

TELL TALES  
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or Wichita Falls, where people are born, go to school, get married, raise children, walk about the town square, toss horseshoes, and watch Johnny Carson before going to sleep."

Nice, huh? But let's see what he was trying really to prove with his sneaky loaded questions: "Do you spend most of your time in the casino watching people gambling?" he wondered in a query to J. Kell Houssel (Jr.), president of the Tropicana Hotel. "No, most of the time I'm behind a desk," was Mr. Houssel's direct answer.

Two questions later Haase stated: I couldn't restrain myself and finally asked, "Don't you ever wake up in the middle of the night and worry about the poor bastards going home broke?..."

Instead of throwing out the obnoxious fraud right there, Houssel replied: If you ask me to give your readers some advice, then this is it: Take whatever money you can afford to lose, put it on the passline and roll the dice. You'll either double your money or you'll lose it, and then quit, and spend the rest of your vacation having a good time... Anyone who continues to gamble is going to lose. The odds are in our favor. They have to be."

Haase wondered about the gangsters, the Mafia, the hoods, the underground.

Houssel pointed out: "after all, Bugsy Siegel was killed in Los Angeles."

"Bugsy Siegel was killed in Beverly Hills, not Los Angeles, and who cares?" Haase thought fit to correct, so long as he made his point by bringing the gangster's name into a story on Las Vegas.

Here's one person who cares, Haase. A writer out of Ellay, like yourself, who loves his city should be the last one to bring up Bugsy's name. That's where he over-looked the movie industry and controlled other rackets. Los Angeles allowed Bugsy to operate and become a millionaire. It gave him his start and permitted his nefarious deeds. Clean your own house Haase before you attempt to louse up another.

Haase stated he found Faro and Bingo in the Tropicana casino. Where did he get these hallucinations? He placed the attractions of the Bonanza on the Frontier sign. Was he drunk?

Haase never bothered to ask if Mr. Houssel was active in civic and religious affairs. If Haase did, perhaps he would find out and report that both father and son Houssel will be honored guests at a Bonds for Israel dinner on Oct. 29. They have been so designated for outstanding achievements in behalf of Israel and all other charitable and religious purposes. The Houssels are Gentiles.

Haase next interviewed a dealer, who came from a very poor childhood. The dealer showed his status in life was as respectable as anyone Haase could possibly know, but the tainted writer didn't want those answers. "All right, you're a community-minded man. Do you ever wake up in the middle of the night and worry about all the money people have lost in this town?" Haase blurted.

"No," the dealer answered, "nobody puts a gun to them to come up here."

The next loaded query from Haase: "Do you ever miss the symphonies, the museums, the cultural events of a big city?"

That's a nice question to ask a man earning a decent living, a man who doesn't drink, gamble or smoke, a vestryman in the Episcopal Church, a line officer in the Masonic Lodge.

We'd like to ask how many of the 10,000,000 in L.A., including Haase attended a symphony, or visited a museum last, which are right under their noses in Smogsville? We'll bet Haase spent more time at the bare-bosomed drive-ins. And the same goes for Toland and Lumsden.

Haase next interviewed Earl White Jr., but never bothered to tell his readers that White (along with Robert Reid) were the very first Negro attorneys admitted to practice in Nevada. Haase hastened to make it quite plain that White being a Negro "was irrelevant to my story." But two sentences later Haase plunged right into the Civil Rights problems in Nevada.

We do not kid ourselves, we have plenty of civil rights problems here, but according to White, "a remarkable human being," we're going uphill." Answers from White, a respected authority on Civil Rights showed Vegas was no worse, and far better than most cities in coping with the problem.

The next interviewee was a cocktail waitress. "Does it ever bother you," asked Haase, "...that you're part of a business where people lose lots of money?"

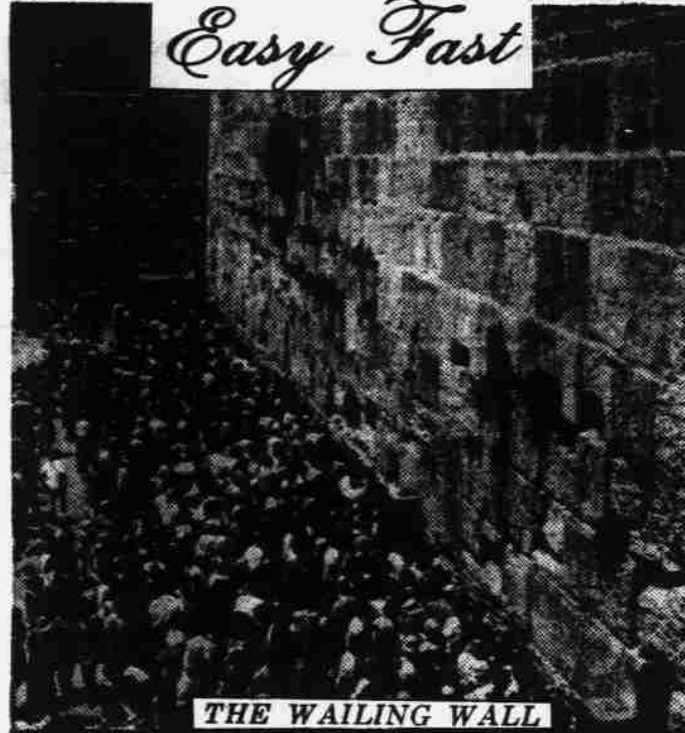
"It's no worse than Douglas where they make missiles that kill people," she answered.

