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## Editorial

### Promise and Performance

Top-echelon Austrian officials in recent weeks were reported to have assured Jewish spokesmen that they were determined to wipe out all vestiges of anti-Semitism in their country and that all Nazi war criminals would be brought to justice and made to pay for their crimes against Jews.

However, from a recent report by the European office of the American Jewish Committee it would appear that there is a deep gulf between Viennese promise and performance.

According to the Committee report, Austrian jurors trying Nazi war criminals have shown a baffling degree of leniency toward the accused. Four times in the past year Austrians have sat in judgment in important trials involving Nazi and neo-Nazi murderers, and in each of the cases "their verdicts have been such as to make a mockery of justice and arouse international indignation."

As the Committee report rightly points out, the issue is not alone trial and punishment but the fact that the inexplicable behaviour of the jurors evidences a serious malady, a "wide-spread Austrian state of mind that is dangerous for democracy in that land."

What is the motivation behind this reluctance to convict Nazi war criminals? The Committee's blunt answer is that "few populations were so involved with Nazism as was the Austrian" and that "great segments of the Austrian population" therefore have "their own reasons for not considering Nazi crimes as crimes at all or, at any rate, as crimes that should be punished." The series of baffling acquittals of Nazi criminals by Austrian jurors, and the unusually light sentences handed out in cases of conviction, can only be interpreted as meaning that many ordinary Austrians today still feel their situation "implicitly or directly threatened by condemnation" of war criminals.

The Committee report suggests as a remedy wider attention to the fostering of democratic attitudes in Austria through education. But this can only be a long-range solution. What is required at the moment is action by the central government that would bring about the thwarting of justice by jurors sworn to the task of upholding justice. The central government if it wills, has the authority and the means to stop this travesty.

## U.S.Y. YOURS

by Jan Klein

USY meetings will be held every other week from now on. The next meeting will be February 6 at 7 P.M. in the Danny Kolod Youth Center.

The Far West Regional Carnival and Dance will be held at Valley Jewish Community Center next month. The dance will be from 7:30 til 12:00 p.m. on the evening of February 19. There will be a live band and refreshments will be served--the attire is dressy. Admission is only \$1 per person. The carnival will be February 20 at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free and as it is the first major regional event since LTI, everyone will be there. Dinner will be served. If you are interested, housing with a USYer in the Valley can be

arranged. To find out more about this event, notify Sonja Gurfein, 44224 North Cedar, Lancaster; 942-9636.

Don't forget to return your applications for BSB!! Send them to Neil Kraus, 13733 Trumbull, Whittier.

The USY Purim Carnival will be on March 6--as this is a big project ALL members should participate and not just the officers. So, everyone help out and it will be the most successful event yet!

Norm Friedlander is the new president of Compton USY, succeeding Sharon Markenson. Mazel, Norm,

Sharon Kersch's party at Lee Canyon was great, and so was the skiing. Others of us, like Dave London, went down the hard way... Larry

## VOICE OF NEVADA

by Gov. Grant Sawyer



### Nevada's Highways

Skillfully designed and constructed highways are a necessity in today's mobile society. And according to a recent national survey, Nevadans travel more than citizens of any other state.

Add to this, the fact that Nevada has a tourist-oriented economy, and the vital need for safe, modern, high-speed roadways certainly becomes apparent. Fulfilling this need has become a tremendous challenge for the highway planners and builders of our state. What are we doing to meet this challenge?

Probably the most significant step taken in recent years has been the construction of our Interstate freeway system. This mammoth project reached its midway point in 1964 when projects underway and completed passed the 270-mile mark. As this year started, 364 miles of freeway had been opened to traffic or placed under contract. And if federal funds, are available, there should be no problem having the entire 535-mile system finished by the target date of 1972.

Last year the state had nearly 100 miles of freeway under construction. The 12 contracts underway cost \$33, 168,000 making 1965 one of the peak years of Interstate activity.

An equal or even higher level of achievement is scheduled for this year, as the focus of freeway attention shifts from the rural to the urban areas. To date all of the 252 miles of Interstate 15 and 80 opened to traffic have been outside our population centers. The shift in emphasis will begin in 1966 with the expected February completion of the McCarran-Sahara Avenue portion of I-15 in Las Vegas. Being built at a cost of \$5,370,000, the job is the first urban section of the freeway system.

Later this year, additional projects for the Las Vegas and Reno areas are programmed for contract. Providing funds are available, work is slated to begin on the Lawton's to Keystone section of I-80 and four freeway structures in Reno, and on the elevated structure portion of the route in Sparks. In Las Vegas, construction is due to start on I-15 from Sahara Avenue to Charleston Boulevard, and from Ch-

Lebowitz had purple feet. That's what happens from overtime at the wine vats, Larry -- oh, well -- P'chayim to you, too, Jerry Gordon insincere??? Only his hairdresser knows...I hear Beth Weinstein is expecting a visitor from Montebello over spring vacation...we'll have to check out those two at BSB. Laurie Citrin is the

arleston to Bonanza Boulevard.

