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It was learned here that neither Israel nor the United States was consulted in advance before UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim made his announcement in Geneva yesterday that he was asking Dr. Jarring to return to New York.

(At the UN, US diplomats saw no reason to expect progress at this time, as neither Israel nor the Arab side has indicated a willingness to soften its stand. Speaking for himself, one US official suggested that Waldheim may have been influenced by Secretary of State William P. Rogers' recent emphasis on progress in Vietnam, Korea, India-Pakistan and Germany. Thus, the American said, this could be the "perfect psychological moment" for a resumption of Dr. Jarring's efforts.

(But other informed Western sources suggested that the two-week specification for Dr. Jarring's stay indicated that no diplomatic breakthrough was expected. Rather, these sources said, Waldheim's reference to "consultations" may concern the Mideast report he must submit to the General Assembly in Sept.)

RUSSIAN JEWISH GEN. LIKENS ZIONIST 'LIES' TO THOSE OF NAZIS

WASHINGTON, July 11 (JTA)--Col. Gen. David Dragunsky, the highest ranking Jewish officer in the Soviet armed forces, attacked "Zionism" in an article distributed here yesterday by the New Times-Novosti press agency, the Soviet Union's overseas news service, and likened Zionist "lies" to the methods used by the Nazis.

Dragunsky wrote that "(Joseph) Goebbels and his propagandists were past masters at prevarication and slander on both a global and local scale. Zionists, too, use big and small lies to cover up their ugly deeds."

Dragunsky said the first "lie" was "that the Zionists represent the interests of 'world Jewry.'" He claimed that there was no such entity because Jews "consider themselves patriotic to the country where they and their forebears were both born." He said the second "lie" was that Zionists were concerned about the condition of Jews in the USSR, claiming that Jews in Russia "enjoy the same rights as the rest of the more than 100 nations and nationalities of our country."

The Russian general maintained that the third "lie" was that the USSR is hostile to Israel. "Noting that the Soviet Union was one of the first nations to vote in the UN for the creation of the Jewish State, he said his country is opposed "not to the State of Israel as such but its aggressive policy which threatens the peace."

U.S. BASKETBALLERS OFF TO ISRAEL FOR EXHIBITION SERIES

NEW YORK, July 11 (JTA)--The Nassau Athletic Club of Westbury, Long Island, will leave for Israel this week to participate in a series of exhibition basketball games with the Israeli national team, it was announced today by the United States Committee Sports for Israel, sponsor of the team's trip. Heading the 11-member squad is player-coach Ilon Zohar, a former Israeli international, currently attending school in the US.

NO DISSENT EXPECTED OVER STRONG PRO-ISRAEL PLATFORM AT DEM. CONVENTION

MIAMI BEACH, July 11 (JTA)--The already strong pro-Israel plank probably will be strengthened when the Democratic Party convention considers its voluminous platform late tonight or early tomorrow. Virtually no opposition is heard to the five-point section on the Middle East, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey found among key elements here. Nor is any voice heard against the recommendation that the next President, if he is a Democrat, pursue a diplomatic road towards inducing the Soviet Union to relieve the plight of all its "oppressed" including Jews.

"Everybody knows Israel has the right to defend itself," a top spokesman for Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace said to JTA. "We want all oppressed peoples in the Soviet Union to be able to leave, including Jews," he added.

Since the convention's Black Caucus did not discuss either matter at its two meetings yesterday, Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind., its chairman, told JTA the significance of no discussion was that "by implication the Caucus favored them."

"The Caucus took action only on the things it opposed," he said. Hatcher described these as the Wallace platform concepts on busing of school children, the \$6500 annual income for every family of four members, and the application of economic sanctions against Rhodesia and South Africa.

Gov. Wallace himself indicated to the press yesterday that the main concerns of the wing of the party he leads are busing and national defense.

