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**Editorial**  
**Israeli-Arab Situation**

By Rogert Segal

Many disputes linger regarding the clash of Israeli and Jordanian soldiers in the Hebron area on November 13. The Arabs claim the Israelis used American-supplied Patton tanks in their foray into Jordan; the Israelis dispute this claim.

The Arabs claim 40 Jordanian soldiers wounded in the fighting died after the raids; even Lt. General Odd Bull, chief United Nations representative, put the total number of military participants wounded on both sides at 37, noting that 10 had been slightly hurt.

Claims and counter-claims always characterize those maddening upheavals on the troubled borders separating Israel and her neighbors.

But one claim is undisputed: The United Arab Republic has claimed that it will not send representatives to Stockholm to watch the Nobel prizes given out this year. The Nobel prizes for literature were won by two Jews--Nelly Sachs of Sweden and S. Y. Agon of Israel. And to watch Jews triumph in the arts of peace would be almost as distasteful to Arab leaders as to see Israelis win a military victory.

The adamant determination on the part of Arab leaders to pretend that Israel does not exist and the persistent stubbornness in describing every Jewish undertaking as evidence of "Zionist imperialism" have kept efforts to settle the Middle East conflict constantly stymied. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union watches catlike, ready to pounce, for every chance to assist the Arab states while Washington and other peace-desiring capitals of the world try to maintain the uneasy armistice so insecurely established in 1948. Even China has tried to get into the act, offering arms to Arab states this time around.

In 1956, Israel was joined by two powerful forces--France and Great Britain--in slapping back at arrogant raids by the Egyptian fedayin and in protesting Nasser's determination to gobble up the Suez Canal. The world was understandably hungry for peace then. Moreover, it was easy to forget that two-thirds of the General Assembly of the United Nations had voted approval of creation of the modern Jewish state on November 29, 1947. So the retaliation known as the Sinai campaign was short-lived. It seems likely that in the current instance, the military drive will soon be spent, and Israel will once more be listed as aggressor despite obvious provocation by Syrian strategists operating out of a shaky Jordan kingdom. The judgment of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations appears sadly accurate: "The danger is that provocation will be rewarded and restraint punished." And the irony of the demand by Jordan that the U.N. impose economic sanctions against Israel will be lost on a world deeply concerned about the shooting war in Southeast Asia.

So in the most recent upheaval along the border of Israel, it is demonstrated clearly again that regardless of what the U.N. does or fails to do, nothing short of direct negotia-

**Frances MacDyer**

BY DR. SAMUEL SILVER

Her brother is a priest and her sister is a nun. Her parents were so strict in their Roman Catholicism that the family had to go to church every day.

For reasons not entirely clear, the woman I'm talking about fell in love with Judaism.

She was referring to the Jewish Theological Seminary. There she was discouraged from leaving her faith. But she persisted.

When it came time for her to convert she did not care for the statement she was to make explaining her move.

She wrote her own. The statement is one of the finest testimonials to the grandeur of Judaism I have ever read.

You can read it too. It's in the new book this woman has written. The book is "Hope Is My House," and the publisher is Prentice-Hall.

As for the lady in love with Judaism, her name used to be Jane Frances MacDyer. Upon conversion she changed all her names. First, she wanted to be known as Devorah, for that prophetess was the first female in the Bible who was Jewish on her own and not because she was someone's wife. Then she changed her second name to Emmett, because that was the name of a deceased brother and also the Hebrew word for truth. And for her last name she picked Jaffee, which is Hebrew for "beauty" which is what she saw in Judaism.

She met a rabbinical student named Jeffrey Wigoder. They were married and went off to live in Israel.

Her life in Israel; her vicissitudes as a newcomer to the country and the faith; what happened to home life during the Sinai campaign; her struggles towards a viable religious faith in Israel; her stirring thoughts -- these form the bulk of an irresistible book, one I highly recommend.

**Emanuel Bund**

It's amazing how some people are able to perform the most complex tasks.

I'm thinking of a New York attorney named Emanuel Bund.

An Orthodox Jew, Mr. Bund is interested both in religion and in the law.

This joint preoccupation caused him to keep tabs on law cases in the world of religion.

How he does it I do not know, but the astounding Mr. Bund now produces a monthly record of litigation throughout this country touching upon synagogues and churches.

His reports make intriguing reading. If a Jewish congregation goes to court in some dispute, Mr. Bund will tell you about it. When a man turned Jehovah's Witness to avoid going into uniform, a precis of the judge's verdict is found in the Bund release.

What happens when a funeral cortege goes through a red light and an accident happens? Is the mortician liable?

Does a spouse have grounds for divorce if his partner promises to undergo a religious marriage ceremony after a civil one, and fails to do so?

These are but samplings of the exciting cases referred to in the Ecclesiastical Court Digest produced by Mr. Bund. And if you really want to know how prodigious this devout lawyer is, he also issues a Public Health Court Digest, a Social Welfare Court Digest, a Mental Health Court Digest, and an Education Court Digest!

