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### Manpower Shortages

Nevadans can take justifiable pride in the record level of growth which has triggered our dynamic economic expansion during the 1960's. Today, we are the fastest-growing state in the nation, and the future holds the promise of even greater prosperity.

Not surprisingly, the blessings of unprecedented growth have not all been one-sided. Our rich harvest of human resources has created a great many critical problems which must be instantly recognized and acted upon with wisdom if we are to be equipped for the demands of the years ahead.

Chief among these problems is the proper utilization of our manpower. Nevada's prosperity will continue only so long as our labor force remains vigorous and healthy.

Last month's second statewide manpower conference at Lake Tahoe served to dramatize the challenge. During two days of deliberations, leaders of business and industry from all 17 counties concluded that unemployment in Nevada during the next decade will not be caused by lack of jobs, but by a lack of qualified people to fill the jobs that will exist.

For example, conference participants--more than 130 in all--predicted that while statewide employment will increase 49 percent between now and 1975, the demand

for professional and technical personnel will be far greater from a percentage standpoint.

Educators, doctors, dentists and other professionals will be in particular short supply, but there will also be a need for draftsmen, surveyors, stenographers and those who work in semi-skilled occupations.

Nevada must act now in finding solutions to the problem of manpower shortages in these critical areas. We must undertake a thorough and judicious study of our educational programs, because it is an alarming fact that many employers are recruiting workers from other states because there are not enough Nevadans who possess the required skills.

At present, Nevada not only lacks a school of medicine and dentistry, it also is without a vocational-technical school where thousands of youngsters could learn skills that are vitally needed by private industry.

These are not problems which can be solved in a matter of weeks or months, but they are problems which must be solved if Nevada is to continue as the nation's growth leader.

It is not enough merely to meet the challenges before us today; we must also plan carefully for the welfare of future generations. Only by so doing can we avoid a catastrophic waste of our human resources.

give it more publicity and prominence. And also, because in America we prize the values that Hanukkah symbolizes, religious freedom and independence, this winter festival is looming larger in the panoply of Jewish festivals.

Whatever the reason, Hanukkah is one of the most popular of Jewish holidays in America, and there is no reason why we should not encourage this. We do not want to emphasize the gift giving overly much, we must rather attach importance to the spiritual side of Hanukkah, but in any case there is ample room for expanding this holiday and adding to its formal prayers and drawing on the Jewish muse to beautify its observance.

The simplest way to write a Hanukkah service is to compose a few lines for each candle. Each night, these lines--in verse or prose, essay or prayer, can be recited as the new candle adds its light to the others. Thus a series of eight literary creations will constitute the new, modern, personalized Hanukkah service for the American Jewish family.

Hanukkah has many ideas in it which are worthy of expansion, elucidation, and explication: dedication; light (knowledge, Torah, truth); heroism; Hebraism versus Hellenism; the Maccabees; salvation for those with faith of God; beauty in ceremony and ritual; spiritual gift giving, etc. Each family must find for itself the best way to express what it finds of significance in Hanukkah.

Let's make Hanukkah a holiday that speaks to the American Jew in the Twentieth century!

TO BE CERTAIN, THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, THE OBSERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY JACK TELL ARE HIS AND HIS ALONE, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS THE OPINIONS OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

### Fools Rush In

That Hank Greenspun is the bravest of men there is no question. Whether he is the biggest of fools is anybody's personal opinion. One thing is for certain. He is a most convincing talker.

But most important, Hank displayed a humaneness that places a human life above any consequences that might affect his own future. It came out all right, and so Hank is a hero, but it could have been otherwise.

We refer, of course, to the incident on Fremont Street, where a young man locked himself in a cab and threatened to take his own life with a shotgun pressed against his chest. After the first moments of the real drama there was nothing spontaneous about the circumstances, except possibly, that instant when the pressure of a finger against a trigger would snuff out a life.

When the young man's intention became apparent, a horde of police descended on the scene, blocked off the thoroughfare, and formed a cordon to keep thousands of curious spectators at a respectable distance. It happened on a recent, thriving Friday evening in a period consuming some four hours when downtown Las Vegas was jam-packed with weekend tourists.

The quandry of a man threatening self-destruction posed a seemingly unresolvable problem for a priest, a minister, two psychiatrists and top law enforcement officials. Each had taken turns talking to the frustrated young man through the open cab window. All their words had fallen on deaf ears. The man refused to surrender the gun.

When we arrived on the scene, after leaving Temple Services, a man's head and shoulders were immersed in the car talking earnestly to the occupant on the floor of the back compartment. Standing at the curb in the crowd, we heard rumors flying thick and fast among the spectators.

"Who's in the cab?"  
"Some nut with a gun."  
"Who's the man talking through the window?"  
Just then the head and shoulders emerged and someone said: "It's Hank Greenspun, publisher of the Sun."

An instant later the gun was handed out and the young man stepped out to enter a waiting ambulance. It took a half hour for Hank to convince the man to give himself up in one piece. Someone in the crowd muttered: "It takes a nut to be understood by one."

Just what words Hank said to persuade the man to surrender peacefully, we'll never know, and rightfully so. It was a confidence no honest newspaperman would betray under the circumstances. What was evident, and even grudgingly conceded by the rival daily, was that Hank had succeeded where all the other had failed.

