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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lawrence S. Phillips via FAX FROM: Laurence R. Simon SUBJECT: Your Memo 2/22/89 DATE: March 1, 1989

CC: Executive Committee

Thank you for your letter of 22 February and for the kind thoughts expressed.

Because of a pressing medical problem, I was forced to take a week of medical tests in Boston and then a week of medical leave. I informed Warren Eisenberg, Chairman of the Overseas Committee to whom I report, to please be the intermediary between myself and any member of the board needing me for that week. Warren knew how to reach me but, at my request, I asked him to convey only urgent matters to me on doctor's orders.

I was back at work beginning Monday, February 27 working in the morning at the office and most afternoons juggling hospital and AJWS.

I expect to be back 100% on Monday, March 6 though I have informed Warren that I may from time to time choose to work on reports and proposals some afternoons from my home.

I can assure the Executive Committee that I will inform them should my health warrant an extraordinary change in my schedule beyond normal sick leave and vacation.

Also I wish to assure the Executive Committee that I am at the helm of the International Division, attentive as always, and look forward to working with Andy on a collegial basis. I am due to meet him today.

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Thank you for your expression of concern.

Best wishes to all.

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### COMMITTEE, INC.

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March 1, 1989

FIRST NOTICE

AMERICAN JEWISH

TO: Executive Committee FROM: Thomas L. Rhodes

### RE: April 5 Meeting

This is the first notice of the Executive Committee meeting on <u>Wednesday, April 5, at 3:45 p.m.</u> at the IRC office, 10th floor, 386 Park Avenue South. Please indicate on the attached postcard if you will attend and designate a proxy if you cannot be present.

The agenda for the meeting will be sent to you with a subsequent notice.



### GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA EAAHNIKH OPOOLOEOC APXIEIIICKOIIH BOPEIU K NOTIU AMEPIKHC

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March 1, 1989

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Director of International Affairs American Jewish Committee 165 East 56 Street New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of the Greek Orthodox faithful in the Americas. On April 1, 1989, we will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the enthronement of Archbishop Iakovos as Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Spiritual leader of over two million Greek Orthodox, and dean of all religious leaders in the United States, His Eminence has worked diligently for over these three decades to bring greater vitality and unity to the Church, initiating reforms and advancing the frontiers of Eastern Orthodoxy.

His accomplishments are many and varied, his courage is legendary and unquestioned; universities have honored him, national and world leaders have recognized him as a champion of human and civil rights, justice and freedom --he has worked tirelessly to make the world a better place in which to live.

Religious, cultural and social events will be held throughout the Archdiocese to properly commemorate and celebrate the life and legacy of our beloved Archbishop. However, we believe that His Eminence would most dearly treasure the words and thoughts of those religious, civic, political, national and international leaders whom he has been privileged to know and serve throughout his long and illustrious service in His Name.

Would you please send us a message that we might appropriately include in a testimonial album to be presented to the Archbishop on the occasion of his 30th anniversary.

Thanking you and looking forward to your acceptance of our request, I am,

Faithfully, ropealita +SIL AS

Metropolitan of New Jersey

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### MARC H TANENBAUM

March 12, 1989

Dear Adon,

How can I thank you adequately for the wormy incisions and thoughtful article that you mate in the harel 10th Mianni Herald about my life's work.

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(718) 343-75 Louis Auster 7920-260th St. 11004 oral Park, NY MAR 16, 1989 Alar Rabbi, Enclosed is the THE + PRIEST. Ill be preaching to rests With best unshes your inued usdust.

Louis Auster 79-20 260 St., Floral Park, N.Y. 11004 (718) 343- 7563.

### WHY JEWS PRAYED FOR ZION.

### RE: LOUIS AUSTER.

My book, <u>Hitler's Death March</u>, (Zebra Books), written with the survivor, Morris Krantz, is now in its third printing.

My articles have appeared in Midstream and in the Sign, a national Catholic magazine.

### WHY JEWS PRAYED FOR ZION by Louis Auster.

The gentile world cannot possibly grasp the intense smotional attachment of Jews to Israel. The simple reason is that while they know vacuely that Jews have been persecuted over the centuries, they seldom bother to learn the gory details.

Whether they lived in Christian or Moslem countries, Jews were often hemmed in by severe civil and economic restrictions that excluded then from certain trades and professions and even educational facilities. They faced societies steeped in blatant anti-Semitism, which assumed different forms:

\*\* Confinement in ghettos or other restrictions on their places of residence.

\*\* Recurring pogroms and baseless charges of ritual murder.

\*\* The wearing of badges to identify them as Jews, thus making them easier targets for attack.

\*\* Forced conversion as an alternative to death or expulsion.

\*\* Rigged disputations, in which Jews had to defend the validity of Judaism against Christianity.

\*\* Burning the Talmud and Jewish holy books, and forcing them to listen to Christian sermons.

Yet, of all the afflictions hurled at Jews in the past, none were as devastating and traumatic as the numerous expulsions that they suffered in so many kingdoms and states. Ficture this scenario: The Jewish professional, or merchant, or craftsman, or even laborer, is pursuing his precarious calling, trying to cope with all the grinding restrictions that stifle his activities. Then a thunderbolt strikes the Jewish community, --- ALL JEWS ARE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY BY NEXT MONTH 1 Suddenly, the rich become beggars and those used to the comforts of life face privation and a dark uncertain future. Most painful was the expulsion from Spain, when over 150,000 Jews were forced to scramble for a place of refuge. Here is a cry of anguish from one of the victims, a young scholar, Estori Parchi:

From the house of study have they torm me. Naked was I forced to leave my ancestral home, and wander from land to land, from people to people, whose tongues were strange to me.

From Spain, thousands of Jews streamed into Portugal, but in 1496, that country expelled them, and they scattered in all directions, knocking at doors where they were not always welcome.

Less well known are other instances when the cruel decree was invoked against Jews. In 1290, King Edward I expelled Jews from England. There were no Jews in England until the 17th century, in the time of Cronwell.

The Jewish experience in relatively tolerant France gives one a revealing glimpse of the changing fortunes of these oppressed people. In 1306, Philip IV expelled all Jews from France. Recalled a few years later, they were expelled again in 1315, and yet again in 1394.

Similar decrees were issued at various times by Vienna, by Austria, by Venice, by Moscow, by Cologne, by Genoa, by the Papal States, and the city-states of Ratisbon, Augsburg, Magdeburg, and Halle, and many others. Jews can truly boast that they have been forcibly evicted from more countries and city-states than any other nation.

Why the decree of expulsion ? Most importantly, it was a quick way to solve pressing financial problems, by seising the assets of the departing Jews and cancelling all debts due them. Moreover, in any political crisis, a proven way to divert attention from some issue was to attack that handy target, the Jewish community. It was sure to get support from a populace steeped in hatred of Jews.

Are all these depressing events merely ancient History ? Far from it. We find different aspects of the Jewish experience persisting to our more recent times. Pogroms broke out in Poland in 1968, even after 90% of the Jewish population had been wiped out in the Holocaust. Today, only remnants remain in Poland, of a Jewish community of millions.

In Russia, Stalin targeted Jews in rigged trials, and to this day they carry special identity designation, and cannot leave freely. The Russian presses still churn out that vile fabrication, <u>The Protocols of Zion</u>, accusing Jews of plotting to rule the world, In cultured England, a Jew was not admitted into Parliament until the last century. Such widely read autnors as Smakespeare, Dickens, and many others helped spread the image of the evil greedy Jew. In Austria, the president was elected in spite of the revelation that he was a former Nazi officer. In France, the police helped the Gestapo to round up Jews for shipment to death camps, during the last World War. In Hungary and Rumania, only small numbers of Jews remain.

The Jewish experience with the Catholic Church presents a more inspiring development. In the past, relations between Jews and the Church, were chilly and marked by confrontation. A dramatic turnabout came with the Declaration of the Second Vatican Council, (1965) which set aside the old charge that Jews were guilty of killing the Messiah, and that Judaism had lost validity with the coming of Jesus. Although Pope John Paul II has reached out to improve relations with Jews, even making an unprecedented visit to a Rome synagogue, the Vatican has not yet recognized Israel.

On a more positive note, there are hundreds of local groups

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who meet to improve relations between Jews and Catholics. The initiative for such efforts came from the Vatican, which has issued guidelines to encourage such activity. Recent Church documents acknowledge that Christian policies incited hostility to Jews and urge the need to " speak clearly about neglecting our responsibilities of brotherhood and charity."

Reading this painful account of Jewish suffering, we are led to a disturbing conclusion. The record strongly suggests that the accumulated degradation of Jews over the centuries led inexorably to the ultimate attempt at their destruction by Hitler, --- the Holocaust, when six million Jews perished. Hitler felt confident that a populace steeped so long in hatred of Jews would support his effort. This account underlines the importance of Israel as a haven where Jews are masters of their own fate, and are not subject to the erratic whims of ficklæ rulers.

Viewing this dreary landscape of Jewish history, what is one to say to a visitor from Mars who inquires about the earthlings' glib mouthing of justice, mercy, and love of yor neighbor ? Perhaps the words of a victim of another sort of discrimination, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., may shed some light:

Men hate each other because they fear each other. They fear each other because they don't know each other. They don't know each other because they can't communicate with each other. They can't communicate with each other because they are separated from each other.

The challenge facing us today is the question, Have we learned from history ? Or, are we doomed to repeat past errors ?

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March 24, 1989

To: The Executive Committee: From: Bob DeVecchi

RESCUE

As has been discussed in recent Executive Committee meetings, IRC staff in Pakistan have been exploring opportunities for providing repatriation assistance to the Afghan refugees with whom we have been working.

past months, Over the few wide-ranging and a proposal has been developed in ambitious collaboration with Mr. the Cornelius Brouwer, Chairman of the Dutch refugee agency, Stichting Stichting Vluchteling has been one of Vluchteling. IRC's primary donors throughout the world and their funding for the Pakistan program has been particularly generous.

The proposal that has been developed addresses rehabilitation needs in Afghanistan, specifically in the four home provinces from which the refugees in IRC settlements have fled.

The needs inside Afghanistan are so extensive, and the proposal covers a wide range of activities. The projects would be implemented by the Afghans themselves, with minimal expatriate supervision. Project proposals will be developed at the local level by Afghan shuras (groups of community elders who provide administrative infrastructure at a local level).

Projects to be funded are expected to include the following:

AGRICULTURE/INFRASTRUCTURE:

-Provide seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, draft animals and/or tractors

- -Repair karezes (traditional irrigation systems)
- -Reforestation projects
- -Veterinary projects
- -Food provision
- -Build storage facilities
- -Repair roads

-Provide training in all of the above activities

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HEALTH: -Rebuild clinics -Provide health training -Provide textbooks and supplies -Organize temporary schools -Conduct teacher training

SHELTER/TRANSPORT:

-Provide transportation -Provide additional funding assistance to widows & handicapped

#### SECURITY:

-Sample and test mine awareness materials -Organize training courses in de-mining

COMMODITIES:

-Purchase commodities -Provide commodity storage in Peshawar

### STAFFING:

-Hire community liaisons to work with shuras -Hire project officers to supervise projects -Hire technical consultants

Funding for the proposal is being sought from the European Economic Comunity and UNHCR. In order to receive EEC funds, a new European organization needs to be established, in with existing European agencies assisting in conjunction repatriation efforts. This organization, to be known as Joint Afghan Rehabilitation Agency (JARA), will be based in The Hague and will provide administrative support to the operational center in Peshawar. IRC will be the primary program implementor in the field. Attached is an outline of the principles of JARA, as developed by Mr. Brouwer.

Earlier this month, Leo Cherne, Roy Williams, Al Kastner and I met with Mr. Brouwer to discuss the proposal at length. We support it and have so indicated to him and would urge your endorsement.

Encl.



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To: Executive Committee

From: Robert P. DeVecchi

March 28, 1989

# AMERICAN JEWISH A R C H I V E S

### Subject: January Expenditure Report

The attached expenditure statement for January, 1989, incorporates suggestions received from members of the Executive Committee. My thanks go in particular to Dusty Rhodes, who, along with Roy Williams, developed this reporting format.

This report concerns only IRC private undesignated funds. Our goal, as contained in the 1989 budget, is to raise \$3,125,500 in general contribution. The second and third columns show expenditures to date. The fourth column reflects the amounts we planned to spend and the fifth, reflects the variance. The remaining columns reflect the residual amounts in dollars and percentages.

Expenditures are running \$8,600 above expectations, in large part because of the unanticipated high expenses in Europe, offset in part by lower than expected U.S. Resettlement expenses.

The penultimate line - funds raised to date - indicates we are a bit ahead of projections, resulting in an excess of revenue over expenditures for the month of \$101,900.

#### INTERDATIONAL RESCUE CONTITUE, INC. EXPENDITURES AGAINST IRC FUNDS

JANUARY 1989

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SUDAN	193,200	17,500	17,500	16,100	(1,400)	175,700	90.9%
PAKISTAN	245,000	37,000	37,000	40,800	3,800	208,000	84.9%
THAILAND	B6,500	9,900	9,900	7,200	(2,700)	76,600	88.6%
COSTA RICA	48,000	2,500	2,500	4,000	1,500	45,500	94.8%
EL SALVADOR	155,000	28,400	28,400	25,800	(2,600)	126,600	81.7%
MALAWI	155,700	9,360	9,300	13,000	3,700	146,400	94.0%
EUROPE	255,000	48,900	48,900	21,300	(27,600)	206,100	80.8%
U.S. RESETTLEMENT	370,000	17,100	17,100	30,800	13,700	352,900	95.4%
GENERAL EXPENSES	1,147,200	96,700	96,700	95,600	(1,100)	1,050,500	91.6%
OVERSEAS PROGRAM	285,900	21,200	21,200	23,800	2,600	264,700	92.6%
PENSION FUND (PROPOSED ADDITION)	184,000		11	1,500	1,500	184,000	100.0%
TOTAL	\$3,125,500	\$288,500	\$288,500	\$279,900	(\$8,600)	\$2,837,000	90.8%
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(\*) THIS SUM INCLUDES ALL PRIVATELY RAISED IRC FUNDS.



### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310-2700

April 3, 1989



Chief of Chaplains

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 45 East 49th Street New York, New York 10128

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I am delighted that you will have time to address the Pentagon "National Day of Prayer" prayer breakfast on May 4, 1989. It is very important that the leadership of the Army keep aware of the total religious expression of the American people. We in the Chaplaincy do this through ecumenical activities that reflect Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths.

I am enclosing a copy of President Bush's proclamation of the event and a copy of the tentative program of activities. Chaplain (Brigadier General) Charles J. McDonnell will represent my office on the program with you. Unfortunately, I am committed to a meeting that day which has been planned for over a year.

The project officer in my office is Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) William L. Hufham (telephone 202-695-1409). He will handle all of the details and assist you any way possible.

Thank you again for willingness to bring the key address on this very important day in our national life.

Sincerely,

Norris L. Einertson Chaplain (Major General), United States Army Chief of Chaplains

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### April 11, 1939

Letter to the Editor Present Tense 165 East 56 Street New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Editor,

The article, "Beyond "hatity and Politics - a Jewish Response to World Hunger," by William K. Burke that appeared in the March/April issue of Present Tense is a helpful presentation of some of the massive issues, both moral and political, generated by the tragic problems of world hunger and underdevelopment in the Whird World.

It is regrettable that the writer did not do his homework in describing accurately how the American Jewish World Service was founded, organized, and sustained.

My direct experience is that Lawrence S. P hillips conceived of the idea of the American Jewish World Service following a mission to Honduras some.....years ago. Larry was distressed by his encounter with such widespread hunger and malnutritions. He was also disturbed to find that mainly Christian relief groups and other voluntery agencies were seeking to relieve the suffering of starving peoples, and there was no Jewish presence on the scene.

Larry Phillips returned to the United States and proposed the idea of creating a counterpart Jewish relief agency that would seek to parallel in molest ways the life-saving work being carried out by Catholic Relief Services, Church World Servides, among other overseas groups. He reveived much encouragement from a number of his friends in the Jewish community who pledged to cooperate with him in starting such a Jewish aid group for overseas relief, complementing the invaluable services performed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee primarily for Jewish communities in many parts of the world.

Lawrence Simon, a professional development expert who had been working for OXFAM, approached Larry Phillips about this time with a similar conception. Together, they became co-sponsors in founding and organizing the American Jawish World Service.

Subsequently, Larry Phillips, who is presentident of the Van Heusen Company, iedicated himself to unstinting efforts in raising substantial emounts of dunds around the country without which AJWS simply could not have implemented any significant overseas work. He also led the organization in building a network of young Jewish "associates" across the country whose enthusiasm and commitment to "Tikkun Olam" is one of the great moral resources for the future of AJWS.

gets the kaved, but its intention, is simply to set straight the historic record for the future of this creative and gratifying Jawish contribution to trying to building a better and more human world community.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Merc H. Tanenbaum Board Member, American Jewish World Service 10

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CONCLUSION ----- Dr. Arthur Bernstein

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Foreign Policy Briefing Notice

April 18, 1989

I would like to invite you to attend a meeting on May 8, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, to discuss the upcoming Paris Conference on the Human Dimension (May 30 - June 23).

