

Inside Israel And the Bagel

JERUSALEM—Here we are smack in the middle of a typical Israeli election campaign. Hardly anyone is speaking to hardly anyone else over such burning issues as: (1) Is Mr. Ben-Gurion, who just formed a new political party, too old? (2) Are his followers too young? (3) Are his successors who kicked him out of his old party too fuddy-duddy? (4) And so on.

These weighty matters are being loudly debated by at least 20 different Israeli parties, including the Jewish-Arab Communist Party ("A bunch of factional revisionists") and the Arab-Jewish Communist Party ("A bunch of Chinese deviationists!")

Consequently, insufficient attention has been given to a new Dead Sea Scroll discovered yesterday by an American tourist in a 4,000-year-old bagel: Experts, after studying the quality, agreed that it certainly was an authentic bagel. The text of the scroll therein follows.

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And, lo, Moses led us out of bondage in Egypt. And for 40 years we toiled from sunrise to sunset to cross the desert. And at last Moses showed us The Promised Land, which he called Israel. "My children," spake Moses, "we are all Israelis now and let us erect here a square tablet to mark the spot." And thus it came to pass that we had a protest meeting.

"Israel is the greatest country in the world," spake Zarathustra Ben-Ebba. "And no one has more respect for our venerable leader than we members of the United Promised-Land-or-Bust Workers Party. Although he is getting a little too venerable maybe. But a square tablet! We stand four-square for a nice tablet with rounded corners." Thus spake Zarathustra.

"Rounded corners!" cried the head of the United Revised Promised-Land-or-Bust Workers Party. "No offense to our venerable leader, although I don't personally like the way he cuts his hair, but a great country like this demands an obelisk."

Seventeen new political parties were immediately formed, including the United Israeli Parties for Round, Oval, Octagonal, Free-Form and Puce-Colored Tablets. Plus numerous splinter groups in favor of "something interesting in wood." About Ben-Adam complained about his position as 114th on the list of donors and created his own party where the name of Abou Ben Adam led all the rest.

Mrs. Hadassah rose to announce the sale of box-lunch raffle tickets by The United Israeli Ladies Club at six shekles each (all proceeds to erection of the tablet), but was interrupted by Mrs. Haganah, who wished to say The United Revised Israeli Ladies Club was selling similar tickets for five shekles each.

With a weary sigh in the ensuing commotion, Moses said he was going to go climb a mountain and get his own tablets. And as soon as he was gone everyone set furiously to work erecting 214 different tablets and monuments to commemorate the founding of a united Israel—pausing only briefly to throw rocks at each other.

Before one could be completed, however, a Canaanite Army was seen. The Israelis embraced each other warmly and marched off to give battle to the enemy.

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The scroll ends there. Unfortunately, while the bagel is believed genuine, experts agree the text is undoubtedly a fraud. It's the one line about Moses going off to climb a mountain.

"No true Israeli," explained one authority, "could be dragged away from a fun-filled occasion like that."

United Crusade Business Division Chairman Named

The appointment of Lowell E. Goss as chairman of the local United Crusade business division has been announced by Ted Olson, Torrance councilman and community chairman of the Crusade.

Goss, manager of the local office of the Southern California Edison Co., will lead volunteers in a campaign to raise \$920, the Torrance business division goal this year.

Business division contributions combined with funds raised by door-to-door solicitations and appeals to industrial firms, public employees and schools, professional groups, will assist the Crusade in attaining the city's goal of \$66,084.

A partnership appeal of the United Way and the American Red Cross, the Crusade is holding its second annual appeal through Nov. 23.

COUNT MARCO

Don't Try to Hide Behind a Ring

A woman over 30 without a wedding band is as undressed as a waitress in a topless uniform.

So, a woman from San Diego has created a ring especially for divorcees.

It was originally designed for herself to "replace that empty feeling on her ring finger," but she discovered that many other unwedded ones don't like that empty feeling either and are forcing her into mass-producing what she calls her "Ex-bands."

To be worn only by divorced women (and men), the gold band bears a row of small Xs cut into it.

The designer does not explain whether the Xs are placed thereon like notches in a gunman's gun to repre-

sent victims or are strictly for design purposes.

To publicly advertise being a marriage failure is just not within my understanding. A mere ring etched wit' Xs isn't going to fill that empty feeling where it's the emptiest.

Breakfast for one can't be disguised by a wide band you buy yourself.

