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### Fortes of Fortas

By Robert E. Segal

When Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas recently drew the bead on our fellow citizens who substituted the takeover for the sit-in, he gave us the key to much that has groubled us lately: "Protest does not justify hooliganism."

Rosa Parks, refusing to go to the Jim Crow rear of a Montgomery bus in December, 1955, has entered history as one of the great civil disobedience heroines. But she was not disrupting traffic or preventing the bus driver from operating his vehicle or locking the governor in the washroom at the statehouse. She was using the First Amendment's angel wings of right to petition for a redress of her grievance. She may not have realized it, but she was also using the guarantees of the 13th and 14th amendments to light up the injustice of state segregation laws. The 13th amendment promised her she was not to be a slave; and the 14th assured her she would have equality under the law. But those guarantees had been mocked in Montgomery; and Rosa Parks feet were tired and she sat in the front of the bus.

Civil disobedience is in the grand tradition of heeding that high moral law transcending certain man-made laws enacted in contempt of the principle of equality. A law requiring a Jew in Hitler's Germany to wear a yellow band, a law requiring bus seating priorities to be established on the basis of racist preachments, should be broken. But when those rebelling against such laws willfully break other laws made in good faith to secure safety and protection, we get into trouble.

The gradations of the problems now created by the disobedient are many and instructive. For some, they recall the good wrath with which the Maccabees bucked Antiochus; for those who revere Christian fathers, they recall the examples of Peter and James going to jail in protest against their temporal rulers. The valient statesman who wrote the Declaration of Independence took pains to spell out their grievances against King George: "He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good," making it clear they would no longer obey. And Martin Luther King, back in 1965, picked up a spark from that fire by declaring: "The Negro (denied equal voting rights today) is no less disenfranchised than were our Founding Fathers."

The chain of civil disobedience runs from India 3000 years ago and back to India, as one researcher has traced it: The idea found its way into the Upanishads; the Upanishads were translated, and that English text was picked up in a Harvard Library by Henry David Thoreau. The rebel of Walden wrote . . . "The Virtue of Civil Disobedience" in 1849 and, nearly a hundred years later, a scrapper named Gandhi picked it up and founk new inspiration to win freedom for Idia.

We shall be forever grateful to the quietly disobedient, helping to free men from the injustices encrusted in bad laws by barbarians and other primitives who prostituted their power. We owe a tremendous debt to those thousands of Europeans who obeyed laws written for the public good and gave their lives to the cause of disobeying Nuremberg laws. In more recent days, it was Dr. King and his disciples who pointed up the travesty of a George Wallace, the willful breaker of national laws written to protect his fellow Alabamans, running for the highest office of the nation on the promise to end "crime in the streets."

When the line separating honorable civil disobedience from rowdyism is crossed, when dissenters cast off disnt and rupture balance, when fire and looting are substituted for picketing and boycott, we are pulled mercilessly into a danger zone. Protest is bastardized and a civil liberties backlash rips the web of community.

The ends we seek are clear and must be obtained. The means however must be structured in honor and employed with unending courage and patience.

to Rabbi Levin's unqualified denial of anti-Jewish discrimination in the U.S.S.R.," the American Jewish Congress statement declared.

This response was "particularly predictable in view of the pro-Arab and unrepresentative character of the organization that sponsored the meeting," Mr. Cohen noted.

The American Jewish Congress statement added: "The facts of official Soviet discrimination against Jewish cultural and religious life in the U.S.S.R. are well established. We recognize that the conditions of Rabbi Levin's visit make it impossible for him to be forthright and candid in his description of the plight of Soviet Jewry.

"Nevertheless, we along with other responsible Jewish groups would welcome the opportunity to meet with him under the auspices of a cross-section of Jewish life and in a forum at which both Rabbi Levin and representative spokesmen of the Jewish community could enter into a fruitful exchange leading to the establishmen of positive ties between the American Jewish community and the Jews of Soviet Russia."

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (WNS) Secretary-General U Thant, meeting here with the Israeli Ambassador to the U. N., Yosef Tekoah, was advised that the Arabs in Israel-held territories were treated better than Jews in the Arab lands.

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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story again, here and now, and of course, you have our permission to reprint it. Without knowing your qualifications, or your opposing candidates, you receive the Israelite endorsement -- because anyone who feels as you do about dogs, can't be all bad. JT)

Here is the story that appeared in the edition of Oct. 14, 1966, on the most unforgettable dog in the world.

### Man's Best Friend



SO LONG, "TANNY"

There never was and there never will be another dog in this world like Tanny.