The Department of State attaches great importance to the CSCE process and its follow-on conferences. The success of these conferences depends to a great extent on active public involvement. Your ideas, concerns and advice will assist us as we develop our approach to the Paris meeting.

I hope you will be able to attend the meeting with me, members of the U.S. delegation, and Department officials. If you will attend, please notify Mrs. Yvonne O'Brien, Bureau of Public Affairs (202 - 647-1433), as early as possible. (No response is necessary if you are not able to attend.) On May 8 please enter the State Department via the 21st Street entrance no later than 2:50 p.m.; you will be escorted from the entrance to the East Auditorium.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Thomas Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs



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### B'NAI B'RITH



JOSEPH E. HARARI I Vice Presidente

Panama, April 19, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum The American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th Street New York, NY 10022 - 2746 U. S. A.

Dear Marc:

Going through the American Jewish Committee Bulletin, I have noted the announcement of your retirement, after 27 years of services to that institution.

Please, receive my congratulations, both for your long and outstanding work and your appointment as International Advisor of the American Jewish Committee.

With my Pesaj greetings and best wishes,

Jøseph E. Harari I Vice-President

### PHILLIPS - VAN HEUSEN CORPORATION

1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10104 / (212) 541-5200

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

April 19, 1989

To: Marc Tanenbaum Andy Griffel cc: David Blumberg

From: Larry Phillips

## AMERICAN JEWISH

I just had a phone call from David Blumberg about a recent contact of his in London.

He told me about Greville Janner, QCMP, who is very well connected with the British Jewish community in London and with members of the Jewish community in the Commonwealth.

David suggested to him that on his forthcoming trip to Montreal, he arrange to meet with Marc and me in New York.

I don't know and never heard of this man, but he sounds like a potentially important player for the Jewish World Service.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS AMITIE INTERNATIONALE JUDEO-CHRETIENNE INTERNATIONALER RAT DER CHRISTEN UND JUDEN e.V.

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To the Member Organisations and the Associate Member Organisation of the International Council of Christians and Jews

24 April 1989

Dear Friends,

Herewith you are cordially invited to participate in the annual general meeting of the International Council of Christians and Jews that will take place on Thursday, 6 July, 9 a.m. at the "Catho", the Instistut Catholique de Lille, 60 boulevard Vauban, Lille, France.

The agenda for the meeting will be sent to you in due course.

According to Article 4 of the constitution each member organisation "may designate two representatives to attend the meeting, one of whom shall be entitled to vote on behalf of his/her organisation". An associate member organisation may designate two representatives without voting rights. It has been our practice to have the meeting open to all interested people, unless the meeting decides to go into closed session for certain items on the agenda. You are kindly asked to complete the enclosed form to indicate the names of your representatives.

The member organisations are kindly requested to present written reports of their activities to the annual general meeting. I would like to suggest that you don't limit yourself to a list of meetings and events that took place but also inform the general meeting of specific issues that demanded your attention during the last year, and indicate if and how certain problems that affect some or most of our member organisations were dealt with by you. In this connection I mention the following points:

- the influence of the present situation in Israel ('intifada') on Christian-Jewish relations
- the growth of right-wing extremism in some connections
- the impact of the "Rushdie Affair" and related developments

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If your report reaches us by 1 June 1989 we shall be able to circulate it to the member organisations before the colloquium.

We thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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### April 25, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 E. 56th Street New York, NY 10022-2746

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Pope John Paul II has called me to serve the historic See of Baltimore and the installation has been set for Tuesday, May 23, 1989, at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5300 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Prior to the installation, a private luncheon will be served to the cardinals and bishops in attendance and to members of my family. You also will be invited to this luncheon.

A formal invitation will be sent in several weeks. While recognizing that you are indeed faced with many commitments, I thought you might be interested in this opportunity for a reunion of colleagues in dialogue and concern.

With sentiments of esteem and all cordial wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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### MEMORANDUM

April 26, 1989

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees FROM: Laurence R. Simon SUBJECT: Zimbabwe update

I am pleased to announce a major step forward in both our grain storage work as well as in recognition of AJWS' role in Africa.

The Government of Zimbabwe announced this week that they will officially sponsor a Grain Storage Assessment and Training Workshop to be conducted by AJWS. Participants at the workshop will include government agricultural extension workers, grain storage personnel and leaders of Zimbabwean non-governmental organizations of small farmers and farm cooperatives.

In addition, the United Nations World Food Program is bringing together their representatives from southern African nations including Zimbabwe, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, and Zambia to participate in this workshop.

The workshop will be taught by Dr. Jonathan Donahaye, Volcani grain storage scientist, and co-chaired by myself and the technical director of AGRITEX, the government of Zimbabwe extension service. The workshop will take place either the week of 15 May or the following week.

Immediately following the workshop, our technical team, including two AJWS grain storage technicians will visit sites either of grain storage problems or where the AJWS/Volcani cubes and silos (arriving this week in Harare) will be installed for full field testing.

We are very pleased with this development. It might also be noted that this is the first Israeli team to be permitted into Zimbabwe in some years. Moreover, the Jewish community of Zimbabwe will host a reception for the delegation.

Best wishes to all.

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April 28, 1989

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th Street New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc:

Thank you for your note of April 24 with the enclosures. First of all I was delighted with both your original phone call and with your April 24th letter as it brought back so many pleasant memories of the friends that I met through the American Jewish Committee.

I have started my background reading and your report on the convent is very helpful.

As soon as the process moves to the next phase, I will be in contact with you.

With warm regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Melady President

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Dear ^F6^:

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The challenge of interpreting Israel's current position in the always treacherous Middle East is being faced by many of her friends. We at AJC, given the interreligious work we have done over the years, have taken upon ourselves the assignment of seeking to strengthen Christian support of Israel.

The main focus of this part of our work has been an extraordinary pilot program developed by our Interreligious Affairs Department and titled "Christian Speakers for Israel," with schedules arranged by our Community Services Department. Under this program, a number of prominent Christian theologians and academicians have been traveling across the U.S., speaking to student and seminary groups, church audiences, ministerial and ecumenical associations and representatives of the media, bringing a balanced and fair perspective to discussions of recent events in Israel and the prospects for genuine peace in the Middle East. In most communities we were able to arrange wide media attention, thus multiplying the impact of their message.

Here are the names of the remarkable talent pool that we were able to enlist in this effort: Dr. Mary C. Boys, S.N.J.M., Associate Professor of Theology, Boston College; Dr. William H. Harter, Pastor, Falling Spring Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg, PA; Rev. James B. Lyons, Director of the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, Southfield, MI; Rev. John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M., Professor of Social Ethics, Chicago's Catholic Theological Union; Dr. Marvin T. Wilson, Chair of the Biblical and Theological Studies Department, Gordon College, Wenham, MA.

They spoke as independent individuals, of course, but all united in their concern for the rights of all people in the Middle East. But they spoke also out of genuine fear that Israel, as a result of the toll it has taken in understanding and sympathy through distorted images, might be pressured to accept simplistic and unrealistic solutions to complex problems. They spoke also as people for whom modern Israel has a significant meaning in their lives as Christians, beyond its significance as the "Holy Land."

Thus Sister Boys, speaking to groups in St. Louis and Detroit, pointed out that Christians should respect both Palestinian and Jewish claims to the land, should reject all stereotypes and caricatures, should understand and respect the genuine reservations Israelis and Jews have of PLO intentions and their real suspicions about PLO peace initiatives given its record of violence and terrorism, and should rejoice in the remarkable candor and self-criticism of many Israelis and Jews throughout the world. These Christian leaders are, as you might guess, busy people who were prepared to take on this demanding responsibility out of a sense that Israel deserves fair play and must not be abandoned by the Christian community. We appreciate their dedication and commitment to Israel, and most particularly, their willingness to share this commitment with Christians in many American communities.

On Sunday, May 21, as part of the final day's activities at our 83rd Annual Meeting at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, Sister Boys and Dr. Harter will take part in a discussion on "Christian Attitudes on Israel and the Palestinians." I urge you to be with us at the Annual Meeting; at this session you will have an opportunity with the rest of us to congratulate these and our other Christian friends for their important efforts, and to hear their candid evaluations and suggestions for AJC's future work in this area.

As ever. Ira Silverman

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My dear Bishop Keeler,

May 4, 1989

I am moved and deeply appreciative of your kind and gracious invitation to be present at your installation on May 23 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

While I have a lecture commitment in Cleveland and must leave that evening, I plan to be present at this wonderful and auspicious occasion.

It will be a symbolic homecoming for me to be in my hometown and to witness your assumption of the mantle of the Archbishop of that lovely city.

With every good wish and my prayers for God's richest blessings over you, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum International Consultant

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

May 5, 1989

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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 45 East 89th Street New York, New York 10128

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Let me extend my personal thanks for your message at the National Day of Prayer - Prayer Breakfast in the Pentagon. All who attended were inspired and uplifted by the substance of your presentation and your gracious spirit.

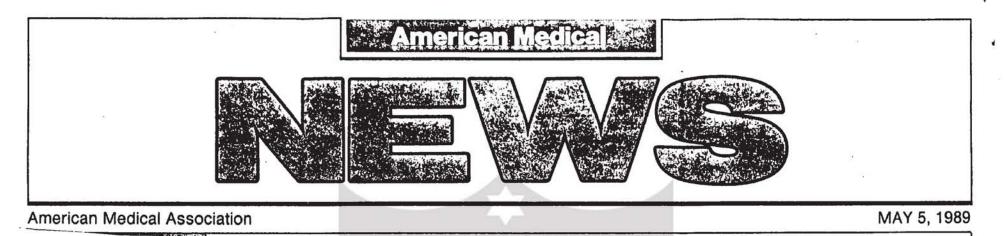
Enclosed is the statement of services rendered which I need you to sign. If you will sign and return it to my office, I can expedite the payment process (which even in the best of times is extremely cumbersome).

It was a real pleasure to meet you and spend some time together. May God continue to bless your ministry around the world.

Sincerely,

Mira William L. Hufham

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel), United States Army



#### AMERICAN JEWISH

# In Cambodian refugee camp, hope is medicine



#### Karen Kruger, MD

RYAN VER BERKMOES/AMN

Sole physician at the Khao-I-Dang refugee camp clinic in Thailand, located seven miles from the Cambodian border, Dr. Kruger sees the plight of the Cambodian refugees first hand. MD confronts problems of war-torn people

By Ryan Ver Berkmoes

Every patient has a story — loved ones killed, torture, shattered lives. They all have stories.

They are probably the most abused people on Earth: Cambodian refugees. They live in crowded refugee camps strung along the Cambodian border with Thailand. Unable to return to their war-torn homeland, and barely tolerated by the Thai government, the refugees live tenuous lives. Karen Kruger, MD, knows about their plight first hand. She practices at the Khao-I-Dang refugee camp seven miles from the Cambodian border

near the town of Aranyaprathet in Thailand.

She is the sole physician running a clinic for a camp of more than 20,000 people. She sees upwards of 200 patients a day. Leprosy, malaria, and tuberculosis are common. The green hills around the camp are strewn with land mines. Armed bands of thieves

prowl the countryside.

So how does she like her work? "I love it!" she says between talking to patients in her thatched-roof clinic.

Dr. Kruger is one of a handful of physicians serving the more than 300,000 refugees in the border camps. <u>Her sponsor agency is the</u> <u>New York-based International Rescue Committee (IRC), which has extensive humanitarian relief activities for Cambodians in Thailand. It is one of about 15 international relief organizations providing medical care to the area.</u>

Born in Chicago, Dr. Kruger, 33, specialized in pediatrics. After finishing her residency in 1985, she spent a year helping famine victims on the border of Sudan and Ethiopia. Although she got sick and lived in horrible conditions, the experience inspired her. After two years of pediatrics practice in Norfolk, Va., she missed helping the desperate. See HOPE, page 44

The clinic building Dr. Kruger practices in is like the others in the camp: dirt floors with thatched walls and roof over a wood frame. She is assisted (right) by Cambodians who are trained in medical education and English. Anyone younger than age 10 has never known any life other than that of the camps.

## Hope

Continued from page 3 Thus, last fall, she boarded a plane for Thailand.

Help is what the Cambodians need. The past 20 years have seen their simple, peaceful culture torn apart by war and genocide. In 1970, the government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who had kept Cambodia out of the Vietnam War, was overthrown in a U.S.backed coup. His replacement was Lon Nol, who brought the war and widespread corruption.

When the United States pulled out of Southeast Asia in 1975, the notorious Khmer Rouge, who had Chinese backing, took power. The next four years of horror have been documented in films and books such as "The Killing Fields."

Anyone suspected by the Khmer Rouge of having an education was killed, but simply breathing was often provocation enough. Families were torn apart, and whole towns ceased to exist. How many died during the Khmer Rouge's four years in power is unknown, but a widely accepted guess is 2 million, or close to one-third of Cambodia's pre-war population. In 1978, the Soviet-backed Viet-

In 1978, the Soviet-backed Vietnamese invaded Cambodia. A year later, the Khmer Rouge fled to the Thailand border area. So did a large portion of the population, who, had they tried fleeing before, would have been killed by the Khmer Rouge.

By 1980 more than a million Cambodians were crammed into refugee camps along the border. At first many were resettled to nations like Australia, France, and the United States. But the pace slowed, and today the Thai government has grown weary of their presence. It would like to push the refugees back into Cambodia, where several factions, including the Khmer Rouge, have fought a civil war against the Vietnamese-backed government for a decade.





When Dr. Kruger arrives at Khao-I-Dang each morning from the house she shares with other relief workers in Aranyaprathet, she arrives at a refugee camp that is filled with hope and despair. In 1979, it was home to 150,000 refugees, which made it the largest concentration of Cambodians in the world. So many had suffered disease and injury getting there that bulldozers had to be used to bury the dead.

Today, a decade later, it is a calmer place. The people Dr. Kruger sees lead much more stable lives, but their lives are not good. Khao-I-Dang, like the other refugee camps, is really a concentration camp. Relief workers may enter and leave, but no one else. The Thai Army ensures that the residents of the camp remain inside. Some have been there for 10 years. Unable to return to their country, and with resettlement down to a trickle, the refugees of Khao-I-Dang wait.

The clinic building Dr. Kruger practices in is like the others in the camp: dirt floors with thatched walls and roof over a wood frame. The openness of the design allows plenty of light to filter in. She does most of her

PHOTOS RYAN VER BERKMOES/AMM

work at an open area in the middle of the hut. There are some examining rooms to the side, but she says that privacy is not very important to the refugees. "The kids all gather around when I do a pelvic exam and the woman never minds."

Dr. Kruger is helped by Cambodians who are trained in medical education classes run by the IRC in the camp. Turnover is high because, as the helpers become proficient in medical skills and English, approval is given for their resettlement.

One of her assistants is Vibol, a 19year-old with no relatives in the camp. Like everyone else, he has a story. When he was 8 years old, he lived with his family on a farm. One day the Khmer Rouge came and tied him to a tree. While he watched, they tortured and killed his father. Then the soldiers cut Vibol's father's liver out and, as per Khmer Rouge custom, boiled and at e it.

Vibol saw other members of his family killed, too. The Khmer Rouge then took him to a child labor unit where he was forced to work 16 hours a day. He had no idea if any member of his family was alive. When the Khmer Rouge regime fell, he fled with a friend to the border. The friend was blown up by a land mine just before reaching Thailand.

Vibol lived in a refugee camp on the border until 1986, when word reached him that his mother and three surviving sisters were at Khao-I-Dang. Under the cover of darkness, he went there and crawled under the barbed wire fence. He was overjoyed at finding his family, but then found out they were leaving in a few hours to be resettled in the United States.

"Even seeing them for a few hours was worth it." he says quietly.

His frequent smiles and clean blue shirt belie his past, but Vibol's future remains in doubt. In 1991, his family will have been in the United States for five years, allowing them to petition for permission to have Vibol join them. But there's a catch. By then he will be 21, which will make it much harder. In the meantime he works in the clinic, studies English, and waits.

Besides infectious diseases, Dr. Kruger sees many other problems stemming from the close quarters and inactivity of the camps. "You see a lot of venereal disease here," she says while examining a man who keeps getting syphilis. Dr. Kruger tells him that she definitely wants to see his wife. With the breakdown of the family

With the breakdown of the family structures and the lack of anything to do at night, many of the once chaste Cambodian people have lost that virtue.

tue. "Prostitution is common, and one of my accomplishments I'm most proud of since I got here is setting up a clinic just for them," says Dr. Kruger, who explains that she had a back part of the clinic walled off and a door installed so the prostitutes could come and go without being seen.