Nor does it fill that emptiest of all feelings, that other pillow with no male head on it. Then what does it accomplish? Nothing!

When I, or any other man sees a female over 30 squatting on a bar stool without a wedding band, we must immediately presume you're a marriage casualty.

If you're so ashamed of be-

ing a statistic that you must resort to subterfuge, then you must agree you were wrong in being divorced in the first place.

There was a day when brides selected plain gold bands, anticipating that, if they behaved themselves and performed their duties according to the original contract, with each anniversary a diamond would be placed in the band representing "happy milestone."

Never, never settle for a substitute. A wedding band of solid gold is a symbol of a solid marriage.

A real woman is proud to wear the real thing. Those who don't qualify are eager to settle for anything that helps to "fill that empty feel-



WITH SINCERE THANKS . . . G. W. Koban (right), plant manager of the Hayes Furnace Manufacturing and Supply Co., accepts a plaque of appreciation from Mrs. Dean Thurman, president of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children, while H. H. Jonas, former plant manager, watches the presentation. The firm, located at 1942 W. Artesia Blvd., has donated space for an SARC fireworks stand each year for the past three years. (Press-Herald Photo)

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Taxpayers Benefit From Assessor's Association

By Philip E. Watson
Los Angeles County Assessor

Some of you may have read in the news columns recently that our department won three of the five awards presented at the annual conference of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) held this year in Houston, Texas.

Inasmuch as the IAAO has been in the forefront of efforts to improve assessment administration and upgrade professional appraisal qualifications since its founding in 1934, these awards represent, to me, international recognition of our efforts here in Los Angeles to provide the most equitable and soundest possible assessment administration in the largest jurisdiction in the United States.

While I am deeply grateful for the two awards given to me—one for my work as IAAO state chairman, the other, the "Most Valuable Member" citation, I feel they are really a tribute to the quality and excellence of the people who make up my department, rather than a personal tribute.

THE THIRD award bears out my point. It was presented to one of our young appraisers, Robert C. Mason, for having written the best essay of the year in the annual Donehoo Contest. His paper, "Appraisal Statistics for Assessors," was a highly original piece of work on the use of computers in analyzing and projecting market data. This is a field which is going to become more and more important in the difficult task of keeping assessments equalized in our rapidly-changing real estate market.

I was prouder of Bob's award than of my own.

It was also found that six of our staff had taken the time and effort to prepare papers for the contest. Incidentally, this is the first year that Los Angeles has ever had one—let alone six—

entries in the essay competition. OUR FULL-SCALE department participation in the IAAO is a fairly recent occurrence. While we have long had several individual IAAO members among our staff, last Spring we undertook to organize a local chapter in the office. We now have 197 members and are still growing.

Active membership in the IAAO is a two-way street. The association, with its membership of more than 3,000 assessors and their staff members, ranges throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Philippine Islands. It offers a clearing house of information on assessment problems, new and better appraisal techniques, and current developments in the property tax field across the country.

Through its monthly newsletter and other publications and its annual conference, the IAAO affords its members a chance to exchange ideas on the urgent problems of equitable property valuations.

WE FEEL that our department can also contribute a

great deal to the IAAO through our local chapter activities. Bob Mason's prize-winning paper is a perfect example of what I mean. Through its publication, the entire membership of the IAAO will have the benefit of his research and thinking, to adapt to local situations.

Within our own office, our chapter activities offer the opportunity for people in the various specialized divisions to get together and discuss mutual problems. We held our first seminar in June and are planning a second one for November—these are workshop sessions in which both our members and outside community leaders in related fields participate.

And in the final analysis, the work of the IAAO parent organization and our local chapter benefits all taxpayers. At a time when property owners are being called on to bear an ever-higher share of the cost of local government, every effort to provide better assessment administration means greater insurance that the individual taxpayer is being fairly and squarely treated.

Chamber Will Meet on Community Planning

A meeting to discuss how the Community Development Program of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States may be implemented in the Torrance area has been scheduled by the Torrance Chamber Oct. 29.

Attending the session will be top leaders from the fields of business, education and government and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, according to Bruce Jones, president.

Appearing before the group as a representative of the Washington, D. C., based organization will be R. Frank

Tucker, district manager of the Western Division, Menlo Park, Calif.

The newly designed program was developed to assist cities that are probing for new procedures and ideas for balanced community development.

Jones said these challenging and realistic procedures can create a foundation for dealing effectively with obsolescence and blight, business district improvement, industrial expansion, the provision of essential community facilities, modernization of local government and the creation of comprehensive community plans.

