

Riot Victims Get Aid . . . 'No Let-Down in Rebuilding Detroit'

Crohn Elected Hebrew Free Loan President; Loans to Riot Victims

Lawrence W. Crohn was elected president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association at the annual meeting Aug. 1.

William Wetsman was chosen first vice-president; Jack Malamud,



LAWRENCE W. CROHN

second vice-president; and Henry Leopold, secretary-treasurer.

Samuel Lieberman, retiring president, was given a rising vote of thanks for his dedicated services during five terms as president.

Crohn announced the association's decision to make special funds available to merchants and others who were adversely affected by the recent riots.

Funds are available from the Hebrew Free Loan on the traditional basis of gemiluth hassodim without interest charges.

Crohn stated that a special committee has been named to pass on new applications for loans which, as in the past, will require guarantors and ability to repay.

Samuel Lerner, director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, told The Jewish News there has been great need for rental housing in the northwest area, and the riot has added new impetus to the agency's search for such quarters.

Not only elderly Jewish individuals but some poor families, were living in the riot area. If not actually made homeless by the fires and looting, these persons live in fear for their person and possessions; the Detroit Housing Commission's offer to settle the burned-out families does not apply to them.

Lerner said it is increasingly difficult, also, to place refugee families in decent neighborhoods because of the unavailability of rental housing they can afford. Persons who may know of such housing are asked to call Lerner, DI 1-5959.

Rabbi Moses Lehrman of Cong. Bnai Moshe expressed hope for the future Sunday at an interfaith community memorial service for the 41 persons killed in Detroit's riot. Like other clergymen who spoke, Rabbi Lehrman was heckled by a

Dr. Luby, Mendelsohn Head Research Team

Dr. Elliot Luby, professor of psychiatry at Wayne State University, is co-director with Dr. Robert Mendelsohn, assistant professor of psychology, of a WSU riot research team.

They hope to find answers to what causes riots and what sociological, physical and welfare changes are needed to avert future uprisings. The federal government has already awarded \$130,000 to the group, which expects to spend more than a year on the study. Already, more than 200 victims and participants in the riot have been interviewed.

group of Black Power advocates.

(Only the Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr., pastor of the Central United Church of Christ, was applauded after his militant speech.)

"We are grief-stricken," said Rabbi Lehrman, "at the loss of life so needlessly snuffed out on a battlefield of futility. We are simultaneously hopeful that out of this purposeless fury will emerge a new sense of dedication and rebuilding."

He added: All of us are responsible for the madness that hit our city."

More than 300 persons attended the service at Friendship Baptist Church, 3900 Beaubien. Mayor Cavanagh and Gov. Romney also were present.

A route-by-route survey of riot-ravaged Detroit by Faygo Beverage Co., second largest U.S. independent maker and packager of carbonated beverages, has counted 314 soft drink outlets—medium-

size supermarkets, corner grocers, beer-wine stores and drug stores—among the casualties.

Morton Feigenson, Faygo president, said 138, or slightly more than 2 per cent of the nearly 6,200 retail accounts served by Faygo trucks in Detroit, were so badly burned that, with the exception of a few supermarkets which may be rebuilt, they have probably been wiped out forever.

State Rep. Daniel S. Cooper has introduced a resolution to study the feasibility of a riot disaster compensation claim board. Cooper stated that "many businessmen and homeowners were devastated by the holocaust which engulfed the city of Detroit."

Although the government will issue loans to many businessmen, the concept of a loan is not adequate, Cooper said. Millions of dollars are going to go into programs to alleviate the conditions which cause civil disturbances, "and that is as it should be; however, businessmen and homeowners who were destroyed and have no insurance due to many reasons

should have a fund, free of obligation, from which to realize some of their losses."

Cooper stated that "The board would have funds available from the federal government to give to businessmen and homeowners who meet certain criteria. The study committee would, of

course, determine what percentage of loss should be paid."

Cooper stated "the riots stem from a sickness in our society, and the total community should bear the loss rather than one unfortunate group who happen to have businesses or homes in the riot area."

Beth El to Continue in Present Location, Pastoral Letter Asserts

In a pastoral letter of reassurance to his congregation, Dr. Richard C. Hertz, senior rabbi of Temple Beth El, called for "testimony by our deeds and by our attitudes" for no backlash or let-down in the battle to rebuild Detroit.

Calling for his people to be "ambassadors of reconciliation" Rabbi Hertz stressed the need for "understanding the social dynamite that exploded here in the massive revolution for social justice for the Negro, for better jobs, for better housing, for better edu-

cation for higher hopes for those alienated from society by poverty, misery and frustration."

Aubrey H. Ettenheimer, president of the congregation, joined Rabbi Hertz in pledging that the congregation's educational and religious programs "will continue in the present location as heretofore."

"The physical presence of our beautiful edifice on Woodward Avenue remains a source of strength and stability to our congregation and to our city," Rabbi Hertz and Ettenheimer said.

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