Prostitution, which is tolerated in the camp, is a mild vice compared with what existed just a year ago. A different element of the Thai Army was responsible for security then. It was corrupt and conspired with criminals and gangs to exploit the refugees.

Each night as the sun went down and the relief workers left, the raping and robbing began. The refugees in the camp endured countless nights of this terror until protests from agencies like the United Nations Border Relief Organization (UNBRO) became loud enough, and a complete shake-up was made in the Army forces. Today, relief workers agree, the situation is much better.

However, the earlier at rocities contributed to what Dr. Kruger says is the foremost medical concern: mental health problems. "There is so much emotional stress in these camps after the stress these people have been through. But with the language problem and the withdrawn nature of many of the people, it's hard to properly identify."

Adding to the refugees' stress is their uncertain future. Vietnam has announced that it is pulling its forces out of Cambodia. In their wake will be a power vacuum that the three factions along the border will try to fill.

Naturally, the present government will try to stay in power, so the prospect of additional years of war seems assured. Worse, the strongest of the border factions is the Khmer Rouge, who have been receiving aid from China and others because of their opposition to the Soviet-backed Virtnamese government in Cambodia. Additionally, relief workers say, the Khmer Rouge have been siphoning off U.S. humanitarian aid for camps where they control the population. Although this violates U.S. policy, it is almost impossible to stop.

That the perpetrators of genocide would receive any aid at all is galling to many in the relief community. Jim Anderson, the IRC administrator in Bangkok, says, "It's as if the international community had conspired to keep the Nazis in power after World War II as a potent anti-Communist agent in Eastern Europe."

Talks among the parties aimed at averting a bloody struggle for power have so far ended in failure.

For many of the refugees, the prospect of peace and being able to return home seems far off. Salim, a translator for Dr. Kruger, is an example. He and his wife have decided to raise a family within the confines of the camp, despite the lack of a certain future. "We could wait forever," he says. Meantime, his translating skills are

Meantime, his translating skills are vital. While Dr. Kruger tries to learn the Cambodian language, Salim does more than just translate her words: he



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#### A born pediatrician

PHOTOS: RYAN VER BERKMOES/AMA

Dr. Kruger's reasons for choosing pediatrics are clear. She is unable to see a child without stopping for a hug and a comment such as, 'She's so cute!'

helps her with cultural questions as well. A fat Buddhist nun is an example, Dr. Kruger wants to tell the woman, who has a heart condition, to lose weight. Salim helps her do so in a way that won't offend the nun.

Between patients. Dr. K.ruger's reasons for choosing pediatrics are clear. She is unable to see a child without stopping for a hug and a comment such as, "She's so cute!" or "I just love him!" And the room is filled with children.

Anyone younger than age 10 has never known any life other than that of the camps. Some are orphans, cared for by distant relatives. One small boy clings to Dr. Kruger's leg. She says that she sees him every day, but has no idea if he has any family.

"As long as he holds on to me he's

happy." When she leaves him, he momentarily looks about in a panic. But then, spying another adult, he grabs that person's legs, and looks up with once again smiling eyes.

Many of the children have blondish-colored hair, "That comes from vitamin deficiencies. They get plenty of food, but not the right variety," Dr. Kruger explains.

The refugees are allowed to grow some food, but mostly they depend on rationed handouts from the relief agencies. A black market in supplies from outside the camp flourishes, but purchasing these goods requires cash, which only leads to activities like prostitution.

A friend of Dr. Kruger's, Ying Jojlin, offers a look at life in the camps. In his late 30s, he suffers from leprosy.

Each day he spends his time visiting a network of friends. As Ying walks, he shields himself from the scorching sun, which often sends the temperature close to 100 and bakes the red earth into a dust that covers everything.

Before Ying contracted leprosy in 1983, he was a carpenter. Now his feet and hands are crippled by the disease. He says, "Because of my illness, no country will accept me, and I can no longer practice my trade."

Yet despite this he is very cheerful. One of his best friends is the camp's ice-milk vendor, whose product Ying is just able to hold in the remnants of his fingers.

"Many people here are like me: they just wait to see what happens to them," he says as he walks past the densely packed bamboo huts. Inside the huts, shadowy figures can be seen doing laundry, cooking, or just sitting. Chickens peck about in an open sewer next to the road.

Ying shows off the camp's schools, which are operated by a number of relief agencies and teach subjects as diverse as fabric-making, printing, and a high school curriculum. But he says that the closed nature of the camp limits the effectiveness of the schools, because the students are unable to creatively develop their skills.

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Despite the difficulties of working at Khao-I-Dang, Dr. Kruger loves it and plans to remain for at least six more months. "I'm getting much more out of it than I thought.

"In a selfish sense this is a good experience because it satisfies the need to feel rewarded on an immediate level.

"The people are so giving. They have lost everything but they still have this glow. All you need to do is give them an excuse to smile and they do. Even the ones like Ying, who don't have much hope of leaving any time soon, are trying to learn things and contribute in some way.

"These people were once part of the Cambodian middle class. I wonder if you took people from an American suburb and put them through what these people have been through, if they would be doing as well?"



Translating skills are vital

While Dr. Kruger tries to learn the Cambodian language. her assistants do more than translate her words: they help her with cultural questions as well. Salim (left) helps explain to a Buddhist nun that she must lose weight.



Office of the Dean School of General Studies

May 8, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum 45 East 89th Street New York, New York 10128

Dear Marc:

I hope you will agree with me that the event last night was a rousing success. Your address was stirring, dynamic, moving, and evoked positive reactions from the audience. You have raised important issues that are at the forefront of Black-Jewish relations, and I genuinely hope that last night's event will serve as a model for what can be done to foster positive relationships and re-establish the bond that existed between the two communities.

This morning I already received many calls expressing praise about the program, and on behalf of the Project, I would like to express to you my heartfelt appreciation for your great contribution.

I hope that in the future we will have many opportunities to call upon you and we shall have the privilege of having you with us again.

Cordially,

Ernest Schwarcz Dean

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cc: President Shirley Strum Kenny Project Coordinator June Van Brackle



Office of the President

May 8, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 East 56 Street New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you so much for participating in our Black/Jewish People to People memorial to Chaney/Goodman/Schwerner. I was deeply moved by your words and the conviction that they so eloquently expressed. I know that everyone in the auditorium was transfixed as I was.

The importance of communicating to the younger generation the commitment and courage of civil rights leaders of the past is enormously important. We are at a time in which, as you say the agendas are different but the stakes are equally important. We at Queens College are determined to make an impact on our students and through the dedication of the Library Tower on the students of the future. With the help of people like you, we can make an impact.

Again thank you for your speech and thank you for being such a good friend of Queens College.

Sincerely,

Shirley Strum Kenny President

SSK:mj cc: June Van Brackle Dr. E. Schwarcz



May 8, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum 45 E. 49th Street New York, New York 10128

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I want to thank you personally for your willingness to address the members of the Pentagon staff attending the prayer breakfast on the National Day of Prayer. Chaplain McDonnell reported that your address was an inspiration to everyone there. He especially noted your clear vision of the work of our military chaplains engaged in ministry to soldiers and families around the world.

Thank you for taking time out of a very busy schedule to include us in your ministry.

Sincerely,

Norris L. Einertson Chaplain (Major General), United States Army Chief of Chaplains

I continue to hear of your pourful speech. I will never forget the great speech you make at a prayer brackfast at Fort Borlow, Deorgie in the epring of 1980. hands for everything, and Bod blocs you !

## MORTON A. SIEGLER ASSOCIATES



REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS TO INDUSTRY, COMMERCE & THE LEGAL PROFESSION

May 8, 1989

Sir John Templeton c/o Miss Mary Walker Templeton Prize Foundation Lyford Cay Shopping Center Box N776, Lyford Cay Nassau, Bahamas

Dear John:

You may remember that we met on many occassions while we were both active in the New Jersey Chapter of Y.P.O.. Your career has been easy to follow since those days in the '60's, for hardly a week passes that we do not see your name in print involving issues relating either to the business world or to matters of religion.

I should like you to know that Carol and I are nominating Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum for consideration as a recipient of the Templeton Prize.

We have had an association with Rabbi Tanenbaum over many years during which time he has been the guiding spirit in the religious affairs of the American Jewish Committee. I have been a member of the Board of Governors and Carol has been equally active, having just completed two terms as President of the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter.

In spite of the fact that I understand that you have entrusted the administration and award process of The Templeton Prize to an independent group of judges, I am taking the liberty of enclosing this letter with the nomination with the hope that it will reach you.

Rabbi Tanenbaum's unique accomplishments, we feel, are such that we submit this nomination with full confidence that he is a most worthy candidate. I am sure you will remember meeting Marc when he spoke during the presentation ceremony at which The Reverend Billy Graham received The Templeton Prize.

Carol and I commend you for your highly principled endeavors and wish you continued good health and success.

Cordially,

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May 9, 1989

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum 45 East 49th Street New York, New York 10128

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum: ERICAN IEWISH

I want to thank you personally for your part in our prayer breakfast on May 4, celebrating the National Day of Prayer. Your address to the members of the Pentagon staff who attended the breakfast was inspiring. Many of the people who attended remarked on the insight you expressed on the importance of religious faith in the real world decisions the leaders of the military make daily. I especially appreciated your remarks about the military chaplaincies as a model of religious faith in America.

May God bless your continuing work in building interfaith cooperation.

Sincerely,

Charles J. McDonnell Chaplain (Brigadier General), United States Army Deputy Chief of Chaplains

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MARGARET CHILDERS Program Director

# Spanish Refugee Aid

A DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, INC.

386 Park Avenue South · New York, N.Y. 10016 · (212) 679-0010, ext. 251

May 15, 1989

#### Dear Friends:

"Why is Spanish Refugee Aid still in business?" is a question more and more frequently asked. The simple answer is that there are over 250 elderly Spanish Republican refugees who still count on us to be there for them. In this 50th year of their exile in France, SRA, and in particular the Toulouse office and my two colleagues, Maria Batet and Antoinette Caparros, is one place they know they can count on for understanding and support.

The personal attention and contact are ever more important for so many of these elderly Spaniards who have no family still living. They feel very much alone in their adopted country. After so many years away, they know they'd feel like strangers in their homeland, now a very different country from the one they fought for and sacrificed so much for, before finally having to flee. For them, SRA, which includes all you contributors and supporters, *IS* family. As Jose M. who lives in a little old house, far from the nearest village, told Antoinette: "I see no one. I hear from no one. I am quite, quite alone." Then, with a little smile, he added: "Except you. You are all my family."

How can we tell Jose and the others like him that there will be no more visits? No more phone calls? No more little money orders telling him we honor his fight for all of us? Jose is a widower, he has no children, his health is fragile. He has little to live for but SRA is his comfort and gives him a reason to struggle on in the little time left to him.

Those of our friends who live in Toulouse and are still able to get about know that they can drop by the office at any time and find a confidante, an advisor, an understanding friend. It's a tiny office in a very old building, up one flight of narrow, steep stairs, on a small inner courtyard with an outside w.c. It's not at all glamorous, not very comfortable and, for many of these aging Spaniards, not even very convenient. But they will struggle up those stairs because for so many years, that office has been a kind of "home."

The average age of the exiles is 77. The ten years of deprivation due first to the Civil War, then the detention camps in France, then the forced labor companies during the German Occupation, dramatically damaged their health. They do not expect miracles and know their years are numbered. Can we tell them now that there will be no more SRA office? No confidantes nor friendly chats for them?

Those who live far from Toulouse know the telephone will always reach a familiar, friendly voice. Few are still able to write. But dear Cristino D. at age 91 painstakingly types his notes of appreciation regularly: "As always I so much appreciate this aid you bring me, a truly humanitarian act. Such solidarity reflects, more, enhances your beautiful and generous association." Do we tell him he'll soon have no one to write to?

These Spanish Republican exiles recognize that in today's world there are many appeals for help which seem more pressing. They are astonished, grateful and greatly moved by your continued caring and support. Don't let them down. Not now. Not just yet. Stay, along with Estan B. who writes: "I'm an old retiree myself but how can one not keep giving to these "unsung heroes."

You will, won't you? We all thank you.

Cordially,

Margaret Childers Program Director

# Spanish Refugee Aid's Thirty-Sixth Year

#### AMIGOS DE LOS ANTIGUOS REFUGIADOS ESPANOLES

We greatly appreciate the generous contributions which the Spanish Committee (AARE) continues to work so hard to give us. They recognize along with us that the need is not only for financial help but, increasingly, the more important aspect of our support is the personal contact both in visits and on the telephone. Part of the large grant which AARE has been awarded annually from the Spanish Ministry of Labor, through its department of Accion Social, is ear-marked to cover the costs of travel and visits by Antoinette Caparros. Last year, she covered well over two thousand miles, managing to see some 40 of our exiled friends in far-flung places. Her husband frequently accompanies her on the longer trips and is already known to many of the Spanish exiles for he has taken part in both the special visits to Spain which AARE organized in 1986 and 1987. We're grateful for his help. Some of our friends, especially those who live in isolated villages, had not been visited for some time.

> Julia P. is 75 and impatiently awaited Antoinette's arrival as they'd missed each other during the last visit Antoinette made to her area 6 years ago. In the interval, our friend had suffered a stroke, had become almost totally blind and gangrene had forced the amputation of one leg. She poured out all her woes and when Antoinette departed, she was very pleased to have made this visit as Julia seemed to feel much better for having had an understanding confidante.

AARE is especially aware of the significance to these aging exiles of any contact with their native land. For so many years, they felt forgotten by their own people and the attention of AARE has a special meaning for them. Two of AARE's founders, Rocio Linz and Ritama Fernandez visited the Toulouse office last fall and accompanied Antoinette to two of the large old age homes in the area. They were touched to see that AARE's 1987 Christmas card was still proudly displayed and Mariano S. told them it is kept until replaced by the next year's card. This year, AARE included in their traditional Christmas package a calendar with pictures of Spain and a box of that particularly Spanish candy, turron.

We were very pleased to begin this year with the sum of \$34,019 already available from AARE for 1989. Their help is invaluable.

#### **LIGA DE MUTILADOS**

Antonio Trabal, the Liga's chief delegate in Paris, writes of their gratitude for SRA's annual support. This month in Barcelona, the Spanish and French delegations are holding a large reunion of the disabled veterans and widows of the Civil War. Trabal says they will take the opportunity to remind Spanish authorities of their continuing work in France in pressing for the still-pending Spanish pensions. He will attend as representative of the Liga de Mutilados-Toulouse.

#### **NEW CASES**

In 1988, we added three new cases and restored to our lists a man now in hospital whose family we had helped some years ago. Mercedes H. is 77 and was widowed in 1940 when the Falange assassinated her husband fourteen months after the end of the Civil War. She now lives with her daughter whose cancer was recently diagnosed and who is very weak and in need of constant care. Both women struggle with poor health and the most meagre resources. Mercedes was very moved by the recent news of an "adoption" and is full of thanks to all who comfort her... Juana S. is 81 and came to France from Morocco just 9 years ago with her husband who died in 1987. She is ineligible for certain subsidies given to old age pensioners who have lived in France for more than 15 years and has a truly miserable widow's pension. The local social worker is filing an application for her Spanish pension but this is expected to take a long time. Meanwhile, Juana's resources are half the official poverty level and the SIA (Solidarite Internationale Antifasciste) has asked us to help her.... Maria A. is 77 and just recently entered an old age home where Antoinette discovered her while visiting another Spaniard. Maria had worked for the Spanish Red Cross and then for the St. Vincent de Paul nuns in France who are her only visitors for she has no family at all in France. This sad, lonely woman was overcome with pleasure to meet Antoinette and to learn of SRA.... Antonio S. was an infant at the time of the Civil War. Now he is ill and alone; his parents and his brothers all died of cancer. His compatriot in the same hospital told Antoinette about him and Margaret tells me she's pleased to have found adopters for both men.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS and ADOPTIONS**

The four students who have received scholarships for 1988-89 are doing well and are all expected to finish the year successfully and be admitted to their next classes. We are grateful to the contributors who permit us to give this encouragement to the children of the exiles. It is greatly appreciated by our Spanish friends who were, themselves, unable to have these opportunities.

To date, we are pleased to record 7 new "adoption" offers in the past year. This is especially helpful as Margaret notes that we lose "adopters" at a rate almost equal to the loss of our "adopted" friends. Since the last Report, nine women and eight men have died of whom 12 were adopted. Several recent reports from Antoinette show how close the friendships formed through this kind of sponsorship can be: Carmen H. speaks of her adopter as though she's known her all her life though they've never met: Antoinette believed Carmen was speaking of a childhood friend from Spain.... Ana E. was so touched that her adopter kept writing affectionate letters although she knew Ana couldn't reply because of cataract surgery: they were a great boost to her morale and helped her get through a difficult period....Pedro V. described his adopter's recent letter with such delight that Antoinette said it was a great pleasure just to hear him: at age 88, he was greatly touched and amused to get a card for St. Valentine's Day....Amor S. says, with tears in her eyes, that when she wanted to make her brother happy, all she had to do was speak of his "noble protector"; now Manuel is dead and Amor is so proud to carry on the connection.... Dolores M. has been relocated temporarily while her building is remodeled and is anxious that her adopters know she has room for them to stay with her this year.

