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The Western Wall, — only remaining part of the Temple Mount, and today the most holy shrine of the Jewish people. Over the top can be seen the Dome of the Rock, a Moslem mosque which today stands on the site of the ancient Temple.

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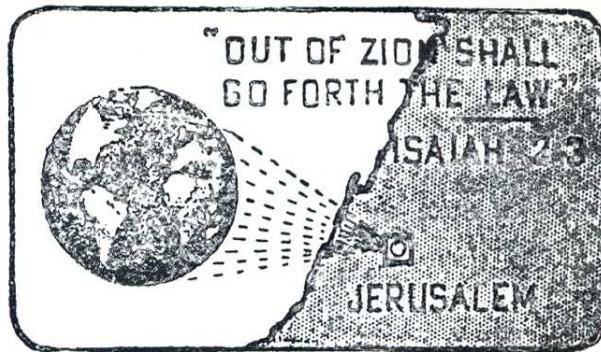
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Why Is The Jew Indestructible?



Because the LORD said: "And I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great and thou shalt be a blessing: AND I WILL BLESS THEE AND CURSE HIM THAT CURSETH THEE; AND IN THEE SHALL ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED." — Genesis 12:1-3, 22:18; Galatians 5:8, 16.

"For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee though I make a full end of all nations

whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee in measure... Thus saith the LORD which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinance of the moon and for the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; the LORD of Hosts is His Name. If these ordinances depart from before Me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever. Thus saith the LORD. If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel... If ye can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and that there shall not be day and night, in their season. Then may also My covenant be broken with David My servant. THAT HE SHOULD NOT HAVE A SON TO REIGN UPON HIS THRONE..." — Jer. 30:11, 31:35-37, 33:20-26.

The Indestructible Jew

The king of Egypt could not diminish Him. — Exodus 1:9-12.

The waters of the Red Sea could not drown Him. — Exodus 14:13-31.

The gallows of Haman could not hang Him. — Esther 5:14, 7:10, 8.

The great fish could not digest Him. — Jonah 1:18, 2:10.

The fiery furnace could not destroy Him. —

Daniel 3:16-28.

The lions of Babylon could not devour Him.
— Daniel 6:3-28.

Balaam could not curse Him. — Numbers 22:12.

The nations of the world could not assimilate Him. — Esther 3:8; Numbers 23:9; Deut. 33:27-29; Exodus 33:12-16.

Brain Washing by Communists

It had been going on for weeks, up to 14 hours a day—48 hours straight on one occasion.

The place: a Communist prison camp in China. And the man: a radiant Chinese Christian.

Finally, after repeated grilling, mocking, and torture, the Christian told his oppressors: "You are wasting your time, sirs, my faith is rooted deeper than any torture you might inflict. It is rooted eternally in God's Son Jesus (Yehshua).

Furious, the Communist indoctrinator slapped him across the face and screamed: "Drop to



your knees! Drop to your knees and pray! Because in three minutes we're going to put a bullet through your head!"

While the indoctrinator, an armed guard, and 50 more fellow prisoners looked on, he did as he was told.

"Lord," the man began to pray, "I thank Thee for the peace that is within my heart. I thank Thee for the faith which makes it possible for me to believe that, in spite of my oppressors, my heavenly Father sits upon His throne, able at any moment to silence forever the lips of these who blaspheme His Name. Lord, at this moment, Thou art able to prove Thy power to these two men. Thou art able to show Thyself to be God. In a moment, Thy power could strike these men dead and..."

But he didn't get to finish his prayer; for, gasping with pain, the two Communists — indoctrinator and guard — fell simultaneously to the floor. In a few hours, both of them were dead.

The Christian was set free and, at last report continued to live unmolested in his home, with his wife and children. No Communist had dared go near his door... You too, reader, may one day be required to stand before Communists or other godless men to confess your faith in Christ

— at the threat of your life. You may lose your life for your stand, as have thousands of other heroic Christians.

But be sure of this: Elohim has not been taken by surprise. Eternal happiness, in the presence of the Saviour, awaits each believer, no matter what earthly life holds in store for him. Today may seem to belong to the powers of darkness, but tomorrow always belongs to the Almighty!

The above incident was personally witnessed by Pastor Leslie Millen, a C.I.M. missionary in China, during his own imprisonment by the Communists. Also by more than fifty fellow prisoners.

"But when they shall lead you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what you shall speak, neither do ye premeditate; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost." — Mark 13:11.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death." — Rev. 12:11.

"Let them be confounded and turned back that hate Zion." — Psalms 129:5.

YAD VASHEM HONOURS BELGIAN, DUTCH

A tree-planting ceremony was held yesterday along the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem, in honour of Lucien and Ginette Brunin of Belgium.

Natan Diament, then nine years old, was sheltered in the Brunin home from 1943 until the end of the war, after his mother asked the Belgian underground to save her son. Lucien Brunin was at the time a justice of the peace in Ghent.

Mrs. Diament did not see her son for two years, except for one clandestine meeting of half an hour on the terrace of a coffee shop.

Natan Diament, who was married in Jerusalem on Tuesday, said: "Even though I was a child at the time, the values instilled in me have served me throughout my life."

The Brunins, who are now visiting Israel, are enthusiastic and active supporters of Israel today from their home in Brussels.

Earlier in the week, another tree-planting ceremony was held in honour of Jan and Nellie Van Enckevort of Holland, who are also visiting Israel.

The couple gave shelter to a young Jew from Austria, Lili Ticho, from 1943 until the end of the war. Ticho, who had escaped from a concentration camp with the help of the Dutch underground, now lives on Kibbutz Na'an. Other Jews also stayed temporarily in their home in Sevenum, Holland.

Peace with Egypt?

by Gordon M. Fauth

In a dramatic ceremony held in Washington D.C., on March 26, a peace treaty was signed between Israel and Egypt. Signing the treaty documents on behalf of their respective countries were Prime Minister Begin of Israel and President Sadat of Egypt. President Jimmy Carter of the U.S.A., host for this historical occasion, signed as a witness. This is the first treaty ever between Israel and an Arab country.

The peace treaty then had to be ratified by the Governments of Israel and Egypt; and after this was done, on April 25th, the instruments of ratification were exchanged at a ceremony held at Umm Kashiba in Sinai (site of a U.S. early-warning station). That evening, at 5:27 p.m., April 25, 1979, for the first time, a state of formal peace came into existence between Israel and its largest neighbor, Egypt.

According to the terms of the treaty, Israel is to withdraw in stages from Sinai, which will be reoccupied by Egypt. If all goes as planned, Israel will complete its withdrawal from Sinai by April 25, 1982.

Israel has also agreed to provide a measure of autonomy or self-rule to the Arabs of the west bank and Gaza, and negotiations on this have already begun.

Egypt, for its part, undertakes to live in peace with Israel, and to normalize relations between the two countries. There are to be normal diplomatic and commercial links between Israel and Egypt, and eventually open borders, with Israelis allowed to visit Egypt and Egyptians allowed to visit Israel. Israeli ships are to be allowed to pass through the Suez canal, and there are to be air and other passenger links between the two countries.

The treaty with Egypt has been widely hailed as a great victory for peace. In the thirty years of struggle and four major wars since Israel became a nation in 1948, Israel has tried repeatedly to come to peaceful terms with its Arab neighbors. Until the present dialog with Egypt began, every attempt was rebuffed. What is especially surprising about the present situation is that Egypt turned out to be the Arab country to agree to normalize relations with Israel. Until fairly recently Egypt was generally considered to be the leader of the front-line Arab States arrayed against Israel. Egypt repeatedly made plain that it considered peaceful co-existence and friendly relations with Israel to be out of the question. This all changed, however, with President Sadat's dramatic and much publicised visit to Jerusalem in November of 1977. Since then there have been more or less continual negotiations between the two countries leading up to the present treaty.

Reaction to the treaty has been varied. The

western world has hailed it as a great chance for peace, while the communist and Arab world has generally denounced it. The other Arab countries have been practically unanimous in their opposition to the treaty, calling President Sadat a traitor to the Arab "cause". They have adopted diplomatic and economic sanctions against Egypt, and to date sixteen Arab States have severed relations with Egypt because of the treaty. Different Arab leaders have called for the overthrow of President Sadat, and some have even threatened him with assassination. It has also prompted repeated calls by Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries for war with Israel to "liberate" Jerusalem and the other "occupied" territories.

