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## Ominous Clouds

By Nathan Ziprin

The election success of the neo-nazi National Democratic Party in West Germany is but additional confirmation of the verity that when the guardians fall asleep on their posts the thieves in the night will thrive.

For years now the warning has been sounded that the neo-nazi were conspiring to turn back the post-Hitler pages in German history, but always the gullible and the not so innocent in the land shrugged it off as if it emanated from the demented who always see ghosts under their beds. Now that the spectre has risen in all its haut-their beds. Now that the spectre has risen in all its haunting ugliness, it is only proper to wonder whether there is enough of a democratic reservoir in Germany to counter this plainly perilous development for the world, Germany and the pitifully small remnant of Jews still in the land.

It has been said that the gain of ten per cent of the vote by the neo-nazi party in the recent Baden-Wurttemberg elections was too insignificant to justify alarm. But that is an untenable formulation for many reasons. First of all it means that there is a sizeable base of receptivity in Germany for the kind of dirt the neo-nazis are spreading. Secondly, it must not be forgotten that the Nazi Party too received only ten per cent of the votes in the Baden-Wurttemberg elections only three years before Hitler's advent and then went on to power that brought ruin to the world and death to six million of our people. Moreover, precisely because Baden-Wurttemberg is traditionally one of the most democratic regions in Germany the index of ten per cent there is misleading, in fact ominous. If this could happen in what is considered a liberal area in the country, one wonders what will transpire when West Germany holds its national elections in 1969.

This development poses a serious question. Is the burgeoning of neo-nazism evidence of lack of true democratic roots in Germany or has it been made possible by men at its helm who permitted themselves to be guided by delusions?

The prospect of a neo-nazi hold on Germany is too horrible to contemplate. However, it is not too late for German leaders and public opinion to seem the black tide, providing the will is there.

Philip Slomowitz thought Mr. Simons' credo was printable. You will, too, when you read it. This is what Mr. Simons' wrote under the heading: "I Believe in God." After reading it, you might want to tell the author what you think of his views.

"In my heart and mind I believe there must be some Supreme Being who made possible everything I see around me. I don't think these things just happened, I don't have to prove by my own experience that God exists. My heart -- my Faith -- tells me there is a Supreme Being. I don't know what shape He takes, I am not referring to any special kind of God when I say I believe in God. I just believe there must be some Supreme Creator of everything in the Universe, and I hope He is a personal God so I can pray to him and commune with him. Whether He listens to me or does anything, for me is beside the point.

"I believe there is a God, but I can't describe Him any more than anyone else can. I believe that somehow some way, some people get Divine inspiration from God and that God, in this way, brings His message to the world. What powers He has, I don't know any more than you do. But I believe He could do anything He wanted to do if He so desired.

"Maybe all God does is to give us a chance by bringing us into the world, and then its entirely up to us to make of our lives what we can or want to do. I don't think I can accurately explain my feelings when I discuss this subject. All I can say is that I am sincere in my belief that there is a God, and I will pray to Him as long as I live.

Everything becomes a matter of faith. As Maimonides expressed it in the First Principle Of Faith, -- "God is the cause of all existed things -- the Author and Guide of everything that has been created." And for that we must have faith in the existence of a Divine Providence. This I have."

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (WNS) The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, local English-Jewish weekly, reported on the basis of a survey it made that Jewish merchants and property owners suffered the heaviest losses in the wave of rioting that swept Kansas City following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

However, the prevailing opinion in the Jewish community is that anti-Semitism was not an important factor in the racial disorders, as evidenced by Jews had been

damaged. Many of the Jewish merchants whose stores were looted, and in many instances completely wiped out, said they would not reopen and risk another rioting thrust.

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## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



## Neglected 32 Years

For 32 years we've been trying to convince relatives and friends that Mother's Day and the wedding anniversary of the Jack Tells are separate and distinct occasions that call for individual tokens of remembrance.

Because this writer, acting without foresight, allowed his marriage to occur on May 10, 1936, which happened to be Mother's Day that year, he has thereafter suffered the frustration of being merely an observer at the annual unwrapping of gifts and the reading of telegrams by Mrs. Tell. To be sure, the little woman with the big mouth, is certainly deserving of the attention and the pecuniary embellishments that go with the dual celebration, but why must she be the sole recipient? For Mother's Day, whatever she gets is okay. After all, she is a mother. But she's only half of a wedding anniversary.

It takes two to tango, and it took two to say, "I do." Therefore, two should share in the loot, especially when this writer is one of the two -- the one being left out. We don't like to seem mercenary on a sentimental occasion, but we're not only speaking for ourself. There are others in the same boat. Preston Feinberg, the Trop. Exec. married his darling Evelyn on the exact same date. Who knows how many more unfortunate husbands are in a similar fix?

