and the IRS, calls for the destruction of the Palestinian people. While tax benefits may not be made available to persons of groups who participate in policies which oppose U.S. interests or whose activities offend public policy, Kahane continues to rake in more than $500,000 a year.

No 501(c)(3) organization may participate in the affairs of a political organization. No such organization may involve itself directly in the politics of another country. Kahane openly utilizes TJI to fund his political campaigns in Israel, thus violating two principles with one act.

One contributor said he had given Kahane more than $10,000 in cash for the establishment of a school in Jerusalem. When he visited Jerusalem he discovered that Kahane had used the funds to finance his election campaign. This charge was published in the New York Post on October 21, 1974. Five years later the U.S. government granted Kahane's organization preferred status. Many other similar charges against Kahane for fraud and manipulation of funds have been made over the years and are set forth in *Heil Kahane*, a book published last year. (Please see enclosed book sale announcement.) Yet the U.S. government persists in extending the benefit of the 501(c)(3) to Kahane and his groups in the face of these accusations.

Without doubt the remarkable success that Kahane and his party have enjoyed in Israel is due, in very large measure, to the illegal U.S. funding they receive. Kahane's party has set up 50 political offices throughout Israel, purchased printing presses, sound trucks and sophisticated telecommunications equipment—all used for political campaigns and in efforts to drive Palestinians out of their country.

Unlike others who circumvent the law quietly and furtively for fear of being exposed as lawbreakers, Kahane openly disobeys the law. When Kahane seeks donations for TJI he often states that the funds will be given to finance his political movement in Israel. His aides are equally as frank when asked about the use of funds secured through TJI and other 501(c)(3) organizations set up by Kahane. Ed Solomon, head of the terrorist Jewish Defense League (JDL) in Philadelphia states that the funds collected by the TJI "are sent to the rabbi in Israel. It goes to Kach. It's political." (Kach is Kahane's political party.)

In fact, when Kahane ran for the Knesset in 1984, TJI mailed leaflets to prospective American contributors asking them to mail checks made out to TJI so that they could "send Kach and Kahane to power in Israel." And again this year at a public fundraising dinner for TJI at the Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York, contributors were asked to make tax-exempt donations to TJI. They were told the funds would help Kahane win 10 Knesset seats in the next election. Richard Propis, the international treasurer for Kach, said $40,000 was raised at the dinner. Mal Leibowitz, who helped to organize the dinner, said that the funds were sent to Israel for political campaigns.

Given Kahane's history of fraudulent fundraising, his penchant for terrorism, his long record of criminal activity and his total disdain for the law it is not surprising that he continues his illegal fundraising efforts. What is alarming, however, is the complicity of Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and IRS Commissioner Lawrence Gibbs. Each man has the power —and the obligation—to revoke Kahane's license to steal from the U.S. taxpayer. Each man is obligated to refer Kahane's illegal conduct to the Department of Justice for investigation and prosecution.

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A few years ago Mark Lane, associate editor of ZIONIST WATCH, served as a lawyer for Palestinian farmers, a member of the Knesset, an anti-Zionist rabbi in Jerusalem and a group of American citizens who challenged the tax-exempt status of Zionist organizations which violated U.S. law. The courts ruled that only the secretary of the treasury and the commissioner of the IRS were empowered to act. It is time that they acted. It is time that the American people insist they act. (Please see enclosed Action Notice from the editors.) ☐

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