In Israel, reaction to the treaty has been overwhelmingly favorable. Most people here believe the chance for peace with Egypt is well worth the sacrifices Israel is making, and most Israelis seem quite optimistic about the treaty working.

The sacrifices and risks for Israel are very real. While Egypt is only making promises which may or may not be kept, Israel is giving up roughly 2/3 of its territory. While it is true that the Sinai is mostly desert, its importance to Israel in strategic terms is immense. It provided a valuable buffer between Israel's cities and its southern borders, and the importance of this was well shown by the Yom Kippur War of 1973. Had the Sinai then been in Egypt's hands, it is doubtful that Israel could have halted the Egyptian surprise attack short of its populated central areas. Now, with Sinai lost, the risks and dangers in any future war will be all the more real and terrible.

There are also great economic losses which Israel will suffer. After the 1973 war, Israel was persuaded, mainly by America, to give up the Abu Rodeis oil fields, which had been supplying almost all of the country's oil. Now Israel is again giving to Egypt the newly discovered oil fields at Alma, in southern Sinai. While only newly developed, these oil wells show great promise and already supply a significant part of Israel's oil needs. Egypt has agreed to sell this oil to Israel, but there is a great difference between having to buy oil and getting it free.

Israel will also have to evacuate its settlements in the Sinai and relocate their families in other parts of Israel. The main immediate expense, though, is in relocating the army and air bases which Israel has in Sinai. They will be moved to the Negev, and the estimated cost of this is in the billions of dollars. The United States will be financing most of this rebuilding, however, mainly in the form of long-term loans.

By agreeing to the treaty, Israel has made its position more tenable in the eyes of the west-

ern world. This, in fact, is most likely one of the main reasons why Prime Minister Begin softened his long-term stand, and pushed hard for the treaty, even with the concessions Israel had to grant to get it.

Tourism is a major industry in Israel, being as it is the land of the Bible and the prophets, attracting visitors from all parts of the world. Now that there is peace with Egypt, it has been predicted that more tourists will visit Israel. If this proves to be true, it will help the country. It is also possible that there will be mutually beneficial trade with Egypt. This, too, could help Israel, but to what extent it's hard to say.

Another possible positive side to the treaty is the massive development of the Negev region which is expected to come as a result of the redeployment there of Israel's air bases and army camps which are now in Sinai. The Neg-
ev, while mostly desert, could be a very valuable part of Israel. It is rich in mineral resources, and much of this region can also be farmed, lacking only water. Studies have shown that in many areas this water is available, in the form of deep underground pools, so this may not be the problem it seems. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." — Isa. 35:1.

Is the Treaty Worth it?

Now that we've considered both the positive and negative sides of the peace treaty with Egypt, let's sum it up and consider its probable worth.

The main fault of the treaty, as I see it, is that Israel is giving away much and appears to be seriously jeopardizing its future security in exchange for what is essentially nothing more than words. It is true that Egypt, for the first time, has promised to live in peace with Israel, but anyone who candidly looks back over world events of just the last few years should be willing to admit that promises made in treaties can easily turn out to be worth even less than the paper they are written on.

Although the treaty is now legally in affect, there do remain some very important undecided issues. The main one concerns the autonomy which Israel is to grant residents of the west bank and Gaza. Egypt and Israel have very different views on this subject and different ideas of what this "autonomy" is to be.

Israel intends to give the Arabs in these areas control over their own civil affairs, while retaining military control and allowing Jewish settlement of these regions to continue. Prime Minister Begin has gone on record a number of times to state that Israel will retain control of these regions and that Jerusalem will remain the undivided eternal capital of Israel.

President Sadat, on the other hand, has repeatedly said that lasting peace with Israel will come only if Israel allows the eventual estab-

lishment in the west bank of a sovereign "Palestinian" nation and returns east Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty. This is something that no responsible Israeli government could ever allow.

To allow the establishment within present Israel of a "Palestinian State", which would be run by the P.L.O. terrorists, and also to divide Israel's capital city and turn half over to its worst enemies would be suicidal. Surely no reasonable person would expect Israel to participate in its own dismemberment and destruction? I would say that in returning Sinai at this time that Israel has already given up more than enough and has gone further than anyone could reasonably expect.



The issue of autonomy for the west bank and Gaza is therefore definitely a time-bomb which could blow the treaty between Israel and Egypt to pieces. While we hope it won't happen, at some future date, say a couple years from now, when Sinai has been completely returned to Egypt, President Sadat could announce that because of Israel's refusal to keep its promise concerning autonomy for the west bank, that Egypt has no choice but to revoke the peace treaty between the two nations. If this happened, though, I wonder if Egypt would feel honor bound to return Sinai to Israel? Somehow I doubt it. At one stroke Egypt would have succeeded, without a war, and without giving anything in exchange, in acquiring over half of Israel's territory. Overnight, Egypt would also again be on best terms with the other Arab countries, who would all join in agreeing that Egypt had been deluded and betrayed by the "treacherous Zionists".

Another real worry should be about what would happen to the treaty if President Sadat left the scene. It is impossible to predict what the next leader of Egypt will feel about peace with Israel, and as the President of Egypt holds far more power than the president of a democratic country, he could very easily decide to revoke the treaty. Again, it is very unlikely

that Egypt would return Sinai if this happened.

If the treaty is reduced to its simplest terms, it could be maintained that Israel is trading Sinai for peace with Egypt, but does this argument make sense?

It should be remembered that at any time in the past 30 years and more, Egypt always had peace with Israel if and whenever Egypt wanted peace. Israel has never sought war with Egypt or any of the other Arab countries and has been forced into every war she has fought. Sinai was never an issue, but became an issue only as a result of war. It is not the first time that Israel has given this potentially oil rich desert back to Egypt. It happened after the war in 1956 too, during which Isreal had taken the Sinai. Then Israel was pressed into returning this territory, but this did not in any way keep Egypt from waging war against Israel again. In 1967 Israel again gained the Sinai, as a result of a war which Egypt and the other Arab countries had fought in an effort to completely destroy Israel.

During the short time since Sadat's notable visit to Jerusalem, he has boldly and courageously pursued peace and appears sincere in his desire for it. Israel's people want to believe this. It looks and feels good, certainly to a people that have longed and prayed for peace and are wearied by so many years of war. On all sides Israel is surrounded and outnumbered by enemies who have continually sought its destruction. Peace, even if only with one of these enemies, is a new feeling and experience for the people of this little country. It is something that all would like to hang on to if at all possible.

War is all that the people of Israel have ever known. Her children are born into it. Her sons walk the streets of her cities with gun in hand and ready ammunition. Trouble and insecurity were a daily portion of the Jews during their centuries of wondering in the lands of strangers; and even today, when they at long last are back in their own land and have their own nation, they have had to live under the continual threat of war. It is therefore not at all surprising that Israel's people long for peace. They are ready and willing to come to peaceful terms with their enemies, if at all possible, so as to live without the dreaded war clouds and the tragedies that every family has shared ever since Israel's statehood.

We share Israel's desire for peace and are praying that the peace with Egypt will last, even if only for a time. At the same time, we do not ignore the facts which point to the tenous nature of this peace, and underline the fact that, as always, peace in this world, when achieved, is only for a fleeting moment. According to the Bible, peace has not yet come to the Middle East. In fact, this region has yet to see its largest battles.

While in this world treaties can be signed and peace briefly brought into existence, the only lasting peace will come with the return of

our Redeemer and King. Praise the Lord, this time is coming soon! "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion; shout, O Daughter of Jerusalem: behold thy King cometh unto thee! He shall speak peace unto the heathen, and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even forever." — Zec. 9:9, 10; Isa. 9:7.

One commandment of God is to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6; Gen. 12:3) and a blessing is promised to all those that do. Israel loves peace. The whole world today is lining up, for or against her, nations, institutions and individuals. Love and hate of Her are increasing. We live in tremendous times. We are living in the prophetic time of the controversy over Zion, and Jerusalem really is becoming a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone to the nations as was prophesied it would. — Isa. 34:8, Zec. 12:2, 3.