He next interviewed an unemployed man, 53, with missing teeth.

The unemployed man said the town stinks. "This is the worst town in the world to be out of work... There are more people unemployed here than anywhere." Haase never bothered to check this.

"I need \$600 a month to cut it," continued the unemployed man, who is trying to raise a six year old child. The unemployed man said among the unemployed people are vice presidents, laborers, but no unemployed Negroes, because "they're used to working for nothing."

## Easy Fast



THE WAILING WALL

Haase describes the next remark: He leaned towards me and said, sotto voce, "I'm no nigger lover but being out of work I can understand the plight of the colored people." Haase had to get that word in, otherwise his story would be lacking. It was quoted, of course, which gave Haase justification for its use, he believed.

But Haase, whose weak attempt to show respect for Earl White a few paragraphs earlier, really showed he would stoop to any level to give every biased bum reading the piece, a thrill.

He next asked the unemployed man about the Mafia, the underworld "and he knew all about it." There's an authority!

Now Haase sums up his note gathering. "Las Vegas is no average town and people living here, despite their rationalizations aren't average people."

Of course Las Vegas is no average town, that's why people come to it from all over the world.

Haase continues: "Let's face it, Las Vegas is a town that capitalizes on greed. It is full of casinos, and bars and showplaces and pawn shops, and full of people to staff them. If it all sank back into the cauldron of a desert from which it sprang, the world would be no poorer."

How do you like that? "The world would be no poorer" except perhaps the Los Angeles Times, at least \$70,000 worth in ads, and Haase's salary, of course. "Las Vegas capitalizes on greed" and the Worst Magazine capitalizes on Las Vegas.

Haase started out by attempting to prove that Las Vegas is just another little town, Hometown, U.S.A. and finished by stating that one thread ran accidentally (oh sure) through all four interviews: the plight of the Negroes in America. He dares to mention so deep and important a subject as a passing fancy.

He admits his story may not be much of a contribution, but having said it, "I feel better." A lot of people, including your editors would feel better if your story was never published, we say.

What's your next assignment Haase? A trip to Watts to see if you can stir up another riot? That's what the Los Angeles Times needs -- Shock Headlines.

We cannot dismiss this phoney writer's story so lightly. If he is really concerned about the plight of the Negroes in America, as most of us liberal-minded citizens are of the problems in Las Vegas, why didn't he discuss it with Dr. Chas. West, publisher of the Las Vegas Voice, or Bob Bailey, or the hundred or more Negro leaders, or more fully with Earl White, all of whom could have given him the true circumstances? But Haase was not concerned with the Negro problem here or anywhere. He was concerned with throwing those cute leading questions, then distorting answers to make it seem derogatory to the Negroes. Like his advice to the cocktail waitress, whose daughter's life was saved by a surgeon. She had nothing but the utmost respect and praise for the doctor, and added: "He's a Negro and I wish you'd mention his name."

So what was Haase's advice to the cocktail waitress? "I'd like to say that your daughter's life was saved by a surgeon, not a Negro."

Here, Haase showed lack of reverence for Negro dignity. His purpose was to stir up trouble.

Haase's story contained other inaccuracies, but you get the point.

We'll have to continue next week with our comments on the second story, by Murray, in the Worst Magazine.

Before parting for now, we explain to our readers of this English-Jewish Israelite, that a Jewish community is part of the allover American community, anywhere in the country. Therefore, anyone who seeks to damage and destroy the allover community, seeks just as well to wipe out the minority groups in the area. That's why the subject is vital, and we feel our comments are necessary. We hope you agree.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (WNS) The recurrent flareups across the Suez Canal were blamed on both Israel and Egypt in a report to Secretary - General U Thant by his personal representative in the area, Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, cease-fire observer.

CARACAS, Venezuela (WNS) The recent improvement in Catholic-Jewish relations in many parts of the world was hailed here by Jewish leaders at the closing session of the four-day annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith International Council.

NEW YORK (WNS) Pledges totaling more than \$4,000,000 were announced here by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies at a dinner marking observance of its fiftieth anniversary.

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