Among others, additional help is needed for 76 year old Jose A. whose paralysis from polio prevented his working in France and whose resources are the minimum as a result. And for Basilisa A. whose nervous problems are a result of her imprisonment by the fascists in Barcelona. And for Fernando G., aged 77, and his wife, both in very poor health and whose unreimbursed monthly bills for medicines are very high. Contributions of \$20 monthly would make such a difference to their lives. Can you help?

#### **OLD AGE HOMES**

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Almost 25% of the elderly exiles we help are in state-owned old age homes of one kind or another, ranging from the hospices for the incurably ill to the special residential units for those who are still able to manage some independence. Social security pensions are paid directly to the homes which then return to the pensioners a small sum of monthly pocket money. This is never more than \$40 for the elderly Spanish exiles. More often, it is less.

There is Ramona A. who at age 86 recently had to recognize that she could no longer manage alone and went into a brand-new home. Her pension is below the minimum and doesn't cover her charges. Her children cannot afford the payments either. She gets, therefore, the minimum sum of just \$15 a month and is enormously grateful for her "adoption" support which makes it possible for her to buy toiletries and other personal items not supplied by the home. And Antoinette writes of Julia P:

> This little old grandmother who is very unhappy and ill now finds herself in a home where the days are long and sad. She has less than \$40 a month with which to buy some treats or even some essential groceries, as well as her toiletries, or perhaps a pair of slippers, a nightgown or a robe from time to time. Julia is understandably full of thanks for the help we give her.

And of Jaime P. whom she was anxious to visit as she'd been told several times that he was unable to come to the phone. Her last visit was 2 years ago when she joined him for lunch:

> The poor man is totally worn out and gets up only to use the bathroom and, then, only if a nurse is available to help. He's just 87 and was so happy to see Antoinette as he has no other visitors at all. He remembered that on her last visit she'd brought him a cardigan and he ruefully commented that he'd no need for such clothing any more. He greatly appreciates the regular aid he's sent which allows him to buy extra foods to vary the monotonous institutional menus. Sadly, this is now his greatest pleasure.

When a visit isn't possible, a money order from SRA assures these lonely exiles in hospital that they have not been forgotten, that they have not been abandoned. They feel so cut off from the outside world and their comrades that this means a great deal.

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It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of two long-time friends. Elinor Black, along with her husband, was an early supporter of SRA and a Sponsor for many years. Barbara Tuchman, also a Sponsor of SRA and one of the earliest contributors, served as well on the Advisory Committee. We extend our sincere sympathies to their families....A generous bequest was received from the Estate of Gertrude Hass whose many years of support of the Scholarship Program, along with her concern for the well-being and comfort of the elderly exiles, were so greatly appreciated....A final gift was received from Henry Jacoby who died in 1986. He and his wife, Frieda, were co-founders in Switzerland of Aide aux Refugies Espagnols which regularly gave support to SRA....A bequest has been received from our long-time friend, Walter Goldwater.... Contributions were received to honor Nathan and Pauline Newstein, John Tisa, Phoebe Valentine, Harry and Ida Wallach... and in memory of Gil Bottoms, Hans Hacker, Wayne Hale, Charles G. Hamilton, Marion P. S. Kellogg, Allard K. Lowenstein, Joe Nicolas, Antonio Olivieri, Alex Reser, Withal Rossein, Jay Seldin, Isaac Moe Schnidt and Ahrne Thorne.... We send our condolences to the family and friends of Juliette de Saint Cyr, a long-time supporter through SRA of the Spanish Republicans.

Nanny Macdonald

Nancy Macdonald Chairman

### SPANISH REFUGEE AID

A DIVISION OF IRC, INC.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures January 1, 1988 - December 31, 1988

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Cash Contri	butions—USA—General	2	\$94,399
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	Scholarships		8,547
	Books		138
	Europe—General	<i>t</i> :	423
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#### TOTAL INCOME

#### **EXPENDITURES**

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In Cash and Services	EQ.	
General Assistance	53,815	
Adoptions	75,080	
Scholarships	4,924	
Ligue des Mutilés	2,500	
Visits and Special Assistance	2,396	45 - 25
Counseling and Services—Europe	31,011	
Salaries Applied to Counseling and Services—USA	24,961	\$194,687

#### **General and Administrative Expenses**

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Salaries and Benefits-Administrative	17,090	
Rent and Light	1,444	
Telephone and Telegraph	1,198	
Postage and Express	4,295	
Supplies and Equipment	2,177	
Printing and Lettershop	5,217	19 E - 11
Bank Charges, Audit, etc.	330 -	n <u>6</u> 6 5
Insurance and Taxes (Europe)	14,952	್ಷಕ್ಷ ಕೆ. ಮೇ ಕಿ.
Purchase of Books for Re-sale	92	
(Paper) Loss on Rate of Exchange Francs/Dollars	2,158	48,953
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		243,640
Surplus for the Year	÷	\$ 10,177

Surplus for the Year Add: Adjusted Fund Balance 1/1/88

#### FUND BALANCE 12/31/88

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43,941

\$ 54,118

\$253,817



#### INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS AMITIE INTERNATIONALE JUDEO-CHRETIENNE INTERNATIONALER RAT DER CHRISTEN UND JUDEN e.V.

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To the Member Organisations of the International Council of Christians and Jews

19 May 1989

Dear Friends,

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the ICCJ which was held on 28 February and 1 March 1989, Rev. Arie Lems informed the members that for personal reasons he had decided to resign from the Vice-Presidency and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee noted this decision with regret. There will be opportunity during the General Meeting of the ICCJ in Lille to express our thanks to Rev. Arie Lems for the great dedication with which he has served on the Executive Committee of the ICCJ since 1980 and as Vice-President since 1984.

With a view to filling this vacancy the Executive Committee asked the President, Dr Victor C. Goldbloom, to appoint a nomination committee to propose to the General Meeting a candidate for the office of Vice-President of the ICCJ.

The President then asked the Honorary President, Lord Coggan, and the Honorary Vice-President, Dr Gerhart Riegner, to form together with himself, this nomination committee. This committee has asked me to inform you that it has decided to nominate

#### Dr Elisabeth Maxwell

as Vice-President of the International Council of Christians and Jews for the period until the election of a new Executive Committee in 1990. A biography of Dr Maxwell is enclosed.

If your organisation wishes to put forward another nomination, such nomination must be received by the General Secretary of the ICCJ, Martin Buber House, P.O. Box 129, 6148 Heppenheim (Telefax No of Post Office Heppenheim: +49.6252.77688), Federal Republic of Germany, on 26 June 1989.

Yours sincerely, marrille

Dr <sup>1</sup>J. Schoneveld General Secretary

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#### STICHTING WETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERZOEK VAN CHRISTELIJKE LITERATUUR OVER JODEN EN JODENDOM (FOUNDATION RESEARCH INTO CHRISTIAN LITERATURE ON JEWS AND JUDAISM)

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To Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum Director Internal Relations Department American Jewish Committee 165 E 56 Street New York NY 10022 - U.S.A.

Copies to Dr. M. Bernard Resnikoff (Director of the Israel Office of the American Jewish Committee) Prof. Geoffrey Wigoder, Jerusalem Prof. Dr. R.J. Zwi Werblovsky, Jerusalem

Dear Mr. Tannenbaum,

#### May 19th 1989

Some time ago (April 25th 1988) I have drawn your attention to our project 'Anthology of Christian Literature on Jews and Judaism'as Dr Resnikoff had suggested to me in Jerusalem that your Committee might be willing and able to support it financially. Authorities like professor Werblovsky and professor Wigoder have added hope to this view during my visit to Israel in 1988. Since, some promising developments have taken place, which might influence your opinion on our enterprise and the desirability of your participation. This letter is intended to make your information up to date.

As to the <u>scientific</u> aspects of the project the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ) has suggested to organize with us a scholars consulation in order to formulate recommendations concerning the contents of the book and the selection of the international editorial board. This approach has been welcomed by us, while Dr. Schoneveld has informed us that the officers of the ICCJ have approved the plan. As a consequence, preparations of this meeting are in progress.

At least one well-reputed international publisher has shown serious interest in our enterprise, which in the course of 1988 has been divided into three parts :

a) an anthology of some 600 pages providing in the English language a rather strict selection of christian texts and destined for private historians, theologians and interested laymen.

b) an encyclopaedia of about the same size, providing a most wide choice of references to texts.

These two books can appear within a few years, as they don't require a large editorial board. In fact they can be largely derived from Dr. Jansen's archive, as might be understood from the reading of his curriculum vitae (enclosed).

c) the four-volumes-anthology providing all important original texts with an English translation, as described in our earlier circulars. The past year has confirmed the need of this source of research in university and other scientific libraries of the Western world and in Israel. The production of this book requires more preparation (like the above-mentioned scholars consultation), work and money. The economical means to be collected for this purpose are estimated at \$ 750 000.

As to the <u>financial</u> aspects of the enterprise the past year has

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brought considerable support from institutions already mentioned in earlier letters, while recently the 'Stichting Algemene Loterij Nederland' (Foundation General Lottery of the Netherlands) gave 250 000 Dutch guilders unconditionally and the promise of this amount again if foreign donors will contribute substantially. This means that from this source some 250 000 U.S. dollars will be available as the gratifying international scientific approval can be expected to result in considerable material support from various countries in Western Europe and the Americas.

Summarizing our financial situation I can report that since the start of our Foundation some two years ago the requirements of the 'great anthology' have been met about halfway. As particularly this book will allow the scientific refute of religious myths on which jew hatred is based I cherish the hope that the American Jewish Committee will be willing to help filling the remaining economical gap in our enterprise. As reported earlier we'll welcome suggestions with regard to some formal participation of your organisation, while we'll appreciate it highly if you personally might be willing to join our recommending committee (list of members enclosed).

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Wieberdink, secretary Kudelstaartseweg 148 a 1433 GN Kudelstaart telephone 02977.25440

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#### INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS AMITIE INTERNATIONALE JUDEO-CHRETIENNE INTERNATIONALER RAT DER CHRISTEN UND JUDEN e.V.

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To the Members of the Executive Committee, the Honorary President and Honorary Vice-President the Past Presidents and the Permanent Observers of the International Council of Christians and Jews

22 May 1989

# AMERICAN JEWISH

Dear Friends,

According to what was decided at our last meeting, I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Christians and Jews on Sunday, 2 June 1989, at 2 p.m., and on Friday, 7 June, at 9 p.m. at the "Catho", the Institut Catholique in Lille.

The agenda will be sent to you in the middle of June.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lille.

Yours sincerely,

Dr J. Schoneveld General Secretary

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May 22nd, 1989

Mr. Morton A Siegler, Morton A. Siegler & Associates, Real Estate and Construction Consultants, 19 Elba Drive, Hapatcong, New Jersey 07843

#### Dear Mort:

Thank you for your May 8 letter and nomination of Rabbi Tanenbaum for consideration by the Board of Judges of The Templeton Foundation Program of Prizes for Progress in Religion. This is one of the best prepared nominations received since our program began.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Templeton

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310-0200

24 May 1989

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

On behalf of all those who attended The National Day of Prayer Breakfast, we offer you our deepest appreciation for your having shared this special event with us. Your remarks were inspirational and your kind comments about the military services were very much appreciated.

Recently I was selected to become the Commander of the U. S. Army Western Command (WESTCOM) in Hawaii. Betty and I are excited about serving there with all the wonderful soldiers, civilian employees, and families. Although I do not know what the schedule at WESTCOM will be, I do know that I will seek an opportunity for you to visit. I would be especially honored to host you when you are in the islands. I will be in contact with you after my arrival in Hawaii in late July. Again thank you for being with us. It was an experience that I look forward to again. Betty and I will keep you and your efforts in our prayers.

#### Very respectfully,

CLAUDE M. KICKLIGHTER Lieutenant General, GS Director of The Army Staff

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 45 East 89th Street New York, New York 10128

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Chairman Lawrence S. Phillips President and CEO May 30, 1989 Laurence R. Simon Dear Marc, Greetings - Some time ago we talked about the possibility that you wild help ATWS approach the Blanstein Foundation for a grant to Support a program to Bring Israele' Knowledge on writer harvesting to the Third World. We have now made definite connections with the Blaustin Tuotate for Jesert Beach in Frae and Tudia and Africa. pujecto in Could you take a look at the draft proposal to see if you und

feel comfortable taking it to the Blausteins? Are the changes you would like to suggest? Many Hearles, AMERICAN ARCHIVES June Regards to Congette.

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Chairman Lawrence S. Phillips President Laurence R. Simon

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May 31, 1989

To: Laurence R. Simon

Dear Larry:

This will confirm our conversation of May 30, 1989 in which we advised you that you have been relieved of your responsibilities as President of the International Division and as a member of the Executive Committee, effective immediately.

The following represents our proposal concerning the terms of your future arrangement with the American Jewish World Service:

- 1. You may remain a member of the Board.
- 2. You are invited to serve as a special consultant to the AJWS to oversee the grain storage project. In this capacity you would be accountable to the Executive Director, Andy Griffel, and it is understood that you may remain in Boston.

The retainer for this consultancy would be \$35,000, payable in equal installments over 12 months. The retainer would be considered for extension at the end of 12 months, if mutually agreeable and desirable, by you and Andy Griffel.

3. Should you decline this consultancy offer, your severance would be 6 months salary at the present rate of compensation, payable from the date of termination, in 6 monthly installments.

Your existing pringe benefits would remain in place during these 6 months.

4. Should you so desire, AJWS will pay for the services of an out-placement consulting firm at a total fee not to exceed \$5000.

The arrangements outlined above will be terminated if, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, you make any statement, or take any action, that is judged to be harmful or disparaging to the AJWS, any member of its Board or staff.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to whether you choose to accept the consultancy proposal or the severance option so that we may prepare the appropriate agreements.

Sincerely, Lany Philly

Lawrence S. Phillips Chairman

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#### NOTICE OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE

Pursuant to the determination of members of the Executive Committee to relieve Larry Simon of his responsibilities as President of the International Division, the officers of the AJWS; Herbert Weiss, Peter Rabinowitz and Larry Phillips, met with Mr. Simon in Boston at 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 30, 1989, to inform him of this unanimous decision.

Upon learning the purpose of the meeting shortly after it began, Mr. Simon abruptly left, leaving no opportunity to give him a severance proposal. He claimed his termination was improper and demanded a meeting of the full Executive Committee. Although Larry Simon's position is without merit, we are willing, as a courtesy to him, to afford him an opportunity to appear before, and be heard by, the Executive Committee.

Please be advised, therefore, that there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the AJWS next Monday, June 5, 1989, at 4:00 P.M., at the AJWS offices in New York City at 1290 Sixth Avenue, 11th floor.

Is you cannot attend, please advise whether you will be available for a telephone conference call. Is you can neither be present in person or available by phone, please sign and return the enclosed proxy.

Prior to a discussion and vote on the above matter, there will be several other items on the agenda:

1. Election of Caroline Harris to the Executive Committee

- 2. Executive Committee approval and recommendation as Trustees of:
  - a. Joel Lamstein
  - b. Leonard Garment
  - c. Robert Nathan

Thank you,

Lawrence S. Phillips Peter Rabinowitz Herbert Weiss

May 31, 1989

May 31, 1989

The undersigned hereby appoints Lawrence S. Phillips, Peter Rabinowitz and Herbert M. Weiss, each of them jointly and severally, to vote on behalf and in the stead of the undersigned as if he/she were present in person on all matters to come before the American Jewish World Service Executive Committee Meeting on June 5, 1989, at 4:00 P.M.

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May 31, 1989

To: The Board of Trustees

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As officers and members of the Executive Committee, we have a profound commitment to furthering the purposes and ideals of the American Jewish World Service.

In the interest of furthering the growth and maintaining the vitality of AJWS, we have deliberated at length and reluctantly, but unanimously, concluded that the interests of our organization would be better served if Larry Simon was relieved of his responsibilities as president of the International Division. He was informed of this on May 30, 1989.

We are mindful and appreciative of Larry Simon's contributions since the founding of our organization a little over four years ago. We know you join us in thanking him for his efforts and in wishing him happiness and health.

It is our hope that Larry Simon will continue to serve as a member of the Board and as a special consultant to the important grain storage activities of the AJWS.

Andrew Griffel has been named Executive Director of AJWS and Bob Snow has been asked to continue his valuable role in our overseas development work.

Andy Griffel has been authorized to recruit a new head of our international operations who will report to the Executive Director.

The functions now resident in the Boston office will be relocated to New York. This process will be concluded within six months. With the consolidation of all operations in New York, considerable savings will result, thus enabling us to give a larger percentage of our revenues to our projects.