The Bible has the answer. Look for more articles on this subject in the coming months. We have a sure word of prophecy and it is not of private interpretation. — 2 Pet. 1:19, 20.

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The Heavenly Father has provided here at Jerusalem an "Open Door" for all of those who wish to follow in the footsteps of the Master, and "Feed the Lambs and Sheep" over the world, in many languages, and also to send forth to Israel the "True Religion" of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as preached by the apostle Peter on Pentecost. Hundreds of thousands of silent messengers (tracts and booklets) are being printed on our printing presses. That portion of your life represented in riches that the Heavenly Father has helped you to gather will be used in this way for His glory. As the funds flow in, the outgoing stream of tracts in 7 languages will flow out to Israel and to the world. Pray about this and the Holy Spirit will direct you.

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Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple. The abomination of desolation. The signs of Christ's coming. The need for watchfulness. The faithful and evil servant. — Matt. 24:15-45.

LUKE 21:

8. And he said, Take heed that we be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

9. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these thing must first come to pass: but the end is not by and by.

10. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11. And great earthquake shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

25. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

26. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

29. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees.

30. When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31. So likewise ye, when we see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my word shall not pass away.

34. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day comes upon you unawares.

35. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

MARK 13:

29. So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

30. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for we knoweth not when the time is.

34. For the Son of man is a man taking a far journey, who left his servants, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37. And what I say unto you I say unto all. Watch.

MARK 16:

15. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17. And these signs shall follow them that believe. In My name shall they cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues.

18. They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They SHALL LAY HANDS upon the sick and they SHALL RECOVER.

19. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

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ATTENTION: MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

Reports from churches and of the progress of the Lord's work are invited for publication in "The Jerusalem Messenger". We cannot promise to publish all reports submitted, but will publish as many as space allows.

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GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CHECKING FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION

The Israel Health Ministry recently decided to expand checkups of people whose work brings them into contact with lead. This follows studies in the U.S. and here that show a direct relation between lead buildup in workers' blood and their exposure to airborne lead at their place of work.

Not only workers are affected, but research in the U.S. has indicated that workers' children also suffer from lead brought home from factories.

The programme will check workers and their families in 43 factories testing lead levels in the blood of hundreds of people.

There are many industries in which a worker is exposed to lead — from smelting operations to printing and plastics manufacturing.

A spokesman for the Health Ministry says that workers in the Vulcan battery factory in Haifa are now being tested regularly for lead in their blood. Workers who show high levels of lead are temporarily taken out of the work cycle.

The permissible tolerances for lead in both exposure to lead and its level in the blood have been significantly reduced. A machine has been developed which can analyse a person's blood for biochemical effects of lead in a matter of seconds.

Particles containing lead dust are absorbed primarily through the lungs and also in the digestive tract. The blood transports lead through the body, where it is stored in bones, kidneys, and the nervous system.

Acute lead poisoning, which causes colic, anemia, pallor, convulsions, brain damage and death, is relatively rare.

The current U.S. accepted tolerance for lead in the blood is 40 micrograms per 100 millilitres. As recently as two years ago the Biological Limit Value was 60 micrograms of lead per 100 millilitres of blood. Before that, 70 to 80 micrograms of lead per 100 millilitres of blood was considered a safe non-toxic level.

In one battery manufacturing plant in Israel, a Hebrew University report states that an investigative team found "serious lapses in design and environment control. Here, except for four supervisory and office personnel, all blood lead levels were above 43 micrograms per 100 millilitres of blood, and 35 of 62 workers had levels greater than 50 micrograms per 10 millilitres of blood."

"One worker with a level of 230 micrograms per 100 millilitres of blood often spent evenings and nights in the factory."

The report, parts of which are soon to be published in an American journal, continue

that "airborne exposure levels in the factory ranged from 50 to 1,125 micrograms for all but six workers."

Abnormally high levels of lead in the blood have been shown to cause kidney and reproductive problems, loss of coordination, mental deficiency and pains in the joints.

Lead absorbed in the blood stream of pregnant women can also cross the placenta and enter the blood of the fetus, where it may cause damage to the nervous system.

A study in the February 1977 issue of "The New England Journal of Medicine" showed that some children of lead workers in the U.S. may have levels of lead in the blood now considered unsafe. The report states that lead of industrial origin was transported home on contaminated clothing.

Since the investigation, remedial action has taken place at the smelter and in the workers' home to reduce lead exposures. Work clothes are no longer taken home, workers shower before leaving work, plant processes have been redesigned to reduce lead exposure, and homes have been thoroughly cleaned.

In the April issue of "The New England Journal of Medicine" Dr. Herbert Needleman reported that lead also causes children to daydream in addition to lowering their I.Q.

Needleman was a guest lecturer last year at the Israel Society for the Advancement of Occupational Health.

The instrument used to measure F.E.P. levels is about the size of a bread box. Easily set up at work sites, it can test approximately 30 workers an hour.

The machine, which costs about \$3,000, has revolutionized screening for lead in exposed populations. It replaces urine analysis, which may be unreliable.

There is only one F.E.P. tester in the country. It has been given to the Hebrew University's department of medical ecology. During the screening programme physicians from the Health Ministry and Kupat Holim will also be using the analyser.

— "The Jerusalem Post"

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NOTICE

In the past few months there have been two postal strikes here in Israel, which greatly delayed many of the letters reaching us as well as delaying materials which we sent out. The first strike was no sooner over and the mail returning to normal when the second strike began. Now, thankfully, they are both over and things are returning to normal. We hope there will be no more strikes like this in the future.

Life in Israel

by Effie Dugger

Shalom!

This is another lovely day in Jerusalem. We have had many very hot days lately, but some cloudy cooler ones too. Just like the Bible says: Jerusalem is a city set upon a hill (elevation about 2,500 feet), and this is seen in its weather. The temperature at Jerusalem is considered temperate, and compared to other parts of Israel does not get too hot or too cold, no matter what the season. If you travel down to Tel-Aviv, which is only about 60 km. away from Jerusalem, on the coast, there is usually a very noticeable rise in the temperature. If you go in the other direction, from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, which is only about 50 km. away, there is an even greater rise in temperature. The Dead Sea, at 1,300 feet below sea level, is the lowest place on earth, and it gets very hot there.

The Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea, but it has no outlet. Because of this, when the water evaporates it leaves behind a very heavy concentration of salt and other minerals. No fish or other water creatures can live in the Dead Sea, and it is this which has given it its name. The Dead Sea has become a major tourist attraction. Many also come from all parts of the world to bathe in the mineral springs on its shore, which are said to help in the treatment of many ailments.

We have just had a nice visit from Elder Okechukwu Umezeka, from Bendel State, Nigeria, who was our guest while in Israel. He has now returned home to his country, where he too labors in the service of the Lord. We were also privileged to have with us Brother and Sister Georgel and Sister Martin, from Texas, U.S.A., who have just moved to Israel.

Several of our young people who work here were on a short vacation up at the Sea of Galilee, but they are back now. The June "Reporter" is being prepared now, and we are all working on this and the many other jobs which always need to be done. Praise the Lord for the blessings of health and strength of keep things moving in a good way. One of our printing presses was broke down for a short time, but it has been fixed and is working again. Our Intertype typesetting machine also broke down a few days ago, but was easily repaired and is hard at work now. We thank the Lord that He has provided the people to get all the jobs done, and also those who know how to operate and repair the machinery which we use.

The peace treaty with Egypt has been ratified and the withdrawal from Sinai has begun. The people of Israel are hoping that lasting peace with Egypt is on the way; but will the treaty

bring peace? All we can do is to "watch and wait". We know that the Lord will have His way and that He will watch over little Israel.

I was sitting out on the balcony in the sunshine, but now have come in the house to finish my piece because the air on the balcony has got a little cool, although the sun is shining nicely.

May the Lord bless His work in Jerusalem and may we all be used in a good way to continue what my dear husband started so many years ago

Please pray for us and "pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee."

Shalom,

Effie Dugger

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Jerusalem!

(Isaiah 62:1-7)

I will not rest nor hold my peace
Jerusalem, Jerusalem,

Until thy righteousness shines forth

With glory as a shining gem
For Zion's sake I will not rest,

Until salvation come to them,
A shining light, a burning lamp,

A crown, a royal diadem.