The asinine tradition that has persisted in the Tell family, is undoubtedly the result of a conspiracy among our wife's relatives, who have never forgotten that blood is thicker than water. A dress for their daughter. A bottle of perfume for their sister. A new tablecloth, a potted plant, fancy jewelry -- and so it went. Never once a pair of men's socks, or size 16 shirts, or even a crumby tie.

When our first son, Donald, arrived, he was indoctrinated almost from birth with the "only give mother" theory. As a toddler gifts were given to his mother in his name, and as he grew the brainwashing remained effective. With the arrival of our second son, Jay, history repeated itself with mother this and mother that, and hardly a nod of recognition for Jack in the house that Jack built. With Michael it was the same old story. The only difference in the pattern was as the children progressed in age and were capable of buying their own presents, they engaged in a spirit of competition to outdo each other. If one came up with a leather jacket for his mother, it was bound to be matched with something like a set of Tupper ware and at least a beautiful lounging robe. All this while we looked on.

The bigger the bundles, the smaller we felt in size as we lurched in the background of the festivities, and the stronger the enthusiasm, the weaker was our ego. As we reflect this travesty down through the years, we are torn between self-pity and the determination to fight to the end. On the one hand we allowed this injustice to commence and did nothing to prevent its building into the present monster. On the other hand we could make a last ditch stand to preserve equality. There was a spirit of '76, wasn't there? Why not a spirit of '68? So be it.

We're serving notice now and forevermore, on our offspring, and darling daughters - in - law, present and future, and their offspring, present and future, that a wedding anniversary necessarily concerns a mated couple. A couple means two, a man and a woman, not just one. It doesn't only connote lacey garments and flimsey underthings. It includes shorts and T-shirts, and electric razors as well as earrings and bracelets.

Now they've had it, straight from the shoulder. At least, if the imbeciles, who pass themselves off as our sons, cannot force themselves to correct a nasty habit of a lifetime, maybe they will have the decency to teach right from wrong to the third generation springing up in our family.

We look forward with encouraging anticipation to the near future when big sister Bonnie will be explaining to baby Michele about grandma's and GRANDPA's anniversary, and the joy they will receive in selecting TWO presents.

There's no law against dreaming and hoping is there?

urity budget for the current Russian Orthodox Church fiscal year has been set at \$628.5 million, Mr. Sapir admonished the people of Israel to "recognize the fact that the war is not yet over and it costs a lot of money." Israel, he warned, "cannot permit itself to lag behind."

LONDON (WNS) The wide publicity given by the Soviet press and officials to recent Russian Orthodox Church charges that Israel desecrated church property in the occupied areas stemmed from concern, substantiated by evidence, that many Soviet citizens are sympathetic to Israel and resentful of shipping goods to Egypt and other Arab countries while the Soviet consumer remains deprived of consumer goods.

## May Day Travesty

May Day, a traditional workers' holiday that is still widely observed in the socialist countries of the world, was transformed this year by Polish Communist Party boss Wladislaw Gomulka into a day of sadness for all decent people of the world who hoped that no civilized leader these days would utilize ethnic differences as an instrument for driving a wedge of bitterness between people living in amity.

That is what happened on May Day in Warsaw when Gomulka made a tragic travesty of the festivity by projecting the incredible and wholly false these that the United States was discriminating against its Poles while Poland was a paragon of virtue insofar as treatment of its Jewish nationals was concerned. This obviously was a vicious effort not only to malign the United States but a transparent device to drive a poisonous spike, a wedge of enmity, between American Poles and American Jews at a time when a stunned world is looking on with disbelief at the vilest anti-Semitic manifestation in Europe since the demise of Hitler.

We do not know what else Gomulka has learned from Hitler, but it is clearly apparent he has mastered the formula of the big lie, a Nazi device which tragically fooled the whole world until it was redeemed in bloody travail from the nightmare that was nazi racism, anti-Semitism and nationalistic chauvenism. To believe that Gomulka really believed it when he said that Poles in America were being denied the same opportunities that are open to citizens of Jewish descent, one would have to assume that he is a confirmed ignoramus totally ignorant of what goes on in an open society such as ours. More likely, he is just a knave, an unscrupulous politician who does not hesitate to use the big lie when it serves his purpose.

Jews and Poles in the United States have been living as good and equal neighbors ever since the wave of emigration from Eastern European countries at the turn of the century and later. What Gomulka the expert provocateur now says will not break that relationship, particularly in this era of ecumenism.

We reject Gomulka's big lie as the outpouring of a politician without grasp of history and without conscience, and we are hopeful the leadership of the Polish community in America will do likewise.

## "I Believe in God"

By Dr. Samuel Silver

When a rabbi talks about religion, it's what you expect. When a layman talks religion it's news. One of the most articulate laymen around is a onetime shul president, Leonard N. Simons, of Detroit. Mr. Simons' livelihood is advertising, and his interests are wide-ranged. Everyone in Detroit knows him for his activities in civic endeavors.

Mr. Simons can write, too. In the Detroit News, Editor

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