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All members of the staff in Boston have been encouraged to apply for the various positions available in New York. Those that choose not to apply, or who do not become part of our New York operation, will be given appropriate and liberal severance.

The work of AJWS will continue and all commitments to existing projects and those adopted by the Associate groups will be honored.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, may we urge you to consider that the growing pains evident during this difficult period are an indication of the maturation which we are undergoing. We expect the organization to emerge from this transition stronger and healthier.

It we all keep our focus on our long term goals and hopes, they will be achieved.

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We look forward to seeing you at or before our next Board meeting in New York on October 16th at 4:00 P.M.

Members of the Executive Committee

Warren Eisenberg Henry Everett Peter Geffen Rabbi Joseph Glaser Lawrence S. Phillips Peter A. Rabinowitz Anne G. Roiphe Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum Albert Vorspan Herbert M. Weiss

#### May 31, 1989

Rabbi Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum Director, International Relations The American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th Street New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc:

I am writing to notify you that the date of ODC's twentieth anniversary celebration and Annual Convocation on U.S. Relations with the Developing Countries has been changed to November 6-7 at the Willard Hotel here in Washington D.C. This is a change from the original date of December 6. Please make note of this on your calendar.

The meeting will begin with a dinner for Board and Council members on Monday, November 6. I am delighted to tell you that Jamaica's Prime Minister, Michael Manley will be our keynote speaker.

This dinner will be followed by a full-day of briefings and discussion on November 7 on U.S. Relations with the Developing Countries. We hope to have Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari as speakers. An agenda will be sent to you shortly.

I hope you will attend this year's annual meeting. It will be a unique opportunity to share your views with colleagues on issues central to the current U.S.-Third World policy debate.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call Ken Giunta, ODC's Director of Institutional Relations.

Sincerely W. Sewell John resident

#### INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

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To:	Executive Committee - cc: A1,	Roy,	Date:	May 31, 1989
	Barbara, Susan, Bob C.			
From:	Bob DeVecchi		Subject:	Spanish Refugee Aid

As you know, Spanish Refugee Aid is a division of the IRC. It continues to serve a needy constituency and continues to receive support from a loyal support group, primarily via direct mail solicitations. It also receives support from the Spanish Ministry of Labor which makes an annual grant through a local Spanish support group - Amigos de los Antiguos Refugiados Espanoles (AARE).

Over the past four years, the private support generated by SRA's direct mail appeal has averaged over \$180,000 per year. About 5,000 appeals are sent out with a reply rate of over 800. The AARE grant has been just over \$60,000 a year. The 1988 figure of \$66,482 is the highest amount to date.

Attached is the latest appeal from Spanish Refugee Aid, along with its statement of revenue and expenditures for 1988. Margaret Childers, Program Director of SRA, will be visiting the program this summer. I intend to invite her to an Executive Committee meeting upon her return to report to you all on the work of this important division of the IRC.

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#### CLARIDGE

May 19, 1989

Mr. Andrew Griffel National Director, Domestic Division American Jewish World Service c/o Phillips Van Heusen Corporation 1290 Sixth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10104 U.S.A.

#### Dear Andy:

Hope you are settling in well at AJWS New York. I saw the enclosed newspaper advertisement in a recent edition of The Globe & Mail and thought it might be of interest for potential AJWS work in the future. I also enclose a wrapper from a mineral water bottle, which was sold as an Oxfam fundraising campaign. The Naya Mineral Water Company relabelled its spring water with this "eau secours" label as an Oxfam benefit. I don't know what the financial results were but the publicity generated was considerable.

Our recently scheduled Dance for Development was a great success with an attendance of approximately 150 to 200. We raised over \$2,000.00 and with our Afikoman returns we have a "war chest" of \$5,000.00 available for a project.

Our Montreal group recently met with two representatives from the Ottawa JAD Board of Directors to discuss our future relationship. Our group reached the concensus that we will move forward in the JAD framework, which allows us the flexibility to cooperate fully with AJWS. Specifically funds which we raise locally will remain under our control with a 5% charge by JAD for administrative purposes. Projects must be cleared through the Project Committee but their standards seem to be less stringent than the OPC of AJWS. For example, our group remains committed to a project in Mexico, which we hope will be done in association with other AJWS chapters, such as Los Angeles or San Francisco.

FROM PHILLIPS-VAN HEUSEN

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I recently met with The Honourable Greville Janner, Q.C.M.P., President of the Commonwealth Jewish Council from England, Borothy Reitman, former President of Canadian Jewish Congress, Alan Rose, Executive Vice-President of Canadian Jewish Congress and Rabbi Gunther Plaut, leading : orm Rabbi from Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. We discussed creating an international confederation of like-minded Jewish organizations dedicated to international development.

Specifically Mr. Janner agreed that he would organize a meeting of leading British Jewry at any time if someone from AJWS and/or JAD would wish to make a presentation. He suggested the Fall as a good time for such a meeting. I enclose his address for your information. Dorothy Reitman is planning a trip to meet with Caribbean Jewish Committees and would be pleased to introduce the idea herself (if fully briefed) or bring a delegation from AJWS or JAD to open discussions. I also enclose her address for your information.

Yours sincerely,

David J. Blumberg

Enclosures.

cc: L. Phillips L. Simon P

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# RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY **NEWSLETTER**

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President's Message:

Rabbi Albert L. Lewis

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At our recent Convention in Washington DC, we took action on a number of critical matters and made some decisions on several long-standing issues; I would like to share some of what went on behind the scenes with you. The sharing calls to mind a story about a man who wished to convert to Judaism. After many months of study he now faced mikvah and brit milah. The prospect of the latter caused him much trepidation. Nervously, he asked a Jewish friend, "What is a brit milah like? How long will it take to heal?" His friend answered, "Bob, after my bris I couldn't walk for a year and a half!"

What this story teaches us is that information, even if it is accurate, must be presented in context in order to be useful or meaningful. In that light, I would like to review the Rabbinical Assembly's accord with the United Synagogue of America, which was finally reached and voted upon during our Convention.

For more than a year now, we have been working on finalizing an agreement that will harmonize our relationship with the United Synagogue. Our long and complex negotiations touched on many areas which were originally a source of friction between our two organizations: placement, severance, CJLS and others.

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## POLL RESULTS: Adult education has profound impact on Women's League members

Evelyn Auerbach, President, Women's League for Conservative Judaism

It pleases me to apprise you of the results of a poll of our delegates at Women's League's November 1988 Convention, which shows a remarkably well educated modern Conservative Jewish woman, committed to Jewish family life, *tzedakah* and Israel and ready to work as a full partner with her rabbi for the synagogue and for the Movement.

We distributed a six-page questionnaire to our 1400 delegates. The 810 women who responded indicated that: 83.3% attend Shabbat services regularly, 85.2% have at least one Shabbat family meal, 88.3% light candles on Shabbat and Festivals, 93.5% participate in a Passover Seder, 70.5% read Hebrew, 9.8% are proficient in leading Tefillot, 9.4% can read from the Torah and 15% can chant a Haftarah.

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I would like to call your attention to the women's accomplishments in the area of Jewish religious skills and their educational attainments because they are of particular significance to the rabbis of our movement. Most of the women who attend the Convention are in their 40's, 50's, and 60's and received little or no Jewish education as children, which means that they attained these skills as adults. What these statistics point to, therefore, is the remarkable effectiveness of adult education programs in our synagogues.

We are all well aware of the impressive (Continued on p. 8)

#### From the Israel Region

#### Twinning: A Program that Benefits Us Both Rabbi Matthew J. Futterman

The members of my congregation, my family, and I had the pleasure of celebrating the end of Pesah with two families who visited us from one of our sister congregations in North America. They came to Israel with their children for the *hag* largely because of the influence of their rabbi. Like many active and committed Conservative Jews, they have come to regard Israel as an integral part of their Jewish education and as a basic component of their Jewish identity.

I originally met these families while

visiting in their community two years ago. Although I was there to raise funds for my congregation, Kehillat Netzach Yisrael in Ashkelon, I did not want to schnorr (none of our colleagues in Israelenjoy enduring this almost demeaning aspect of our work). Therefore I spoke at length about twinning, creating a working sister-synagogue relationship.

Perhaps this is what these families had in mind when they contacted me complaining that they had yet to meet any (Continued on p.6)

#### **President's Message**

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We would have liked to share details of the agreements before the Convention, but, intense negotiations were still under way through Wednesday evening of the Convention week itself. We are pleased with the outcome of our discussions and we are confident that these agreements will enhance movement harmony. It is encouraging to see that the hostile atmosphere which had clouded our relationship has largely been dispelled. Thanks to the agreements, harmony is replacing dissonance.

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A letter will follow soon outlining the details of the agreements and especially their impact on the rabbi in the field. In addition, officers of the RA will be visiting all regions in order to explain fully the details and implications of our decisions.

A particularly exciting aspect of our Convention was the presence of four colleagues from Budapest. The Hungarian rabbis brought us encouraging news of Jewish life in the nations of the Eastern Bloc. The Jewish Theological Seminary of Budapest represents a philosophy in consonance with our own; in recognition of this intellectual and spiritual closeness, the four visiting rabbis were invited to become members in the Rabbinical Assembly. This is more than just a cordial symbolic gesture; the formal and continuing relationship we hope to develop with Budapest Seminary and its graduates will provide hizuk for our fellow Jews in Eastern and Central Europe, and confirms Conservative Judaism's role as a worldwide movement.

It was exciting to see the many families with young children who attended this year's convention. I've noticed that year after year, a growing number of rabbis see the Convention as an opportunity for a family vacation. It seems clear that our future convention planning must reckon with this new dimension, and provide appropriate resources, support and programming possibilities.

# Recent Publications

Rabbi Bradley S. Artson's book Love Peace and Pursue Peace: A Jewish Response to War and Nuclear Annihilation, has been published by the United Synagogue of America.

Rabbi Burton Cohen's article (in Hebrew) "The Jewish Theological Seminary and Ramah Camps: Partners in an Educational Enterprise" was published in the Summer 1988 issue of Shevilei Ha-Hinnukh. His "Missing the Boat (or Plane) on Israel in Jewish Education" appeared in Jewish Education, Spring 1988.

Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins has just published two new books: My Seventy-Two Friends: Encounters with Refuseniks in the USSR, and Glad to Be Me: Building Self-Esteem in Yourself and Others (revised, expanded edition). Both books are illustrated with photographs and are available for \$12 plus \$1 postage from Growth Associates, P.O. Box 18429, Rochester, NY 14618-0429. Rabbi Simon Glustrom's book The Myth and Reality of Judaism: 82 Misconceptions Set Straight was published by Behrman House.

Rabbi Martin Halpern wrote a chapter included in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders in Children and Adolescents, edited by Dr. M. Judith Rapoport and published by the American Psychiatric Press. The chapter offers a Jewish religious perspective in the treatment of OCD.

Rabbi Ron Isaac's book, Jewish Family Game Book for the Sabbath and Festivals was published by KTAV. His The Bride and Groom's Handbook was published by Behrman House.

Judaism: The Evolution of Faith, by Rabbi Phillip Sigal, revised by Lillian Sigal, was published by Eerdmans.

Rabbi Leon Weinberger's article "Hebrew Poetry from the Byzantine Empire: A Survey of Recent and Current Research" was published in the Bulletin of Judeo-Greek Studies (Cambridge).

## **RA Care Line**

A confidential "hotline" serving rabbis and their families under stress, in need of help or referrals is now in operation. The hotline is open 24 hours a day. You may call collect

#### (201) 744-6171

The hotline is sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on the Rabbinic Family and is coordinated by Rabbi Jeshaia Schnitzer.

#### Rabbinical Assembly Chaplains Honored

The Association of Jewish Chaplains has presented a Jewish Chaplain of the Year award since 1984. Out of the five recipients since that time, four are colleagues in the Rabbinical Assembly: Chaplains Simeon Kobrinetz, Marvin Labinger, Arnold Resnicoff and Philip Silverstein. LOUIS AUSTER 79-20 260th STREET FLORAL PARK, N. Y. 11004

(718)343-7563

Dear Rabbi.

June 1, 1989.

I hope that this letter finds you well. As you know, my article on " A Prophet For Our Time" met with no success, in spite of numerous submissions and query letters. But I am patient. I wanted the world to know about your work and achievements because they will benefit Jews of today and of future generations.

I thought that as the 25th anniversary of the Declaration nears, it would be appropriate to write an updated article on the subject. My article of about 3500 words, THE QUIET REVOLUTION: THE TURNABOUT IN CATHOLIC-JEWISH RELATIONS, tries to tell that story, and at the same time to direct attention to the important part you played in its drafting and passage, as the only rabbi present as delegate-observer. Let's face it, you could tell the story better, with your eloquence and graceful use of language. BUT, I say laudatory things about you that you could not, without appearing immodest.

For instance, I refer to you as "a towering figure in Christian-Jewish relations? I mention <u>Newsweek's</u> "the foremost apostle of the Jewish community to gentiles", and Sacred Heart's designation of "the Human Rights Rabbi." I quote you at length about the "network" of Jews and Christian who participate in all sorts of dialogues, and your satisfaction at our "most important 'export', pluralism." My theory is that if I can't get a train, I'll take a bus. The article is my vehicle for expressing the scope of your work.

I prepared a <u>query</u> letter, and sent it to <u>St. Anthony</u> <u>Messenger</u>, in Cincinnati. I sent copies of some gloss photos of you and Cardinal Bey, you and Pope John Paul II, and others. I stressed that I had interviewed you, who had been present at the deliberations of the Council, and had participated in the drafting of the Declaration.

EUREKA ! Partial success. They wrote me that the editors would be happy to look at the MS. on a "speculative basis." Which is only fair since thay have read only a summary of a little more than a page. I revised a few pages and sent them the article, along with some gloss photos, with a request that they return the photos. They are yours.

I guess that it might take about three weeks, and we will know the verdict. I need not tell you that it's tough to get published. I am optimistic that it will be accepted, since I try to strike positive notes. (Their guidelines stress "a special message for readers of St. Anthony Messenger.

I will send you a copy of the MS. as soon as I hear from them. There may be editorial revisions, or possibly cuts. I am hopeful that this time, I get some of your story across.

SHALOM ! With best, for Muster



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June 2, 1989

SECOND NOTICE

To: Executive Committee

Re: Wednesday, July 12 Meeting

From: Robert P. DeVecchi

This is the second notice of the Executive Committee meeting on <u>Wednesday, July 12, at 3:45 p.m.</u>, at the IRC office, 10th floor, 386 Park-Avenue South. Please designate a proxy if you cannot attend. The agenda will be sent to you with the final notice.

Enclosed are the minutes of the April 5 meeting.



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#### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

#### April 5, 1989

Present for the Committee:

Mmes. Blinken, Levenstein, Smithies, Thaw; Messrs. Cherne, Hamburg, Root, Sherwin, C. Tanenbaum, Weiner, Whitehead, Wiesner.

Present by Proxy: Mrs. Crawford; Messrs. Fitelson, Lyon, Olmer, Rhodes, Sternberg, Strickler.

Present for the Staff: Mss. Katel, Stark; Messrs. Bronstein, Carey, DeVecchi, Kastner.

Leo Cherne opened the meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the absence of Dusty Rhodes. The minutes of the February 28 meeting were approved as circulated. Mr. Cherne nominated John C. Whitehead as a member of the Executive Committee -- his motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Update. Bob DeVecchi briefly reviewed the January expenditure report, circulated to the Executive Committee on March 28. Expenditures are running \$8,600 above expectations, largely because of unanticipated high expenses in Europe. However, because funds raised to date are ahead of projections, the excess of revenue over expenditures for January was \$101,900.

<u>Freedom Award Dinner.</u> Vera Blinken reported that this has been a difficult effort. Responses have been slow, but there has been significant progress in recent weeks and we now have \$109,000 in sales and contributions in the bank and \$44,000 in firm pledges. Attendance to date is indicated at 190 persons, and a total of 250 will be acceptable. Leo Cherne noted that the Afghan Relief Committee is having a social dinner about a week after ours, and that Frank Kellogg will try to obtain a portion of the proceeds for IRC.

<u>Kuala Lumpur</u>. Bob DeVecchi reported on the recent conference he attended in Kuala Lumpur - as representative of the U.S. resettlement agencies - involving Vietnam, the ASEAN countries, and the major resettlement countries as well as intergovernmental and European agencies. The meeting was preparatory to a major conference to be held in Geneva in June on the issue of first asylum for boat people. The problems discussed concentrated on the screening of refugees to determine their bona fides and repatriation issues. The harshest positions were expressed by the Australians and British who branded most of the Vietnamese boat people now coming out as economic migrants, not refugees. Mr. DeVecchi will be attending the Geneva conference in a further effort to represent the interests of the refugees. El Salvador. Leo Cherne noted that Angier Duke was recently in El Salvador (with Bruce McColm, the Director of Freedom House) as an election observer. Angie, who regrets that he could not be here to speak for himself, informed Leo that the IRC program in El Salvador, which he had also visited last year, is an extraordinary one in every way. He particularly mentioned the outstanding qualities of our Director, Robyn Ziebert, and how capable she is in walking the fine line between opposing groups in El Salvador. The contribution of IRC's work there, in human terms, is substantial. Bob DeVecchi said that he hopes there will be another IRC mission to El Salvador this coming summer, and we should wait until July to reach a decision on the continuance of our work. The Executive Committee authorized staff to continue its program in El Salvador until July, then to review the situation and decide on the future.

