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A Good Example

Every couple of weeks, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds issues Council Reports. It is a list of convention and conference dates for Jewish organizations,

A casual perusal of the organizations leads to a kind of disbelief. How is it possible for five and one-half million Jews, even if they are not all identified, to be represented in so many diverse organizations?

At the same time, the listings show how closely these same Jewish organizations set up their meetings and conferences almost one on top of the other. One gets the impression, not in any pejorative sense, that they are like airplanes at Kennedy International or La Guardia, stacked up on the runway, or circulating overhead, looking for some daylight to either take off or descend. Jewish organizations somehow, like airports, manage.

What is perhaps more significant is the fact that the calendar is large enough to accomodate all these meetings, that there is no need for a more frequent ibbur, or extra month in the year.

In addition, it is a tribute to the inherent democracy in Jewish life. There is no one organization or religious grouping which acts as final arbiter for all Jews. There are many, Despite this phenomenon, their work gets done and each Jews, whether by participation or withdrawal is represented in some fashion, and in varying degree of intensity. To be sure, there are on occasions disagreements among Jewish organizations, but no wars.

Perhaps this could be an example for international life.

Sons of Birchers

By Robert E. Segal

Just a few nights before some of the forces of archconservatism in America conducted their Sixth Annual Fally For God, Family, and Country, in Boston, the police of Meridian, Mississippi, foiled a plot to kill a prominent Jewish merchant there.

The details may be fresh in your memory: Meyer Davidson, 51, who had been active in posting a \$75,000 reward after the bombing of a Meridian synagogue, was the target of the plot. Thomas A. Tarrants III of Mobile, Alabama, was wounded by police as he allegedly approached Davidson's home. A notebook in Tarrants' pocket was quoted thus: "I have committed myself totally to defeating the Communist-Jew conspiracy which threatens our country." Police identified Tarrants's slain companion as Kathy Ainsworth, 26, of Jackson, Mississippi, a fifthgrade teacher in the public schools with a Ku Klux Klan membership card and a loaded pistol in her purse.

Having heard and read about only a fraction of the activities at the God, Family, and Country rally, this observer may have missed any reference to the Meridian tragedy

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(We print the following column on Richard Nixon from our Washington Correspondent in the interest of fair practice, giving all sides to our readers. The Israelite has already denounced Nixon's "phantom" plan to settle the Vietnamese War as an insult to the intelligence of the American people. We condemn Nixon for his membership in a Country Club that excludes Jews and Negroes. We will believe his sentiments about Israel, as stated below, when we see them incorporated in the Republican platform. J. T.)

Nixon Speaks Out

Richard M. Nixon advocates doing more than the present administration has done to preserve a balance of power in the Middle East. The former Vice President said that a power balance "is essential not just to Israel's existence but also to peace in that area, and therefore essential to the United States of America."

Mx. Nixon continued: "What is involved in the Middle East is not just the future of Israel, but a permanent peace in that part of the world is also involved."

He warned that unless we "maintain a delicate balance of power in that area, that there will be a very great danger of war -- a war that could escalate into a world war."

Therefore, Mr. Nixon stressed that Middle East affairs, under a Nixon administration, would occupy a "front burner" in United States diplomatic initiatives with the Soviet Union.

During the exclusive interview this week Mr. Nixon also made it clear that he regards the ticklish Middle East situation as potentially more dangerous than Vietnam. The seriousness with which he views this issue was indicated by his warning that the danger of a United States -Soviet Union confrontation is greater than in Vietnam.

"This is because the interests of the United States and the interests of the Soviet Union come directly in conflict when we think of the Middle East," he observed, "and the reason that danger now is greater -- in spite of the recent victory of the Israel is that the Soviet Union has re-equipped the Armed Forces of the United Arab Republic and Syria to the point that they are now 'as strong as they were before the last Mideast war."

Nixon added that this does not mean that they are necessarily going to launch any immediate attack, but "the danger is there because the idea of revenge is one that would appeal to those who are Israel's neighbors.

To preserve the balance of power in the Middle East and prevent any such re-occurance of fighting, Mr. Nixon emphasized strongly that he and fellow Republicans, Cong. Gerald Ford, Minority House Leader and Sen. Everett Dirksen, Minority Senate Leader, are urging that Israel be supplied with the necessary F-4 Phantom Super Sonic Jets that she so badly needs.