Some Blacks Hold Opposition In Abyeance

Absence of discussion of the Middle East and Soviet Jewry issues at the Caucus was not accepted by observers here as meaning the opposition to Israel by some powerful Black leaders has vanished. Rather, they felt, their opposition has been set aside to avoid embarrassing Sen. George McGovern whom most of them favor and who has in recent weeks vigorously made plain his complete support of the defense of Israel.

The Middle East plank as adopted by the Platform Committee in Washington two weeks ago declared that a Democratic administration "should" make and carry out a "public" commitment to provide Israel with the military equipment she seeks to "preserve her deterrent strength"; bring the parties into "direct negotiation" towards a permanent political situation; maintain a political commitment and a military force in the Middle East "amply sufficient to deter the Soviet Union from using military force in the area"; recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and "recognize the responsibility of the world community for a just solution to the problems of the Arab and Jewish refugees."

To the third point, friends of Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington would extend the American commitment of forces in Europe and in the Mediterranean "ample to deter the Soviet Union from putting unbearable pressure on Israel." This stronger language was expected to incur little if any dissent.

Jackson Sees Self As Mideast Spokesman

Sen. Jackson declared today that he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President "to the bitter end." He listed a need for an American "spokesman" on issues including the Middle East as among his reasons for remaining in the race for the Presidency.

When a reporter suggested he was closer to President Nixon's foreign policy than Sen. McGovern's, Jackson pointed to the records of Presidents Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson on Israel. Jackson himself has sponsored legislation for aid to Israel, including a successful measure giving Israel \$500 million in credits to purchase defense equipment.

COJO, AT CLOSING SESSION RESOLVES TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION COMMISSION Appeals For Soviet Jews

GENEVA, July 11 (JTA)--The World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) concluded its plenary session here tonight after resolving to augment its commission on Jewish education in the diaspora with representatives of educational institutions not now participating. The session also adopted resolutions on Soviet Jewry, Jews in Arab countries and the Middle East situation.

Dr. William A. Wexler, of Atlanta, Ga. was re-elected chairman of COJO and Louis A. Pincus and Rabbi Joachim Prinz were re-elected co-chairmen. Vice-chairmen are Monroe Abbey, of Canada; Sion Cohen Imach, of Argentina and Michael Fidler, of Great Britain. Yehuda Hellman was re-elected secretary general.

The resolution on education instructed COJO's education commission to "examine the state of education in the various countries of the diaspora and, in cooperation with local education bodies, advise methods and systems relating to the content and direction and covering the total spectrum of Jewish education." The commission was authorized to set up a world committee as well as regional subcommittees. The resolution stipulated that "the opportunity be given to all constituent bodies to put it before their governing bodies for their approval," with the understanding that the commission's work would proceed in the meantime.

The resolution on Soviet Jewry called on Soviet authorities to "permit the restoration of Jewish religious, communal and cultural life as guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution." It welcomed the fact that "a growing number of Soviet Jews have recently been permitted to emigrate to Israel" but noted that "these are only a small minority of the tens of thousands who have applied for permission to go to Israel."

The resolution expressed "abhorrence of the criminal prosecution to which Soviet Jews have been subjected for no reason other than their aspiration to live as Jews in Israel" and appealed to the Soviet government to "set aside these unjust sentences." The resolution urged "men of good will everywhere to intensify their efforts in the struggle for the human rights of Soviet Jews and to address themselves not only to the unjust prosecution and sentences but also to the underlying Soviet policy of systematic discrimination against Jews."

NEW BLACK MAGAZINE NAMES JEWISH EDITOR

NEW YORK, July 11 (JTA)--Encore, a new Black magazine, has established an editorship in Jewish affairs, Ida Lewis, the magazine's publisher-editor, announced today. Mrs. Jean R. Herschaft, an Anglo-Jewish journalist and publicist was named to the post.

