



... Behind the Glass...

by Rube Cohen

A BIG WEEK Tell me mother, why is this week different from all other weeks of the winter? Because this, my child, is the week that your father, the curler, keeps every radio on in the house and takes your transistor to work with him. This is the week that your father, the curler, cuts pieces out of the daily paper, including the James Bond serial. Because this is the week your father, the curler, is following the results of the British Consols at Dauphin. That's why it's different. Out there at Dauphin and after two days of play, the top-rated rinks are still sitting on top. The four top-seeded units, Braunstein, Hudson, Urel and Lerner, and in that order, should be colliding as this paper goes to press. From where we sit and when this paper is delivered it should be Braunstein in the top half and Hudson in the bottom section. If it is a Braunstein-Hudson final it has to be Braunstein as a repeat winner. Our heart is still with Hersh Lerner but our head tells us that the pace might prove to be a little too rough on the Maple Leaf skipper who is taking on his first competitive curling of the winter. If Hersh's health holds out, he has a better than average chance of winning the

wish Lou Litman and Morley Golden a speedy recovery... they were involved in an auto accident in the southern States while enroute to a California vacation... Don Blanchard of the Winnipeg Free Press picked Lerner in 9th place... We can't argue over his choice of Braunstein, Hudson or even Urel... ahead of him... but, when he picks Bond of Dauphin, Riley of Heather, Sharpe of Pilot Mound and Mackay of Brandon in front of the Maple Leafers... well... they had better put this Blanchard in charge of their weather section... there he'll do good... anyway winner-shinner "ah-bee ah Yiddisher". Loose Straws... Nine skips from the Maple Leaf Curling Club have entered rinks in the up-coming 19th B.B. Spiel at Saskatoon... Lew Miles, Ralph Hamovich, Dave Baker and Kenny Einhorn have posted full rinks... "Rube" Ludwick, Morris Vickar, Ralph Gordon, Leon Cham and Harry Dittlove have vacancies to fill... Three games are left to play to finish off the third round of regular club curling... Riding high with three wins in the round are Sid Slonim, Laurie Udow, Bert Glesby, Nozick, Ben Tregebow, Hersh Lerner "Rube" Ludwick... Two-game winners are Sam Posner, Ken Jeffries, Gerald Pilcher, Leon Cham, Harry Dittlove, Gary Miles, Morley Golden, Dave Baker, Sam Bay, Lev

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WHERE TO GO THEATRES NOW PLAYING AT THE FOLLOWING THEATRES CAPITOL - Held over 4th week - Doris Day and Rod Taylor in "Do Not Disturb" Color. (General) METROPOLITAN - Held over 3rd week - Jerry Lewis and Tony Curtis in "Boeing-Boeing" Color. Doors open 12 noon. Feature at 12:35, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. (Adult) GARRICK - Charlton Heston and Richard Boone in "The War Lord." Doors open 11:45 a.m. Feature at 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. (Adult) ODEON - "The Knack And How To Get It" with Rita Tushingham. Doors open 11:45 a.m. Feature at 12, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 p.m. (Restricted) GAITY - Held over 9th week - Two performances daily, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - "My Fair Lady" with Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. No reserved seats. (General) TOWNE CINEMA - "The Little Ones" with Dudley Foster and Derek Francis, plus Hermoine Gingold in "Harvey Middleman, Fireman." Doors open 7 p.m. (General)

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Drew Pearson's VIEW from ISRAEL