I will not rest till that new name
Which I shall name, be thine

And thou My crown of glory be
Jerusalem! — for thou art Mine!

Oh Christians pray! Cease not to pray
Though nights be dark and long the days,

Give Me no rest until I make
In earth, Jerusalem My praise.

I will not rest, Jerusalem
For whom the Messiah wept

Until I gather thee to Me
With every promise kept;

Till kings shall see thy glory and
Till wars and sorrows cease;

Till He returns whose crown thou art, —
I will not rest nor hold My Peace!

— By Phyllis R. Foster

"Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." —

Isaiah 52:7-10.

Ida Nudel's Siberian Terror

TEL AVIV. — "Every night, before she goes to bed, Ida Nudel tucks a knife under her pillow — not to use it against anyone, but to take her own life if need be."

This is how former Prisoner of Zion Sander Levinson yesterday described the terror of the Siberian exile imposed on the 48-year-old woman the Jewish prisoners in the U.S.S.R. called "Mama" and "Angel of Mercy".

Upon his own release from a Soviet forced-labour camp, Levinson travelled last October to the remote Siberian district where Nudel lives. She was sent to internal exile for four years by the Soviet authorities on trumped-up charges of malicious hooliganism. The Jewish activist's real crime was her tireless one-woman campaign to maintain contact with, and look after, Prisoners of Zion.

Levinson, who arrived in Israel two months ago, gave an eyewitness account of Nudel's lone ordeal in the isolated Siberian marshlands.

According to Levinson, Ida Nudel is the only woman housed in a bleak barracks-like hut inhabited by 60 men. The convicts are considered so dangerous to society that they must spend the rest of their lives away from population centres. Levinson who spent a week at Nudel's place of exile, described her neighbours as "constantly drunk, quarrelling and brawling. They are armed with knives and hatchets and not a day goes by without scuffles and clashes."

"When I arrived at the barracks, I found the door to Ida's room broken. She told me of nightly break-ins and attempted assaults. She is literally not safe and has gone so far as to keep a knife at hand. She doesn't venture out of her room after dusk and is so isolated that she could be hurt or killed without any one knowing or coming to her aid," he told a press conference.

The barracks is located some four kilometres away from a backwoods hamlet in which the only provisions available are "moist half-backed bread, and what they call milk twice a week."

"The area is surrounded by swamps and the path to the village is muddy and nearly impassable. For most of the year the entire area is snowed under and cut off altogether with temperatures of 50 below zero. The nearest city is Tomsk, more than 150 kilometres away," Levinson said.

While the other exiles are employed at digging out peat, Nudel works as their cleaning woman. She has always been ill, suffering from a heart-condition, a stomach ulcer and kidney problems, Levinson told reporters yesterday. She is unable to get the food she needs or any medical attention. The barracks has no plumbing to speak of, and all the inmates share a single sink, Levinson said.

All of Nudel's requests to be moved to a location where other women are exiled have been

turned down. Levinson said he feels that "her situation is far worse than mine and that of the other Prisoners of Zion who have been in the camps. Her isolation is far more acute and threatening."

He said he went there with 60 kilos of food provisions, and said two other former Prisoners of Zion visited Nudel before him. But traveling to see her is dangerous in itself, he said.

"It is difficult to get there and they register your name before you enter. When I returned to 'civilization' I was detained by the K.G.B. for my visit," he said, but he added that "the former prisoners will keep trying for Ida. Many of us owe our survival in jail to her. She sent us medications, vitamins, food, and most of all letters that kept our spirit alive. She wrote to me regularly when I was jailed though we had never met before. Wherever there is a Prisoner of Zion, he has a picture of Ida and calls her 'Mamma.'"

An Israel committee, comprising 23 leading women and called "I Win", has been formed to help Ida.

One of the members, former M.K. Esther Raziell-Noar, told the press of their efforts, which include an appeal to the Dutch Foreign Ministry to demand that a doctor be allowed to visit Nudel. The Dutch have been representing Israel in Moscow since diplomatic relations were severed in 1967.

The information director of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry, Ruth Bar-On, spoke of plans to enlist the Knesset in the struggle by having it call on all women parliamentarians and public office holders in the world to campaign for Ida Nudel.

Nudel's sister, Ilana Friedman, told reporters that Ida has adopted a unique form of protest: She is on "a correspondence strike and refuses to receive or write letters. Those who want to help her, she maintains, must write to the Soviet leaders responsible for her exile."

— *The Jerusalem Post*

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NOTICE VOLUNTEER WILLING WORKERS WANTED

We will gladly send a roll of "Mount Zion Reporters" free to any of our readers who will undertake to pass them out to friends, relatives, neighbors, etc. We often print extra copies just for this purpose, and also usually have back issues on hand which we would like to put to good use in this way.

If you are willing to help us gain new readers in this way, please let us know. This is a way in which you can help us, and you will also be helping to spread the wonderful news concerning the prophecies of these days we are living in, and of the soon return of our Redeemer and King.

Extracts From Readers' Letters

SOUTH AFRICA. —

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for "The Mount Zion Reporter". I have visited the Holy Land twice. I look forward to visiting it for the third time, if the Lord will.

As editor of our Church magazine I ask your permission to use some of your articles from time to time. (It was given).

We love Israel and its people. One day we will reign with our Messiah on Mount Zion — when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord. Praise His Holy Name.

His humble servant,
L. P. v C.

ITALY. —

Dear "Reporter" Staff,

Last week at a friend's I read your last magazine, which I so enjoyed reading. I am desirous of reading more on the subjects you are publishing. I shall therefore be very grateful if you can send me your magazine continually, and also a Bible in English or Italian.

Thanking you in advance,
F. L.

NIGERIA. —

Dear Sirs,

Greetings to you and all in the family of God, in the wonderful name of Yahshua, our soon coming Messiah.

Will you please send me the Bible Lessons, two copies quarterly. Tracts: "The Second Coming of the Messiah", "What Was Abolished", "The Change of the Sabbath", and the calendar.

I always pray for you all. I hope you are praying also for me to continue trusting and serving Him. I wish to thank you for your kindness to me. May God bless you as you continue spreading His word.

Yours in the Messiah,
S. U. U.

ST. KITTS. —

Dear Mrs. Dugger,

Greetings to you and the entire staff of "The Mount Zion Reporter".

When I listen to the news from Israel, I can't help thinking how close we are to the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am sure longing for His coming every day and every hour and the signs are all pointing to the dawn of a better world tomorrow.

Please give my regards to all, and continue

to keep "The Mount Zion Reporter" coming my way.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
G. B.

ENGLAND. —

Dear Brethren,

Thank you so much for your "Mount Zion Reporter" which I find most interesting and newsy. I am grateful indeed.

I am enclosing ... towards the expenses. May the dear Lord Jesus bless you in your great work and witness.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
A. S. G. (Rev.)

NEW ZEALAND. —

Dear Sirs,

I would like to receive regularly copies of your paper "The Mount Zion Reporter", which I trust you are still publishing. I received a copy some years ago.

Please forward to the above address, and account, and I will send cheque by return mail.

Thanking you in the Lord's name,
C.H.

U.S.A. —

Dear Precious Ones in Christ,

Praise the good Lord for His abundant mercies which He showers so generously upon His children. It gives me great pleasure to be a co-worker with you in the spread of His gospel. May the good Lord bless you all for the all-important work you are doing to win souls for the Master.

Enclosed is . . . for the Lord's work. I pray for the prosperity of your work. Please pray for me.

Sincerely yours,
H. H.

FRANCE. —

Dear Brother,

Holy greetings to you and the household of faith, in the precious name of Christ, our soon coming King. Oh, what a grand opportunity we have to be called the sons of God! We know for sure we are living in the last days. The word of the Lord shall go forth from Jerusalem and the Lord's house shall be erected on the top of the mountains. It's really clearly seen that prophecy is rapidly being fulfilled, and the Word of God is truly being brought from Jerusalem.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,
N. J.

12,000 Views Of The Bible

Children in Sefton, England, Kamloops, Canada, Arcadia, California, Upsala, Sweden, Quito, Ecuador, Arhus, Denmark, Wellington, New Zealand and Kiryat Ata have something in common.