<u>European Processing.</u> Bob DeVecchi reviewed the two major problems involving Soviet and East European refugees -- the rising number of refugees from these areas who have been approved for admission to the United States but are not moving, and the lack of U.S. Government funds to move them. In Germany, some refugees - some approved for admission to the U.S. - are being deported. In Rome there is a large backlog of Soviet Jews who have been denied refugee status by INS. Our Government is offering them "humanitarian parole," but this involves affidavits of support which are not always provided and payment of transportation. John Whitehead underlined the problem of insufficient U.S. Government funds for the refugees; Congress must approve both the numbers and appropriations. In the meanwhile we have a chaotic situation -- something that has existed for several years but is worse now since Congress is reluctant to appropriate the necessary funds.

Mr. Whitehead also reviewed his recent trip to Warsaw and Budapest. The liberalization in Poland will lead to the election of many non-Communists in the new government. The situation in Hungary is less dramatic, but the increasing stress on private enterprise is helping the economy. Mr. Whitehead spoke highly of the Polish Medical Project in the course of a discussion on the subject, saying that it is in IRC's best tradition. Vera Blinken brought up the matter of ethnic Hungarians in Rumania who have gone to Hungary. They are essentially refugees, and can't we do anything to help them? Mr. Whitehead suggested the possibility of writing to U.S. Ambassador Palmer in Budapest for advice.

Jim Sherwin reported briefly on the defection of 14-year old Gata Kamsky, the Soviet chess champion, and his father, in New York. They were here at the invitation of the American Chess Foundation which, with the assistance of IRC, obtained asylum for them. A press conference resulted in extensive media coverage. The Kamsky's are Tatars whose national status in the Soviet Union was abolished by Stalin and discrimination against them is still strong.

Afghan Refugees. Leo Cherne reported on his recent meeting with Cornelius Brouwer, Chairman of the Dutch refugee organization, Stichting Vluchteling, which has provided extraordinary financial support for IRC in recent years. Mr. Brouwer submitted to him a proposal - and later discussed it in detail with the IRC staff - for a Joint Afghan Rehabilitation Agency (JARA) in which IRC would have the major role. The detailed proposal was circulated to the Executive Committee on March 24. Mr. Cherne noted that since the proposal

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would involve work that might be characterized as "refugee development," Al Kastner had assembled documentation ranging over the past twenty years with many specific examples of IRC's involvement in work of this nature. Following an extensive discussion of the JARA proposal, a motion was made by Jim Sherwin to authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the plan as appropriate. John Whitehead seconded the motion, stressing the need for IRC to help the refugees in Pakistan to return to Afghanistan and to become resettled there. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Southern Sudan. Roy Williams noted that the first part of the IRC program in Southern Sudan (as discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting) has started. We have taken on three people including an epidemiologist and two nurses. Their goal is to immunize all the children in the affected area in the Sudan. The program will be funded entirely by the AID/OFDA.

Women's Commission on Refugee Women and Children. Susan Stark reported on the second meeting of the group at which Dr. Cynthia Haq gave a report on Afghan refugees in Pakistan, and Bob DeVecchi spoke about Indochinese refugee problems. Future plans include a breakfast with Sadruddin Aga Khan the morning after the Freedom Award Dinner, and a trip of Commission members to the border camps of Thailand, at the participants' expense. Ms. Stark mentioned two other projects in the field of public affairs. Print ads have been prepared based on interviews with Elie Wiesel, Liv Ullmann and Henry Kissinger -we hope that the ads will be in final form by mid-summer. Also, a press kit is being completed and should soon be ready for distribution to the media.

<u>Citizens Commission on Afghan Refugees.</u> Leo Cherne read a letter from Lionel Olmer, Chairman of the Commission, suggesting the postponement of the trip that had been planned for May. Bob DeVecchi and Roy Williams called attention to the Ford Foundation grant for the Commission and urged that consideration be given to having a few members of the Commission go to Pakistan this summer, even though it is not yet possible to enter Afghanistan. During a discussion on the subject, John Whitehead noted that the Executive Committee cannot make decisions for the Citizens Commission, which is an independent body. Nevertheless, from the viewpoint of IRC, the more of our people who can visit the camps in Pakistan, the better.

<u>New Business.</u> Authorization was given to Manerat Wichaiboon to sign on the foreign currency accounts being held at Grindaly's Bank in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Authorization was given for our New Jersey office to open a Now account with Hudson United Bank, with Robert P. DeVecchi, Myron Bronstein, Guillermo Estevez and Margarita Garcia as signators.

Al Kastner noted that, as requested, Executive Committee members had been polled on dates of meetings for the remainder of the year, and had approved the following schedule: Wednesday, July 12. Wednesday, September 6. Wednesday, October 18. Wednesday, December 13. All meetings are scheduled for 3:45 p.m. at the IRC office. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and Members of the Corporation has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



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Bertram H. Gold John Slawson ^F3^ ^F4^ ^F5^

Dear ^F6^:

It was no accident that AJC's recent 83rd Annual Meeting was held in Washington, D.C., for one of its overriding purposes was to demonstrate how a group's interests can be represented to the government of the U.S. Clearly there is no better place to do that than in the nation's capital.

If we accept the thought that we American Jews have a unique opportunity today to live in two civilizations, the American and the Jewish -- and they are fused, of course, in the very name of our organization, American Jewish Committee -- then we also accept the mandate to blend the best of both civilizations by striving to participate, appropriately and distinctively, in American public life. And that was what we were doing those five days in Washington.

Let me give you here a brief summary of our efforts to contribute to both American and Jewish life, realizing full well how difficult it often is to separate our activities under these two broad headings since they so often run into each other.

Our meeting got under way appropriately with our members visiting some 20 Senators and Representatives to discuss major issues of concern to AJC: Israel and Middle East policy, Soviet Jewry, church-state separation, immigration and refugee issues, and family policy. We then moved into the handsome Hart Senate Office Building, where we presented AJC's new Congressional Leadership Awards to Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Rep. Dante B. Fascell of Florida, two stalwarts on these issues that matter to us.

In a parallel move to members of Congress, AJCers spent the next morning visiting ambassadors from more than 20 countries, ranging from China to France, Jordan to Mozambique, discussing with them major areas of AJC's international concerns. This was the first time that a national Jewish organization undertook such "international lobbying" in Washington, and it was a resounding success. At the Annual Meeting itself, two sessions were then given over to refugees and immigration, with Soviet Jewry much on everyone's mind. Both Richard Schifter, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, and Michael Schneider, Executive Vice President of the Joint Distribution Committee, spoke about the challenges created by the surge in Soviet Jewish emigration, and suggested how Israel might stem the flow of those Soviet Jews who opt to come to the U.S. instead of Israel. At another session, Doris Meissner of the Carnegie Endowment, a former Immigration and Naturalization Service commissioner, reviewed U.S. immigration and refugee policy.

Other issues of concern to the Jewish community that were carefully examined and discussed at the meeting included Jewish leadership, with several of our own members



explaining how to keep Jewish organizational life flourishing, and Jewish political power, where three eloquent spokesmen -- AJC Honorary President Morris B. Abram (the new U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva), AIPAC Executive Director Tom Dine, and Hyman Bookbinder, AJC's Washington Representative Emeritus -- detailed what we must do to keep Jewish concerns high on the national agenda. Our Akiba Award, given for exceptional contributions to the enrichment of Jewish intellectual and communal life in the U.S., went to the Jewish Publication Society of America, accepted by our own Edward E. Elson, JPS president. Israel and the Middle East dominated the two final sessions: with Sister Mary Boys and Pastor William Harter explaining "Christian Attitudes on Israel and the Palestinians" in the context of reporting on their findings from a speaking tour under AJC auspices, and with Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad and Egyptian Ambassador El Sayed Abdel Raouf El Reedy outlining each country's vision of how to achieve peace in the Middle East. The two ambassadors were joined by Edward S. Walker Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Also, we heard from some of the nation's legislators: from Senator Bob Dole, minority leader, on the unfinished civil rights agenda; from Rep. Barney Frank on improving the urban condition, with a full luncheon discussion of affordable housing; from Rep. Nita M. Lowey, who spoke on challenges facing the American family, at the same session where AJC's William Petschek National Jewish Family Center Award went to Dr. Gerald Bubis, founding director of the School of Jewish Communal Service at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles; and at our Annual Dinner Thursday night, from an old friend who served long years in the House of Representatives: Jack Kemp, now the distinguished Secretary of Housing & Urban Development. An explosive issue currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, abortion, was touched on in a discussion of "Reproductive Rights: Crisis and Opportunities," where plans were outlined for AJC's newly formed Task Force on Reproductive Rights.

We also marked the passing of the guard. After three fruitful and exciting years as AJC President, Theodore Ellenoff moved up to the post of Honorary President, and Sholom Comay of Pittsburgh capped many years of effective AJC work to become our 21st National President. Ted received our National Distinguished Leadership Award at the Thursday dinner, while Ambassador Max M. Kampelman received our Distinguished Public Service Award, and our Mass Media Award went to Thomas L. Friedman, chief diplomatic correspondent of the New York Times. All awardees graced us with memorable addresses.

In my own remarks to the opening plenary of the Annual Meeting, I tried to offer some general principles for our efforts to work on behalf of what we consider in the national interest. I pointed out that the national interest is the composite of the varied interests of all Americans, and that our contribution to that collage is as worthy as others. We have a right to be heard, and we must not let ourselves be bullied or cowed. Thinking back now over the five days in Washington, I feel we followed those principles, for which I am grateful to those who made the meeting such a success. And I am also happy that, interspersed with the serious business at hand, were several occasions where we enjoyed the flavor of Washington as a fun city, particularly supper at the U.S. Botanic Garden and the evening of comedy, music, and dancing featuring "The Capitol Steps."

Should you wish further information on any of the matters taken up at the meeting, please let me know. Also, we have just put out our Annual Report, a handsome volume chock full of interesting data about AJC. Copies were distributed at the Annual Meeting. But if you still want one, please let me know that too.

As ever,

Ira Silverman Executive Vice President

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Box 4205 College of St. Thomas 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

June 5, 1989

Dear Marc and Judy:

This is to let you know that I shall be staying in New York City from June 24 through July 23. I have received a grant from our Twin Cities' Jerome, Dayton-Hudson, and General Mills Foundations to work again with my former associate of the 1950's, dance director Mr. Edward Sinclair, on the basic attitudes and configurations of the authentic American soft shoe dance (which is, in the Midwest, virtually a lost art).

During my work with Allyn and Bacon through the early 60's (and the time I worked with the two of you on the ecumenization of the <u>Bible</u>, <u>Life</u>, <u>and Worship Series</u>) I believe you were the only persons who knew of my theater background. During the 1950's, I was part of a team that prepared principals for special song and dance acts for the Broadway stage. Mr. Sinclair, a contemporary and associate of Mr. George Belanchine is coming out of retirement to work with me. Because he appreciated Mr. Sinclair's intellectual grasp of necessary body attitudes for dance which was to tell a story, Mr. Belanchine often called on Mr. Sinclair for specialty tap numbers in his shows. Mr. Sinclair is the world's leading authority on the soft shoe and I am anxious to work with him again.

I hope that the two of you will be free for lunch on some day during the month of my visit. It hardly seems possible that 25 years have flown by since our work on the series. In reviewing other works that have been published since then, I see evidence of outright copying in regard to the ecumenical aspects of religious education. The idea of ecumenism seems to persist. However, I find no works that embody the historical intellectual and emotional impact that was so fulfillingly present in the <u>Bible</u>, <u>Life</u>, <u>and Worship Series</u>. My, how hard we worked upon it and how beautifully it all came out.

I am interested in comparing notes with you as to what has happened to the world since we worked together. I am anxious to hear what has happened to the two of you since we last met. It would be good to see you.

Sincerely yours

Tom Gilshannon

P.S. While in New York, I will be staying at the following: Leo House, 332 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10011-2289 Phone: 929-1010 Page 2

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#### THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date June 6, 1989

10 AJC Professional Staff

from Richard T. Foltin, Associate Legal Director (House Counsel)

subject Contract and Copyright Procedures

Yesterday, in a far-reaching decision, the U.S. Supreme Court held that freelance artists retain the right of copyright in their creations in the absence of specific, legislatively mandated contractual provisions otherwise. As the <u>New York</u> <u>Times</u> stated in its report on the case, this "poses practical problems for businesses that rely ... on freelance work." That includes AJC.

I have previously circulated to all of you a memorandum on contract and copyright procedures to be followed when work is commissioned by non-AJC employees. It is now more crucial than ever that those procedures be followed, so as to ensure that AJC's interests are protected. Absent the requisite provisions in our contracts, the work performed by outside authors will be their property, not AJC's. This applies not only to written work but also to art work (such as drawings or graphic designs) and audio/visual tapes or film.

My earlier memorandum included form contracts for your reference. However, since the language that may be necessary to protect AJC's ownership rights may vary from instance to instance, it is important that I be provided with copies of draft contracts with outside writers (or other artists) before the contracts are executed or any payment is made.\*

It may be that the foregoing procedures seem technical and legalistic. Nevertheless, they are required by the law as it has now been interpreted by the Supreme Court. AJC has no special exemption.

I am, of course, available if you have any questions.

RTF:sb 89-630

<sup>\*</sup> Some changes may have to be made in the form contracts previously circulated to take into account the specifics of the Supreme Court decision. I will be reviewing the forms for that purpose and will soon circulate the revised forms, if necessary.

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Sincerely, yours,



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FIRST NOTICE

TO: Board of Directors Members of the Corporation

RE: Annual Meeting November 15, 1989

FROM: Leo Cherne

This is the first notice of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and Members of the Corporation on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 15</u>, <u>at 4:00 p.m.</u> Please indicate on the attached postcard if you will attend, and designate a proxy if you cannot be present. We will notify you of the place of the meeting with the next notice.

I am enclosing an article from a recent issue of the American Medical Association publication on the 300,000 Cambodian refugees massed along the Thailand border. There are several references to IRC. OTTO A. KALETSCH panta inc. • 30 rockefeller plaza • suite 3238 • new york, n.y. 10112

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S. Em.<sup>e</sup> Cardeal Johannes Willebrands (Vaticano) Presidente da Comissão para as Relações Religiosas com os Judeus

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#### Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

June 16, 1989

The Honorable Andre Parastaev USSR Embassy Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr.. Parastaev,

It was my pleasure to speak with you again. You may recall that we met during the presentation of the American Jewish Norld Service's financial support for the victims of the Soviet Armenian earthquake.

My purpose in writing to you now is to ask for your assistance, if possible, in obtaining airline tickets for two Soviet citizens who are eager to come to the United States for the wedding of children of their only living relatives.

The Soviet citizens are Ms. Minna Mogilevkina, and Mr. Yefim Mogilevkin. Their address (which I hope I get right) is:

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Vishniy - Volochek. Telephone: 138-89

They are eager to come to the United States around August 26, 1989, in order to join the wedding of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Padua of Columbus, Ohio, whose children are marrying shortly after that time. They would return to the Soviet Union shortly after the wedding on September 23.

The Mogilevkins have applied in Leningrad several times for Aeroflot tickets, and have been told that the airline is booked up until April 1990. They are eager to fly on Aeroflot, but would be prepared to purchase tickets (by rubles) onPPan Am, Czech airlines, Norwegian, or others that could bring them to the States in time for the wedding.

They would wish to fly to Columbus, Ohip, from the USSR, and fly home from New York, via Cincinnatti, Ohio.

I would not trouble you with this request, Mr. Parastaev, if I did not feel it is an important humanitarian request. I do appreciate personally your giving this your time and attention.

Sincerely yours,

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DR. MARC H. TANENBAUM 45 EAST 89TH STREET 18F NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10128

#### FAX COVER SHEET

#### MARC H. TANENBAUM International Consultant American Jewish Committee

#### 45 East 89th Street New York, NY 10128

#### 212-831-2952 FAX: 212-876-8351

DATE: - June 26, 1989

TO: His Eminence Jan Cardinal Willebrands, President, Vatican Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity FAX #:- Vaticano - 011-396 -698-5378

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Dear Cardinal Willebrands,

I trust and pray that this finds you in good health. It is important that

I speak with you in the next days. My telephone calls to you have not

gotten through. Would you be kind enough to call me at (212-831-2952)?

