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Sins of Our Fathers

The world is in turmoil. Only the mechanical aspect of turning on its axis and revolving around the sun seems to be in order. Who knows but that some (evil) genius hasn't found a way to knock us off course and dump us into limbo. Where, from the point of view of the youth today, the generation over thirty properly belongs.

Turgenev noted the problem in his classic, "Fathers and Sons." Yet, on reconsideration, how mild was that difference in the generation gap. The children of our immigrant generation, who matured here in the Thirties, broke sharply with tradition. They attached themselves to radical and political causes, they identified with the Soviet Union and against Fascism; they fought the depression and in a war. Somehow, then, the break made general sense. And the accusation in those days was that the tumult was led in the main by Jews.

In the malaise which riddles the world today, Jewish youth plays its very fair share. The traditions and the ethics of their fathers, which they inherited, while having no overt expression in their resistance to present reality, must somehow have become absorbed in motivating their struggle, and in forming the ideals they wish to promote. In America, they fault their middle-aged, middle class parents for concentration on form, not content--and for pursuit of perishable values. The aims of young people are laudable and supportable, even though some would take issue with their methods.

The youth upset has become epidemic, it has taken root the planet over. The syndrome is sufficiently inflamed to indicate a disease. One must go beyond the surface, or carping criticism to get at the root of the thing.

We must, for instance, learn to listen to people under thirty.

Mehdi is "Maahd"

by Robert E. Segal

M. T. Mehdi, the most vocal of Arab propagandists in the United States, now has his work cut out for some time to come.

Mehdi, who sends his press releases to American newspapers in his role as Secretary-General of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations (a euphemism for an anti-Jewish front in this country), must first get his lines straight with the Arabs he claims to represent and then he will have some explanations to make in the more critical zone of American public opinion.

Shortly after Senator Robert F. Kennedy was killed and a 24-year-old native of the Jerusalem in the Palestine of 1944 was captured with the assassination gun, Mr. Mehdi told the press that young Sirhan Sirhan's act "reflects the frustrations of many Arabs with American politicians who have sold the Arabs of Palestine to the American Jewish voters." He figured that the alleged killer was inflamed by Senator Kennedy's "pro-Israel statements." Just about the same time, Dr. Muhammad H.

el-Farra, Jordanian representative to the United Nations, properly bowed his head and stated: "The JORDAN government strongly condemns this criminal act committed against an outstanding American and a leading public servant." And back in Jordan, Premier Bahjat al-Talhouny went over to the U.S. Embassy and wrote in the book of condolence: "On behalf of my government, this is to condemn the assassination that took the life of Senator Kennedy."

King Hussein himself, apparently without bothering to clear it with Mr. Mehdi snug in his propaganda factory, said he was "horrified at the senseless crime."

But perhaps the sagest reaction came from a simple Lebanese workman who said: "If this Palestinian (Sirhan) wanted to help his country, why didn't he go back and join the Al Fatah (terrorist IC ANTI-Israel combine)?"

To underscore this sentiment and at the same time dramatize how stupid Mr. Mehdi's propaganda line was, spokesman for Al Fatah issued their own statement condemning Kennedy's assassination and dissociating the organization completely from the vicious act.

But Mehdi, having learned nothing from his fuffe, ploughed right ahead. By mid-June, he was blithely writing letters to American newspapers, still declaring that Senator Kennedy was an indirect victim of Zionism and scolding the victim of the assassination with these shocking words: "It was morally wrong on the part of Senator Kennedy to submit to the pressure of the Zionist and promise sending 50 jet fighters to Israel so that more Israeli Jews might kill more of Sirhan's people and occupy more of Sirhan's homeland."

Echoing the line set forth by the American Friends of the Middle East in earlier American presidential campaigns, Mehdi went on to propose a moratorium on discussion of the Arab-Israeli conflict by major presidential candidates. (Let Messrs. Nixon, Humphrey, Rockefeller, McCarthy, et al, confine their remarks to American civil disorders and Mehdi would cover the Middle East for the American voters.)

It's fascinating now to find Mehdi declaring himself an expert on political assassinations. Just a year ago, he was boasting of "Arab magnanimity exhibited toward the Crusaders (of the Middle Ages)" and giving assurances that a secure Arab world would never bother to crush Israel. Along about the same time, he praised the Arabs for their delightful use of "peaceful pressure" (boycott) instead of nasty guns and such.

Mr. Mehdi will find out soon whether young Sirhan's involvement in the Kennedy tragedy proves good for the Arabs or bad for the Arabs. Meanwhile, he might want to go back and note what the editor of Ad Destour said in Amman, Jordan, soon after Kennedy was struck down: "What Arab in his right mind would do a thing like this? The only people to benefit from such actions are the Jews." He might want also to have a close look at the proposal of Congressman Joel T. Broyhill of Virginia, who has pointed out that the Kennedy assassination "was an obvious conformity with the stated aims of the pro-Communist Arab terrorist organization, El Fatah." Representative Broyhill then called for a probe of Arab activities in the U.S. and suggested that visas of Arab agitators be revoked and deportation orders issued.

