

the-record exports such as fertilizers, pesticides, electronic goods and chocolates to Arab lands. Malta's exports to Israel included jeans, hides and synthetic yarns.

Today, relations between Malta and Israel are on a formally "correct" basis. Occasionally, critical remarks are heard from Maltese officials, and anti-Israel comments appear in some of the newspapers.

But a reservoir of good feeling toward the Jewish state does exist. **One Maltese Christian friend in the public relations field, whose family lived and worked in Israel for many years, is convinced that admiration and respect for Israel is as alive as it always was.**

On the diplomatic level, Israel's charge d'affaires, now covering Malta from Rome, and Malta's consul general in Tel Aviv (an Israeli, on whom a

Jewish tree salesman sees no contradiction

By RUTH BAUM BIGUS KANSAS CITY (JTA) — Dennis Small is often asked what a Jewish man is doing in his business — selling Christmas trees.

His reply? "I kind of laugh and say 'Well, someone's got to do it, why not me?'" he said of his work.

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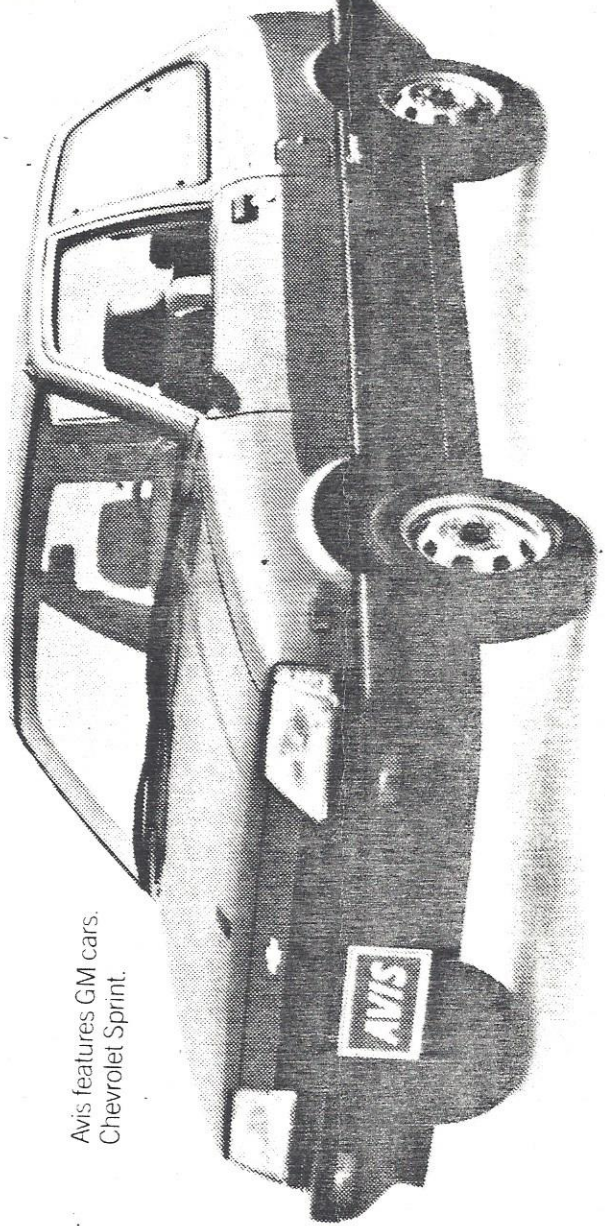
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