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EDITORIAL

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Israeli political parties.
Mrs. Meir was quite adamant about this—her view is that the youth movements in England should send Olim to Israel first and then let them be chased by the parties. Much time that could be more usefully spent was wasted on pointless arguments about Israel's internal politics — often by people who may not even go to Israel. Mrs. Meir felt that provided people go to Israel it does not matter what political views they adopt when they are there. The emphasis on the word 'go' had also been apparent when she referred to the time wasted by chaverim going on hachshara before leaving for Israel. Why should they spend a year in Hertfordshire or Sussex on a 'pseudo-farm' where the methods of farming, the produce cultivated and even the weather conditions are so different from those to be encountered in Israel? Cannot the training pediod be spent in Israel itself? Could not the subsidies being paid for those going on hachshara in England be better used for subsidising the same people in Israel? And why more than one farm for the small number of applicants? Mrs. Meir referred to her visit to Argentina where she visited the hachshara farms of five different movements and where the conditions were so bad that she would have been horrified to have sent her daughter on any of these farms. Would not only have stopped her daughter from going on hachshara but also from going on aliyah.

Mrs. Meir was obviously not impressed with the amount of time and money being spent on political wrangling not only by Zionist youth movements but also by the senior organisations affiliated to the Zionist Federation. Is not her reproach a signal for serious re-thinking by these organisations and, in particular, Mapai and Poale Zion and for their members to reset their sights on Israel and remould their policies towards a common aim?

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It is always a pleasure to hear of new events for our 'Mazeltov column', but during the last few months the column has been expanding rapidly and an epidemic of engagements has hit the Movement.

There is always much speculation about how the Mazkirut is going to pair off and the engagement announced in the February issue of our Chairman, Alan Fox, to Hon. Secretary, Sheila Pollard, has been rapidly followed by the announcement this month that Peter Freedman, the Provincial Vice-Chairman, is to marry Norma Sherbourne, the Organising Secretary. We wish both couples every happiness in the future and trust that they will continue with their sterling work for the Movement.

GOLDA MEIR IN LONDON

YOUTH RALLY TO HEAR ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER

Reported by JIMMY ABRAMSOHN and ALAN BAYES

rday evening, 7th March, Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Foreign lressed a meeting at the Y.P.Z. centre at Beit Berl, organised by ıd Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency.

600 and 700 fervent Young Zionists, including some 50-60 F.Z.Y.- l into the large hall. For the half-hour or so before the speaker lectrifying ruach was generated by shirim.

ıcipal speaker was accompanied by the Israeli Ambassador, Mr. ie, Mr. Sharon, the first Press Secretary, Mr. Peled, the Consul- other officials of the Israeli Embassy.

ess photographs had been taken, the Chairman welcomed the speaker to Beit Berl, whereupon Mrs. Meir, dispensing with the ›rovided, rose to address the large gathering.

ı theme of Mrs. Meir's talk was that not enough Jewish youth from U.S.A. were going to Israel. Unless Jewish youth that **want** to go in the right spirit and go quickly, she was not sure that we would eate the sort of society that was hoped for. People were ready to ɔ fight for the preservation of the state but were not willing to go l integrate themselves into Israeli life. The concept of fighting for ›mething of a romantic nature about it partly because the very ıa'Eretz was endangered. The survival of Israel was in doubt, but is, Jewish youth found it difficult to give up their established way ɔ on Aliyah.

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ıking for some forty Meir invited the audience to participate in the discussion and to ask questions. She wanted to find out the attitudes, the interests and the problems that Jewish youth were debating. Questions and comment ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, the theoretical to the practical, Dr. Soblen to the kibbutz and Arab students to Young Zionist movements were asked. Mrs. Meir refused to comment on her talks with Sir Alec Douglas-Home or on the prospects of a Labour Government in this country. She had no desire to be removed from office and could not possibly interfere in business not her own. She had enough trouble at home.

One of the more serious and pertinent questions was raised by Francis Cohen (West London Y.Z.S.), who asked whether the Zionist Youth movements in this country should have affiliations with the political parties in Israel. In reply, Mrs. Meir said that young people should **prepare** to go to Israel by learning Hebrew, and then they should **go** to Israel. They would not remain non-political when they arrived in Israel. The political parties would see to that. Too much time, she continued, was being spent discussing politics between the movements and not enough time going to Israel. The emphasis must first be on Aliyah, to which very serious consideration must be given, and not on committing oneself to the political parties in Israel. So much effort is spent defining Israeli policy here in Britain that youth cannot spare enough time or effort to be Zionists.

After an hour and a half of questions and answers, she thanked her audience for their attention and patience and to a standing ovation she left the hall.