"President" Wallace

Have no fear, folks, no matter what happens, this great big wonderful country of ours has a hidden equalizer that levels off every manner and mode of disturbance in any area.

There is something about the make-up of the 200,000,000 who comprise our population that manages to cope with whatever pops up to upset the equilibrium of our forward progress. Even when the perterbation seems unsurmountable, somewhere, somehow, a solution comes along to bring us back on an even keel.

We use this happy prologue to preface the unhappy possibility of George Wallace being elected president of the United States.

While we'd like to perish the thought, we cannot eliminate the opinions of two persons, who during the past week, looked us square in the eyes and said, "Wallace has an excellent chance of being our next President." Mind you, this reprehensible opinion did not come from John Birchers or ultra-conservatives, who were wishful hoping. This was the view of responsible parties, whose judgement we'd always respected.

So we began to ponder what to expect with Wallace as the next occupant of the White House.

Lets start with some of the more general aspects. Wallace is a states-righter. What's so terrible about that? How would it work? Congress passes a law giving some new jurisdiction to the presidency. Can you picture Wallace saying, now lookahere boys, that's too much power for me. Take it away. Some case.

Wallace probably would seek to get us out of the United Nations. We're for that. The UN is no longer a forum for peace. It is a propaganda tool for the Russians.

Perhaps Wallace would want to do away with some of those Federal acts like Social Security, Unemployment Insurance and the like. Maybe he'd cancel out the Income Tax. How about that?

Lets stop being cute.

What happens with the first hi-jacked plane to Cuba. Will he drop the Atomb Bomb? How about crime in the streets? Will Wallace call out helicopters to machinegun anyone on the move?

What would he do about Vietnam? Nuclear weapons? Any new laws on Civil Rights would be taboo, and he'd look to abolish those in the books. Where would that leave the Poor Marchers and Negro protestors. God knows.

Sounds pretty sombre, and it could be. But we do not believe it would ever happen. Even with Wallace in the driver's seat.

We say the Presidency makes the man, not visa versa. There have been Presidents in the past, who had caused jitters to some interested parties prior to election.

Like when Eisenhower was running for the first time. We were in the office of the president of Western Union by appointment. He excused himself for delaying the interview explaining that the largest stockholder in the company, a supporter of Ike, wanted to sell some 350,-000 shares. He was panicky of the candidate's inability to deliver a TV speech. The president assured the stockholder that all of Eisenhower's subsequent talks would be taped, carefully planned in advance. Eisenhower went on to win and he wasn't the worst president we'd had.

So if Wallace should get the nod, which is hardly likely or commendable, it will not mean the end of our country. All it would do is put a dent in the rate of our advancement.

Ace Sun columnist Joe Delaney commented on Rep. Walter Baring's full page ad in last week's Israelite, and then followed with: "Will his Demo primary opponent, Dick Ham, follow suit?" That would be something: A full page of Ham in the Israelite.

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Nixon confided that previous to our interview he had met with the two G.O.P. leaders to draft a special statement on this issue.

"I think that on this poroposition the Administration should now go along with the Republicans," he said. Nixon also said that a Nixon Administration would pursue three main objectives with regard to Mideast policy: (1) "We must do what is necessary in concert with other interested parties in seeing to it that the strength of Israel is maintained at a point that it would deter any potential aggressors in the area from launching an attack upon Israel."

(2) "The U. S. must make it@crystal clear -- in any conversations with the Soviet Union -- that we consider the

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Mideast to be a very great danger point, and we should use our diplomacy to enlist the Soviet Union on the side of peace in the Middle East because if they pull the plug on Nasser and the Syrians it will mean that the danger of war will subside."

(3) "It is necessary for the United States to give support to the Arab countries which are potentially non-aggressive".

He pointed out that if these moderate' forces -- which he listed as the Iranians, the Saudia Arabians, the Jordanians, the Tunisians, and the Morroccans -- could be strengthened in that area, that they might act as a brake on Israel's more aggressive neighbors, who might otherwise "feel that they could start a war of revenge and have a chance to succeed."

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