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## Candid Comments

### School Board Election

Last week, the first person announced her candidacy for election to San Francisco's brand new school board. Like the first swallow at Capistrano, she will soon be followed by a sky-darkening flock of fluttering candidates.

This is a new experience for San Francisco, our first elected school board. Voters are going to have to decide, for the first time, what kind of person they want sitting on the school board. Jews will undoubtedly have a wide diversity of opinions on the candidates. But there are a few issues which have drawn the special attention of the organized Jewish community in recent years, because they seem to have a special effect on, or interest for, the Jewish community.



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For example, there are those issues which are usually called "church-state." The U.S. Supreme Court has decided that denominational or non-denominational prayers are unsuitable for the public schools. But there is an ongoing Congressional effort to amend the Constitution so that such prayers would be permitted. To which position is each candidate sympathetic? The answer would indicate whether that candidate would be pushing for or resisting the kind of religious expression in the schools which tends to put Jewish students in a second-class position.

**Of course, there is the question of educational excellence, which is what the schools are finally all about. Does the candidate believe in homogenized education, or in adapting to the individual needs of students? That would be partially revealed by the candidates' unqualified support not only of remedial education for those who need it - but support also for the special grouping of students with advanced or fast-paced academic interests.**

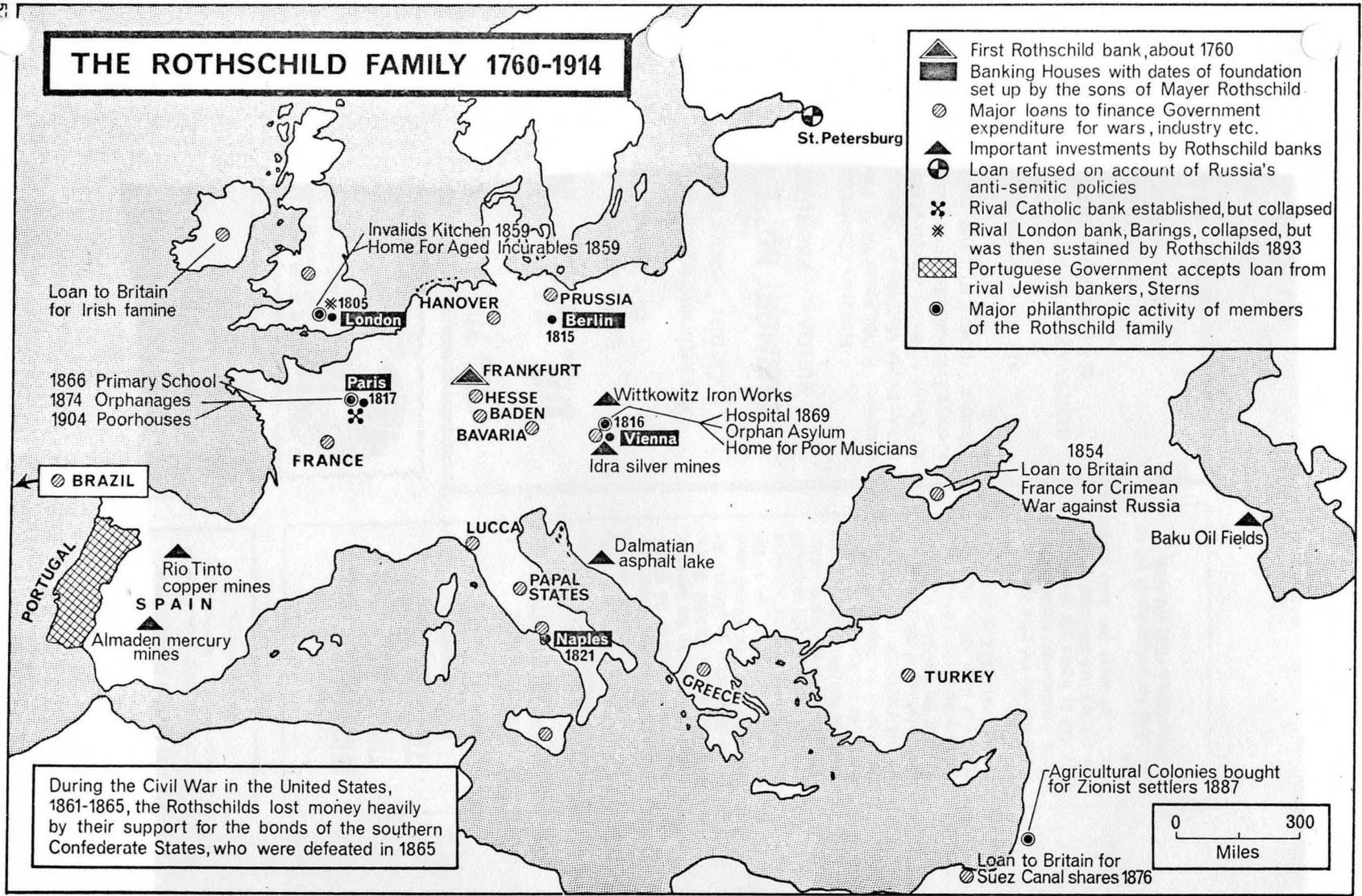
And then there's the current issue of employment policies. Presumably any enlightened candidate will believe that special efforts should be made to increase the numbers of racial minority school personnel - and should be queried on that. But does the candidate believe that, even towards that end, hiring should be related primarily to heredity, as in quotas, rather than to competency? Most Jews have a special historical concern with the primacy of heredity as hiring criterion.

There are other questions, of course. The JCRC has compiled a list of questions which it will be addressing to all candidates. The results will be published in the Jewish Bulletin, for everyone's individual evaluation. But however it's done, the candidates should learn that they are going to be evaluated by the citizenry on a number of critical issues - not just on their attitudes towards the use of Henry Ford's wheeled invention as an instrument for integrating the schools.

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# THE ROTHSCHILD FAMILY 1760-1914

- ▲ First Rothschild bank, about 1760
- Banking Houses with dates of foundation set up by the sons of Mayer Rothschild
- ⊙ Major loans to finance Government expenditure for wars, industry etc.
- ▲ Important investments by Rothschild banks
- ⊕ Loan refused on account of Russia's anti-semitic policies
- ✕ Rival Catholic bank established, but collapsed
- ✱ Rival London bank, Barings, collapsed, but was then sustained by Rothschilds 1893
- ▨ Portuguese Government accepts loan from rival Jewish bankers, Sterns
- Major philanthropic activity of members of the Rothschild family



During the Civil War in the United States, 1861-1865, the Rothschilds lost money heavily by their support for the bonds of the southern Confederate States, who were defeated in 1865