MAZELTOVS

A very hearty Mazeltov to two of F.Z.Y.'s Hon. Vice-Presidents on the birth of their daughters—not forgetting, of course, their wives, both of whom have given service to the movement for many years.

The first arrival, on 5th March, was a daughter (Rachel Vivienne) born to **Margaret** (née Burman) and **David Chanan.**

On 10th March a daughter (Amanda Deborah) was born to **Carol** (née Fox) and **David Glass.** (A first niece for Alan Fox).

Mazeltov to all these chaverim on their ENGAGEMENTS:

Norma Sherbourne (Organising Secretary) to **Peter Freedman** (former Chairman, West London Y.Z.S. and Provincial Vice-Chairman).

Adele Kosky (Chairman M.J.S.)

Lawrence Horam (Southend and District Weizmann Society).

Susan Greenman (West London Y.Z.S.).

Ann Frydman (ex-Golders Green Y.Z.S.) to **Gerald Barnett.**

WEDDINGS

On 1st March, 1964, **Paula Lewis** (former Chairman, West London Y.Z.S. and Education Officer, Mazkirut 1963) to **Clifford Russell** (Ilford Y.Z.S. and Hon. Accountant, F.Z.Y.)

NT'S PAGE—*The first in a new series*

SIDNEY SHIPTON *writes on*

igo addict this number may have certain connotations, to the er it may signify an address in Sunset Strip, but to the Zionist, lon or Glasgow, Manchester or Leeds, it can only mean one thing. ier gaunt corner house in Great Russell Street in the heart of adjoining the British Museum (but with contents which, although l connections, are certainly not antique) which houses the offices Federation of Great Britain and Ireland.

; "the establishment" the visitor is greeted not only by the cheerful by a multitude of 'No Smoking' signs, together with doors iich have been installed at the request of the authorities because distinct fire hazard!

f course, visit the room where David Ben Gurion worked when lon in the war years, or the office of a past Political Secretary of icy, who is now His Excellency Arthur Lourie, the Israel Ambassurt of St. James's. The Weizmann Room of nn, Nordau, Sokolow, many other departed s are a lesson in the ism by themselves and this large pillared, re-d Committee room on hat the momentous de-ken during the manda-id immediately before srael was created. It wever, that the Hono-Executive Council and iittees of the Zionist meet to plan and dis-day work, activities and e movement and Zion-today. It was Weiz-puted to have said that gs start late punctually that the officers, coun-ttees of the Federation ithout exception com-iberations on time (per-; unique in Jewish com-hether it is a 1 p.m. ting (which may well s finish at teatime) or Council or a Committee .m. usually concluding s because the members "another meeting" to few) merely wish to go

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of cups and the laden wiches on their way to and from the Weizmann Room with regular monotony testify to the many and varied discussions which take place there.

But what of the offices behind the scenes at 77, the full-time back-room boys, the Zionist officials who perhaps fortunately for the Honorary Officers have no union rules relating to overtime rates?

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One flight up from the Weizmann Room on the second floor is the office of **Zdenek ('Pip') Dubsky,** the Public Relations Officer of the Federation, who is probably engaged with one of the many visitors who frequent his office for information. The telephone rings constantly. Someone wants a speaker on 'Israel Today' or the 'Arab States and the Middle East'. No request is ever turned down. Speakers, films (on free loan), literature on Israel, the "Israel Digest", all are distributed through the office to Zionist and non-Zionist, Jew and non-Jew. Like all his colleagues Pip Dubsky has several positions. He is also Secretary of the Economic Committee which has organised (with the aid of Zionist Societies and groups) several succesful Israel Products Exhibitions. Investment Clubs and saving schemes also come within his purview. (In his spare time (!) he also heads the Direct Annual Subscription department and is the Honorary Organiser of the British Olim Parents Association). The most recent aspect of his work is in the formation of Anglo-Israel Friendship leagues.

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With the telephone ringing in his ears the visitor crosses the corridor to the office of **Levi Gertner.** If it is anything relating to Education this is the office. Secretary of the Education Committee and the Jewish Day Schools Committee, Levi Gertner works closely in conjunction with the Jewish Agency. Does it concern the Zionist Federation Jewish Day Schools which have 1,200 pupils? Do you wish to apply for a place in one of the numerous Hebrew Seminars held throughout the year whether for a week-end, a week or a fortnight? (You may be unlucky, they are always over-subscribed). Perhaps a Zionist Society requires a Hebrew Teacher, or someone wants some Hebrew literature, books or newspapers for private study, or maybe it is for a public or university library. (There are Hebrew sections in six prominent public libraries established by the Education Committee). Educated at various Yeshivot and the Hebrew University, Levi Gertner is an educationalist and

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SHIPTON, LL.B., an of F.Z.Y. in reviously, he had y Officer and Editor ng Zionist'. He is cretary of the Zion- a as well as being -P of F.Z.Y. and figure at F.Z.Y.