During 1967, design is to be finished and contracts let for the remaining sections of the freeway through Nevada's two principal cities. Again, this work depends on the availability of federal Interstate funds.

At the same time, progress will continue on the rural portions of the system. Highway Department engineers anticipate construction starting on the Mormon Mesa-Mesquite section of I-15 and on the Humboldt House to Mill City section of I-80.

As chairman of the State Highway Board for the past 7 years, I have been particularly proud of our state's accomplishments in building the Interstate system. As with any large and complex program, there have been problems. But, through hard work careful planning and the dedicated effort of hundreds of Highway Department employees, these obstacles have been overcome and remarkable progress made. Not many years ago, Nevada was second from the bottom in relative standing to other states. Today, we're in the top 20%, based on our obligation of federal Interstate funds as an indicator of freeway activity.

The able personnel in the department have managed to set this enviable record while at the same time expending less state funds on Interstate roads than any other western state except Hawaii.

Less than 6 years ago, settlement of the Reno Freeway location seemed hopelessly deadlocked. No end to the bitter controversy seemed possible. Yet, today design is nearly finished on the Seventh Street alignment, right-of-way acquisition is more than 50% complete, and construction is set to start this year.

However, most important to the success of our Interstate program has been the cooperation given us by those at the local level. From the homeowners, from the ranchers, from the businessman, and from their elected officials have come the help and many of the ideas that have made progress on the freeway system possible.

most active chairman in Beth Am USY -- she is in charge of refreshments.

Susan Laxer is going to the retreat at Scotmar... funny thing so is Tommy Shannon.

Anyone in a literary mood? Robbie Summers needs articles for his Presidents Newsletter -- see me for details if you're interested.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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.

## A Newspaper Is Born

You see, ladies and gentlemen, a newspaper is a living, breathing, vital organ of animation in a community. It has heart. It has temperament. It must be treated with care during pregnancy. Delivery at birth requires all the obstetric know-how of a publication practitioner.

During infancy a newspaper must be nursed carefully to give it a strong, basic foundation. As a child it must be fed proper features and trained to obey the printed rules of society. It must be reared with editorial direction to gain respect from readers. If, at maturity, it is considered a member of every family and an integral part of the local scene, to be praised or scolded as the occasion deems fit, then, and only then do you have a newspaper.

The Las Vegas Israelite is a newspaper in every sense.

This paper will be maintained at a high level, in keeping with the standards of those who deserve the best. Its goal is a well informed, stimulated readership.

The purpose of the Israelite is serve the welfare and growth of the Jewish community.

Toward these aims Jack Tell's Las Vegas Israelite is dedicated.

The above was printed exactly one year ago on Jan. 29, 1965, in the very first issue of the Las Vegas Israelite.

After re-reading it very carefully now, this writer states, with sincerest conviction, the Las Vegas Israelite has fulfilled every pledge it has made from the very beginning to the Jewish Community of Nevada.

If there are any disputes to this claim, the pages of this paper are, as they always have been, open for comment from readers.

Thank you, from the bottom of our heart, for your past and continued support.

## B.B.Y.O. - A.Z.A.

by Kenny Schnitzer

This column will serve a two-fold purpose (1) to acquaint people with the purpose of AZA and BBG and (2) to tell of any events the organizations are holding.

Las Vegas Aleph Zadik Aleph is based on a five-fold-and-full program which consists of social, religion, culture, athletic and community service. Through this program AZA hopes to fulfill its objective, building Jewish men. We have twenty-four members and to achieve our goal with this many alephs is a very difficult task which will only be achieved with help from the Jewish community.

Now we will concentrate on our second fold of this column, -to inform you the public of AZA and BBG current affairs. Our most important announcement is that David Gordon, a past member of an AZA chapter in Los Angeles, and father of one of our past Godols (President), is our new advisor. With the election of new

officers the first week in January AZA is embarking on a new term of anticipated success. Our new officers are: Kenny Schnitzer - Godol (President), Larry Brown - S'Gan (Vice-Pres.), Jerry Gordon-Moreh, Kohn Godol (teacher, advisor), James Heimberg - Mazkir (secretary), Mel Katz - Gizbor (treasurer), Bill Brown - Shotare (Sergeant -at-arms), Mike White - Sopher (Editor of papers), Robert Sklar - Sh'til (songleaders).

In the last two weeks we have initiated five new alephs into the chapter. They are Howie Glicker, Steve Winerd, Bob Ukelely, Louis Sherman, and Dave Lockitch. AZA wishes them every successful future in AZA.

On Feb. 12 at the Danny Kolod Youth House AZA is sponsoring a "Thomas Alva Edison" birthday dance. There will be surprise door-prizes, symbolizing his inventions and discoveries. There will be a live band; the music starts at 7:30 p.m.