Using the universal language of drawing, they — and youngsters from more than 60 other cities in 26 countries around the globe — have taken part in the contest "Children of the World Illustrate the Bible".

Work by four winners to be chosen next week, as well as those by dozens of other talented young Rembrandts, will be exhibited at the Ninth Jerusalem International Book Fair between April 19 and 25.

The idea to make the contest and exhibition a highlight of the fair come from Keter publishing, which last year published a highly successful album of children's drawings of Jerusalem. Over 80,000 copies of the book in English, German, Dutch and Hebrew were sold.

"Seeing how well it went over," says Nachman Urieli, the director of Keter, "we decided to suggest the idea of another drawing contest to the Jerusalem Municipality." Mayor Teddy Kollek and Ronnie Feinstein, the city manager who serves as board chairman of the Book Fair, enthusiastically approved.

Kollek wrote to 100 other mayors around the world, inviting them to initiate drawing competitions among their city's children aged 8 through 14. A liaison was appointed by each municipality to coordinate the effort. A total of 274 biblical topics were listed, and about a dozen were assigned to each city so that the Jerusalem organizers would not be overwhelmed by 1,000 naked Adam and Eves or 5,000 David slaying Goliaths.

Over 12,000 entries were received — an amount that overwhelmed Kollek. "I never thought there would be so many," he says.

The organizers called the contest "Children of the World Illustrate the Old Testament" merely to limit the scope of entries and to make the contest more manageable, Urieli says.

"We plan to run our own contest at some later date of New Testament drawings and to publish a book containing the best ones," he explains.

Keter, whose staff did most of the work involved, was given rights to publish as many of the drawings as it likes. "We hope to put out a series — perhaps a book of pictures from Genesis or based on the Exodus from Egypt, or 'Bible Stories Told and Illustrated by Children.' We'll start making the deals at the Book Fair," says Urieli.

The four winners — one Israeli and the rest from abroad — will be presented medallions at a special ceremony in Beit Hanassi. The foreign winners will be flown to Israel free by El Al and be a guest for a week in homes where their own language is spoken and where there

are children of their own age.

Keter is proud that the total expense of the contest was about IL.100,000 (drawings were mailed to Jerusalem at the various cities' own expense), which is one-tenth of the cost of the first contest last year. The best of the drawings will then be included in a roving exhibit that may go abroad on a Foreign Ministry tour.

A panel of judges chaired by Ofira Navon, the wife of the President, and comprising two artists, two representatives of the Christian community in Jerusalem, and other experts, was appointed. The process of selecting the best from among 12,000 entries has been dizzying, and involved lengthy "negotiations" among the judges.

The criteria used in judging, Mrs. Navon said, were creativity, originality, movement and colour. Special attention was given to how much expression was drawn into the faces.

A handful of paintings showing excellent technique and colour that some favoured for top prizes turned out to be tracings or imitations of well-known biblical illustrations that appear in some editions of the Bible. When the two artists on the panel identified them as such, they were ruled out.

Mrs. Navon was amazed at the talent of Viennese children. "About 40 or 50 per cent of the 180 drawings in the final round had been drawn by youngsters from Vienna. The art teachers in that city must be excellent."

Aside from the obvious advantages to holding a Bible drawing competition, Mrs. Navon sees an additional boon to Israel. "Many people will realize that the Bible isn't the forgotten treasure of a people who disappeared, but the valued guidebook of a people who continue to live on — and in a land that was promised to them in the Bible as its homeland. It highlights the link between the Jewish people and the Bible and their rights to the Promised Land."

— "The Jerusalem Post"
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NOTICE

Because of a brief breakdown of the press on which we print most of "The Mount Zion Reporter", and for other reasons, we are combining the June and July issues. All subscriptions will be marked up accordingly.

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BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My Holy Mountain. Let all the inhabitants tremble for the day of the Lord cometh. It is nigh at hand." — Joel 2:1.

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth BLESS THEE OUT OF ZION." — Psalms 134:2, 3.

Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

Please explain Romans 8:2, 7:1-7.

ANSWER. —

Romans 8:2 reads: "For the law of the Spirit of life hath made us free from the law of sin and death."

We are told that sin is the transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4); and also that "the wages of sin is death." — Rom. 6:23. Those who are born of the Spirit, whose lives are actuated by and under the control of the Holy Spirit by nature follow a given law of righteousness, and bear the fruit of the Spirit, because it has become their nature to do so. Just like an orange tree will bear only oranges, because that is the nature of the tree.

When living this life in the realm of the Holy Spirit, we are free from the condemnation of the law, the transgression of which is sin, the wages of which is death. Hence this law of the Spirit makes us free from condemnation, and the penalties of the Ten Commandments law, the transgression of which is, and always will be — sin!

Note verse 4 of this chapter, chapter 8, that the righteousness of this law might be fulfilled in us. Also verse 7 that the natural or carnal mind is not, and cannot be subject to law of God, the Ten Commandment law, which the scriptures repeat seven times as having been written by the finger of God on tables of stone.

Now for Romans 7:1-7: Note carefully the first verse of this chapter. It says: "the Law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth," — hence it is not abolished, as so many claim, for it is here, and was in 56 A.D. when this statement was made and had dominion over a man as long as he lived. Then note prayerfully verse 12: Paul's conclusion after this discussion of the Law. He says: "Wherefore the Law is holy, and the Commandments holy just and good;" also verse 22 he says: "I delight in the Law of God after the inward man."

The 4th verse of this chapter is the one the twisters of Paul's writings wrest to man's destruction, by causing them to disregard the Ten Commandment law, recklessly break it, and become sinners. It says here: "Wherefore my brethren ye also are become dead to the law, by the body of Christ, that you should be married to another even to Him who is raised from the dead."

This does not mean that you can forget the law or disregard its holy teachings, for his conclusion is in verse 12 that it is holy, just and good; and that He delights in it. This text simply means that you are dead to penalties or the law, for your sins have been pardoned and forgiven by the body and blood of Yahshua. Through faith in Him, and through His

shed blood, our sins are pardoned, and we are dead to the penalty of the Law.

His comparison here to the marriage vow, and that if while a woman's husband liveth, she be married to another she commits adultery, is beautifully explained and made clear in the previous chapter, where the same conditions are discussed, and how the carnal nature of the "Old Man" is crucified and dies at baptism, and how the new man, the other husband is received. Here we are taught the necessity of true repentance before baptism, that our sinful old man, the carnal nature does not live in us. He must be dead before we are married to the new man, which is Yahshua (Christ).

Yahshua (Christ) plainly said: "THINK NOT that I came to destroy the Law or the prophets. I came not to destroy, but to fulfil." — Matt. 5:17. Therefore the portion of the Law he fulfilled, ended. What he did not fulfill, was not destroyed. Hence it remained. He was the sacrifice His blood was shed for the remission of sin, in place of the animal sacrifices, offered on all of these holy Sabbath days in the "Law of Moses". He fulfilled this part of the Law. That is why Israel today does not offer sacrifices and kill animals on these days as they did back there. Israel, however, remembers these holy days because of the great miracles most of them commemorate.

Paul did not forbid people from keeping the yearly Sabbaths, which pointed forward to Yahshua, but he said: "Let no man judge you," regarding them. This is the way the matter stands today. It is good not to forget them, because of the events for which they stand; the creation of the world; the writing of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai; feeding His church with manna forty years in the wilderness; deliverance from complete massacre and destruction at the time of Esther, etc.

In Paul's day, the Jews were killing many animals twice daily: "The morning and evening sacrifice", right here in Jerusalem. This animal blood was flowing twice every day, and it was against the apostles, and contrary to them. How we would hate to have it going on now daily. It would be against us and contrary to us also; but God forbid that any of the Ten Commandments should be against us and contrary to us.

Take the warning of Peter and be careful not to wrest or twist Paul's writings to your own destruction, causing people to transgress the Ten Commandments our Saviour said would stand as long as heaven and earth.

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For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is My rest forever. Here will I dwell, for I have desired it." — Psalms 132:13, 14.