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up to the third floor past tchboard room where the erators answer hundreds ut batting the proverbial isitor finds the Provincial More often than not the y save for a Secretary for) **Gold,** Provincial Direc- Zionist Federation (and is able assistant, **Norman** probably hard at it in Newcastle, Grimsby or r indeed anywhere in . Wally Gold (a former F.Z.Y. and closely asso- ie activities of the Board and World Jewish Con- ny years) may be plan- y's programme, or form- onist Society (indeed four ng Zionist Groups in the rea in the last few months achievement).

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corridor is the office of h, the man with a per- che, Financial Secretary st Federation, and also etary of the J.P.A. He at endeavouring to make ial ends meet is a difficult occupation in itself, but in addition S. Y. Harwich is secretary of the Zionist Review and Jewish Observer Editorial Committee and joint secretary of the Chalutz Farms Management Committee, which administers the two training farms at the Eder Farm (Habonim) in Horsham, Sussex and Dower House (Hashomer Hatzair) in Hertfordshire.

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Past another No Smoking sign and down a flight of stairs we find a centre of activity, the joint office of **Dr. Leo Schafler** (the Grand Old Man of "77") and I. J. Miller, London Secretary of the Zionist Federation and Secretary of its Organisation and Propaganda Committee. Is he organising a public meeting or a regional Conference, planning a Zionist Society programme or a Zionist Campaign, reviving or resuscitating a dormant committee or forming a new group in London or its periphery? This is the centre of the Federation's "grass roots" to whom come all the complaints, criticisms and brickbats and the (all too occasional) praise. Amidst a constant stream of organisers, messengers, secretaries, society chairmen and visitors, **I. J. Miller** never appears ruffled. He has been at 77 (previously as office manager) since 1925 and seems to thrive on it. Zionist officials are indeed made of sterner stuff. (He is also a joint secretary of the Chalutz and Farms Management Committee with S. Y. Harwich).

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Unassuming, quiet, an ex-Austrian lawyer at the Vienna Bar (1920-1938), pedantic and thorough, but never officious, **Dr. Leo Schaffer,** former London Secretary, but now Deputy General Secretary of the Zionist Federation, is a youthful 71. Always available with his great store of experience and knowledge he is ever ready with help and practical advice. No detail is too small for him. Press interviews with visiting personalities, liaison between the Federation departments and the Jewish Observer, press releases to the Jewish and non-Jewish papers, are all part of his general duties which he carries out with expedition and efficiency.

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Next door is the office of the Zionist Federation's Human Dynamo, the General Secretary, **Levy Bakstansky.** As the man behind the International Ballroom Dancing Championships which raises funds for the Friends of Jewish Agricultural Training and as Director of the J.P.A. he is well known. His other positions and activities are too numerous to mention. At the head of the Zionist Office for many years, a confidant of Weizmann (on whom he has lectured on several occasions) he still approaches current problems with vigour and with new and fresh ideas. He co-ordinates and guides the activities of all the committees and is a firm and stern leader of the small but fruitful band of Zionist Federation officials.

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At 77 the visitor will also find the Jewish Agency representative in London, **Dr. S. Levenberg,** an Honorary Vice-President of the Zionist Federation, its Branch Secretary **Alexander Gordon** and the Jewish Agency Information Department and bookshops; the office of Shnat Sherut (the year in Israel scheme for young Jews) and the office of **Rabbi Dr. Litvin** the Secretary of the Synagogue Council of the Zionist Federation which arranges M'lava Malkas and publishes the Gates of Zion and who edits the Zionist Year Book.

The hustling, bustling hive of activity continues unabated from early morning until late at night whether someone is burning the midnight oil in his office or a committee is thrashing out a controversial proposal in the Weizmann Room or a Shnat Sherut group is learning the rudiments of Hebrew and of life in Israel.

No. 77 is more than an address or a mere office building, it is an institution.