Encore uses a format similar to Time and Newsweek. According to Mrs. Lewis, it is an international Black magazine that includes viewpoints of other ethnic groups and seeks to promote readership outside the Black community. She said it hoped to unite the ethnic community by highlighting its common interests as well as problems. Upcoming articles on Jewish subjects include a profile of Russian activist Boris Kucabievsky and a series on Judaism and the Women's Liberation Movement.

JTA SPECIAL NEWS REPORT**JEWISH YOUTH SEEN AND HEARD AT DEM CONVENTION**

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(Chief JTA Washington Bureau)

MIAMI BEACH, July 11 (JTA)--On the turf in Flamingo Park and in the posh great halls of the Fontainebleau Hotel, Jewish youth are highly active participants and are evident in large numbers among the "young people" seeking to implant their views on the Democratic Party convention. They represent a conglomerate of opinion and philosophy, but mostly they are far to the left of center, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey here found today.

Flamingo Park is "home" these days, while the Democrats are hassling about who will be presidential nominee, for about 2000 youths from all parts of America; yuppies, hippies, non-descripts. One estimate is that two out of five of the youngsters there are Jewish, or as many of them say, "of Jewish origin," but there was no census.

Being in the South Beach area, Flamingo Park also is a center for old, retired pensioned Jews who come down from their apartments to chat, play shuffleboard or just sit. Now the "kids" have taken over with their sleeping bags. But it's still a meeting place with a new experience for the young and old. The "alte" who speak often in Yiddish fluently being without facility for the same richness of expression in their English, and the youngsters, who stumble along in Yiddish or don't know it at all, are engaged all day long in discussions.

Murray Rosenblith, 21, a journalism senior of Boston University who edits a student newspaper The News, for the campus population of about 22,000, described the results of the "dialogues" between oldsters and youth as mixed.

Where the "kids" get "antagonistic" or the "oldster" becomes immediately angry, Rosenblith said they're only baiting each other. But when they talk conversationally, they get along quite well. He said, "they should be allies" because both are "disfranchised." The old people are, he said, because society doesn't regard them as productive.

Rosenblith wears a white yarmulka on his long, light brown hair tied in the back. He is the son of an insurance broker Joseph and Mrs. Rosenblith of Philadelphia. "I'm not radical in the Jewish community, but a Jew in the radical community," Rosenblith explained. He said that he has not been to a normal synagogue "in a long time," but goes to Hillel at BU occasionally and to the New Jewish youth meeting places such as those in Somerville and Philadelphia.

"I'm Jewish, not religiously Orthodox, but relating to the cultural and religious identity in positive fashion," he pointed out.

Abbie Hoffman, one of the "Chicago Seven" whose trial was connected with the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, is back for this one and is staying at Flamingo Park. When the JTA reporter asked him for an interview, Hoffman made it immediately clear that President Nixon is his major opposition while George McGovern is "a mensch."

"Any Jew for Nixon is a goy, even Golda Meir," Hoffman, who is 35, said. "It's incredible that some Jews would vote for Nixon. Too many mink coats and country clubs. Too much assimilation."

Hoffman said he was planning to visit Israel in the near future, declaring that "I am very pro-

Jewish, but anti-Zionism." Asked what part of the Flamingo encampment crowd was Jewish, Hoffman replied, "In Miami Beach everybody is Jewish, even the Cubans. Che Guevara is Jewish; the Che is Chai," he joked.

At the Democratic Party's National Youth Caucus, formed last December, a leading figure was described as Garry Bean, a Harvard graduate from Chelsea, near Boston, who is a delegate from Massachusetts. Until his election, he was a staff member for press relations for the Caucus.

At a front desk for the Caucus was Nathaniel Spiller, 22, of Boston, a Harvard graduate who is entering Harvard Law School in September. Also a Caucus staff member, he has been active primarily in the Cambridge area. His parents are Reuven Spiller, controller of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston, and Mrs. Spiller.

Victor Marmon, 21, of Los Angeles, is another member of the Caucus staff. He is in charge of arrangements for the convention youth. Marmon was graduated last month from Yale and is entering Chicago Law School in September.

