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Communal Affairs

The United Jewish Appeal campaign is going very well in most of the communities . . . A Big Gift meeting in Detroit brought \$2,518,000 in pledges, which is 12 percent more from the group than last year . . . A Special Gift meeting in Cleveland resulted in pledges totalling over \$2,000,000, which is an increase of 14 percent over the amount contributed by the same persons last year . . . In Los Angeles, about \$1,900,000 were raised from contributors who gave \$1,600,000 last year . . . In Philadelphia, \$1,800,-

000 were raised from persons who gave \$1,580,000 last year . . . In Newark, a Big Gifts meeting brought about \$500,000 or 37 percent more than last year . . . Additional gifts there bring the total to date to over \$1,000,000, a 25 percent increase as compared with last year . . . Denver's Big Gifts meeting surpassed 1952 by ten percent, with pledges totalling more than \$410,000 . . . Milwaukee's Big Gift meeting topped those of 1952 by 15 percent . . . Hartford's Big Gift meeting brought \$400,000 in pledges, which is about \$20,000 more than last year . . . Also ahead of last year are Memphis, Houston, Peoria, Dallas, Louisville, San Diego, Norfolk, Duluth, Albany, Savannah, Springfield, Phoenix, Seattle, Kansas City, Richmond, Trenton and numerous other cities . . . In New York City, the UJA has already provided Israel this year with \$6,615,000 in cash, of which \$4,000,000 was borrowed from banks . . . All and all, the UJA is doing better this year than last year in all parts of the country. (Boris Smolar)

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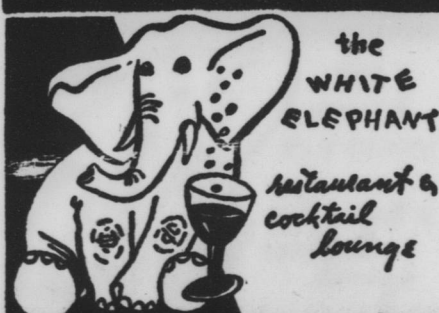
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Seven Nazis on Trial in Germany For Anti-Semitic Activities

DORTMUND, (JTA)—Seven leaders of the "Reich Movement" a Nazi underground group active in the Ruhr area, went on trial this week here. They are accused of distributing anti-Semitic and Nazi propaganda throughout the Ruhr from 1949 until their arrest last year. The most prominent of the defendants are Heinrich Vetter, a former Deputy Chief of the Nazi Party in Southern Westphalia, and Dr. Otto Bouecke, one-time Nazi mayor of the industrial city of Luedenschied.

Meanwhile, a new move has been made to unite the numerous neo-Nazi splinter groups in West Germany with the organization of a "Reichsblock." One of the leaders of this new group is Wolfgang Hedler, one-time deputy in the Bonn Parliament who was released from jail for Jew-baiting activities two months ago.

EBAN SPEAKS ON AMERICAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS AT TEXAS LEGISLATURE

AUSTIN, Texas, (JTA) — Israel Ambassador Abba Eban was applauded here by members of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives at a joint session of the Legislature which heard the Ambassador speak on Israel-American relations.

Mr. Eban was introduced by Allen Shivers. The Ambassador told the Texans that in areas of America with pioneering background a keen appreciation of Israel's problems are felt. He referred to the impressive support he said Israel's cause continues to evoke in America.

Henry Youngman: "In spite of criticism, nudists always grin and bare it."

Ben Hecht: "Money talks, but nobody notices what grammar it uses."

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