

many more passengers than the number permitted. She asked further, how is it possible to lend a hand to abandoning helpless girls to drivers who enslave them? Why do we have to see and keep silent? Her appeal to "That Which Hurts" was transferred to the Staff Commandant of the Dan Region of the Israeli police.

"The police reply," writes Haelyon, " which reached us at the beginning of April, 1974, included a recommendation to approach the Employment Service about the control of the work of Arab women who come to the moshav. We were not satisfied. . .and appealed again to the police. . . and passed the reply to the complainer, who in turn, being disappointed with the police's work, wrote again: "It hurts us that in the Israel State, 1974, we all lend a hand to the creation of the "Raises", who beat and pick up uneducated Arab girls. Thus is done in the presence of our children, who are stunned. Is that the way we want to bring them up? Does shortage of workers justify such shame? Are workers in Israel of 1974 transported in such a disgraceful way? It seems that this state of affairs is convenient to all groups involved."

. . .As we deepened the treatment of the case, it seemed more and more serious. At the end of July we appealed to the police and to the Ministry of Labor, asking for a basic investigation of the problem. We also supplied them with the vehicle numbers of the "Raises" and further details. In September we received a letter from Mr. Hirsch of the State Police staff, in which the following was reported:

". . .the police had taken action in order to deal with the vehicles transgressing various traffic laws while transporting women workers to that moshav. In the police visits, tickets were given to offenders who were there; tickets for transporting passengers outside the body of vehicle, transporting more passengers than permitted by the driver's license, etc. At the end of the police operations, no offenses of the aforementioned kind were seen during visits there. The police will continue their control in order to prevent the renewal of the phenomenon."

After five months, Mrs. Egozi (who wanted to wait and see how things would turn out) replied that in spite of the police operation, the "Raises" continue to act as they please. In the meantime, however, because of the economic situation, the number of workers in the moshav went down, which seems to temporarily reduce the seriousness of the phenomenon. She argued that although Moshav Rishpon is not situated at a crossroads, the police should watch over