For hours afterward we pondered the pros and cons. All the others, the clergy, the medics, the law enforcers, who had attempted to convince the young man to submit without violence, were duty bound to perform this life-saving service. Not Hank. Although he has been a long-standing newspaper publisher and consequently a leading citizen, he is just that, a civilian. We don't know whether he was asked to intercede or volunteered, but in any case he did so without official status, except as a human being coming to the aid of another in distress.

The man out of grasp, threatening to kill himself was tantamount to the one on the ledge of the high building or the other on the girder of the bridge, all imminent suicides. There was one slight difference with the incident in Las Vegas. An upset mind clutching a loaded gun created the possibility of the gun being turned on the rescuer. That was one risk Hank took.

More important was the consequence of the man pulling the trigger to end his own life. It could have happened during any instant of the conversation with Hank. A wrong word, an improperly construed inflection in tone, a twitch of the eyebrow - any could have been a fatal sound or movement. In this town of odds and percentages, just what did Hank have to gain or lose on the deal? Even after the successful completion of his mission, Hank was deprived of an exclusive story.

But suppose the man had pulled the trigger. The ramifications could have been endless, with every finger-pointing who regards Hank with disfavor, and there are a few, accusing him of everything from a blunderer to a murderer.

Hank is not only a leading citizen of our town, he also is a founder and active leader in the thriving Jewish community of Las Vegas. Bigots manage to exploit anti-Semitism wherever possible, no matter how far removed from the source and no matter how unreasonable and contrary to the facts the true circumstances. They did it in the Lindberg baby kidnapping and are still attempting to create confusion with Jack Ruby's role following President Kennedy's assassination.

There is still another factor that could have created grave consequences, had a corpse been carried from the cab instead of the man walking out under his own momentum. That is Hank's conscience for the rest of his life.

Having been an employee of Hank's, we have more than a passing knowledge of the man's character and concern for his fellow men. Any resident of our area for more than

## Editorial

### Hanukkah Milestone

This is a milestone year for Chanukah.

The date of the rededication of the sanctuary desecrated by the pagans, according to most historians, was 165 before the Christian era.

The word, Chanukah, means dedication, and the holiday commemorates that re-consecration of the holy place. That would mean that this year marks the two thousandth anniversary of that historic act which assured the continuation of Judaism and enabled it not only to persevere but rather to give birth to other religions.

Every aspect of the Chanukah saga still has meaning for us today.

The Maccabees were men willing to sacrifice their own comfort for the well being of a noble cause. Are we?

The Menorah, with its crescendo of light from night to night, gives us assurance that although a good aim will at first enlist only a small group, ultimately its appeal will increase. Do we have that kind of Maccabean optimism?

The latkes symbolize the fact that, with enough vigor and fervor, we can make our problems become as "flat as pancakes." Do we still retain that outlook?

The dreidel, on which is inscribed the letters NGHS, Nes Gadol Hayaw Shawm, A Great Miracle Happened There, reminds us that when Antiochus banned Jewish worship and learning, the Jews went underground and continued their classes and prayer sessions secretly. They posted sentinels outside and they pretended they were playing a put-and -take game. The dreidel then is the emblem of the refusal of Jews to surrender their adherence to learning and reverence. Would we stand up to such a test?

The Chanukah story represents a point midway between ourselves and the era of Abraham, the beginner of Judaism, two thousand years before the Maccabees.

As we hail the valorous Jedsans and relight the festive tapers, may we not only say a n ardent shecheyanu on this significant milestone, but may we also emulate the herosim and devotion of our spiritual forbears so that we can be a blessing to our families and to our own era.

## U.S.Y. YOURS

by Jan Klein

Like fun and competition? Then come to the U.S.Y. Pool and Ping-pong tournament to be held in the Danny Kolod Youth House on December 5th. There will be a \$1.50 charge for contestants in the Pool, and \$1.00 for those in Ping-pong.

The new issue of "What's New With Jews", a publication on current events in Israel and the Jewish movement in the U.S.A. is now available. This is a good source of information on U.S.Y.'s Building Spiritual Bridges projects. Write to either chairman: Jackie Plant, 5125 Corning, Los Angeles 56, or Jerry Ross, 17122 Strawberry, Encino.

Eight delegates from Las Vegas attended a Leadership Training Institute at Ojai,

California. Not only did they learn how to improve their chapter in every way, from fund-raising to social action, but they had a great time, and meeting U.S.Y'ers from all over the region as well.

Thanks from Las Vegas U.S.Y. to Linda Weinstein, third vice president of the region, from Whittier U.S.Y. for sending us material on many new projects.

Neil Selman, regional parliamentarian, Ner Tamid chapter, sent the New Far West Constitution.

Judy Marion, regional membership chairman, Westchester, and Nancy Shandler, Ner Tamid regional cultural study chairman, relayed information and ideas pertaining to these topics.

man. They have a tremendous "mind nationalism" and speak of "our guilt", placing the responsibility of the Nazi atrocities not only on older Germans, but on themselves and the entire world. The third group, under 30 years old, are cautious but uninhabited about the past. Scorning nationalism, the younger generation mistrusts the present government and looks toward a united Europe.

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cause they felt they did something genuinely wrong, but because of general world sentiment against them. They suppress all thoughts of the past and concentrate on the present, stressing materialism.

The second group are between 30 to 45 years old. Appalled at Germany's situation and actions during the war, these people are terribly aware of being Ger-

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