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

NAVON SPEAKS OF HIGH PRICE OF PEACE

TEL AVIV (Itim). — President Yitzhak Navon said last night that the people of Israel greet the peace treaty with Egypt with mixed feelings, while praying that it will lead to a decisive turn towards a genuine peace in the whole area.

The President was speaking at the annual gathering of the Friends of Midrashiat Noam at the Mann Auditorium. He said that, although every Israeli is filled with a genuine desire for peace, there are apprehensions because of the high price implied in the evacuation of strategic territory three times the size of the State itself.

ISRAEL ARABS OPPOSE TREATY, STUDY SHOWS

NAZARETH. — More than two-thirds of Israel's Arabs either oppose or disapprove of the peace treaty with Egypt, officials from the office of the Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs say.

These officials, accompanied by officials from the Interior Ministry's northern district office, have been investigating reports that the vast majority of Arabs living within the "green line" are against the peace treaty.

They say they found these reports to be true. Questioning scores of people known to reliably reflect current opinion within the Arab populace, they found that close to 80 per cent said that no peace treaty will last long if it does not include an adequate solution to the Palestinian Arab problem.

Opposition or disapproval of the peace treaty centres among the young, intellectuals and members of left-wing organizations. Among the minority who approve of the peace treaty are religious leaders and chairmen of local councils.

FRENCH LOOK TO MIDEAST FOR REACTOR SABOTEURS

LA SEYNE-SUR-MER, France. — French security forces are investigating the possibility that Middle East commandos were responsible for explosions which wrecked nuclear reactor equipment in Toulon a week ago last Friday, informed sources said.

"This act of sabotage was the work of foreign secret agents, real professionals using highly sophisticated explosives and fuses," one source said.

He refused to give details. But other sources said authorities were studying the possibility that the explosions were set off by Israeli commandos, or by an Arab or European terror group such as the West German Baader-Meinhof gang.

The blasts at a nuclear workshop destroyed what sources called "the heart" of a sophisticated reactor meant for Iraq, as well as components for atomic energy plants in West Germany and France.

Israel has expressed concern over the sale of the nuclear plant to Iraq, on the grounds that Iraq may use French-supplied nuclear fuel to produce atomic

bombs.

The equipment, stored in a huge warehouse by the sea, will take two years to rebuild.

Two French news magazines, "Le Nouvel Observateur" and "L'Express", however, hinted that the French government was "relieved" not to have to supply Iraq with enriched uranium which could be used for military purposes.

P.L.O. "HAS BLANK ISRAEL PASSPORTS"

Blank Israeli passports, official stamps and documents are feared to have fallen into the hands of terrorists after the Israeli legation in Teheran was handed over to the Palestine Liberation Organization, according to Israeli security sources.

The sources say all necessary steps have been taken to prevent the material being used against Israel.

At the time of the Khomeini take-over in Iran, Israeli officials in Teheran managed to clear the most sensitive and secret material out of the legation building, but in the last minute rush, some passports, other documents and official stamps were left behind.

The Israeli legation building was handed over to the P.L.O. in February, several days after Khomeini's return to Iran during a congratulatory visit by P.L.O. chief Yasser Arafat.

U.S. HAS NINE-DAY "CRISIS" OIL STOCK

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. has an emergency supply of 75 million barrels of oil — the equivalent of nine days worth of imports — stored in three underground sites in Louisiana and Texas.

The so-called strategic petroleum reserve was launched by President Gerald Ford in 1975, and its total storage target was doubled by President Jimmy Carter from 500 million barrels to one billion.

But the storage programme, plagued by management problems and accidents, is running more than a year behind schedule.

The reserve was started as a buffer against another serious energy crisis such as the one created by the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo.

UGANDA FAILURE MAKES GADDAFI "OBJECT OF RIDICULE" AT HOME

WASHINGTON. — The humiliating failure of Libyan forces in Uganda has made Muammar Gaddafi an object of ridicule among members of the Libyan leadership and seriously weakened his position inside Libya, according to American officials.

The officials say there is strong evidence indicating that the Ugandan escape has increased the anti-Gaddafi feeling among officers in the Libyan army.

Gaddafi, several authorities say, may try to boost his prestige internally by realizing one of his old ambitions: giving an Arab state nuclear capability and an atom bomb.

Former Central Intelligence Agency officer Cord Me-

yer, writing in yesterday's "Washington Star", gives details of ways in which Gaddafi has tried to get a bomb.

Four years ago, Gaddafi sent his deputy, Abdul Salam Jalud, to Peking with orders to buy an atom bomb. "The astonished Chinese refused to make the sale," Meyer said.

Gaddafi then told Palestine Arab terrorist chief Yasir Arafat to assemble a team of scientists to build a bomb. Meyer wrote that Arafat, fearing Gaddafi's explosive rage, decided to tell him that there were not enough willing Arab scientists sufficiently trained to fulfil his orders.

"Now the suspicion is strong that clandestine Libyan funding is behind the newly-revealed Pakistani effort to build an enriched uranium plant," Meyer said. The possibility of "Libyan access to this nuclear-weapons material help explain the sharp reaction of the Carter administration to the discovery that this secret work was in progress."

The U.S. administration cut off economic aid to Pakistan this month because Pakistan would not agree to internationally supervised inspection of its nuclear plant.

Pakistan was one of the largest recipients of U.S. aid, according to State Department officials.

SAUDI PRINCE CALLS FOR WAR TO WREST OLD CITY FROM ISRAEL

BEIRUT. — Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz says the Arab nations can recover the Old City of Jerusalem from Israel only by war.

"What was taken by war can be recovered only by war," the minister said in a statement distributed by the official Saudi news agency and published by Beirut newspapers.

The Saudi government is opposed to the bilateral peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, partly because it contains no commitment that Israel would surrender east Jerusalem and the Old City, captured by Jordan in 1948 and reunited with the rest of Jerusalem by Israel in 1967.

The oil-rich desert kingdom has regularly called for an "Islamic crusade" to conquer Jerusalem's Old City.

On Thursday, Egypt's Deputy Premier Hassan al-Tohami, said he would organize a mass march of a million Moslems from points all round Israel's borders to converge on Jerusalem if Israel does not agree to hand the eastern sectors of the city over to Arab control. Tohami said he had already been "promised" a million volunteers by an unnamed important Moslem personality.

He compared his project to the 1975 "green march" by 350,000 Moroccans into the Spanish Sahara, to dramatize Morocco's claim to that territory.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said on Friday that Israel is not taking Tohami's threatened march seriously.

SHIP ON FATAH MISSION STOPPED BY NAVAL PATROL

Israel naval vessels recently stopped a cargo ship on a mission for the Fatah terrorist organization, the army spokesman announced.

The spokesman said that the 10-man crew of the

ship *Ginan* had been detained for investigation.

A list of the arms on the ship suggests that at least six terrorists were on board, but the spokesman would not comment on this point. Asked whether the terrorists had been killed, the spokesman said: "No."

The announcement said that the *Ginan*, registered in Cyprus, left Tripoli in early February for Israel's coast "with the aim of transporting a terrorist squad... to an attack." The ship carried a rubber dinghy which might have been used by terrorists to reach the coast.

The ship also carried an R.P.D. machinegun, two Russian-made Kalashnikov assault rifles, three American-made M-203 assault rifles/grenades launchers, two American anti-vehicle LAW rocket launchers, pistols, explosives, handgrenades and camouflage uniforms, the statement said.

CAPUCCI WORKING WITH P.L.O. AGAIN

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Israel yesterday accused Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci of planning sabotage in the administered territories at recent meetings with Arab terrorist leaders.

Israel radio quoted security sources as saying they suspected the former patriarchal vicar of Jerusalem on the basis of secret information and announcement by terrorist organizations.

Capucci was jailed by Israel in 1974 for 12 years as a gun-runner for terrorists, but was released after serving only three years, at the request of the Vatican.

He promised not to return to the Middle East.

Terrorists captured recently said they met Monsignor Capucci in Damascus earlier this year in the company of P.L.O. leaders.

POLL: 68 PER CENT "SATISFIED" WITH TREATY

Some 68 per cent of the population is satisfied with the proposed peace treaty with Israel, according to a telephone poll conducted last week by the Dahaf Research Institute. The poll found that 17.6 per cent of those asked were not satisfied with the treaty, while 14.4 per cent could not decide.