Tanny wasn't a dog around the house. She was a member of our family. Not considered a pet, not a watchman, not even a companion, this creature was as much a part of the Tell household as any one of us, or the fixtures or furniture that we accepted as part of our normal existence.

Here was an animal with every conceivable attribute you could hope for in a dog. She obeyed to the infinate. She understood a command even before it was ordered and she portrayed an affection without favoritism for every member of the family that endeared her to each of us.

Tanny was perhaps nine years old when a heart attack claimed her last Saturday. A phone call told of the dog's demise and our first reflection was one of gratitude on being spared the anguish of being around at her death. If there is a dog heaven, Tanny will be justly rewarded in the hereafter for the pleasures she dispensed on Earth.

The circumstances under which our family parted with Tanny are as incredible as the character of the dog. We had just completed the local promotion of the Patterson-Liston fight at the Convention Center and had been offered the job of promoting the rental of the most luxurious apartments west of the Mississippi. That was three and a half years ago. In order to accept the position we had to move into the project, where no animals were permitted. None of us would consider giving up Tanny. Now for another phase of the circumstances.

Three years previous, when our families had arrived in Las Vegas from Reno, we'd stopped for a day with some very dear friends, a childless couple, at their handsomely furnished home in Paradise Valley. The woman of the house was not a pet fancier, with neither cat, nor dog, nor canary, nor anything that could upset the quiet equilibrium of the immaculate domicile.

When we arrived with Tanny, our hostess had a dubious expression on her face. But the hour was 5 a.m. and we were good friends. By 8 a.m. Tanny had endeared herself to the fine lady as she had to any of the Tells.

"If you ever want to get rid of Tanny," she pleaded, "I'll take her."

We smiled with knowing looks at each other. She might just as well have asked us to relinquish one of the children from our close compact family.

Then when the opportunity for the lucrative income came along, we decided to let our dear friends have the companionship of Tanny for the short time it would take us to accomplish the chore and earn a large sum of money. The understanding, of course, was immediate return of Tanny, whenever requested, and full visitation rights for every member of our family. We knew Tanny would understand.

The job at the apartment project lasted about six months. A couple of days before it terminated, fate played its part, probably the only conceivable circumstance that could keep Tanny from returning to us. The husband was fatally stricken. We were with him at the end at Sunrise hospital. Consoling his wife, in her grief, we realized to request the return of Tanny at that time would remove the only other living being from her palatial, but sorrow-ridden home. The die was cast. Tanny went on to serve a higher cause.

How Tanny came to the Tells was a quirk of cir-

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### Fourth of July

We are generally advised by all the wise to look forward and not backward, but on the fourth of July it is worth while casting a backward glance to the time of our country's birth.

At the time of the Declaration of Independence, the colonies were a good deal of an Indian country still. The whites had of course overtaken them to a considerable extent on the easterly border, but the Indian influence was still felt and, beyond the rim of the east, the Wigwam still held sway.

The British influence too was very strong and many thousands of the pro-British, unsympathetic to the American cause, fled the states during the Revolutionary War, just as many Arabs fled from Israel.

The colonies declaring themselves states sought independence, but, along with that, something else and it was that other factor which made the cause of the American Revolution so significant to the world at large. "We hold these truths self-evident," the colonists declared, "that all ment are born equal."

The leaders of the Revolution often quoted from the Bible bitter denunciation of monarchie rule. And it was not for aught that they sounded the trumpet of the republican form of government as the true implementation of the doctrine of equality.

America became the symbol of this equality to the world, attracting to its shores the poor and the oppressed of the world. America became, as Walt Whitman said, not merely a nation but a nation of nations.

This is the glory of America. In a world of turmoil today, America too has its share, but the glory of America is still there and there is every reason to trust that America will go forward to a continuation of its great past.

### We Apologie Rabbi Levin

NEW YORK - The American Jewish Congress deplored the "disorderly and discourteous treatment" of Moscow Cief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, who was hooted off the stage in his first public appearance here Wednesday night.

In a statement, the Jewish group said that the Soviet Jewish leader, as a guest in the U. S., was "entitled to have his say not matter how profoundly we disagree with him." A congress spokesman said his organization and "other responsible Jewish groups" would welcome the opportunity to meet with Rabbi Levin and "enter into a fruitful exchange leading to the establishment of positive ties between the American Jewish community and the Jews of Soviet Russia."

The statement was issued by Richard Cohen, assistant executive director of the Congress, in requesting a correction of erroneous press reports that members of the American Jewish Congress were responsible for disrupting Rabbi Levin's speech. Mr. Cohen said no members of the organization were involved in the incident at Hunter College Auditorium.

"We understand the deeply-felt and outraged response

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