It was suggested within the Caucus meeting to Allison B. Adler, of Washington, D.C., a Webster Junior College graduate, that many young people in the Caucus were Jewish and that they were active out of proportion to their number in the general attendance. "Isn't that true everywhere," she responded.

Seeking "the truth" of their positions on matters of Jewish concern was Paul Fisher, 23, also of Philadelphia, who is reporting for the Jewish Student Press Service in New York City. He said that the press group services 58 Jewish newspapers at campuses. Fisher is a registered student at Boston University with a degree in computer information services from the University of Pennsylvania.

ZOA PRESIDENT PREDICTS HEAVY JEWISH VOTE FOR NIXON IN '72 ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, July 11 (JTA)--Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, claimed today that President Nixon "stands an excellent chance" of doubling the Jewish vote he received in 1968 in next November's Presidential elections. Weisman, who arrived here for the ZOA's 75th jubilee convention which opens tomorrow, predicted a strong Jewish vote for Nixon on the basis of three "principal accomplishments" of the Nixon administration in the Middle East.

He said these were the initiation and extension of the Aug. 1970 cease-fire; the President's public expressions and actions in support of Israel; and Nixon's policy of maintaining a balance of military potential between Israel and the Arab states. Weisman stressed that the American Presidential elections would not be an agenda item at the ZOA convention.

\$102 MILLION RAISED FOR ISRAEL OVERSEAS, EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.

TEL AVIV, July 11 (JTA)--Contributions by overseas Jewry to Israel amounted to a record of \$102 million during the 1971-72 fiscal year in all countries exclusive of the United States, Keren Hayesod chairman Ezra Shapiro reported at a press conference here today. He stressed that immigration from Russia and the need to provide housing and jobs for the new immigrants were the greatest incentives to fund-raising abroad. He warned, however, that the present negative atmosphere in Israel toward new immigrants might hamper fund-raising efforts. He urged Israelis to change their attitude and to understand that immigration was essential to the development of the country.



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It was learned here that neither Israel nor the United States was consulted in advance before UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim made his announcement in Geneva yesterday that he was asking Dr. Jarring to return to New York.

(At the UN, US diplomats saw no reason to expect progress at this time, as neither Israel nor the Arab side has indicated a willingness to soften its stand. Speaking for himself, one US official suggested that Waldheim may have been influenced by Secretary of State William P. Rogers' recent emphasis on progress in Vietnam, Korea, India-Pakistan and Germany. Thus, the American said, this could be the "perfect psychological moment" for a resumption of Dr. Jarring's efforts.

(But other informed Western sources suggested that the two-week specification for Dr. Jarring's stay indicated that no diplomatic breakthrough was expected. Rather, these sources said, Waldheim's reference to "consultations" may concern the Mideast report he must submit to the General Assembly in Sept.)

RUSSIAN JEWISH GEN. LIKENS ZIONIST 'LIES' TO THOSE OF NAZIS

WASHINGTON, July 11 (JTA)--Col. Gen. David Dragunsky, the highest ranking Jewish officer in the Soviet armed forces, attacked "Zionism" in an article distributed here yesterday by the New Times-Novosti press agency, the Soviet Union's overseas news service, and likened Zionist "lies" to the methods used by the Nazis.

Dragunsky wrote that "(Joseph) Goebbels and his propagandists were past masters at prevarication and slander on both a global and local scale. Zionists, too, use big and small lies to cover up their ugly deeds."

Dragunsky said the first "lie" was "that the Zionists represent the interests of 'world Jewry.'" He claimed that there was no such entity because Jews "consider themselves patriotic to the country where they and their forebears were both born." He said the second "lie" was that Zionists were concerned about the condition of Jews in the USSR, claiming that Jews in Russia "enjoy the same rights as the rest of the more than 100 nations and nationalities of our country."