TEL AVIV (WNS) Explosive charges damaged three small railroad bridges in the northern sector of the Gaza Strip. The damage was quickly repaired. At the same time shooting was reported from Golan Heights.

TEL (WNS) The use of the label "LEE" by an Israeli manufacturer making bluejeans was banned here by the Israel Supreme Court in a ruling which said the manufacturer violated the trademark rights of an American firm which exports to Israel.

TEL AVIV (WNS) Mrs. Golda Meir, one of Israel's leading political figures and one-time holder of top government posts, has resigned as general secretary of the Labor Party.

JERUSALEM (WNS) The governing body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism adopted a resolution declaring that the right of members of Reform congregations in Israel to be married by Reform rabbis is an inalienable one and not a matter of equity or special privilege. The governing body met after conclusion of the union's annual conference, the first in Israel.

WASHINGTON (WNS) Senate efforts to black the nomination of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice of the United States were deplored here by Dr. William A. Wexler, international president of B'nai B'rith.

BON (WNS) Dr. Karl Herman Knoke, newly-designated West German Ambassador to Israel, told newsmen here "one should not forget what crimes the Germans committed against the Jewish people."

MERIDIAN, Miss., (WNS) Albert Tarrants of Mobile, who was wounded here by police guarding the home of a Jewish businessman who had received threatening calls, carried a note book on his person saying he was committed to totally defeat by any and all means the "Communist-Jew conspiracy which threatens our country."

TELL TALES
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 Because legalized gambling is unique to Nevada, we feel it is a fascinating topic, especially to our many out-of-town readers.

Today we're going to relate a never-before-published story about Keno, involving Bill Miller, entertainment director of the "New" Flamingo, where Flamingo Keno Week is being proclaimed to establish the initial offering of the gambling setup at the Strip hotel.

Some six or seven years ago Miller was the owner of the now defunct Riverside Hotel in Reno. He proved a formidable competitor to the upstate gambling giants Harrah's and Harold's using ingenious methods to promote and maintain new business. His girlie shows, chuck-wagon delights and package tours had never before been seen north of the North Las Vegas line.

On some days you could shoot a cannon ball down Virginia Street, where most of Reno's gambling establishments are located, and not do any more damage than splinter a telegraph pole. Those wintry nights get rough up there, with temperatures ranging to 20 below. It was like W. C. Fields used to say: "It aint a fit night out for man or beast."

But that was no deterrent to Miller. He'd bring busloads of gambling tourists from San Francisco, who often comprised 90 per cent of the visitors in town at the time. Bill's package deals were most unique. Often they did not even include rooming accommodations. For a set fee one could board the bus in San Francisco in the early evening, arrive in Reno about midnight, and spend twelve to fourteen hours before the return trip. The package included a drink and breakfast at the Riverside.

It was on one of those dark and dreary nights, a Chinaman, who had arrived on one of Miller's excursion projects, ventured into the Riverside, probably to seek shelter from the extreme cold air. No one noticed him as he studied the board, then wrote a 35-cent Keno ticket, choosing the numbers one to ten, for a ten-spot. We became aware of his presence when we heard shouts of glee because seven of his ten numbers lit up, for a return of \$52.50.

We smiled, because the world loves a winner, and we were enjoying his happiness.

The next game, he played the exact same ticket, ten numbers across the top, this time for two dollars. Lo and behold, the entire ten numbers came in. The payoff was \$25,000.

While the limit ticket is not too common, naturally, it is not that rare to cause undue commotion, unless as happened at the Riverside, there is an aftermath to the story.

Bill Miller was awakened to personally verify the numbers before the payoff, and we'll let him tell you what happened from there on, although we witnessed most of it. "The numbers were there all right," stated Bill, "so we delved into the closed vault for 250 hundred dollar bills."

Bill went on: "Carefully I counted out the crisp, new money. The Chinese gentleman followed each movement with his eyes, by now completely devoid of emotion. After I had finished, he picked up the large bundle of money and calmly, deliberately, recounted the pile. When finished, he smiled, bowed, thanked me, pocketed the money and started to walk out. Half way, he hesitated, then made a bee line for the cashier's cage. I followed him."

Here Bill breaks up, recounting the episode. "The man had just won \$25,000, starting with a 35 cent investment. The money was safe and secure in his pocket. What more could he want at the cashier's cage? Perhaps to change \$100 into smaller bills. But no. He plunked down a stub from his excursion ticket, allowing him a breakfast or sixty cents refund. He asked for the sixty cents, and walked out."

That was the end of Keno at the Riverside. Bill shut down the game and eventually sold the hotel for most of his original investment.

There is one aftermath. The 35 cent ticket is no longer with us in most casinos. Now the most popular play is a 60-cent, eight spot, for which the return is \$12,500. Not bad, at that.

NEW YORK (WNS) Eighty-seven students, most of them from the United States, Canada, Argentina, Sweden and Israel, received degrees in course at the 74th commencement exercises of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at the Park Avenue Synagogue here, where five scholars and spiritual leaders were invested with honorary degrees and four cantors were made Honorary Fellows of the Cantors Institute.

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