With appreciation and respectfully yours, <u>Aabh</u> <u>hanc</u> <u>pront</u> IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE FAX BACK TO CONFIRM RECEIPT

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Der Präsident der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Bonn, den 26. Juni 1989

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum 165 East Street New York, N.Y. 10022 USA

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Let me thank you for your book "Speaking of God Today" and your friendly dedicating words that I found both inspiring and encouraging. Yours is a very learned book and I am looking forward to study it in greater leisure. I feel deeply grateful for all ecumenical efforts such as yours.

With respect and appreciation I remember the evening at the University Club, your friends from the American Jewish Committee and the prayer pronounced by you. It is impressive and moving to witness the unfolding of such a generous dialogue. May it carry us into a better future.

Yours sincerely,

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From:

Father Pierre Duprey Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity 00120 Vatican City State

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

We have received your FAX message of June 26.

Cardinal Willebrands will be available for a telephone call from you tomorrow, June 28, at 6:00 pm Rome time (12:00 Noon in New York). You will be able to reach him at this number: 011-396-686-5061.

Sincerely Yours,

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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

On Friday, November 17, 1989, the 49th annual National Bible Week will be inaugurated with a gala luncheon at The Plaza Hotel in New York City. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Laymen's National Bible Association and the Luncheon Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to be our guest and join us on the dais for this stirring occasion.

Your valued service as an Honorary Co-chairperson for National Bible Week is greatly appreciated. The addition of your name to the list of selected Americans from many walks of life encourages those who are considering reading the Bible for the first time. Your presence at this year's inaugural luncheon will further demonstrate your support for the Bible cause in America.

Our Honored Guest will be Alex Spanos, owner of the San Diego Chargers and Chairman of A. G. Spanos Construction of Stockton, California. Alex is doing a superb job serving as National Chairman for National Bible Week and we want to show our appreciation to him at this time.

I hope you will be able to accept our complimentary invitation. A response form and envelope are enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely

Victor W. Eimicke President, LNBA

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.1 .	Orange Cty., Ca.	S. Rabinove	Chapter/Community Meetings
1	Baltimore	D. Harris	Baltimore Jewish Council
1-7	Toronto	J. Giordano	Conference on Ethnicity & Family
2	Los Angeles	S. Rabinove	Community Visit
3-6	Washington, D.C.	E. Weiner	Black-Jewish Interreligious Meetings
4-7	Boca Raton	L. Greenman	CJCS Annual Meeting
4-7	Los Angeles	S. Bayme	Founders' ConfWillstein Inst. for Jewish Policy Studies
5	Detroit	H. Feldman	Chapter Annual Meeting
5	Boston	D. Singer	NORC Anti-semitism Proposals
5-6	Washington, D.C.	D. Levine	Black-Jewish Clergy Conference- NITFBJR

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5-20	Israel	A. Tourk	People-to-People Mission
6	Dixon, Ill.	D. Roth	Jewish Foundation for Christian
7	Sarasota	G. Szabad D. Harris	Rescuers. Chapter Meeting
7-8	Toronto / ERIC	J. Giordano	Ethnicity & Family Therapy
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8	Portland	R. Rifkind	Annual Meeting
10-11	Pittsburgh	H. Feldman	Annual Chapter Meeting
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12-14	Dallas	J. Giordano	Consultation on Ethnic Pluralism
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13	Kansas City	S. Bahat	Board Services
13	Cleveland	I. Silverman	Chapter Annual Meeting
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14-15	Boston	G. Rosen	Leadership Focus Groups
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25-27	Brandeis Univ.	S. Rosen	Jewish Dual Earner Family
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27	New York	D. Roth	Altruistic Personality Consultation
27 27	Detroit Milwaukee	I. Silverman R. Jacobs	Plate Dinner Chapter Annual Meeting/
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28	Seattle	I. Levine	Chapter Annual Meeting
28-29	Washington, D.C.	M. Braveman	National Coalition for Religion
			and Public Education
28-29	Washington, D.C.	D. Roth	Black-Jewish Task Force on Refugee Issues & War Crimes
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2-6	Lille, France	J. Banki	ICCJ General Conference
3-17	Israel	H. Feldman	Government Meetings
17 17	Washington Kansas City	M. Braveman	People for the American Way Advisory Committee LaRaza Workshop on Coalition Bldg.
23-Aug. 3	Israel	S. Bayme	Training InstTeaching Israelis about American Jewry & Judaism
24-26	Brandeis Univ.	B. Gayle-Almeleh	Sherman Seminar for Outstanding Jewish Professionals
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2	Dallas	J. Rudin	Chapter Flagship Meeting
10-21	Buenos Aires, Argentina	J. Kovadloff	Conference - 100 Years of Jewish Colonization in South America
13-17	Seattle, Washington	S. Bayme	Jewish Family Education
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12-28	Japan, China, Singapore	H. Feldman	Government Meetings
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Dear Marc:

A few weeks ago when we met at the office by coincidence, I told you about the request I had gotten from Professor José Pablo Martin from Argentina. He was a wonderful and enthusiastic supporter of the courses on Jewish studies which my office founded in Buenos Aires fifteen years ago at the Jesuit University of El Salvador. He wrote and asked me to do him a special favor which he is certainly worthy of.

Martin wants from me letters of support for a research project that he is doing on the relations between Catholics and Jews in Argentina. Honestly the bibliography at this point is very poor and there's no need to emphasize how much this work is necessary and vital. It is also very important the fact that it will be done by a non-Jew.

Please find enclosed a copy of his publications which are "per se" the best curriculum which proves his high quality as a scholar.

May I ask you please to write this letter of recommendation for Professor José Pablo Martin. He will present this letter together with others which he has requested to the American foundations like the Fullright Ford and Carnegie.

Martin is a member of the Argentinian National Council for Scientific and Technical Research.

Many thanks for the attention paid to my request.

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Bertram H. Gold John Slawson P.S. I assume that you already know that I will be leaving the agency on August 31st. Once again, I am following your footsteps. Special regards to Georgette.

Jacobo Kovadloff

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Professor Jose Pablo Martin

Dear Professor Martin,

I have learned with much interest of your proposed research project in the area of Catholic-Jewish relations in Argentina.

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Having visited Argentina and discussed this subject with both Catholic and Jewish leaders, I know first-hand how vital is the need for the research project that you propose to undertake.

As you well know, Argentina is going through the travail of reestablishing its democratic foundations and pluralism and strong, positive interreligious relations are critical for that country's future.

I know of your impressive academic and scholarly credentials, and, I believe, therefore that you have a fundamental contribution to make in this field.

I wish you every success in your research efforts.

Sincererely yours,

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Rabbi Marc TANENBAUM The American Jewish Committee

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Vienna, July 25,1989

Dear Sir,

In view of the great interest you have shown in the activities of the "League of the Friends of Judaism", I take pleasure in sending you a copy of our latest publication "Österreichischjüdisches Geistesleben", which unfortunately is only available in German.

The second study "Das NS-Syndrom in Österreich heute" may be of even greater interest to you. In this study we wanted to find out, how much of the Nazi ideology can still be found in the Austrian's manner of thinking. Moreover, we tried to compare the results of this study with those of a survey made more than 10 years ago. The study reflects a positive result on the one hand and a scientifically interesting one on the other hand.

After the Anschluss and as a result of Goebbel's propaganda, about 40 percent of all Austrians were impressed by the Nazi ideology, i.e. they approved among others the principle of authoritarian leadership, the rejection of parliamentarism and the policy of driving the Jews out of Austria. The end of the Third Reich, the information campaigns after the war as well as the fact that only a small percentage of the Nazi-influenced generation is still alive, of course, brought about fundamental changes. However, it turned out fairly difficult to conduct this kind of investigation for a simple reason: Austrians no longer understand the elements of the Nazi ideology, i.e. no adequate questions - about the leader principle for instance - can be asked. At the time when the highly renowned Dr.Kreisky was Austria's Federal chancellor, many supporters of the opinion that <u>one</u> leading politician should take the decisions. After Dr.Kreisky's retirement, the number of Austrians advocating this idea decreased rapidly. So this way of formulating the question does not allow to find out how many Austrians approve of the Nazi leader principle.

The same applies to the idea of living space. The Nazi ideology was that Germany does not have enough living space and should therefore conquer the Ukraine for German settlers. Whenever we asked the living space question, it was misinterpreted completely. People were of the opinion that heavy truck transit traffic through Austria - one of the topical issues at the moment - restricted our living space. This was another example of complete misinterpretation of one of the elements of Nazi thinking. To put it into a nutshell: Nazi ideology as an overall syndrom has been obliterated to such an extend that it cannot even be investigated nowadays, even though some elements, e.g. anti-Semitism - much less common nowadays than in 1938/39 - still exist.

We continue our acitivities. An exhibition, which shows how the Nazi's anti-Semitic propaganda was structured and organized, will soon be completed. It will be shown at Austrian universities starting next autumn. A paper on Austrian-Jewish economic life from the Middle Ages to the present is in preparation. That's how things stand at the moment.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

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## ANTI-SEMITIC ATTITUDES IN AUSTRIAN SOCIETY 1973 - 1989

## STUDY FOR THE LIGA DER FREUNDE DES JUDENTUMS, VIENNA

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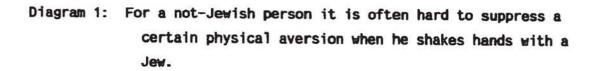
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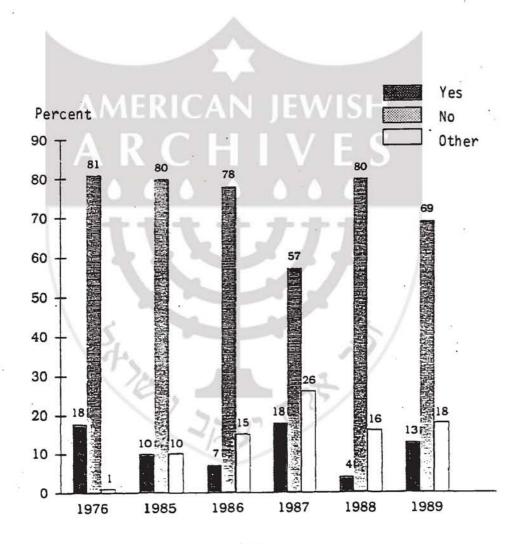
### 1. Main Result's of the Research on anti-Semitism

In Janury of 1989 an empirical study on "anti-Semitic attitudes in Austrian Society" was conducted by the Institute for Conflict-Research at Vienna. This study was ordered from the League of Philo-Semits, Vienna, to measure by means of social research the extent of political and social tolerance or intolerance of Austrian population towards the Jewish fellow-citizens in Austria and to register changes within the relevant sphere of opinions in the course of years since 1973.

The chosen sociological method consisted in a telephonic opinion-poll at a representative random test of Austrian population. The base of data for the casual random test was made by the official telephone directory of Austrian postal- and telegraphic administration. Within the period of the 10th of January until the 25th of January the total of 704 persons were interviewed by interviewers of the Institute for Conflict-Research (in each case between 4 and 8 o'clock). The basic sociological questionnaire can be found in the appendix. The original data of the research are available at the Austrian Archives of data "WISDOM".

Regarding the development of anti-Semitic patterns of attitude within the Austrian population in a period from 1973 until 1989 one has to record that after a reduction of the general level of anti-Semitic feelings until 1986 there exists since that time a clearly identifiable increase of anti-Semitic attitudes, but this increase is to be found still under the level of 1973. The political happinings within the years from 1986 until 1988 have reduced the increase of tolerance of the Austrian population towards their Jewish fellow-citizens, which was registered within the period between 1973 and 1985, again to the less positive values of the early seventies. By means of an example of a central indicator for anti-Semitic attitudes, that is the positive answer to the question: "For a not-Jweish person it is often hard to suppress a certain physical aversion, when he shakes hands with a Jew" (= question 3), this trend comes to light in course of time. The part of persons that affirmed this question, and thus were identified as representatives of an rassistic anti-Semitism, amounted to 18 percent of the Austrian population in 1973, then continously passed over to 10 percent in 1985 and diminished to 7 percent in 1986. One year after the presidential election - campagne and the topicality of pro- and anti-Semitic questions, that is in 1987, the level of the rassitic anti-Semitism measured in this way increased to 18 percent and comprises 13 percent of the Austrians after a slight - emotional - reduction in January of 1989.



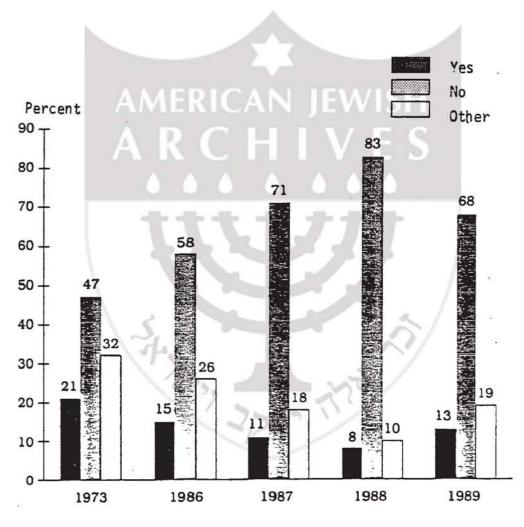


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A quite similar picture comes to light by the question: "Do you think it is better for Austria to have no Jews in the country?" This question is regarded as central indicator for the basic anti-Semitism especially in the Federal Republic of Germany (see the studies of the Institute for population research, Allensbach). Even by this anti-Semitism - indicator a similar picture comes to light like by the rassistic anti-Semitism: in 1973 more than a fifth of the Austrians (21 percent) said that it would be better to have no Jews in the country. This part decreased continously over 15 percent (1986) to 8 percent (1988), then in January of 1989 increased again in clear change of trend to 13 percent of such persons who think it would be better to have no Jews in Austria. Diagram 2: Do you think it is better for Austria to have no Jews in the country?

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For the systematic definition of the extent of anti-Semitic attitudes there was formed out of the nine questions of the questionnaire of the Institute for Conflict-Research an additive index for anti-Semitism. Persons, who had answered four, five, six, seven, eight or nine questions in anti-Semitic tendency, were added to the group of hard-core - anti-Semits. This hard-core of persons with stable anti-Semitic prejudices and vehement refusal of the Jewish fellow-citizens comprises 10.2 percent of the Austrian population. In other words, every tenth Austrian can be characterized as clear and definite anti-Semit who even feels no aversion to publicize his attitude.

The next group consists in those interviewees who had affirmed the anti-Semitic tendency for two or three questions from the nine questions of the anti-Semitism - questionnaire. This group can be defined as a category of persons which is associated to a diffuse anti-Semitism, that means persons who show few anti-Semitic prejudices, but who seem to be movable into the direction of anti-Semitic models of attitude in adequate social or political atmosphere. This group fo persons with diffuse anit-Semitic prejudices comprises 27 percent of the Austrian population in January of 1989. In other words, one scarce third of the Austrians is provided with slight anti-Semitic prejudices, but these prejudices represent a potential for a diffusion of anti-Semitic attitudes, primarily as far as the tradition of such prejudices from one generation to the next one is concerned, a process which is of central significance for the diffusion of anti-Semitic prejudices in Austria.

The third main group, that has emerged from the statistical analysis of the sociological survey conducted by the Institute for Conflict-Research, consists in those persons who have not answered any question of the nine questions in anti-Semitic tendency or who have chosen only one anti-Semitic item. This category of persons is defined as the grouping of the neutrals, the unprejudiced people and the philosemits and comprises 62.8 percent of the Austrian population, whereby 31.7 percent answered all questions in philosemitic direction and 31.1 percent chose at the most one

question with anti-Semitic tendency. In other words, scarcely two thirds of the adult Austrians either have pro-Semitic attitudes or behave unprejudicedly in consistent way towards the Jewish fellowcitizens in Austria.

### 2. Extent and Structure of the Hard-core - anti-Semitism

The hard core of Austrians having anti-Semitic attitudes comprises - as mentioned above - 10 percent of the adult population (10.2 percent). This compact anti-Semitism is shown in increased way by men, among which 14.8 percent have to be added to this group of persons, whereas only 7 percent of the female interviewees present a compact syndrom of anti-Semitism. With advancing years the part of persons with compact antisemitism increases, whereby the difference between the single age-groups is not very distinct and still situated within the statistical range. The core of hard anti-Semits comprises 7.5 percent of the adolescents until 25 years, 9.8 percent of the middle-aged generation between 26 and 39 years as well as 11.5 percent of the interviewees aged over 40 years. It is interesting that it is shown by the study conducted by the Institute for Conflict-Research that concerning the belonging to the hard anti-Semitism there do not exist any specific educational differences, which is a good indicator for the quality of the research, because by similar researches there often comes to light an effect of education in such a way that better educated classes suppress eventual anti-Semitic attitudes because of the scarce social acceptance in case of surveys.

