking 2.2 percent (the Jewish percentage in the population) of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) figure of 17,361 reported diagnosed cases. Of these 48 percent (about 163 Jews) are still alive.

However, CDC stated that 15,000 to 20,000 new cases will be reported diagnosed by the end of 1986, bringing the estimated number of additional Jewish victims to 440.

German Mayor Resigns

BONN (JTA) — The Mayor of a West German town who suggested that "a few rich Jews should be slain" in order to balance the budget, has resigned under a barrage of criticism. Wilderich Von Mierbach of Korschenbroich, a town of 27,000 in North Rhine-Westphalia, said he was quitting to avoid further damage to West Germany's image abroad and to the process of German-Jewish reconciliation.

Danger of Recurrent Anti-Semitism in Germany

BONN (JTA) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl has acknowledged the danger that anti-Semitism could reoccur in Germany, but his ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU) appears unanimously opposed to a debate on the subject being urged by coalition as well as opposition members of parliament.

Kohl told the Bundestag that everybody is aware of the danger of recurrent anti-Semitism.

Peres Praises Aquino's Courage

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Shimon Peres sent a warm message of congratulations to the new President of the Philippines, Corazon Aquino.

Relations between the two countries were warm under former President Marcos — and Israeli officials believe they will be no less cordial under President Aquino.

Israeli experts work in the Philippines in agriculture and other fields, and a surprisingly large number of ordinary Israelis have visited as tourists. Invariably they have found a warm and hospitable country, whose people relate without ideological preconceptions to Israel and the Mideast conflict.

Soviets Object to Israeli Stamp

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Hundreds of letters mailed by Israelis to their relatives in the Soviet Union recently have been returned to Israel because the Soviet authorities object to the stamp on the envelopes.

The overseas mail stamp bears the likeness of Theodor Herzl. The Russians are returning them, overprinted with the words "addressee unknown."

Israeli Scientists Praised For Contributions to Star Wars

TEL AVIV (JTA) — U.S. General James Abramson, head of the Strategic Defense Initiative — SDI (Star Wars) program, said that Israeli scientists had already made useful proposals for possible Israeli contributions to Star Wars research.

Abramson was in Israel to attend the annual Israel conference on aviation and aeronautics in Tel Aviv and at the Haifa Technion.

He said that Israeli research work in this field would benefit not only the American program but would also let Israel enjoy a variety of spin-offs to meet its own needs. Abramson said that one Israeli proposal already made was "absolutely unique," connected to what is known as an "electro-magnetic rail-gun firing system."

Tid-Bits

MONTREAL (JTA) — Irwin Cotler, the attorney who represents Anatoly Shcharansky, South African prisoner Nelson Mandela, and various Soviet refuseniks, announced the establishment of an international council of lawyers who will "work relentlessly for the release of all the Shcharanskys and Mandelas now rotting in various prisons in the USSR and South Africa."

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (JTA) — Notre Dame, a bastion of Roman Catholic education, enrolled its first Israeli undergraduate student this academic year. He is 22-year-old Yehuda Kovacs, whose course of study is mathematics but whose avocation — and reason for choosing Notre Dame — is fencing. Kovacs is a former national junior fencing champion in Israel.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Elisha Essas, the Soviet Jewish aliya activist who became an Orthodox Jew while still in the USSR, spoke critically of the way Russian Jews have been absorbed in Israel. According to the 40-year-old Essas, too much stress has been placed on material benefits and not enough on the "spiritual" needs of the immigrants. He

claimed this contributed to the high dropout rate among Soviet olim. "If coming to Israel is only about apartments and cars and not about aliya, going up to the holy land, then it is no wonder that the dropout rate has reached 80 percent or more."

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Simon Wiesenthal Center's Library Archives has acquired the microfilm edition of the complete set of "Der Stuermer," the infamous anti-Semitic weekly published between 1923 and 1945 by Julius Streicher in Nuremberg. The newspaper, which carried the slogan "The Jews are our misfortune" on its front page, was notorious for its sadistic anti-Jewish cartoons.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's development areas have been hard hit by unemployment. Figures released by the Manpower Planning division of the Ministry of Labor and Welfare reported 6,500 people in those sensitive areas are out of work. They comprise 26 percent of the total number of jobless in the country. Three towns seriously affected by the lack of jobs are Bet Shean, Sderot and Yeruham.

WEST HARTFORD (JTA) — The Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center has launched a program to record, preserve and disseminate the oral history of Jewish immigrants to the U.S. now living in the area.

The program's theme, "Ellis Island: The Jewish Immigrant Experience," has two phases. The first stage involves recording oral histories which, in the second stage, will form the basis of a play. This production and an exhibit which will be curated, will travel together to performances at senior and community centers.

Riccios
Riccios
Riccios

Family owned and operated for 23 years

Featuring our famous home-made garlic rolls, lasagna, manicotti & ravioli; fresh veal, clams.

Early Bird Special 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sun. Includes entree, salad, beverage & dessert

Riccios

Serving Dinner Tuesday-Sunday
116 Middleton Dr. • 376-3621
Major Credit Cards • All ABC Permits

RENEE STEINER/REALTOR

Merrill Lynch Realty



Office — 364-1580
Home — 366-8044

"servicing clients in the most professional way possible"

HOUSE OF HUNAN

"FOR THE FINEST IN CHINESE CUISINE"



A truly unique Chinese Restaurant specializing in a wide variety of outstanding far-eastern dishes, in a classic atmosphere.

Hunan-Szechuan • Mandarin • Cantonese • Weight Watchers Cuisine

Lounge • Mixed Drinks • Take Out Service

Cotswold Shopping Center
366-2141

300 East Woodlawn Rd.
525-3406

BRING BACK OLD MEMORIES!



WE COPY OLD PHOTOGRAPHS
COLOR OR
BLACK AND WHITE

Share your heritage with your children and relatives. Save old photos before they fade away and are lost forever.

NO WORRIES OF LOST PHOTOS!

All work is done on premise at our in-house lab. We give quality results and quick turnaround.

The hi-fi **Camera Center**

1721 Kenilworth Ave.
5616 E. Independence Blvd.
Overstreet Mall

377-3492
536-9076
376-6149