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Editorial

Hungarian Saga

It is immodest for a Jewish publication to echo pride over a report describing the remarkable adjustment of Jewish refugees who had settled in the New York metropolitan area since the Hungarian revolution of 1956. Yet we cannot resist the temptation of a comment. The survey, issued last week by the New York Association for New Americans, a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal, tells how 200 families, representing 568 individuals, quickly shed what might have been considered psychic disabilities resulting from experience in wartime concentration camps and post-war oppression, and soon became self-supporting, valuable members of American society.

Forth of the 200 families, the study showed, had set up business establishments which today provide employment for 200 persons.

The fact that most of the adults in the group had been working up until the time they left Hungary and that they were healthy and skilled, accounts of course, for the ease of their integration into American life. Adding immeasurably to their adjustment was the fact that most of them, who arrived without funds, had been provided with homes, jobs, training, financial assistance and counseling by NYANA.

It would be presumptuous of us to counsel the economically and socially disadvantaged minority groups in the country to take an example from the Jewish experience. After all, Jewish social service is a centuries-old tradition.

The success of the Jewish refugees from Hungary in becoming acclimated to their new surroundings is another of the many sagas in Jewish living. Yet it cannot be said that they pulled themselves up entirely by their own bootstraps. They had an organized community to help. If their experience offers on object lesson at all, it is not so much in their personal triumphs as in the role of Jewish welfare service.

NEW YORK: "Brazil is a country nearly without any prejudice -- religious or racial," according to the chief Rabbi of Rio de Janeiro. Furthermore, he predicted that the Supreme Court would "deal fairly" with Franz Paul Stangl, the accused Nazi war criminal now in prison there, whose extradition has been requested by Austria, West Germany and Poland. Dr. Henrique Lemle, head of the Associacao Religiosa Israelita and a prominent leader of the Brazilian Jewish community, addressed a reception in his honor at the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations headquarters in New York City.

BALBOA, Canal Zone -- A cablegram from President Lyndon B. Johnson in warm tribute to Rabbi Nathan Witkin on his retirement as director of the National Jewish Welfare Board Armed Forces Service Center in Balboa after 30 years of service in Panama and the Canal Zone was read at the unprecedented farewell party (despedida) given him by the Isthmian community and attended by 1,000 persons.

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"Nize Guy" Nasser

By Robert E. Segal

"It goes without saying that this passage through the Straits of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba will remain free as in the past in conformity with international practice and with the recognized principle of international law."

Such as the communication from King Farouk's government to the U.S. State Department back in 1950, some six years before the Suez crisis and some 17 years ahead of these ominous days when all that is united about the United Arab Republic moves to deny passage through that route to Israel.

In those days, Egypt, in concert with other Arab nations, had tried to kill Israel aborning, but had been unsuccessful. Additional assaults on the new small state would come later. They would be masterminded by Gamal Abdul Nasser. And if you wanted to know something of Nasser's guiding principles, you could read about them as he himself set forth his life story in his book, "Egypt's Liberation." Therein he wrote of the days when he was plotting revolt against his own government: "Our life during that period was like a thrilling detective story. We had dark secrets and passwords. We lurked in the shadows; we had caches of pistols and hand-grenades, and firing bullets was our cherished hope."

In days to come, days of triumph and days of acclaim for Nasser, the wind-machines of his propaganda factory, would blow off a more sophisticated braggadocio. And he would impress the world.

Certainly, he would impress that part of the world united in its contempt of Israel and oblivious to the need to find refuge for thousands of Jews driven out by Hitler and later driven into a corner by Ernest Bevin. He would also impress his benefactors in the Kremlin, who, coveting a warm water outlet to the south, hungry for Arabian oil, and eager to advance their revolutionary doctrine wherever they could, kept supplying Nasser with arms and military know-how.

This was the same Russia that found it to her advantage to help create the State of Israel, a Russia which joined willingly with 32 other nations in 1949 to provide the needed two-thirds vote for Israel's admission to the United Nations. Indeed, on the occasion of that historic vote, only 13 nations stood against Israel; and of the 13, some seven were Arab states.

But if the USSR helped sponsor Israel in that little country's agonizing beginnings, she soon decided that it was to her advantage to turn against the Jewish state. So much so that even Charles Malik, distinguished Lebanese statesman, was to say at the time of the Suez crisis: "Communist penetration is the most important phenomenon in the Near East, more important, in my opinion, than the Arab-Israel conflict."

Now the seeds planted by the USSR in the Middle East are coming to harvest; and the bellowing and plotting of Nasser are giving free men everywhere cause for grave concern. In the crisis, the leading advocate of liberty--the United States -- carries a huge burden practically alone, with France preoccupied with other matters and England still wobbling because of wounds incurred during the Suez campaign.

In this crisis, the parliament of man -- the United Nations -- set up with such high hopes two decades ago, appears impotent, leaving Israel to face modern, powerful Arab weapons almost on her own.