(One of America's liveliest reporters, Drew Pearson, whose Washington Merry-Go-Round column is published in more than 650 newspaper, has been covering the dangerous explosive international situation in Israel and the Near East. This is the fourth in a series of seven stories to be published in The Jewish Post, covering his reactions to what he found there.) BEN-GURION AT 79 MORE VIGOROUS THAN HIS SUCCESSOR, EX-PRIME MINISTER WORKING AND PLANNING FOR ISRAEL'S FUTURE By Drew Pearson Tel Aviv - The most amazing man in the Near East today remains David Ben-Gurion, who led Israel through its most dynamic period of growth and who at the age of 79 is more vigorous than the man who recently defeated him, Levi Eshkol. Today Prime Minister Levi Eshkol has suffered a heart attack, followed by influenza, and was so harassed over the job of forming a new cabinet that there is serious doubt he can ever serve actively as prime minister. Meanwhile, when I saw Ben-Gurion for two lengthy TV interviews I found him just as energetic as when I interviewed him nine years earlier at his desert home on the edge of the Negev. My appointment was for 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Ben-Gurion was in the hospital and, since the Ben-Gurions do not have a servant, his administrative assistant had boiled coffee and an egg. I asked Ben-Gurion why the ex-prime minister of Israel did not have a servant. "As a former prime minister," he said, "I am no better than anyone else. We all work together here, and there are very few servants. We are able to take care of ourselves." "How do you stay so young?" Do you still stand on your head every day? "I walk every day - for at least an hour and a half," Ben-Gurion replied. "Walking is the best exercise. Standing on the head was recommended by my doctor to make the blood flow into the head and clear it up. I don't do it as much as I used to. I'm too busy." Inevitable Reader Our interview took place in the upstairs library of Ben-Gurion's Tel Aviv home where he has three rooms entirely devoted to books. In one room there are Greek books from the original Greek. "Translations," he says, "always detract from the original work." He has read both Plato and Aristotle in the Greek and once searched all over Europe for certain volumes of Aristotle. Another room is devoted to books in Hebrew and a third is devoted to books on Asia, Africa and politics. On its shelves I noted the wartime memoirs of Lloyd George, of Prince von Bulow, Admiral von Turpitz, Trygve Lie's "In the Cause of Peace," Admiral Leahy's "I Was There," and Eisenhower's "Crusade in Europe." "When do you get a chance to read?" I asked. "I read in bed after I have finished my work." "Eisenhower used to do that," I volunteered, "but he complained that he always read himself to sleep." "Ice man," said Ben-Gurion, "but he never should have been President. I met his Chief of Staff, Gen. Bedell Smith - a very shrewd man. He was then head of Central Intelligence. He told me, 'Our intelligence had no idea that you would get French and British support when Israel went into Suez.'" "It was one of the best kept secrets in the world," added the man who had conceived the 1956 operation against Suez. "Only a few people knew it. The Egyptians thought we were going to hit toward Jordan." I bragged by telling Ben-Gurion that on Sept. 16, 1956, I had predicted the Suez operation, and that France and Britain would support Israel in it. But I did not remind him that in September I had asked him about the Suez campaign and he had denied vigorously it was going to happen. It took place Oct. 29. Ben-Gurion had initiated the drive toward Suez because of the Russian arms being sent to Egypt presumably in preparation for an attack against Israel. In view of the present Russian arms build-up in Egypt, some Israelis wonder whether they should not take the initiative again. Ben-Gurion did not comment on this. But the entire drift of his conversation was toward the importance of peace in the Near East. Peace Is Important "We should double our population within the next ten years," he said. "By that time we should have at least four million." "But where are you going to put so many people in such a tiny country?" I asked. "When the Americans bought the island of Manhattan over 300 years ago, nobody thought it would ever hold two million people, but it has," replied the man who dreams big. "Our future is in the Negev," he continued, referring to the vast desert area bordering on Egypt and Jordan, between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea. "This was the crossroads between Asia, Europe and Africa in the days of our forefathers and can be so again. Here there are important minerals, and great industrial possibilities. You don't need a lot of space when you have an industrial country. Western Europe has proved this. And our future lies with industry." "Where are you going to get the water for so many new people?" / "We are already bringing water down to the Negev from the Yarkon River near Tel Aviv," he said, referring to the very small river - most Americans would call it a creek - whose water the Israelis hoard and use so carefully. "In addition we are bringing some water south from the Sea of Galilee. However, I think our real future lies with desalination of sea water through cheap atomic energy. We are working on this and should develop it." "What is the chief danger facing Israel?" I asked, expecting him to say it was the hostility of the surrounding Arabs. "Levanitism," he said, referring to the trading countries of the eastern Mediterranean generally called "the Levant." "We must not go in for pure commercialism. We must make this country a centre of culture and education. That is one reason I have been promoting 'The University of the Desert' at Stay Bekair. We have been promoting 'The University of the Desert' as one of the most important unifying forces for this country and I hope to build a great university on the 'Age of the desert.'" Ben-Gurion rose from his littered desk, where he sat in front of a bust of John F. Kennedy, and went out for a walk in the afternoon sunshine.

