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Financing Education

During the National Governors' Conference in Minneapolis this year, I was asked on a national television program to select the most important challenge facing Nevada in the years ahead.

I replied, "Financing for education," and it was an answer that could well be applied to many states.

In Nevada, we are allocating 70 percent of our budget for education, one of the highest percentages in the country, and necessary improvements will require even more financial support in the future. Yet, the many other pressing demands of our society for a share of the tax dollar indicate we may be approaching the limit in providing state funds for education.

One answer, I feel, is an unfettered rebate of federal tax money to the states.

This is why I support a current plan to rebate directly to the states from one to five percent of income tax revenues for the purpose of education. This could mean a grant to Nevada of nearly \$14 million annually, without any federal control except the stipulation that it must be spent on education.

Legislation to accomplish this purpose will be further considered by the congress next year. It was introduced this fall by Rep. Bill Brock of Tennessee, who worked with governors in Nevada and other states over the past two

years in perfecting an equitable formula of distribution. The plan would rebate a percentage of federal income tax revenues annually to the states, ranging from one percent the first year to five percent the fifth and succeeding years.

Nevada's share of this rebate would range from \$3 million the first year to nearly \$14 million for the fifth and later years.

The money is allocated on a formula based half on the number of enrolled students and half on the effort each state is making in the field of education. Those states doing the least would be provided with an incentive to work harder, while those now making a significant effort would be rewarded. The formula ranks Nevada among the top eight states in providing outstanding education, so it is particularly advantageous to us.

This plan will give the states finances to meet their growing responsibilities in the manner they deem best. By reserving to the states the final determination of how they will spend this money, we will take a significant step toward restoring a proper balance in our federal system between all levels of government. I feel this approach eliminates the possibility of unnecessary federal interference in an area that properly belongs to our local authorities.

10 Shabus Commandments

1. I am the Sabbath eve that takes thee out of bondage to lowly pursuit into the realm of life's highest values.
2. Thou shalt have no other appointments on Friday evening besides home and Jewish part in guaranteeing our independence. Our friend thinks that this would be a blow against anti-Semitism as forceful as any program fostered by the anti-defamation groups and others committed to protect the good name of the Jew. What do you think?

3. Thou shalt not take the name of Shabbos in vain. Thou shalt avoid all card playing, movie attendance and other weekday pursuits on the Sabbath Eve.
4. Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy through worship and cultural pursuit.
5. Honor the faith of your father and mother by attending Friday night services with unfailing regularity.
6. Thou shalt not kill the Sabbath spirit by following secular activities on Friday evenings.
7. Thou shalt not be unfaithful to Jewish home life by banishing the Sabbath candles and Kiddush from your home.
8. Thou shalt not steal from the precious hours that belong to the synagogue and Judaism for unworthy, unworthy, unspiritual and empty pursuits.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against the Jewish people by showing irreverence and unconcern for the Sabbath.
10. Thou shalt not covet the life and pastimes of those pleasure seekers who live as if Judaism has no meaning and message for the modern world.

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Combat Anti-Semitism

By Dr. Samuel Silver

How to combat anti-Semitism is one of the chief preoccupations of Jews.

Talk to Jews for fifteen minutes and by that time Topic A will come into evidence.

The analyses of the problem are numerous, and the prescriptions for the cure for the malady are also numberless.

It's economic in origin. It's religious in origin. It's psychological in origin. Every explanation of the origin of the dislike of the Jew has its champions.

You cure it by tackling all social evils. You cure it by boldly counter-attacking the bigots. You cure it by ignoring it. You cure it by overcoming the misconceptions about Judaism. Each cure has its advocates.

No doubt everyone's right. As the rabbi told his wife who complained when he said both disputants in a case were right, "You're right, too."

Any suggestion, therefore, cannot be a cure-all, but can perhaps deal with one phase of the intricate problem. One suggestion for offsetting anti-Semitism was made in our town by an Italian.

The Italian with the suggestion is a monument maker. He is the second Connecticut Italian monument maker who has come to my attention for his sympathy to Jews. The other one is in Bridgeport. That one was asked to make a monument to victims of Nazism to be erected on a cemetery up there. He agreed, and when the members of the Unity Club, as the survivor's group is called there, asked him how much he wanted for the job, he broke into tears and said he could take no money

for so holy a task.

The Italian monument maker in my town had just finished a statue of Christopher Columbus. After that, he began to think about Jewish heroes in American life. Someone mentioned Haym Salomon. He went to a number of Jewish friends and asked them whether they had heard of Haym Salomon. Some had vaguely, but none had much data. Intrigued, he began to delve into the life and achievements of Salomon, learning how that doughty patriot had fought for the U.S., suffered for the U.S., lent the new nation money which made the difference between downfall and survival, and how he had languished in a debtor's jail. And then our Italian friend, like Ahasuerus of old, asked, "And what has been done for this man?"

The answer, like the one in the Purim megillah, is that little has been done for Haym Salomon. In fact, Congress has consistently refused to repay the loans to heirs who have appealed for them.

Aside from the financial side of the picture, our Italian friend feels that if every city of the United States had a statue of Haym Salomon in some public place, it would go far to disseminate data about the Jewish role in the making of this nation and would help to neutralize anti-Semitism. How could an American who heard the story of Salomon remain bigoted?

And so our friend urges that every Jewish community council in the U.S. take steps to put up a Salomon statue to say thanks to the patriot for what he did and to proclaim to all Americans the

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