ISRAEL WINS EUROVISION CONTEST

For the second year in a row, Israel has won the Eurovision Song Festival, this year with the entry "Halleluya". As the winner is allowed to host the next contest, next year's festival will be also held in Jerusalem, the scene of this year's contest.

GOVERNMENT TO HELP FALASHAS, BEGIN SAYS

Premier Menahem Begin reported to the Cabinet yesterday on the action being taken to help the Falashas, the dark-skinned Jews of Ethiopia.

Begin reported on his conversation Friday with a delegation of Falashas settled here, who told him of the suffering of their community in the recent fighting in Ethiopia. He said the delegation felt that the authorities here were not doing enough.

About 100 Falashas demonstrated yesterday morning outside the Prime Minister's Office during the Cabinet session. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, assured the demonstrators that

the government was doing a great deal which could not be made public. Later, after the Cabinet session ended, Absorption Minister David Levy came out and urged the group to be patient and to have confidence in the government.

THAI KING WARNS OF RELYING ON OTHERS

Thailand's King Bhumibol yesterday told Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir that small countries have no be cautious and not rely too much on major powers.

Shamir is on an official visit to Thailand and the Far East.

The King said he understands the desire for real peace, and not for a paper peace. He thanked Israel for the help his country has received in agricultural techniques.

Shamir has also met with the Association of Friends of Israel in Thailand, and visited the parliament.

TOURISM FROM ISRAEL TO U.K. GREW BY 14 PER CENT

Tourism from Israel to United Kingdom this year grew by 14 per cent and will reach an estimated record of 88,500, according to Alan Jefferson, marketing manager of the British Tourist Authority, who was here for a brief visit recently.

Jefferson disclosed that tourism from Isreal to the U.K. has almost doubled in the last four years, from 49,450 in 1974 to 88,500 this year.

FEWER LEBANESE WORKING IN ISRAEL

NAHARIYA. — The number of Lebanese workers commuting to Israel has dropped from a high of 1,000 in January to 750 now.

The main reason for the drop is that the Lebanese have begun to work again in their own fields and villages, due to a slight improvement in the situation there.

Half the 750 are women. Altogether, they are being paid IL.2 m. a month. About half of this is spent on purchases in Israel.

DOLPHINS TAKE REVENGE ON FISHERMEN WHO KILL THEM

HAIFA. — Killing dolphins to prevent them from raiding fisherman's catches is self-defeating, and the problem should be tackled in other ways, an Israeli fishing official said yesterday.

Fishermen's Union secretary Eliahu Kalai was reacting to a report from Japan that Iki Island fishermen had used knives to slaughter some 100 dolphins they said were "threatening their livelihoods by eating tons of valuable fish."

He said: "I firmly believe that the dolphins take revenge, by deliberately doing even greater damage to catches."

Israeli fishermen, he added, had developed and used a humane method to cope with the problem.

Noting that the dolphin is a very intelligent animal, Kalai said: "From my long experience at sea I am convinced they inform each other about hostile actions by fishermen and come back to take revenge."

Kalai said seafarers regard dolphins as friendly creatures who "sometimes guide boats through treacherous

areas." Most seamen consider killing a dolphin bad luck, he added.

Dolphins do sometimes damage catches, Kalai conceded, "because they are hungry and have to eat." But they do not raid the catches when there is enough fish for both fishermen and dolphins, he said. "The dolphins occupy the ecological niche they are entitled to, and this should not be disturbed."

Israeli fishermen have virtually solved the problem of hungry dolphins raiding the nets just before the catch is taken on board — by enveloping the dolphins in a large mesh protective net. After the dolphins have been entangled in the protective net once, "they experience the difficulty of freeing themselves and refrain from trying again," Kalai said.

LEBANESE CAN LEARN A TRADE IN ISRAEL

HAIFA (Itim). — The first vocational training course in Israel for Lebanese workers will open soon under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Minister Israel Katz said here on Friday in talks with leaders of the Druse community.

Katz said he hoped the course would be the first step in similar cooperation with other neighbouring countries.

U.S. GENERAL PLEASED BY DEFENCE PACT IDEA

General George Keegan (Ret.) former head of U.S. Air Force intelligence, last night expressed delight that the U.S. had offered to formalize its commitment to Israel's security in the form of a defence pact.

The general said that Israel should only accept the pact if it did not come as a substitute to Israel's independent military strength. He also advised Israel to make sure the pact would be irrevocable and that it would not encourage deeper Soviet involvement in the rejectionist, pro-Soviet Arab States.

Upon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport on March 6, Keegan said that Israeli intelligence had rescued Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and "Saudi kings" from assassination attempts. He pointed out the irony in the fact that Saudi Arabia is so persistent in its goal of destroying the State of Israel.

Keegan, in Israel for two days to lecture in his current capacity as chairman of the Washington-based Centre for International Security, met for an hour with Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

RISING COPPER PRICES MAY LEAD TO REOPENING OF TIMNA MINES

Copper prices are climbing and are expected to go on rising, according to the "Financial Times" commodity report. The development may have an influence on an eventual decision to reopen the Timna mines here.

London traders expect the price to climb as high as £1,300-£1,500 a ton — equalling the all-time highs of 1974.

At these high prices the reactivation of the Timna copper mines may become an economic proposition. Technically, this should be feasible, because the Timna plant has been kept operational through constant mainte-

nance.

However, the reopening of the mines may encounter labour difficulties. Although employment in Eilat will be hit by the withdrawal from Sinai, this will probably be more than compensated for by increased demands for labour with the beginning of the vast construction work in the Negev.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA NAMES ENVOY TO ISRAEL

Papua New Guinea has appointed their High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Frederick Bernard Carl Reiher, as non-Resident Ambassador to Israel.

Reiher will be the first diplomatic representative to Israel from the South Pacific nation.

O.P.E.C. HEAD WANTS OIL FLOW LINKED TO PALESTINE ISSUE

ABU DHABI. — Continued supplies for the West should be linked to a pro-Palestinian solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict, the current president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (O.P.E.C.) said.

"Countries that expect us to maintain our supplies of petroleum should help us to arrive at a rightful solution to the Palestine situation," Mana Saeed el-Otaiba told the opening session of the first Arab energy conference here.

Such a solution would include the "liberation of the Palestinian people and the freedom of Jerusalem," Otaiba, who is also petroleum minister of this gulf nation, said.

Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat is currently conferring in Doha with the emir of Qatar, reportedly on recent developments in the Middle East.

EHRLICH: NEGEV BOOM FROM I.D.F. REDEPLOYMENT

The redeployment of the I.D.F. (Israel Defence Forces) from Sinai should lead to the realization of the dream of settling and developing the Negev, Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich said on Thursday.

Winding up the Knesset debate on the 1979/80 budget, Ehrlich said that the economic upsurge in the Negev would result in the establishment of a broad infrastructure that would include a network of new roads, water pipelines, development of power and communications networks, and the establishment of enterprises and services for the army.

MOST ISRAELIS BELIEVE PEACE WILL BE LONG-LIVED

The overwhelming majority of Israelis believe that the peace treaty signed with Egypt will lead, in the near future, to normal relations between the two countries and see the peace arrangement lasting for many years. These clearcut findings emerge from a public opinion survey conducted April 1-4 for the government information centre by the Institute of Applied Social Research and the Communications Institute of the Hebrew University.

Eighty-six per cent of the sample polled said that normal relations with Egypt were imminent, involving

orderly social, cultural and trade ties. Optimism as to the longevity of the peace pact was expressed by 75 per cent of the sample of adult urban Jewish citizens.

NORTH KOREAN PILOTS FLEW FOR EGYPT IN 1973 WAR

BEIRUT. — Egypt former chief of staff, Lt.-Gen. Sa'adeddin Shazli, says North Korean pilots flew combat missions for the Egyptian air force during the 1973 Middle East war with Israel.

He said in his memoirs that 20 North Korean combat pilots, eight navigators, three commanders, one doctor and one cook served with the Egyptian air force since June 1973.

They flew Russian-made Mig-21 fighters and engaged in dogfights with Israeli warplanes during the war, Shazli said. His memoirs are serialized by the Paris-based Arabic-language leftist magazine "Al-Watan al-Arabi".