TUNIS CALLING NASSER POSTURE ATTACKED

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Tunis (JCNS) - Noting that exactly a year has passed since President Bourguiba made his proposals for a solution of the Palestine problem, Tunis radio last week mounted a bitter attack on Egypt and President Nasser, whose rejection of the Bourguiba plan had "added another year of suffering and pain to the years of wretchedness of the people of Palestine." It had become obvious during the past twelve months that the aim of President Nasser and his supporters was "not to seek a useful solution to save the people of Palestine from liquidation and restore their usurped rights, but to use the Palestine question as an excuse for bargaining and trading." "A year has elapsed, and we have noticed that the Palestine question has not achieved even a single stride forward. But what everyone has noticed is that the talk about Palestine may become like that about Cordova..." Nasser and his supporters, said Tunis Radio, would prefer a 100 or 200 years' war rather than consider the possibility of negotiations.

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CONSERVATIVES CONSIDER SCHOOL FOR CONVERSIONS

New York, (JTA) - A plan to set up a "School of Jewish Studies" to regulate procedures of conversion of non-Jews to Judaism is being considered by the Metropolitan Region of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the association of Conservative rabbis. The plan was proposed to a conference of the New York City region held in conjunction with the Philadelphia region, by Rabbi Seymour P. Friedman, who reported on a study of conversion problems. The rabbis responded enthusiastically to the proposal and decided that it would receive final action at a later meeting. Rabbi Friedman told his colleagues that the number of persons seeking to convert to Judaism was increasing. He said that while precise statistics were not available, there was an estimated 16,000 conversions in the past decade performed by Reform rabbis in the New York City area. He estimated that Conservative rabbis were admitting 1,000 converts annually. He said that while the vast majority of would-be converts wanted to marry Jews, there had been a significant increase in the number of young people investigating Judaism for possible answers to the moral problems of the day. He pointed out also that there was no standardized conversion curriculum for Conservative rabbis, each setting up his own procedure for prospective converts. For the suggested school, he proposed a nine-month curriculum for converts, divided between set periods of formal instruction and "practice."

TALMUD TORAH MEN'S DINNER WEDNESDAY

HARTLEY P. GALE... MAX STEINMAN... RABBI ALEXANDER GROSS... The 14th annual men's dinner of the Talmud Torah PTA will be held Wednesday evening, March 2, at the Rabbi Kravetz Auditorium. Hartley Gale is dinner chairman; a guest speaker will be Rabbi Alexander Gross, principal of the Hebrew Academy of Greater Miami. Greetings will be extended by Abe Simkin, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund. Rabbi I. E. Witte, principal of the Talmud Torah, will introduce the guest speaker and Bob Kopstein will move the vote of appreciation. Rabbi Wiener, executive director of the Talmud Torah, will deliver the invocation, and Rabbi Norman Friedman, vice-principal, will preside at the recitation of the Birkot Hamazon. Guests at the dinner will include representatives of the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, Zionist Organization of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress and Winnipeg Council of Men's Dinner, page 10

Histadrut Honors M. A. Gray

The memory of the late M. A. Gray, member of the Manitoba legislature and a veteran Histadrut worker, is to be honored by the establishment in his name of a perpetual scholarship in an Amal Vocational Training School in Israel. The announcement was made this week by A. Montague Isaacs, Q.C., and Sylvan Leipsic, co-chairmen of the Talmud Torah, will deliver the invocation, and Rabbi Norman Friedman, vice-principal, will preside at the recitation of the Birkot Hamazon. Guests at the dinner will include representatives of the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, Zionist Organization of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress and Winnipeg Council of Men's Dinner, page 10

Early Deadline - Special Issue

Our Anniversary Issue has had to be postponed until next week. Mechanical difficulties and staff absenteeism have limited the production of the composing room. Watch next week's issue for Feature Articles, Greetings, Advertisements and Best Wishes. As a result too we shall have to impose another early deadline for publicity. We are sorry for the inconvenience but we must receive copy by 12 noon, Tuesday, March 1, at our offices, 1244 Main Street, Winnipeg 4, Manitoba.