

From the Editor's Desk

by Rupert Shriar

A Jew Looks at Brotherhood in Canada

by The Hon. Mr. Justice Harry Batshaw
Montreal, Quebec

One approaches Brotherhood Week in Canada this year with mixed feelings of satisfaction and discouragement. The former results from the fact that considerable progress has been made during the last year in attacking the barriers of bigotry.

We all hope that the historic declaration made by the Vatican Council concerning the church's attitude towards the Jewish people will be implemented in such a way as to remove this ancient and unfounded source of prejudice. It is gratifying to know also that the scope and influence of the work being done by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews is being expanded each year and that the Council has decided to extend its activities beyond the educational field by taking added steps in furthering the cause of brotherhood in Canada.

On the other hand, one often feels discouraged when we realize how much yet remains to be done before man realizes that he cannot at the same time love God and hate his brother. How many of us are found to give lip service; yes and even money, to further the cause of brotherhood, and in our daily lives fail to rid ourselves of ingrained prejudices, which we pass on to our children? How many business men say they believe in brotherhood but in their firms practice discrimination in employment? On the national scene our government has yet to find a solution to the urgent task of enacting a law against the spreading of hate literature which arouses one part of the population against the other with the same kind of poisonous propaganda as characterized the Hitler era of Nazi Germany.

To the extent that each of us resolves to meet the challenge that this situation presents, to that extent will our re-dedication this year to the ideal of brotherhood be meaningful.

WORTH SEEING: An exciting step in advancing the reputation of the evolving Israeli art — and artist — has been taken by the Museum of Modern Art in New York which has shared the major responsibility for gathering and sponsoring an exhibition and North American tour of the works of 26 Israeli artists. This "Art Israel" has already won critical acclaim in the east and will be on view in Winnipeg for a month commencing next Friday. Described as lyrical and dramatic, the exhibit also projects the intensity of the creativeness which activates Israeli art, and offers the viewer new perspectives of the motivating forces at play in that tiny evolving nation. A definite must. . . **Renewed interest** in the Yiddish theatre has been manifest in developments not only in New York, but in such widespread areas as Chicago and Los Angeles, where both travelling and local groups have been winning wide acceptance not only from foreign-born Yiddish-speaking elders or newcomers but even by large segments of third generation non Jewish-speaking groups, who have found in the drama, music and folk art a new meaning of their own for the traditions which they must assess in the light of the new circumstances of the sixties. This week the Congress Council presents four Yiddish artists to Winnipeg audiences. Each is a star in his own right, each interprets in his own way the inner soul of the Jew and projects it for all to touch and enjoy. It is, once again, an unusual opportunity for all Winnipeggers, a program of real merit, deserving of response by the entire community.

A FAIR SHAKE: A ranking officer of the Congress of Racial Equality last week told an audience including Jews that "Hitler made one mistake when he didn't kill enough of you." A

few days later the executive director of the American Jewish Congress, Will Maslow, who has spent two decades in the fight against racism, resigned from the national advisory board of CORE, while that organization sought rationalizations for the outbursts of its education chairman. Certainly Mr. Maslow took the only course possible by refusing to get into a debate on whether or not a particular school board deserved to be addressed in such Nazi-laden terms for their unwillingness to desegregate. Surely this is one more lesson for Jews — and particularly for those wide-eyed younger varieties of "universal" Jews — to reflect upon. Certainly we can't be partner to a trade in prejudices — from the white man's bigotry to the black man's anti-Semitic game. Of course Jewish concepts motivate Jewish participation and leadership in the fight for personal rights — but at the same time Jews must insist upon a regard for their status as dignified human beings, honest friends and partners that is inviolate. There can be no second rate-ness in this process. There is no room for self-righteous excuses. Either the Negro accepts these terms unequivocally or the Jew takes up the battle against him too. There are no special circumstances which can ever permit racist outbursts by anyone. The Negro holds no special rank. His battle is only one more fight in a long history of war for personal and civil rights — his happens to relate to color — others relate to creed, religion, political affiliation or economic circumstances. The sooner the ground rules are spelled out the better, and Jews of all people should be in the forefront of those who demand a "fair shake" all-round. The issue is clear, and Jews will betray themselves if they fail to respond courageously, for experience and faith demand just that.

CONSENSUS FOR PEACE: Next month religious forces in the U.S. will get together for a convocation on peace — this will be the third attempt in three years to arrive at a consensus and working relationship on problems of urgent concern, the others — civil rights and poverty. Clerical and lay leaders of all the major religious faiths hope they will be firing a shot that will be heard round the world. So here then is an opportunity for inter-religious dialogue and even a kind of ecumenism which can be lauded even by the likes of Rabbi Soloveitchik for it questions no religious vested principals, but instead creates a united front concerned with the relation of religion to peace, seeking appropriate guidelines, analyzing current problems and finding an effective role in the decisions which affect war and peace. So if western religions can articulate a set of mutually acceptable principals and methods, another key human problem may at last be more effectively controlled and perhaps overcome.