You may subscribe to any of these only if you are professionally involved in any of these pursuits. If interested, write Mr. Bund at 1860 Broadway, New York City.

tions will bring improvement in the Middle East. Abba Eban has put the need as succinctly as it can be stated: "Nothing is required beyond the precise application of Charter principles which onjoin respect for the sovereignty of states, and the abstention from the use of threat of force against their integrity and independence."

But if the Arab raids persist or if the United Arab Republic or any other alignment of Arab forces continues to send marauders into Israel and continues to threaten the destruction of the state, it is clear that Israel will need to go on making the rest of the world nervous by retaliating. "Israel sincerely desires peace," Prime Minister Eshkol has said once more, "but she is absolutely determined not to sit idly by while aggression is perpetrated against her citizens."

The great nations of the world, understandably preoccupied with the tragedy of Vietnam, cannot afford to forget their charge to underwrite and maintain peace in the Middle East. They have an obligation to prevent aggression from outside that troubled region by powers seeking political and economic advantages there. They have the duty to support the sovereignty of existing Middle East nations. They must keep nuclear potential far from this tinder box. They have a responsibility to improve the U.N. peace-keeping machinery for use in that area. And above all, they should be constantly active in the effort to settle the Middle East dispute by encouraging direct contacts between the troubled parties--the people of Israel and their Arab neighbors.

**TELL TALES**  
"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitute A Majority"  
BY JACK TELL



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fallen off the couch in amazement at statements in the newspaper or on television. The first was when Barry Goldwater old the Republican National convention, Extremism is no vice, etc., and the other occasion was J. Edgar Hoover's letter justifying illegal use of wiretapping.

Within the past week we hit the floor again upon reading that an accounting firm recommends changing the odds on games of chance and slot machines to raise more money for taxes.

Ever since we've been old enough to have dealings with lawyers and accountants, it has been our personal opinion that attorneys and efficiency experts have ruined more good propositions than dotting relatives, over-cautious bankers and well-meaning advisers combined. How many of us have spent months in research and contacts ironing out details on a new business venture, only to have Aunt Minnie say: "It won't work?" Or the vice president, who assured you the money for financing, suddenly demand a couple of more signatures? Or the friend "with your interest at heart" who spent twenty minutes on the phone investigating and who insists the venture is doomed to failure? All these blockades can be overcome or ignored.

But the lawyer, who says it's not legal, or the accountant, who shows that the figures will not add up, are slightly more difficult to bypass for the ambitious, anxious-to-succeed, far-seeing individual. Some of us a little more enterprising than the average, have more than visions of attaining that pot of gold to raise our level of living. But talk to any man who made the grade and he'll tell you how he became a success in spite of the taboos laid down by his attorney and accountant.

Most of us know the story about the elderly Jewish couple who ran a small grocery store. The son came home bright and smart from college and decided to put his degree to work on his dad's business. He took careful inventory, reviewed the cost of purchases, the mark-up and the sales, then charted the profits against the expenses. The lad looked at the graphs, shook his head and sadly informed his father the business had been losing money for years. It should have been bankrupt long before, the kid insisted. The older man didn't panic. He just shrugged and responded.

My dear son do you ever remember missing a meal? Haven't you been clothed and housed properly through the years? Didn't your sister have a wonderful wedding? Aren't your grandparents receiving a check every month? Wasn't your tuition paid all through college? All that, my boy, came from this losing, bankrupt business.

Now for the saga of taxes, efficiency experts and gambling in Nevada. It is so easy to save money "on paper" you don't need a consultant to tell you to cut expenses, shave salaries, buy cheaper, sell higher. Any idiot can come up with this kind of brainchild, but it isn't even worth while to speculate on the disastrous end results of putting this method into practice.

Here it is in the simplest of examples, a hypothetical case. A Men's Club of a Temple had an annual project which involved valuable door prizes, many cash awards and a grand winner of \$1,000. The event never failed to net a profit of between \$800 and \$1,000 for the coffers of the Temple. One year the Sisterhood assumed control of the project. One well-meaning member of the group's board of directors suggested making the grand prize \$500, and lessening many of the other awards. Smug with the satisfaction that the affair "earned" an additional hundreds of dollars for the Temple before the event even got under way, the woman sat back and prepared to count the profits. But we all know what happened. The project lost money.

The state of Nevada is growing faster than all others in the nation. It costs money to run the state and it is no big secret one of the largest sources of revenue comes from taxes paid by legalized gambling. On a schedule ranging from 3 to 5.5 per cent of the total gross of \$328.8 million in the gambling industry during the fiscal year 1965-66, 18 million in taxes and fees were paid the state. The highest source of revenue, the sales tax, netted \$23.4 million.

A respected San Francisco firm of financial consultants completed an exhaustive report suggesting several methods of raising addition revenue to meet the needs of projected costs to operate the state in years to come. The summary, compiled with the aid of electronic computers after extensive study of questionnaires and follow-up field interviews, suggested a 35% increase in gambling taxes by 1971, and a 50% increase by 1976.

The writer does not object to these proposals. However, the report delved further. It found that the gambling industry could not stand this increase in taxes unless it derived more income from its operations. Such

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