ENOUGH WATER

ANOTHER LOOK AT ISRAEL'S PLANS

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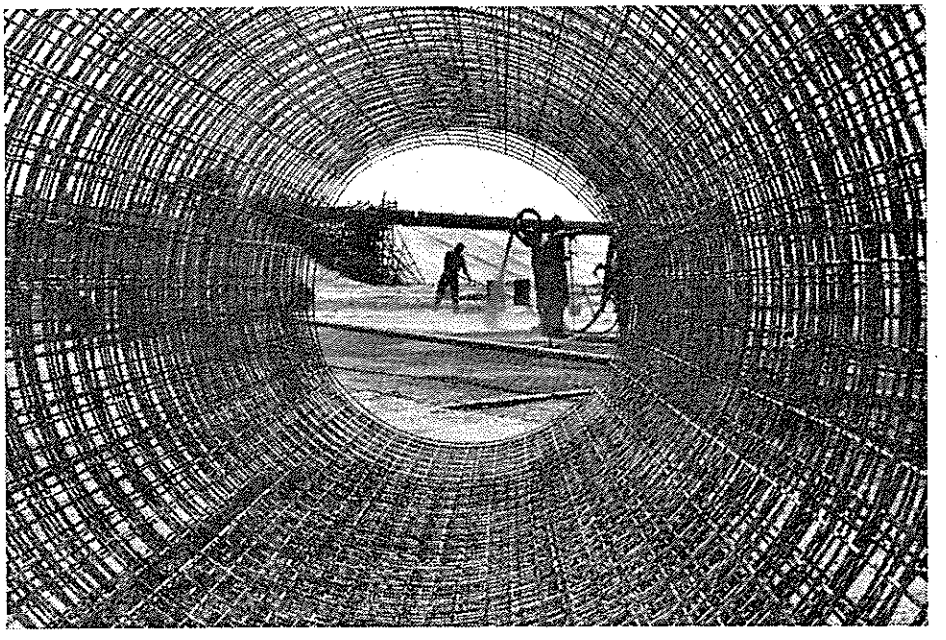

"Pipe-Dreams Come True."

Jordan River development plan that would have provided irrigation for some 225,000 acres.

The U.S. offered a large part of the £200 million needed to finance the Johnston project. After two years of discussion, experts of Israel, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria agreed upon every technical detail; allocation of water was 60% to the Arabs and 40% to Israel — a plan which allowed Israel only residual waters after the Arab side of the Jordan claimed all they needed.

Israel accepted this plan. But in 1955 the Arab League rejected it for political reasons. Syria refused to co-operate "because it would benefit Israel as well as the Arab countries" (quote from the Johnston Report). In the Arab view, Israel does not legally exist; therefore it is not entitled to water. Meanwhile each year sees a billion cubic metres of precious waters run down the ancient course to waste and evaporate in the Dead Sea.

While the Arabs have been concerned chiefly with politics, the Israelis have nearly completed a brilliantly engineered project that includes a 108-inch prestressed concrete pipeline to take surplus waters from the north to the cities and southern lands awaiting cultivation around Beersheba. This pipe-line is the final unifying link in the Israeli water grid.

Dollar Finance

This Israeli project was financed by long-term loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), together with loans and grants from the U.S. and money from the U.S. and money from the Israeli government itself. The Arab states too are recipients of large sums of money for dams on their rivers and for irrigation works such as the Tigris-Euphrates of Iraq and the Euphrates and Orontes in Syria. The U.S. has been helping Jordan to divert waters from the Yarmuk, a tributary of the Jordan, to irrigate the eastern slopes of the Jordan valley. And reports from Paris reveal that a Yugoslav firm is ready to start work on a 550-foot-high dam across the Yarmuk which would deprive the Jordan of half its flow.

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Mediterranean Diversion

If Jordan and Yarmuk waters are used by Israel and Jordan for irrigation, the level of the Dead Sea will fall accordingly and interfere with exploitation of these minerals. Such an eventuality would call for international collaboration in the diversion of Mediterranean Sea water through a canal into the Dead Sea, so that any desired level of the Dead Sea could be maintained. By dropping the diverted water through turbines in two power plants a considerable block of electrical power would be produced annually which would benefit both Arabs and Israelis.

The vast storehouse of raw materials in the Dead Sea for chemical and fertilizer industries, with many by-products, has a great potential for both Israel and Jordan. The former owns the western shore and Jordan the eastern. To meet the world's needs for fertilisers both Israel and Jordan have back-door ports to the markets of the Orient through the Red Sea.

Arab Clamour

The Arab clamour that Israel's diversion of some of her own Jordan waters is robbing the Arabs is erroneous. Syria and Lebanon have first chance at two of the three springs that are the sources of the Jordan and the Kingdom of Jordan has the Yarmuk River for its full length before it joins the Jordan. Further, these Arab states have already been unilaterally diverting water for their own use from the Jordan system, while threatening Israel with dire consequences if she does likewise.