The meeting site will be announced later.

Resources Set Record At Security

Resources, loans, and deposits at Security First National Bank reached an all-time high at the end of the third quarter, Lloyd L. Austin, chairman of the board, said today.

Resources on Sept. 30 were \$4,782,107,297, Austin said, and outstanding loans rose to \$2,616,402,192 and deposits were up to \$4,335,013,745.

Net operating earnings for the nine months period which ended Sept. 30 were \$2,243,249, or \$1.95 per share. Earnings are down 5.8 per cent from the same period last year after adjusting for a 5-for-4 stock split and 20 per cent stock dividend.

Ann Landers Says

Teen-Age Behavior Is Different Now



Dear Ann Landers: A group of us (all parents) were discussing what goes on with teen-agers today. Some insisted that kids are no wilder than we were when we were teen-agers. These people claimed beleaguered teens are just getting a lot of bad publicity, that the subject of teen-age sexual promiscuity has been beaten to death, that today's kids are the scapegoats for all the ills of a crazy, mixed up world.

My wife and I would be interested in hearing what you have to say.—MR. AND MRS.

Dear Mr.: MOST teens are darned good kids, and when you look at the examples set by some of their parents, they look even better.

Statistics indicate that conditions are NOT precisely the same today as when we were teen-agers. There are more kids in trouble today. The trouble is more serious and it comes at an earlier age than ever before. Yes, there are more teen-agers, but I am referring to percentages, not numbers.

In the last 20 years, the percentage of unwed mothers has tripled. Since 1957 the V.D. rate has tripled. (More than 60 per cent of the cases of REPUTED V.D. fall in the 13-19 years old group.)

Teen marriages are way up. Divorce is on the increase, and one reason is the sad record of teen-marriages. (Such marriages have one-fifth as good a chance of succeeding as a marriage between a couple in their middle 20s.)

Teen crime is up. Teen drinking is up. Teen accidents are up. If this picture doesn't reflect a

change in teen-age behavior, then I'm the Queen of Sheba.

Dear Ann Landers: I'll bet you are sick of mother-in-law problems and I hate to bother you with mine, but I need your help.

My husband and I have been married two years. He was transferred to another city five months ago and it was a Godsend. His mother would not leave us alone for even one day. I was out of my mind trying to be nice to her even though she was at our front door before my husband had left for work in the morning.

Now that we have moved 200 miles away she says her heart is acting up and she knows she isn't long for this world. So we drive 400 miles every other weekend to see her. She insists that we stay at her house. My folks feel slighted and I don't blame them. My husband and I used to get along fine, but now we argue about this a lot. He says my folks are 15 years younger than his mother and we can stay with them after his mother is gone. I need your help.—BEAT DOWN

Dear Beat: Sometimes the mothers with the "weak hearts" live longer than their daughters-in-law. One trip, stay with your folks: the next trip, with your mother-in-law.

Dear Ann Landers: Keith and I haven't been married very long, three months to be exact. Something is bothering me and I'm afraid it will bother me until we get it talked out.

Keith went with a girl for two years before he started to go with me. Everyone who knew them figured they

would be married one day. I had seen the girl three or four times but I never got to know her. She was very attractive and had a sweet personality.

Now that Keith and I are man and wife I think he should tell me all about her. I want to know how far they went and exactly why they broke up. I didn't ask him these questions while we were going together because I figured it was none of my business. But now that we are married I think everything that has to do with Keith is my business.

You are a great believer in people being honest with each other. Please print my letter and your answer.—NOTHING WITHHELD

Dear Nothing: What happened between Keith and the girl wasn't your business THEN and it's not your business NOW.

I admire him for keeping his trap shut. He sounds like a first-rate guy to me.

When necking becomes netting, watch out! To learn how the smart girl keeps both her dignity and her boy friend, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Necking and Netting—And How Far To Go," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing self-addressed envelope. © 1965, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

WORKERS NEEDED

Volunteers from the Southwest area are needed to assist the Boys' Club staff and stamp invitations for the grand opening ceremonies at the club's new building. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Turner, Volunteer Bureau, 833-5227.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-7)

