

Cohn Regrets Interpretation Put on 'Dialogue' Remarks

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Justice Haim Cohn has written to the President of the Supreme Court, Justice Olshan, expressing his regret that the sharp expressions he used at the Israel-American Dialogue on June 17 had given some people the impression that his intention was to disparage the Jewish religion.

This was revealed to the Knesset yesterday by Minister of Justice Dov Joseph, who was replying to parliamentary questions by Rabbi Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) and Mr. Ya'acov Katz (Poalei Agudat Yisrael).

Dr. Joseph replied in the negative to Rabbi Lorincz's question, whether he planned to bring Justice Cohn before a disciplinary court for "conduct unbecoming a judge."

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The sentence in Justice Cohn's speech which led the two M.K.s to submit their questions was that he thought it "one of the bitterest ironies of the State that the same racist approach that was propagated by the Nazis and characterized the infamous Nuremberg Laws should, because of an allegedly sacrosanct Jewish tradition, become the basis for the official determination or rejection of Jewishness in the State of Israel."

Dr. Joseph said yesterday that in cases of this sort there is always the danger that reading an excerpt from a speech out of context will give a false impression. "Apparently that is what happened here."

Wrote Immediately

The Minister said that Justice Cohn had written to Justice Olshan as soon as he saw how his speech had been reported in the press.

Justice Cohn wrote that anyone who had heard the

whole lecture knew that nothing was further from his mind than to insult the Jewish religion. No one familiar with his views or his judgments on the excellence of Jewish Law and the possibility of adjusting it to the needs of the State would suspect him of any such intentions as had been attributed to him in connection with the speech.

Girl, 19, Killed As Truck Overtakes

TIBERIAS. — A 19-year-old girl, Lea Miller, of Haifa, was killed and two other persons injured when a small open truck, travelling from Gonen to Notera in the eastern Hula, overturned at noon yesterday.

The two injured men were taken to the Government Hospital in Safad. Police had still not released their names last night.

The vehicle was an Army command car and all three occupants soldiers.

Another 'Phantom Farkas' Seen

HAIFA. — Police spent most of yesterday combing the Haifa Bay area in a vain pursuit of Nahman Farkas.

Yesterday's false alarm was given at 10 a.m. by a domestic help working in the Kiryat Bialik region. She claimed that Farkas suddenly appeared at a window in the rear of the apartment and at gun-point demanded money and clothing from her. The woman hid away in a panic and remained in the locked apartment until she heard the man move off.



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