Arab Summit representatives declare they have a plan to punish Israel by diverting all these headwaters from the Jordan system and dumping them, to deprive Israel of any waters of the Jordan system except those that originate within the borders of the Jewish state.

If, as they say, the Arab nations will

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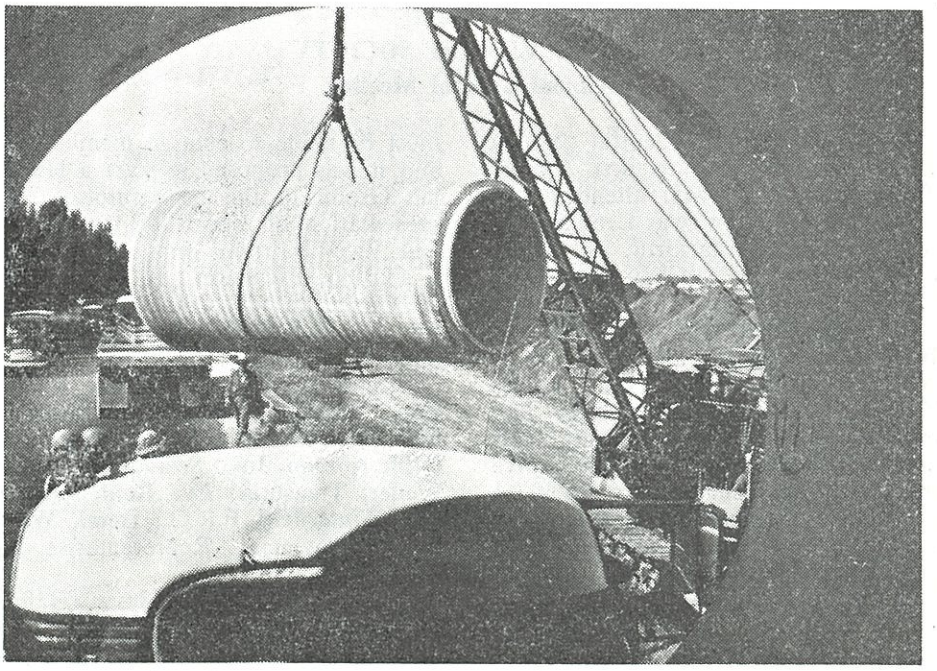

Lowering a Section of the Water Pipe near Tel-Aviv.

NEWS

HAFINJAN IN THE WEST

ING GROUP MORE THAN A NAME ON THE MAP

.rd that rumours have ıg throughout F.Z.Y. (I 'e stopped by now) that ın was solely a name on ɔf London, I am making ıvestigations carried out ' over the past month. t's Day—is this a sign ıt attitude of wasting no /ing a Society?—Ealing ɛty held a dance which ded not only by its own also by a large contin- ıer Hafinjan Societies— eir Committees were levelopments in Ealing. ıe success of the dance meetings may appear he conclusions gathered / did not fall down to n 14th January David ınded his "Impressions ıe discussion which en- ged from the Arab prob- lem and the new irrigation scheme to an examination of our beliefs in Judaism.

With this in mind the meeting on 28th January was devoted to a discussion on 'Why are you a Jew?' and 'The Principles of Zionism'. The discussion was quite fervent with many profitable conceptions arising. It was interesting to note that members found little wrong, intrinsically, with the principles of Zionism. However, they did believe that careful interpretation, especially of aliyah, must be made.

To conclude this report one may say that there is definitely something ado in Ealing, and I hope that it may soon be seen, with the increased attention to the Tarbut content of the programmes (now about 70%) and to Fund-raising, as one of the havens of F.Z.Y.

DAVID SINCLAIR,
Chairman.

CENTRAL YOUNG ZIONIST SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting

/ 7th Central Young / held its first A.G.M. was well attended and resent was Leon Rosen, ıe Mazkirut. In his re- iety's Chairman, John ɔd that Central had only ce eight months, having ɔy the amalgamation of ınd North-West Young ies. The Society had ıraging start with a fair ɛndance and imaginative Chairman went on to ıl had participated vigo- inars, Conferences and Z.Y. functions and had ɛ other Societies aware ɛ. Already two of its in Israel on Shnat heless, increased efforts must be made to enlarge membership and it was proposed to start a Hafinjan Group in the near future. The presentation of reports by the P.R.O. and Vice-Chairman was followed by a spirited discussion. In conclusion, the Chairman hoped that in 1964 Central would continue as a flourishing Society.

Elected to office: **John Corre,** Chairman; **Marylin Freedman,** Vice-Chairman and Tarbut Officer; **Joan Box, Edith Altman,** Joint Secretaries; **Frank Weiler,** Treasurer; **Eve Reid,** P.R.O.; **Eric Winterfield,** F.R.O.; **Derek Wenzerul,** Provincial Representative in Leeds.