The Russian general maintained that the third "lie" was that the USSR is hostile to Israel. "Noting that the Soviet Union was one of the first nations to vote in the UN for the creation of the Jewish State, he said his country is opposed "not to the State of Israel as such but its aggressive policy which threatens the peace."

U.S. BASKETBALLERS OFF TO ISRAEL FOR EXHIBITION SERIES

NEW YORK, July 11 (JTA)--The Nassau Athletic Club of Westbury, Long Island, will leave for Israel this week to participate in a series of exhibition basketball games with the Israeli national team, it was announced today by the United States Committee Sports for Israel, sponsor of the team's trip. Heading the 11-member squad is player-coach Ilon Zohar, a former Israeli international, currently attending school in the US.

NO DISSENT EXPECTED OVER STRONG PRO-ISRAEL PLATFORM AT DEM. CONVENTION

MIAMI BEACH, July 11 (JTA)--The already strong pro-Israel plank probably will be strengthened when the Democratic Party convention considers its voluminous platform late tonight or early tomorrow. Virtually no opposition is heard to the five-point section on the Middle East, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey found among key elements here. Nor is any voice heard against the recommendation that the next President, if he is a Democrat, pursue a diplomatic road towards inducing the Soviet Union to relieve the plight of all its "oppressed" including Jews.

"Everybody knows Israel has the right to defend itself," a top spokesman for Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace said to JTA. "We want all oppressed peoples in the Soviet Union to be able to leave, including Jews," he added.

Since the convention's Black Caucus did not discuss either matter at its two meetings yesterday, Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind., its chairman, told JTA the significance of no discussion was that "by implication the Caucus favored them."

"The Caucus took action only on the things it opposed," he said. Hatcher described these as the Wallace platform concepts on busing of school children, the \$6500 annual income for every family of four members, and the application of economic sanctions against Rhodesia and South Africa.

Gov. Wallace himself indicated to the press yesterday that the main concerns of the wing of the party he leads are busing and national defense.

Some Blacks Hold Opposition In Abyeance

Absence of discussion of the Middle East and Soviet Jewry issues at the Caucus was not accepted by observers here as meaning the opposition to Israel by some powerful Black leaders has vanished. Rather, they felt, their opposition has been set aside to avoid embarrassing Sen. George McGovern whom most of them favor and who has in recent weeks vigorously made plain his complete support of the defense of Israel.

The Middle East plank as adopted by the Platform Committee in Washington two weeks ago declared that a Democratic administration "should" make and carry out a "public" commitment to provide Israel with the military equipment she seeks to "preserve her deterrent strength"; bring the parties into "direct negotiation" towards a permanent political situation; maintain a political commitment and a military force in the Middle East "amply sufficient to deter the Soviet Union from using military force in the area"; recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and "recognize the responsibility of the world community for a just solution to the problems of the Arab and Jewish refugees."

To the third point, friends of Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington would extend the American commitment of forces in Europe and in the Mediterranean "ample to deter the Soviet Union from putting unbearable pressure on Israel." This stronger language was expected to incur little if any dissent.

Jackson Sees Self As Mideast Spokesman

Sen. Jackson declared today that he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President "to the bitter end." He listed a need for an American "spokesman" on issues including the Middle East as among his reasons for remaining in the race for the Presidency.

When a reporter suggested he was closer to President Nixon's foreign policy than Sen. McGovern's, Jackson pointed to the records of Presidents Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson on Israel. Jackson himself has sponsored legislation for aid to Israel, including a successful measure giving Israel \$500 million in credits to purchase defense equipment.

COJO, AT CLOSING SESSION RESOLVES TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION COMMISSION Appeals For Soviet Jews

GENEVA, July 11 (JTA)--The World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) concluded its plenary session here tonight after resolving to augment its commission on Jewish education in the diaspora with representatives of educational institutions not now participating. The session also adopted resolutions on Soviet Jewry, Jews in Arab countries and the Middle East situation.