- ACROSS
- 1—C ans
- 6—Arrow
- 10—Highlander
- 14—Lil' to 10
- 19—Eagles' nests
- 21—Hast
- 22—Bind
- 23—Vegetable
- 24—Musical
- 26—Surgical
- 28—Saw
- 29—Suggest
- 30—Fruit seed
- 32—Soil
- 33—Growing out of
- 34—Pinocchio
- 35—Indian
- 36—South-
- 37—Period of
- 38—Time
- 39—Opening in
- 40—Cravat
- 41—Employed
- 42—Unruly crowd
- 44—Palenese
- 46—Jargon
- 47—Hast's name
- 48—Expires
- 50—Pertaining to
- 52—Hurries
- 53—Nurses
- 55—Jump
- 57—Near
- 58—Accomplished
- 59—Army meal
- 60—Harems
- 62—Possessive
- 64—Female horse
- 66—Babylonian
- 68—Symbol for
- 69—Trans-
- 70—Crippled
- 71—Native
- 72—Egyptian
- 73—Nightingale
- 75—Each
- 77—Depression
- 78—Musical
- 80—Senator from
- 81—Concluded
- 82—Anecdotes
- 84—Part of eye
- 86—Fantasia
- 87—Hast
- 89—Poem
- 92—Let in
- 93—Cook in oven
- 94—Falsehood
- 99—Drooping of
- 101—Brilliant
- 102—Mix
- 103—Worm
- 104—Hurry
- 106—Latin
- 107—Diphthong
- 108—Certain
- 110—Period of time
- 111—Prefix: down
- 112—Regard with
- 113—Solar disk
- 115—Symbol for
- 117—Free of
- 119—Printer's
- 120—Hairless
- 121—Noblesman
- 124—Animal's feet
- 126—Slave
- 127—Pateboard
- 128—Prairie wolf
- 130—Man's
- 132—Saucy
- 133—Nimbus
- 134—Unit of
- 135—Siamese
- 136—Coin
- 137—Currency
- 138—Fly
- 139—Harbor
- 140—Crippled
- 141—Gaiters
- 142—Walked on
- 143—Equality
- 146—Reaches
- 148—Arabia
- 150—Spiral
- 152—Walked
- 153—Storage pit
- 154—Cook slowly
- 156—Gleamy fabric
- 157—Style of
- 158—Arabian
- 159—Airport
- 160—Dated
- 161—Changed
- DOWN
- 1—Pithy
- 2—Valider
- 3—Paid in
- 4—Small bird
- 5—Sow
- 6—Dental
- 7—Likely
- 8—Lullaby
- 9—Capital of
- 10—Declare
- 11—Walking
- 12—Harvest
- 13—Goddess
- 14—Symbol for
- 15—Sea eagle
- 16—Workman
- 17—Decayed
- 18—Spirited
- 19—Frigid
- 20—Unit of
- 21—Coupled
- 22—Coin
- 23—Sore
- 24—Indefinite
- 25—British
- 26—Girl's name
- 27—Reveal
- 28—Vases
- 29—About
- 30—Newest
- 31—Cocktail
- 32—Sandwich
- 33—District in
- 34—German
- 35—Lullaby
- 36—Stratagem
- 37—Puerile
- 38—Cease
- 39—Return
- 40—Intellect
- 41—Plaster
- 42—Biological
- 43—Cats
- 44—Girl's name
- 45—Residue
- 46—Pronoun
- 47—Felt through
- 48—Sense
- 49—Two (Roman number)
- 50—Gyrinoid fish
- 51—The populace
- 52—Dress
- 53—Mace
- 54—Daughter of
- 55—American
- 56—Pinched
- 57—Excavates
- 58—Blood
- 59—Bone
- 60—Followed
- 61—Food
- 62—Chemical
- 63—Compound
- 64—Hindu garment
- 65—Smart
- 66—Note of scale
- 67—Ratier
- 68—British
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- 71—Personal
- 72—Interest
- 73—Cheese
- 74—Main deer
- 75—Danish
- 76—Island
- 77—Drink of the gods
- 78—Gaseous
- 79—Element
- 80—Shell
- 81—Chastised
- 82—Wan
- 83—Dollish
- 84—Let it stand
- 85—Soft
- 86—Rotating
- 87—Parts of machine
- 88—Organs of hearing
- 89—Town in Ireland
- 90—Fruit (pl.)
- 91—Gyrinoid fish
- 92—Worm
- 93—Dress
- 94—protector
- 95—Small children
- 96—Inclination
- 97—Hold on
- 98—Property
- 99—Transaction
- 100—Bribe
- 101—Lifeline
- 102—A state
- 103—(abbr.)
- 104—Center
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- 106—Place
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