Co-opted: **Isobel Braidman** (Hafinjan Offier.

ISOBEL BRAIDMAN,
Hafinjan Officer.

CAROL GLASS

On page 3 of this issue of the 'Young Zionist' the observant reader will notice with pleasure that David and Carol Glass are the proud parents of a little girl.

Carol's history in F.Z.Y. started, when she was still a Fox, in 1959, when she joined the Ilford Young Zionist Society; and six months later she was elected to the position of Hon. Secretary of the Society. At the Annual Conference of F.Z.Y. in 1960, Carol became the Hon. Secretary of the Mazkirut and she held this post for a year, until she joined the ranks of the real workers and took on the position of Organising Secretary.

A few months later Carol and David (who is another story completely) announced their engagement; and in September 1962 they were joined in 'holy matrimony'!

With the departure of Ruth Cohen to Israel and the increasing demands of a husband, Carol decided to give up some of the arduous F.Z.Y. Office work and became Assistant Organising Secretary; and finally, with the more persistently re-occurring demands of a small expected Glass, she and F.Z.Y. bade each other "l'hitraot" at Conference 1963.

Carol devoted much time and energy to F.Z.Y. in the past, and although this will now be spent on the recent addition to the family, I know that we all hope that her links with the Movement are not completely severed. Our very best wishes to you both, Carol and David, and, of course, to the newest member for Hafinjan!

NORMA SHERBOURNE,
Organising Secretary.

SHIMON PERES IN LONDON

ISRAEL'S DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER

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Israeli army girls with rifles had strayed over the border to Lebanon, and the Lebanese had returned them (with rifles). But although there was basic agreement over major issues, Arab logic was such that Lebanon had to show her strength by attacking Israel. If any of these countries were to attempt to divert Israel's water, she was capable of meeting a water threat; fire would be the very last resort as Israel had had enough of wars, and they were far less trigger-happy than people seemed to think. He thought that the prospect of better relations with the Arabs was, however, very poor, largely as the result of the lack of free press or a parliament to moderate warlike opinion. There had been three Arab wars in 1963.

Arab Babies in Israel

Speaking of anti-Israel propaganda, Mr. Peres stressed the importance of the work being done to combat it by Zionist and indeed non-Zionist youth movements in England. When asked whether the few remaining restrictions on Israeli Arabs could be removed, he replied that this was not yet possible, and that the problem was increasing as the Arab minority in Israel had the highest birthrate of any group in the world and the same low infant mortality rate as the Israelis, as a result of modern Israeli medical science.

Israel and the "Negro South"

Speaking of foreign relations on a wider scale, Mr. Peres thought that the greatest problem of the century was the present division of the world into a Northern part, which was rich, industrial and highly civilised, with a restricted birth rate, high life expectancy and standard of health, and a Southern part which was the reverse. The Northern part was unfortunately mostly white, and the Southern largely negro. He felt that Israel should identify herself with the latter, not for gain, but to make what contribution she could towards her civilisation.

The questions asked were many and varied, and the audience was most interested in the replies by Mr. Peres—it was altogether a most enjoyable and enlightening morning. It was regrettable that the event was not better publicised, as more F.Z.Y.-niks could have taken the opportunity of being present. Particularly noticeable was the absence of the Mazkirut.

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goes to Israel one has to work on the land in order to make a useful contribution. He pointed out that with mechanisation, the numbers of people required in agriculture were actually falling. Even the big kibbutzim have now commenced industrial production, and it is in this sphere that big developments were foreseen.

He painted a picture of a dynamic country in which the bright young professional had opportunities for advancement at a rate unlikely in an older country.

"Moggy" Margolis gave us some interesting facts regarding aliyah, especially from the U.K. His figure of 800 olim for last year was, however, questioned.

Stuart Squires, an ex-Chairman of F.Z.Y., first told us of his experiences in Israel. He then proceeded to throw the cat among the pigeons by giving his views on the present-day F.Z.Y. which included the idea that the prime aim must be aliyah.

The day was rounded off with a rikkudim and shirim session. The success of this session was largely due to Willy Wasserberg's virtuosity on the accordion. Whatever he may lack in technical ability is certainly compensated for by volume. I survived the first few rikkudim and then discovered that I had muscles where no muscles ought to be and that they were just about to go twang. At this point I decided to haul down the flag and creep away to the solace of a bottle of linament.

Point of Information. — The next seminar will start at the advertised time whether or not everyone is there.