PIONEERING AND CONSTRUCTIVE effort was traditionally credited to Histadrut by most Jews in the Diaspora, but after 18 years of Statehood there has been a growing tendency to question the solicitations made on behalf of this unique institution. This, despite the evidence, for pioneering is still the essence of Histadrut activity, social progress and holding high the dignity of labor in every form, its motivating force. In three distinct fields at least this is certainly evident: Histadrut has been in the forefront of raising the status of a technical education to the level of an academic one, and as a practical manifestation is building a network of Amal Schools which already draws almost half the high school age students in the country; Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute for Labor Studies and Co-operation has drawn hundreds of trainees from undeveloped countries, thus helping them and in reducing the seeds of prejudice Arab leaders may have planted among those in the Afro-Asian bloc; Histadrut still invests both economic and human resources into newly developing areas in the country where private enterprise cannot



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or will not venture — at least in the initial stages. Aided to this Histadrut still carries on its traditional programs of service in the fields of medicine, culture, religion, recreation and welfare.

Thus those who campaign for Histadrut have an excellent argument in seeking continuing support of their cause. Its pioneering spirit, its humanitarian objectives, its universal importance to all Israelis all result from the support it receives from North American Jewry, and this continuing support will no doubt continue to be the basic factor in its continuing well earned acclaim.

POT-POURRI: The American Jewish Congress sponsored the world premier of one of the most unusual motion pictures ever made — a film history of the life and death of the Jews of Poland, "The Last Chapter," this week in New York. Narrated by actor-folk singer Theodore Bikel (a national vice-president of the American Jewish Congress), it tells the story of the Jews of Poland from medieval times down through the end of World War II and the immediate post-war years. Ten years in the making, it was originally conceived as a report on the Jewish Resistance to Nazism, but grew instead into an account of the whole epic of Jewish life in Poland. Recaptured on film is the rich variety of the Jewish experience — the medieval beginnings, the glories of the Renaissance period, the world of the shtetl, the vibrant life of the cities — Bialystok, Krakow, Vilna, Warsaw — the haggling in the market place, the village water pump, the "vasser traeger," the thatched roof houses, the traditional "chaasana," all culminating in the tragic 42-day uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto, the heart of the film. Many of the scenes were photographed by victims of the holocaust and members of the Jewish Resistance. The result, according to those who have seen the previews of the production, is a faithful testament to the most glorious moments of a way of life and a world that is gone forever. . . . **Added pressure** from the western Canadian provincial legislatures urging Parliament to introduce amendments to the criminal code to outlaw racist hate literature would probably speed passage of such legislation immeasurably. Now that the Ontario House has unanimously approved private members' resolutions to this effect, such action here would no doubt strengthen the hand of those M.P.s who have already called for positive federal step in this direction. It would also give substance to the suggested amendment put forward by the Canadian Jewish Congress. . . .

Boy Scout Week, February 20 to 27, will not only mark the 58th anniversary of the movement but will usher in a new era for scouting, say leaders of the 320,000 wolf cubs, scouts, venturers, rovers and scout leaders in Canada. No longer the small boy in short pants helping the little old lady across the street, but a new image fit for a space-age society is what is being projected, to take advantage of outside resources, human and physical, and related more closely to the community and its needs and aspirations. . . . **Prime Minister Casto** of Cuba told a group of visiting Egyptian journalists in Havana that "I have always supported, and will continue to support the Arab movement to liberate Palestine from imperialistic domination." In response to a question by a Turkish journalist whether Castro's statement will harm the trade agreement between Israel and Cuba, an Israeli industrialist said: "Castro sends us sugar and we send him beads. This exchange of goods will not be affected."

First Appointments By U.J.A. Chairman



JACK NEAMAN

The 1966 United Jewish Appeal campaign structure of Winnipeg began shaping up this week with the announcement by drive chairman David S. Kaufman of the appointment of Jack Neaman and Alven Druxerman as co-chairmen of Top Gifts.

"The really encouraging thing is the immediate affirmative response I received when I invited them to share the heavy campaign responsibility with me," said Mr. Kaufman this week.

"They all agreed that younger



ALVEN DRUXERMAN

business leaders must play a more vital role in community affairs . . . and that maturity in making decisions involves maturity in giving," he said.