Dr. William A. Wexler, of Atlanta, Ga. was re-elected chairman of COJO and Louis A. Pincus and Rabbi Joachim Prinz were re-elected co-chairmen. Vice-chairmen are Monroe Abbey, of Canada; Sion Cohen Imach, of Argentina and Michael Fidler, of Great Britain. Yehuda Hellman was re-elected secretary general.

The resolution on education instructed COJO's education commission to "examine the state of education in the various countries of the diaspora and, in cooperation with local education bodies, advise methods and systems relating to the content and direction and covering the total spectrum of Jewish education." The commission was authorized to set up a world committee as well as regional subcommittees. The resolution stipulated that "the opportunity be given to all constituent bodies to put it before their governing bodies for their approval," with the understanding that the commission's work would proceed in the meantime.

The resolution on Soviet Jewry called on Soviet authorities to "permit the restoration of Jewish religious, communal and cultural life as guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution." It welcomed the fact that "a growing number of Soviet Jews have recently been permitted to emigrate to Israel" but noted that "these are only a small minority of the tens of thousands who have applied for permission to go to Israel."

The resolution expressed "abhorrence of the criminal prosecution to which Soviet Jews have been subjected for no reason other than their aspiration to live as Jews in Israel" and appealed to the Soviet government to "set aside these unjust sentences." The resolution urged "men of good will everywhere to intensify their efforts in the struggle for the human rights of Soviet Jews and to address themselves not only to the unjust prosecution and sentences but also to the underlying Soviet policy of systematic discrimination against Jews."

NEW BLACK MAGAZINE NAMES JEWISH EDITOR

NEW YORK, July 11 (JTA)--Encore, a new Black magazine, has established an editorship in Jewish affairs, Ida Lewis, the magazine's publisher-editor, announced today. Mrs. Jean R. Herschaft, an Anglo-Jewish journalist and publicist was named to the post.

Encore uses a format similar to Time and Newsweek. According to Mrs. Lewis, it is an international Black magazine that includes viewpoints of other ethnic groups and seeks to promote readership outside the Black community. She said it hoped to unite the ethnic community by highlighting its common interests as well as problems. Upcoming articles on Jewish subjects include a profile of Russian activist Boris Kucabievsky and a series on Judaism and the Women's Liberation Movement.

JTA SPECIAL NEWS REPORT**JEWISH YOUTH SEEN AND HEARD AT DEM CONVENTION**

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MIAMI BEACH, July 11 (JTA)--On the turf in Flamingo Park and in the posh great halls of the Fontainebleau Hotel, Jewish youth are highly active participants and are evident in large numbers among the "young people" seeking to implant their views on the Democratic Party convention. They represent a conglomerate of opinion and philosophy, but mostly they are far to the left of center, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey here found today.

Flamingo Park is "home" these days, while the Democrats are hassling about who will be presidential nominee, for about 2000 youths from all parts of America; yuppies, hippies, non-descripts. One estimate is that two out of five of the youngsters there are Jewish, or as many of them say, "of Jewish origin," but there was no census.

Being in the South Beach area, Flamingo Park also is a center for old, retired pensioned Jews who come down from their apartments to chat, play shuffleboard or just sit. Now the "kids" have taken over with their sleeping bags. But it's still a meeting place with a new experience for the young and old. The "alte" who speak often in Yiddish fluently being without facility for the same richness of expression in their English, and the youngsters, who stumble along in Yiddish or don't know it at all, are engaged all day long in discussions.

Murray Rosenblith, 21, a journalism senior of Boston University who edits a student newspaper The News, for the campus population of about 22,000, described the results of the "dialogues" between oldsters and youth as mixed.

Where the "kids" get "antagonistic" or the "oldster" becomes immediately angry, Rosenblith said they're only baiting each other. But when they talk conversationally, they get along quite well. He said, "they should be allies" because both are "disfranchised." The old people are, he said, because society doesn't regard them as productive.