GERALD KUSHNER.

'O THE EDITOR

IS KUTCHINSKY'S RELIGIOUS POLICY RIGHT FOR F.Z.Y.?

DAVID JACOBS AGAINST LOWERING STANDARDS!

Zionist.

Kutchinsky, I also thought
ox's article "Religion in
ember issue) highly com-
ut I must take exception
linsky's ensuing letter on
F.Z.Y.'s religious stan-
eems to be a mixture of
isguided opinion.

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t clash with the wishes
still value their religion.

Objectors, after all, need not participate if they really do not wish to do so.

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3.—Reading on, one encounters this choice nonsense—"is it (i.e. pandering to an ultra-orthodox fringe) worth such a great sacrifice for the benefit of a small minority whose value to F.Z.Y. in the past has not always been very great?" F.Z.Y. is not pandering to anybody, but what it is doing is justifying the fact that it is a Jewish as well as a Zionist organisation and consequently it provides its members with the means for observing at least basic Judaism. This is not "a great sacrifice"—I do not sense a simmering rebellion against a yoke of tiresome Jewish tradition. Even assuming that those who do observe their faith are a minority, what insolence to suggest that their value to F.Z.Y. has been questionable in the past. Can Mr. Kutchinsky enlarge on this? Where is his evidence?

Turning aside from your correspondent's letter, when will people realise that Religion and Zionism are indispensable factors for the survival of our race? I believe, with Dr. Fox, that there is no reason for any slackening of standards at the present time —the standards which have served the Jewish people so well. Let those who want our standards revised give us some really cogent arguments for doing so.

As for Mr. Kutchinsky, if he finds F.Z.Y. too religiously-minded, I suggest he joins a Christian Youth Club where, no doubt, he can say that that some of his best friends are Jewish.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID JACOBS (West London).

ENOUGH WATER FOR EVERYONE

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finance the costly diversion of the Hasbani spring waters, they will have to pump them over the mountains and dump them into the Litani River in Lebanon where already 80% of the Litani waters run unused into the Mediterranean. This costly project is aimed not at providing Lebanon with more water for its own use, but at depriving Israel of water to which she is lawfully entitled.

The same applies to the Banyas waters which rise in Syria and flow into the Huleh and out again as part of the Jordan River. Their diversion might be even more expensive and difficult. One announcement suggested that this might be done by bringing the waters over the watershed to the Yarmuk River. Syria is already taking all the water she can use from the Banyas and Yarmuk. Hence Syria would be adding nothing to her own water resources, already extensive in the Orontes and the Euphrates, which flow within her borders.

Afro-Asian nations have found that Israel is for them a kind of pilot plant, which they can study and understand. People from these nations have been going by the thousands to learn how Israel has taken old, worn-out lands — literally man-made deserts — and with hard work, determination, technology and some financial help has increased food and fibre production to keep pace with the increasing needs of a growing population. Israel is annually reducing the gap between imports and exports and now has the highest standard of living of any country in the Middle East. Israel has been demonstrating how a democratic state, through hard work and application of modern technology, can provide for its people.

Let us hope that the bickerings in the Middle East will in time disappear in a spirit of co-operation. For, once the great undeveloped resources of these countries of the Middle East are fully exploited, many millions of people may share in an abundance of food and other good things of life.

IN A FREE TRIP TO ISRAEL!

Quiz Competition—A Prize for Every Entry

h Division of the Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal announces a quiz competition with prizes. This open to "Young Zionist" readers aged between 18 and 25.

d Prize includes :

:e trip to Israel (starting and ending at Marseilles or Genoa) on a Zim luxury liner;

o-week, all-inclusive stay in Israel at the following first-class hotels : King David, Jerusalem; Dan Carmel, ; Dan, Tel-Aviv; Desert Inn, Beersheva; Hotel Eilat, Eilat.

ed tours, to the Galil, Central Area, Negev and Jerusalem with United Tours Ltd.

are simple. Circle the correct answers and send this form in an envelope by airmail to Keren Hayesod Appeal, Youth Division, P.O.B. 583, Jerusalem, Israel.

/ho has read the book "Do You Know ?" carefully should be able to answer these questions with ease. You Know ?" are available from the F.Z.Y. Office.

:ipants in the contest whose answers are correct will be eligible for the big prize. A draw will be made ıe correct forms, and the entry drawn will win the Grand Prize.