As far as the influence of the social classes on the belonging to the anti-Semitic core-range is concerned, it comes to light that especially pensioners (14.3 percent), housewives (12.6 percent) and workers (11.3 percent) are found within the anti-Semitic core-class in hyper-proportional way. Regarding the party-preference of persons with manifest anti-Semitism a clear picture is shown: Around one third of the partisans of the Austrian Liberal Party (=Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs=FPÖ), that is 35.5 percent, belong to the category of persons with manifest anti-Semitism, whereas this part is situated in each case clearly under 10 percent at the Austrian

main parties: 6.5 percent of the sympathizers of the Austrian Social Party (=Sozialistische Partei Österreichs=SPÖ) and 8 percent of the sympathizers of the Austrian Popular Party (=Österreichische Volkspartei=ÖVP) belong to the manifest anti-Semits. Represented in outstanding way the anti-Semitic core-class is situated in the Austrian Federal countries Tyrol (17.9 percent), Carinthia (12.2 percent) and Styria (11.7 percent).

An essential element of the research conducted by the Institute for Conflict-Research consisted in the fact what kind of questions might be very efficient for this core-range of the hard anti-Semitism. As it comes to light clearly by diagram 3 there can be regarded as very characteristic primarily three questions: .

Extents of influence for hard anti-Semitism

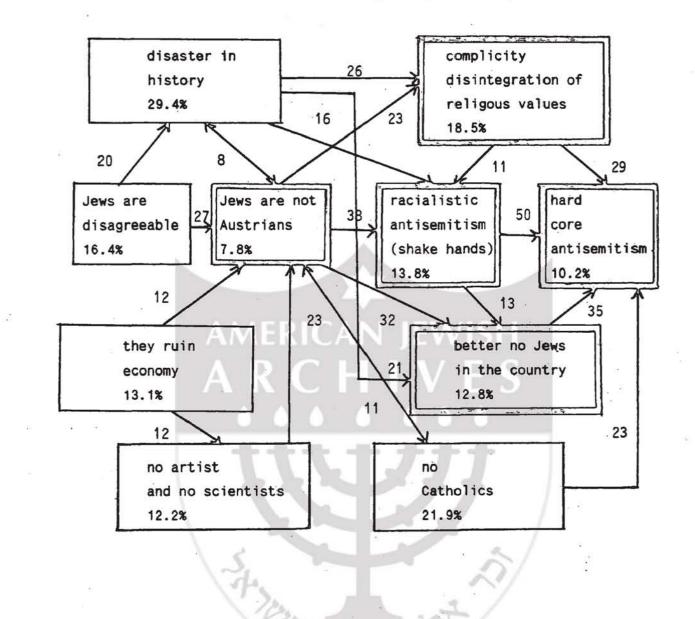
- "For a not-Jewish person it is often hard to suppress a certain physical aversion when he shakes hands with a Jew." (=Indicator for racialistic anti-Semitism)
- "Would you say it is better for Austria to have no Jews in the country?"

   (=Allensbach-indicator)
- "The Jews are implicated in the disintegration of ancient religous values."

(=Indicator for religous anti-Semitism)

The clearly strongest influence on core-anti-Semits derives from the racialistic anti-Semitism, in other words, this grouping can be identified by this prejudice, surrounded by a circle of other prejudices, and can be differentiated from other groupings. The half of all representatives of such a racialistic anti-Semitism (48.5 percent) is found in the hard anti-Semitic core. The total of 13.8 percent of the Austrians say that they feel an emotional sensation of aversion when they shake hands with a Jew, thus they can be defined as defenders of a racialistic anti-Semitism. In connexion

with the syndrom of this racialistic aversion there even is the stereotyped conviction that it is possible to recognize a Jew by apparent characteristics, because a negative physical feeling - even theoretically - can only come to light if one is able to identify one's vis-à-vis as Jewish fellow-citizen. Compared with this 68.3 percent did not agree to the racialistic anti-Semitism, whereas 17.9 percent do not express any opinion or refuse the answer to this question. In outstanding way this racialistic anti-Semitism comes to light by men (17 percent), by young Austrians until 25 years (17.7 percent) and by partisans of the FPÖ (29 percent). In this connexion the high level of racialistic anti-Semitism at the young generation seems to be very critical; during the eighties this generation was considered as largely immune regarding manifest forms of anti-Semitism.



As far as the Allensbach-indicator for anti-Semitism (see above, question 2) is concerned, which is used especially in the Federal Republic, in 1989 in Austria 12.8 percent say that it would be better for Austria to have not at all any Jew in the country. Thus the Allensbach-indicator is representing the second largest influence on the core-class of the hard anti-Semitism in Austria, which also emerges by the fact that 45.6 percent of those who affirm this question, belong to the core-range of 10 percent of hard anti-Semits. More than every tenth Austrian thinks that Jews should not have any place within the Austrian society. This anti-Semitic attitude is confronted by 68.2 percent of the interviewees, whereas 19 percent do not express any opinion to this question or refuse the answer. The Allensbach-indicator for territorial anti-Semitism is presenting outstanding high values again for men (17 percent), for the elder generation of people aged over 40 (14.5 percent), for the occupational gruop of independent persons (28.6 percent) as well as again for sympathizers of the FPÖ with a part of 41.9 percent. Almost half the sympathizers of the Austrian Liberal Party thus take the view that it would be better for Austria to have no Jews in the country.

The third pillar of the anti-Semitic core-class is leaning on the religous anti-Semitism, as it was measured by means of question 3 from above. After all 18.5 percent of the Austrian population take the view that Jews are implicated in the disintegration of ancient religous values. More than the half, that is 51 percent of the interviewees, refuse this manifestation of the religous antisemitism and 30.5 percent do not express any opinion or refuse the answer. Regarding the hard anti-Semitism the religious anti-Semitism can be defined as third largest influence-size (compare diagram 3). Exactly one third of the persons having religious prejudices, that is 33.8 percent, have to be added to the anti-Semitic core-range, whereas the vast majority of Austrians having religious anti-Semitic stereotypes can be adjoined to the diffuse range (52.3 percent). The indicator for religious anti-Semitism is presenting hyper-proportional values concerning men (23.3 percent), the middle and the elder generation as well as the sympathizers of the FPÖ with a part of 32.3 percent.

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### 3. Extent and Structure of the latent anti-Semitism

The group of persons having anti-Semitic prejudices, who can be defined as representatives of a diffuse anti-Semitism, comprises 27 percent of the Austrian population. This, too, shows the strengthened tendency to prejudice of men, 35 percent of them represent attitudes which can be added to the diffuse anti-Semitism. whereas only 21 percent of women belong to this grouping. Regarding the question of the diffuse anti-Semitism de facto no differences between the single age-groups of the Austrian society come to light. There also is no educational effect. In outstanding way susceptible to peripheral anti-Semitic stereotypes without massive anti-Semitism are independent persons (42.9 percent) and adolescents being in training (30.8 percent). Regarding the party-preference a similar picture comes to light as it is shown by the hard anti-Semitism: the sympathizers of the FPÖ demonstrate the highest level not only of the hard but even of the diffuse anti-Semitism; 38.7 percent of the FPÖ-partisans can be added to the category of the hard and the diffuse anti-Semitism. Persons representig diffuse anti-Semitism are equally distributed among the Austrian territory, there are no regional differences identifiable.

Even in the range of the diffuse anti-Semitism, which is moveable under specific social and political conditions, the study conducted by the Institute for Conflict-Research investigated the problem, what kind of questions differentiate clearly this grouping form others:

#### Sizes of influence for diffuse anti-Semitism

- 1. "Jews have caused much disaster in course of history".
- 2. "A Jew can be a good Catholic."
- "Do you like Jews generally very much, not so much or don't you like them at all?"

- "Jews set going the business life; where there are Jews, economy prospers."
- "Many of the best artists, scientists and journalists in Austria are Jews."

Whilst the range of the hard anti-Semitism in Austria can be outlined clearly by three indicators, this is more complicated – caused by the nature of things – as far as the range of the diffuse anti-Semitism is concerned. This is especially due to the fact that in this case it refers to diffuse prejudices and prepossessions being partly only in loose connexion, which per se still do not dispose of – any equal autonomous dynamics –, but primarily need the mobilization by social and/or political forces, in order to become efficient, visible and acute. Nevertheless as far as this group of 27 percent of the Austrian population is concerned it refers to a potential which could become acute under spcific circumstances. It is corresponding to this diffuse phaenotype that one needs five different questions in order to be able to outline the scope of diffuse anti-Semitism.

The strongest size of influence for the diffuse anti-Semitism can be found by the statement that "the Jews" have caused much disaster in course of history (see above question 1). A little bit less than one third of the Austrian population, that is 29.4 percent, take the view that Jews have proved themselves as calamitous in course of history. A little more than half the Austrians, that is 52 percent, refuse this assignment of guilt categorically, whereas 18.6 percent do not express any opinion or deny an answer. Almost half the ones who represent this theory of disaster, can be adjoined to the potential of diffuse anti-Semitism (42.5 percent).

Regarding this question it came to light in the course of the interviews that many interviewees expressed clearly that Jews had caused much disaster especially in the last decades. Due to this qualitative observation during the field-work one can make the thesis that this question measures to a vast extent even negative attitudes towards the State Israel and its historic effect, thus presents an indirect indicator for anti-Zionist or anti-Jewish sentiments. The assignment of guilt to Jews and to Israel for historic disaster is shown in outstanding way by men (39.9 percent), by the elder generation of persons aged over 40 (35.6 percent), by persons with primar education (33.4 percent), by independent persons and workers with a part of 45 percent in each case. Within the following of the FPÖ 59.7 percent take the view that Jews had caused much disaster in course of history.

The second largest influence on the group of the slight anti-Semitism consists in a variety of the Catholic-religious anti-Jewish resentiment. 21.9 percent, that is more than a fifth of the Austrians, believe that Jews cannot be good Catholics, that an assimilation a priori is impossible. Compared with this 57 percent of the interviewees agreed to the thesis that Jews can even be good Catholics, whereas 21.2 percent do not express any opinion or deny the answer. Regarding those persons who deny that Jews might have the potential to become good Catholics, 44.2 percent have to be added to the range of diffuse anti-Semitism. This variety of religious anti-Semitism is presented in hyper-proportional way by men (26.5 percent), by the educational class (26.8 percent), by independent persons (28.6 percent) and by sympathizers of the FPŎ (35.5 percent).

#### 4. Philo-Semits and neutral-minded Persons in Austria

As already explained above, the group of Austrians with pro-Jewish attitude on the one hand and of neutral-minded persons without anti-Semitic stereotypes on the other hand comprises a part of 62.8 percent of the Austrian population. This "bulwark" against social intolerance is represented especially by women: 71.5 percent of the female interviewees are either philo-Semitic or behave neutrally in consistent way without showing any kinds of stereotypes. Compared with this only 49.8 percent of the male interviewees belong to the group of phils-Semits and of Austrians with neutral attitude. Regarding the age-distribution it has to be mentioned that the group of young Austrians until 25 years is found in outstanding way in the pro-Jewish

segment. More than 65 percent of the Austrian youth aged between 14 and 25 years present either pro-Jewish models of attitude or behave neutrally towards the Jewish fellow-citizens. Even in this group there is no clear difference between the single educational classes identifiable.

Regarding the core-group of this group of population being largely immune from anti-Semitism it refers to the so called new social middle-class which is consisting of clerks and officials. The total of 66 percent of the Austrian officials and clerks are either pro-Jewish-minded or have a neutral distance towards the Jewish fellow-citizens. An interesting phenomenon regarding the influence of social belonging on anti-Semitic attitudes comes to light in such a way that on the one hand 11.3 percent of the workers belong to the anti-Semitic core-class, but that on the other hand 69 percent of the workers confess to be philo-Semitic or neutral, thus they are presenting the professional class which shows the largest relative part of philo-Semits and neutral persons! Clearly under-represented is the unprejudiced and immune group as far as the Austrian independent persons are concerned, only 51.4 percent of them belong to the grouping that has been analyzed in this passage.

The connexion between sympathy for a certain Austrian party on the one hand and philo-Semitic or neutral attitudes on the other hand shows a clear picture. The Jewish fellow-citizens find the largest sympathy among the sympathizers of the "Greens" (=die Grünen Österreichs), 72 percent of them can be defined as pro-Jewish or neutral. The Jewish group of population also finds outstanding support among sympathizers of the two main parties, the SPÖ and the ÖVP with 67 percent of philo-Semits of neutral persons in each case. Compared with this philo-Semits and neutral persons represent only a small minority of 25.8 percent among the following of the FPÖ.

#### 5. Summary

The longitudinal section-comparison of important indicators of the hard anti-Semitism leads to the crystalization of

the hypothesis that within a period approximately between 1973 and 1985 a running process of maturation of the Austrian society regarding the problems treated in this study came to light in such a way that the level of tolerance towards the Austrian Jews increased clearly and that a gradual erosion of anti-Jewish stereotypes with long-lasting effect became noticeable. This process of maturation was stopped immediately by the political process of 1986, 1987 and 1988. The slow effect of political education and increasing political culture, in this case regarding the approach to ethnic and religious minorities, got lost largely in the course of these three years. It refers to a reversion into a status quo ante, the level of tolerance or rather of intolerance of the Austrians towards the Jewish fellow-citizens has increased again to the one of the early seventies, after the monolithic political ostracism of any public anti-Semitism had been left in the course of the political development since 1986.

The study conducted by the Institute for Conflict-Research leads to the following conclusions: 10 percent of the Austrians confess to massive anti-Semitic prejudices and 27 percent have diffuse anti-Semitic attitudes. Thus the assertion can be made that more than one third of the Austrians represent a propagandist movable anti-Semitic potential.

Nevertheless it has to be recorded finally that a clear majority of Austrians, that is 62.8 percent, consisting of the grouping of philo-Semits (31.7 percent) and the range of neutralminded persons (31.1 percent), can be defined either as pro-Jewish or as neutral-unprejudiced. This absolute majority of Austrians is largely immune from anti-Semitic propaganda, although concerning the neutral-minded Austrians the question of their eventual offensive actions against public anti-Semitic manifestations cannot be answered on the basis of the study conducted by the Institute for Conflict-Research.



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Dear Dr. Tannenbaum,

I recently retired from McDonnell Douglas and have had the good fortune to become associated with Wings of Hope, Inc. as volunteer President. This humanitarian effort has so captured my imagination that I am prepared to invest my time, my money and good name in its promotion. Its impact is global. For over 25 years it has been providing airplanes and radio communications equipment to those who serve some of the world's most isolated peoples. Missionaries, doctors, development specialists, agronomists and relief workers have all found the support provided by Wings of Hope invaluable. In jungles, deserts and the tundra of the far north courageous men and women fly and communicate thanks to the help of Wings of Hope.

Although Wings of Hope has and is doing much, we still fall far short of the total needs for our unique services. In recent months traditional sources of income have diminished greatly. So my first task is to open new sources and enlarge the revenue.

As an initial step the Board of Directors has authorized the founding of an Honorary Council to support a broad based fund raising effort. It is a council of men and women like yourself who are renown and whose integrity will inure to the credit of our humanitarian effort. Sandy McDonnell, Chairman Emeritus McDonnell Douglas, has agreed to Chair the Council. Archbishop John L. May, Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis and President of the US Catholic Conference(of Bishops) has signed on and is joined by Stan Musial, Baseball Hall of Famer, hotel man and humanitarian.

Dr. Tannenbaum, I would like to invite you on behalf of Sandy and the Board of Directors of Wings of Hope to become a member of our Council. The membership will not require you to attend meetings, assume a director's liability or become actively involved in the operations. We would like to use your name. As a religious leader in our nation your name carries great weight and credibility. I realize, for that very reason you are cautious in giving endorsements. Our primary service over the past 27 years has been to mission efforts. We have worked closely with most of the nations denominational groups as consultant, equipers, purchasing agents and friends. Our board and staff is made up of committed lay people, each a part of his or her own worshiping community. In addition to the use of your name an annual gift would cement your support. Wings of Hope is a uniquely American effort using an area of expertise unequaled on earth to respond to the desperate needs of the isolated poor of our earth. Where the roads end the service of Wings of Hope airplanes and radios begin.

Please accept this invitation to join our Honorary Council and make possible the continuation and expansion of Wings of Hope's humanitarian service.

Sincerely,

Donald Malum President

Enclosure: Case Statement

### CASE STATEMENT

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For 25 years Wings of Hope has grown slowly and effectively. From airplane number one, it is now more than 85. From working in borrowed hangars and out of the automobile trunks of volunteer mechanics, Wings of Hope has grown into its own hangar at Spirit of St. Louis Airport.

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Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum,

We strongly believe in Rudy Giuliani's candidacy for Mayor of New York City and would like to invite you to join us in a meeting with Rudy. The purpose of this meeting is for Rudy to receive the benefit of your experiences and thoughts about the future of New York City.

The meeting will take place on Monday, August 7, 1989 at 6 pm at the Women's National Republican Club, 3 West 51st Street. It will be a small private meeting in which you will have the opportunity to express your concerns about the current state of our city.

We hope to personally greet you at this most important meeting.

Sincerely,

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