For Israel and all for friends, this gloomy period recalls the trials for her and for the UN during the late 1940's. To go back now to those days and to review them through the eyes of Sumner Welles, who knew them so intimately and wrote so eloquently of the imperative for honor and courage in those dealings is to live the current nightmare in new perspective. At the heart of his plea to the world to preserve Israel, Welles turned to these searing words of Thomas Mann:

"This surrender to brazen Arab threats is the most humiliating and shocking political event since democracies betrayed Czechoslovakia in 1938...It makes us realize -- with considerable alarm -- how far the ideals of democracy, truth, liberty and justice, have been degraded...."

"Has anyone considered the blow this deplorable decision had dealt the authority of the United Nations and its ability to maintain world peace?"

"Perhaps the indignat outcries of a moral world will lead to a revision of the shameful decision. If not, it proves that the immense disappointment of all hopes for a better, juster world has turned to apathy, to a numbed submission of mankind to the threatening disaster."

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (WNS) Secretary General U Thant declared that the Syrian terrorist attacks on Israel constituted a "meance to the peace of the Middle East." Syria's permanent representative to the UN, George J. Tomeh, made a personal protest to U Thant over the statement, claiming that it would encourage "the use of force by Israel."

NEW YORK -- A comprehensive book publishing project to foster Jewish scholarship, stimulate self-education and provide new sources of study covering diverse aspects of Jewish life was announced by B'nai B'rith.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



Let's Be Sensible

Far be it from this little voice to tell our big, loud-mouth brothers (ALL OVER THE COUNTRY) how to go about commenting for Israel in this time of crisis, but when they spend precious words blaming the State Department and Eisenhower, we'd like to scream "Please, please, stay off our side."

When guns are being pointed you don't point fingers. Let historians take care of the cause for the tensions that may lead to war. Right now the Jewish community needs friends at every level. Why pour salt on old blunders when you can get so much more with a little sweet-talk?

Don't these good, honest, but mis-directed persons know what they are doing when they arouse and remind Eisenhower supporters to come forward now and say: "Ike did right?" Why feed ammunition to those who otherwise would be, at least indifferent at this crucial stage?

Who brought the subject up on Monday at the United Nations? Was it Arthur Goldberg presenting the argument for the U.S.? Of course not. Was it Canada? Certainly not. Great Britain? No. It was the representative of the United Arab Republic.

Israel's Ambassador Gideon Rafael, whose dynamic presentation was the outstanding delivery of the session, saved the day by recounting the real cause of the present situation. Rafael reminded the body and the world of the Arab attack the day after that same world organization declared Israel a nation. Then, in 1948, Russia had voted for Israel's independence, hoping the new little country either (1) would develop into an ally of the Communist bloc, or (2) knowing of the impending Arab attack, that Israel would be wiped out in days. In either case it was the biggest Commy blunder of all time.

The day before the United Nations met in special session, Egypt's Nasser played up the incident at a news conference in Cairo. He declared: "We appreciate the role the United States played in 1956 when we were attacked by France, Britain and Israel." Nasser made five separate references to the United States as "the world's most powerful and richest country," and he seemed to be pleading for American understanding. All back-handed compliments because he hates our guts.

The point is made, so enough of that.

With incidents happening so rapidly from hour to hour it is difficult to present commentary on an important phase for consumption three days hence. But developments are forming pattern and barring spontaneous eruption, there are indications it will be in weeks, not days, if actual warfare commences at all. That's a good sign. Any delay of open hostilities is for the better.

It appears that the immediate concern for the tension is a solution to Egypt's closing of the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping, but you don't have to be a college professor to know the real, basic reason for the trouble. The Arab states have sworn to destroy Israel, and Israel, having no place to go will have to fight to a finish.

The final decision, of course, as to whether there will be open warfare, and when and where will be decided by Russia -- and answered by the United States. And here we have a paradox. The U.S. insists over and over again its main concern is peace and non-aggression, and the welfare of ALL the members of the United Nations.

Russia, on the other hand, has declared emphatically that it will back the Arab states, if attacked, with all its resources. Who is to determine whether a particular incident is aggression or self defence? That, dear reader, is the joker and could be the biggest upset disappointment in Nasser's future.

It all reverts back to whether or not Russia wants to make the Middle East the beginning of World War 3. Probably not, not right now, and here's why.

A glance back to Korea and Viet Nam will disclose the Commys attack only when surprise is the element. They never commence a fray when armies are poised. It's not their style. Oh, we're not talking about a local uprising like the Hungarian massacre. That's it, sneak attack is their forte, and they never deviate. When there is a lull in the excitement - watch out.

In any case, Israel needs all we can give, right now. We're working out a plan how every one of us can participate, without personal inconvenience, and we'll be doing ourselves the biggest favor in the long run. Details next week.