ɔn, all participants in the contest whose answers are correct will receive a special gift from the Keren ed Israel Appeal. Moreover, every participant in this contest—correct answers or not—will receive a ɔf a Jerusalem landscape drawn by the noted Israel artist, Yossi Stern.

ies airmailed and postmarked before April 29, 1964, will be eligible for prizes. Do not forget to write e, date of birth and full address on the entry form.

re extended to the following companies for making the Grand Prize possible : Zim Israel Navigation Co. lerman Hotel Chain; The Motor Hotels Development Corporation Ltd.; Mlonot Ltd.; United Tours Ltd.

? TWENTY QUESTIONS ? ?

(Circle the correct answer)

human being should know the history of his people.

TRUE FALSE

f Israel's water resources are currently being ited.

TRUE FALSE

ship-to-settlement programme involves trans-ıg new immigrants directly from port or aero-e to a place of settlement where a simply shed home awaits them.

TRUE FALSE

aving established dozens of new farm villages ɔuilding new towns in the Negev, Israel has completed the settlement of this desert region.

TRUE FALSE

of the immigrants settled in the farm villages rael since statehood had been farmers in their tries of origin.

TRUE FALSE

6. Q. Israel's 26 development towns were established primarily to absorb new immigrants.
   A. TRUE FALSE

7. Q. One half of the 1,000,000 post-statehood immigrants to Israel have studied Hebrew by means of Ulpanim and other courses sponsored by public bodies.
   A. TRUE FALSE

8. Q. Nearly half of the cost of absorbing an immigrant family in Israel goes to basic investments in agriculture and industry in order to create employment in development areas.
   A. TRUE FALSE

9. Q. The State of Israel provides free, compulsory secondary schooling.
   A. TRUE FALSE

10. Q. The Bible is part of the Israeli school curriculum.
    A. TRUE FALSE

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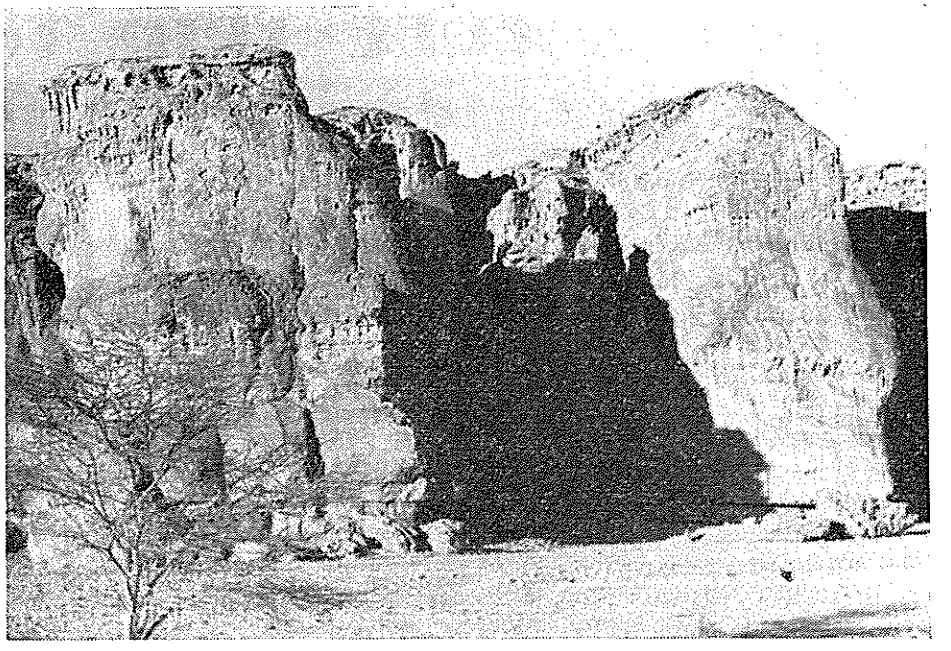

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n and sugar beets since World War One.

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els the maintenance of a large standing army.

TRUE FALSE

l provides a considerable amount of technical
ance to the new nations of Africa and Asia.

TRUE FALSE

ıe 15 years since Israel's independence the
n Hayesod United Israel Appeal has spent
y ten times as much in its work of absorbing
grants and developing the country than it did
arly three decades of labour prior to statehood.

TRUE FALSE

16. Q. Nothing grows on the shores of the Dead Sea.

A. TRUE FALSE

17. Q. The infant mortality rate rose steeply in the first years of Israeli statehood but then was forced down again by improved health standards.

A. TRUE FALSE

18. Q. There is no known instance of virtually an entire Jewish community migrating to Israel in a short period of time.

A. TRUE FALSE

19. Q. The idea behind the Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal is voluntary, personal taxation of world Jewry toward a national goal.

A. TRUE FALSE

20. Q. Israel is linked to five continents by means of its merchant marine.

A. TRUE FALSE

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