"The Jewish and general press of Canada has lately given some coverage to opinions protesting the contributions Canadian Jewry have made over the years for bringing immigrants to Israel, and settling them there. It is this concept of world-wide Jewish responsibility that is our strongest quality. Those

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Talmud Torah Men's Dinner Set



MORRIS ALTMAN

The Talmud Torah Men's 14th annual dinner will be held Wednesday, March 2, in the Rabbi Kravetz Auditorium. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Alexander Gross of Miami Beach, Fla. Morris Altman, ticket chairman and co-chairmen Max Saper and Aaron Boroditsky have completed ticket distribution and arrangements are now complete for the affair.

'Palmach Poet' Visits Winnipeg



CHAIM GURI

On Thursday, Feb. 24, the Keren Hatarbut will present Chaim Guri, "Poet of the Palmach" in a lecture in Hebrew for students of the adult Hebrew classes, older students at Hebrew schools, and the Hebrew speaking community. Presently in Canada on a cultural tour sponsored by a world-wide French organization, Chaim Guri has written several volumes of poetry, a study of the Eichmann trial, and is especially known for his poetic tribute to the 35 heroic defenders of the Etzion block of colonies, "Hinei Mulatot Gufateynu." This marks the first visit of a distinguished Israeli poet to Winnipeg since the visit here of Shin Shalom in 1950.

A reception for Mr. Guri will be tendered by the Association of Jewish and Hebrew Teachers of Winnipeg, Saturday night, Feb. 19, at 8:30 p.m. in the Library of the J. Wolinsky Collegiate, with L. Berger, association president, in charge of arrangements.

INITIATION EVE BY B.B. WOMEN



MRS. N. JACOBSON

B'nai B'rith Women Central Canadian Council will hold its annual Membership Initiation evening honoring B'nai B'rith Women initiates, Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 8:45 p.m. in the Independent B'nai Abraham Synagogue (Enniskillen at Aikins).

Highlight will be a candlelighting ceremony conducted by a degree team of chapter presidents. In addition there will be a musical variety show. Membership incentive awards will be presented and a special draw for the Minneapolis week-end will take place. The affair is open to all fully paid up members. Mrs. Nat Jacobson is membership chairman; Mrs. Michael Raber, social chairman.

World News In Brief

Detroit

The condition of Rabbi Morris Adler who was shot during Sabbath services at his Shaare Zedek Temple was still extremely grave at press time, while honor student, Richard Wisnietzky died Wednesday as a result of his self-inflicted wounds. Messages of hope and prayer have come from the world-over.

London

An Armenian of Cypriote birth and British nationality, Bambos Pais, who is chef at Bloom's Kosher restaurant in London's East End, is grappling with the problem of accepting an invitation from Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon to be their chef at Kensington Palace. The royal couple became acquainted with the kosher cooking expert when they attended a private party which he catered. On a number of other similar occasions they told him how much they enjoyed his culinary arts, which extend well beyond kosher cooking.

Miami

A goal of \$105,000,000 in Israel Bond sales for 1966 was set here to meet Israel's economic development needs during the coming year. A total of \$91,300,000 in Israel bonds was sold during 1965. The 1966 campaign will be launched this weekend at the annual Israel Bond Inaugural conference at which Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's former Foreign Minister, will be the guest of honor.

New York

In West Germany "it's easier to get a job today if you have a Nazi background than if you have an anti-Nazi one," says Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman of the World Jewish Congress American Section, after a visit to West Berlin at the invitation of Mayor Willy Brandt. Reawakening nationalism, growth of the rightist newspaper "Soldatenzeitung," were the symptoms; though German Free University students in Berlin were "deeply concerned," a great number of young people attended the Auschwitz exhibit, and the Social Democratic party in Berlin is eradicating Nazi teachers from its schools.

Nuremburg

Three evangelical groups, the German "Nazerethwerk," the Austrian "Missionsrat," and the Swiss evangelical "Freundes-Kreis fuer die Araber in Israel" have formed an action committee to help Christian Arabs in Israel. Aid will include the sending of a clergyman, building a home for apprentices or a vocational training centre, support for Arab students and apprentices from Israel who come to Europe for courses, and the training of Arab assistants of the agency in Israel.

Ottawa

Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, conferred here last weekend with Prime Minister Lester Pearson and Foreign Minister Paul Martin on Middle East and international problems, and Israeli-Canadian relations. Discussed was the role of the UN Emergency Force in the Middle East in which Canada has a large contingent, and he also met with the acting Minister of Commerce on commercial relations between the two countries.

Paris

A Czechoslovakian television film on anti-Semitism won the grand prize last weekend at the sixth international television festival at Monte Carlo. The film, "Prayer for Catherine Horowitz," is the story of an American-Jewish woman who is held by the Nazis for high ransom and then murdered in a gas chamber.

United Nations

The UN Emergency Force polling between Egypt and Israel is being cut down further by the reduction of its strength from the present 4,560 men and officers to 3,959. UNEF's strength had been 7,000 men and officers. This whittling process had led to a fear that further reductions in money and personnel might lead ultimately to the liquidation of the force.