Shazli, who was chief of staff during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, did not say whether the North Koreans were still with the Egyptian air force or had left.

SADAT: COEXISTENCE DEPENDS ON ESTABLISHING PALESTINIAN STATE

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last night served notice that Israel's quest for coexistence with his nation would depend on acceptance of the eventual establishment of a Palestinian state in the west bank and the Gaza strip.

Sadat's statement came on the eve of today's talks in Beersheba between Israel, Egypt and the U.S. over the west bank and Gaza autonomy.

"We are entering a new phase in the peaceful struggle with Israel. This will be aimed at promoting an autonomous Palestinian authority in the west bank and the Gaza strip as a first step along the path of self-determination and the establishment of a state on Palestinian soil," Sadat said.

Sadat then warned: "The Israeli people should make up their mind and take a decision. They should realize that coexistence with Egypt must require coexistence with the Palestinian people and that a lot will depend on responding to our establishment of real autonomy, armed with all powers and authority."

Sadat charged that some Israeli circles — which he did not name — were attempting to clip the wings of the projected autonomy to make it another version of Israel's continued control in the administered territories.

"We are not oblivious to the attempts which are being made by some Israeli circles to drain autonomy of its content and make it a mere continuation of occupation and foreign control," Sadat said. He added: "But this will not dampen our determination to assist the brave Palestinian people in ridding themselves of occupation."

In an interview broadcast on Monte Carlo radio last night, Sadat said he will never change his position on two aspects of the peace treaty with Israel — Palestinian rights under full autonomy and the future of Jerusalem.

"From the very start of the autonomy the Israeli military government must stop immediately. This also

applies to any civilian form of government," he said.

Sadat said if Prime Minister Begin refuses to accept those positions, "it would mean that he refuses to apply the Camp David agreement. Both the Americans and ourselves will expose this position to the entire world."

Officials in Jerusalem declined to react to Sadat's remarks, noting their unwillingness "to engage in polemics on the eve of negotiations on the very topic the Egyptian leader has dramatized in speech."

FOUR TERROR CELLS CAUGHT

Security forces have uncovered four terrorist cells operating in Samaria, and have arrested 35 suspected members of the cells, the army spokesman said yesterday.

A number of terror attacks are attributed to two of the cells, which belong to the Fatah. Among these is the planting of a bomb in a Kalkilya market on December 23 last year. A young man was injured in the explosion.

According to the I.D.F. spokesman, the injured man turned out to be one of the terrorists, who had placed the charge under a car with Israeli registration — the only such car parked at the side of the market on a busy market day.

The spokesman says another member of the group surrendered a pistol to the security forces. He intended to attacks "collaborators" with it.

Two of the cells were caught before they could go into action. Among their plans, the spokesman said, were to kill so-called "collaborators" with the military government.

Eight alleged terrorists, aged 20-23, from the village of Silwad and Ramallah, are currently facing charges in a Ramallah military court of killing several known West Bank moderates for "collaborating". Among the gang's victims, according to the charge sheet, were Hamdi el-Kadi, an officer in the district education department in Ramallah; Abdel Nur Ginihi, a Ramallah notable; Hassan el-Natur and Salim el-Asmar.

TREES FOR DUTCH WHO SAVED JEWS

Three trees will be planted in Yad Vashem's Avenue of Righteous Gentiles in Jerusalem today in honour of a Dutchwoman and two Dutch couples, all of whom saved Jews from the Nazis during World War II.

In 1943, a German-Jewish woman, living in hiding, entered the hospital in which Nel van der Spek worked. Mrs. van der Spek, who headed the hospital's underground unit for saving Jews, saw to it that the woman's young son and daughter were hidden with a Dutch family. The son — now an El Al pilot — says she apparently also provided the family with financial aid. Mrs. van der Spek has on her several visits to Israel declined any recognition for what she did; the trees are to be planted by her sister.

Leendert and Aaltje Rietveld of Leyden in 1942 gave refuge to Mrs. Dutsch-Piskop, who had managed to escape the mass shipment of Amsterdam Jews to death-camps in Poland, and employed her as a worker in their Leyden boarding house until the end of the war. They also saved other Jews, and in all cases for pure humanitarian reasons, without accepting payment. The tree is to be planted by their daughter.

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MR. AND MRS. R. A. BARNES CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Elder and Mrs. Robert A. Barnes, of Harrisburg, Oregon, celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on January 7 at the Junction City Community Hall. Their well-wishers were many, and letters of congratulations came from Sen. Mark Hatfield and U.S. President Carter.

Robert Barnes and Suzan Crowson were married January 7, 1919, in Eufaula, Okla. Before they came west, Barnes pastored a church in Fort Smith, Ark. The couple has lived at their present address since 1943.

Barnes is a retired minister of the Seventh Day Church of God and a carpenter. Mrs. Barnes is involved in church activities and enjoys handwork and quilting.

The couple has 11 children (9 sons and 2 daughters), 29 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

On Behalf of "The Mount Zion Reporter", we congratulate Elder and Sister Barnes on their 60 years of life together, and wish them many more. May the Lord ever watch over and keep them.

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What Started Us to Israel. — A testimony by Elder A. N. Dugger of the events leading to the move to Israel and the establishment of "The Mount Zion Reporter". — Cost 5 cents.

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Prophetic Charts on Daniel and Revelation. — Heavy white paper. Includes booklet of 32 pages

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The Law of the Spirit of Life. — 8 pages dealing with the way in which Heaven's virtue and power is generated by man, for greater service. In German, Hebrew or English — Cost 5c.

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History of the True Religion — by Dugger and Dodd. Tracing the true church down through the ages, from ancient to modern times. — \$5.00

**"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my
mouth, if I prefer not JERUSALEM above my chief joy."**

Psalms 137:5, 6

NEWS FROM ISRAEL (cont. from page 18)

Antonius-Bernardus and Johanna Husken of Apeldoorn and their son Ben from 1943 until 1945 sheltered the Katz family, which had managed to escape from the Westerbork concentration camp. The son, who will be planting the tree in honour of his mother and his late father, has remained a great friend of Israel.

SUPREME COURT RULES WHO'S NOT A JEW

The Supreme Court, frequently asked to define what makes someone a Jew, yesterday came out with a leading judgement about what makes a Jew cease being a Jew.

Three justices, sitting at the High Court of Justice, rejected an application for an order against the Interior Minister from a woman who had been born to a Jewish mother and had been baptized a Christian, but still considered herself a Jew.

Eileen Dorflinder is connected to the Jews for Jesus movement. She arrived in Israel 18 months ago and received a temporary identity card. She was refused Israeli citizenship and wanted the High Court to order the Interior Minister to show cause why she was not to be granted citizenship under the Law of Return.

The law defines a Jew as a person born to a Jewish mother or converted to Judaism, provided he is not a member of another religion.

Dorflinder claimed she was a Jew, but the Interior Ministry presented evidence that she had been converted to Christianity. The Interior Minister's reply said the Minister sees the Jews for Jesus movement as the operator of a "ruse to bring Christianity's message to our nation and make Jews renounce their religion."

Dorflinder insisted that she was a Jew since she was born to a Jewish mother. The court needed recourse to the most basic theology to solve the impasse.

The justices asked the woman if she believes Jesus was the messiah. She answered: "Yes." They then asked her if she believes in Jesus' godhead. Her answers were evasive.

In their ruling the judges said that a Jew's membership in another religion must be checked according to the specific criteria of that religion, and not according to the criteria of Judaism.

Since belief that Jesus was the messiah is the most basic tenet of Christianity, the judges ruled, Dorflinder could not be considered a Jew.

— *The Jerusalem Post*

Note. — We cannot agree with the reasoning by which the court apparently reached its decision in the above case. In most countries this woman would be considered



An Arab shepherd with his flock, in Shepherd's Field, near Bethlehem. This is the traditional site where the angels visited the shepherds on the night of Christ's birth, to tell them the joyful news. "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.' — Luke 2:8-11.

a Jew whether she wanted to be or not. It is regrettable that here in Israel she should be denied her heritage just because of her belief in the Messiah, who himself was born a Jew, while if she had instead become a Godless atheist and communist she would still be considered a Jew in good standing.

— G.M.F.

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