Rosenblith wears a white yarmulka on his long, light brown hair tied in the back. He is the son of an insurance broker Joseph and Mrs. Rosenblith of Philadelphia. "I'm not radical in the Jewish community, but a Jew in the radical community," Rosenblith explained. He said that he has not been to a normal synagogue "in a long time," but goes to Hillel at BU occasionally and to the New Jewish youth meeting places such as those in Somerville and Philadelphia.

"I'm Jewish, not religiously Orthodox, but relating to the cultural and religious identity in positive fashion," he pointed out.

Abbie Hoffman, one of the "Chicago Seven" whose trial was connected with the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, is back for this one and is staying at Flamingo Park. When the JTA reporter asked him for an interview, Hoffman made it immediately clear that President Nixon is his major opposition while George McGovern is "a mensch."

"Any Jew for Nixon is a goy, even Golda Meir," Hoffman, who is 35, said. "It's incredible that some Jews would vote for Nixon. Too many mink coats and country clubs. Too much assimilation."

Hoffman said he was planning to visit Israel in the near future, declaring that "I am very pro-

Jewish, but anti-Zionism." Asked what part of the Flamingo encampment crowd was Jewish, Hoffman replied, "In Miami Beach everybody is Jewish, even the Cubans. Che Guevara is Jewish; the Che is Chai," he joked.

At the Democratic Party's National Youth Caucus, formed last December, a leading figure was described as Garry Bean, a Harvard graduate from Chelsea, near Boston, who is a delegate from Massachusetts. Until his election, he was a staff member for press relations for the Caucus.

At a front desk for the Caucus was Nathaniel Spiller, 22, of Boston, a Harvard graduate who is entering Harvard Law School in September. Also a Caucus staff member, he has been active primarily in the Cambridge area. His parents are Reuven Spiller, controller of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston, and Mrs. Spiller.

Victor Marmon, 21, of Los Angeles, is another member of the Caucus staff. He is in charge of arrangements for the convention youth. Marmon was graduated last month from Yale and is entering Chicago Law School in September.

It was suggested within the Caucus meeting to Allison B. Adler, of Washington, D.C., a Webster Junior College graduate, that many young people in the Caucus were Jewish and that they were active out of proportion to their number in the general attendance. "Isn't that true everywhere," she responded.

Seeking "the truth" of their positions on matters of Jewish concern was Paul Fisher, 23, also of Philadelphia, who is reporting for the Jewish Student Press Service in New York City. He said that the press group services 58 Jewish newspapers at campuses. Fisher is a registered student at Boston University with a degree in computer information services from the University of Pennsylvania.

ZOA PRESIDENT PREDICTS HEAVY JEWISH VOTE FOR NIXON IN '72 ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, July 11 (JTA)--Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, claimed today that President Nixon "stands an excellent chance" of doubling the Jewish vote he received in 1968 in next November's Presidential elections. Weisman, who arrived here for the ZOA's 75th jubilee convention which opens tomorrow, predicted a strong Jewish vote for Nixon on the basis of three "principal accomplishments" of the Nixon administration in the Middle East.

He said these were the initiation and extension of the Aug. 1970 cease-fire; the President's public expressions and actions in support of Israel; and Nixon's policy of maintaining a balance of military potential between Israel and the Arab states. Weisman stressed that the American Presidential elections would not be an agenda item at the ZOA convention.

\$102 MILLION RAISED FOR ISRAEL OVERSEAS, EXCLUSIVE OF U.S.

TEL AVIV, July 11 (JTA)--Contributions by overseas Jewry to Israel amounted to a record of \$102 million during the 1971-72 fiscal year in all countries exclusive of the United States, Keren Hayesod chairman Ezra Shapiro reported at a press conference here today. He stressed that immigration from Russia and the need to provide housing and jobs for the new immigrants were the greatest incentives to fund-raising abroad. He warned, however, that the present negative atmosphere in Israel toward new immigrants might hamper fund-raising efforts. He urged Israelis to change their attitude and to understand that immigration was essential to the development of the country.