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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE REVEALS

BIGOTRY VS FORTAS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"To my fellow Americans of the Jewish faith, I send my warmest wishes for health, happiness and spiritual refreshment on this eve of the High Holy Days.

"According to a sacred tradition, this is the time when Jewish people reconsecrate their covenant with God. Each man accounts for his deeds and thoughts of the past year and dedicates himself to the obligations and responsibilities of the year ahead.

"It is a time for meditation on the past and prayer to God for the strength and ability to do what is right in the future.

"For our nation this year has brought both joy and sadness. We have reaped promising harvests in the vineyards of justice and brought succor to the needy in our midst. But we have much to do before we can say, in good conscience, that all Americans live as brothers, that no man lives in want.

"I have faith that the day will come when this beloved land will know in fullness the true blessings of justice and equality. And I have faith that Americans of Jewish faith will continue to do their share in helping us reach this desired destiny.

"For the years ahead, I hope that all Americans may be inscribed in the Book of Life - - so that all may work in unity to help bring God's blessings to our country."

Lyndon B. Johnson

EDITORIAL

(ED. NOTE: The Las Vegas Israelite has infinite faith in America and all it stands for, including 100%, total, all-out support for Israel when ever it becomes necessary. This paper believes in the integrity of President Johnson to do the right thing at the right time. We urge our readers not to be swayed by those using the CAUSE OF ISRAEL for political purposes during a Presidential election year. JT)

JETS FOR ISRAEL STILL ALIVE

WASHINGTON (WNS) Denial that President Johnson had made any decision, one way or another, on Israel's bid for the purchase of Phantom jets was made here by White House press secretary George Christina.

The report of the president's alleged decision against selling those jets to

Israel appeared last week in the New York Times.

According to Mr. Christian, President Johnson has not deviated from the policy enunciated last January jointly with Premier Levi Eshkol of Israel. The President at that time said he would keep Israel's defense capability under "active and sympathetic examination and review in the light of all relevant factors, including the shipment of military equipment by others into the area." This was believed to have referred to Soviet replenishment of Egypt's losses in the Six Day War of last year. Israel asked for the jets to bolster its deterrent strength.

In the light of Mr. Christian's statement, informed sources here feel that the status quo has remained unchanged with respect to Israel's application for Phantom jets and that the matter remained "under study."



JUSTICE FORTAS

NEW YORK, The American Jewish Committee charged that extremist groups, many of whose leaders publicly testified against the confirmation of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice of the United States, have continued to stir opposition to the appointment that is coming before the U. S. Senate.

"To what extent the ultra right has been responsible for the flood of Senatorial mail in opposition to Mr. Fortas is a matter of conjecture," states a report made public today by the Committee's Trends Analysis Division. But the report quoted a reporter of the St. Louis Post - dispatch disclosing that hundreds of letters with almost identical language had reached the office of Senator Joseph B. Tydings in Maryland, opposing the Fortas nomination.

In making public the report, Nathan Perlmutter, Associate Director of the American Jewish Committee, commented: "We do not view the Fortas case as being rooted in anti-Semitism, but it seems clear that anti-Semites and extremists are exploiting and aggravating it. While Mr. Fortas' faith has not figured in the statements of either rightwing or moderate opponents of his appointment, this has not been the case with organizations in the nation's overtly anti-Semitic movement."

Among extremist actions against the elevation of Justice Fortas singled out in the American Jewish Committee report were the following

1. The Liberty Lobby, ra-

WASHINGTON (WNS) - Anti - Semitism "is definitely playing a part in the opposition" to the confirmation of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, according to Senator Joseph S. Clark, Pennsylvania Democrat.

The fight over the Fortas nomination, the Senator said, was reminiscent of the battle over the naming to the Supreme Court of Louis D. Brandeis, the first Jew ever to sit on the highest bench of the country.

Extremist - tinted ultra-rightist group engaging in political lobbying and propaganda distribution, whose Executive Secretary, W. B. Hicks, was a public witness against Mr. Fortas, mailed 280,000 copies of "Emergency Liberty Letter No. 21," which declared that "Abe Fortas is not a juvenile delinquent who has dabbled in Communist causes for thrills. He is a 58-year-old convinced revolutionary in deadly earnest."

2. The John Birch Society started its organized opposition to the Fortas nomination in July with distribution of literature at its New England "Rally for God, Home and Country." Its drive was carried on in its August bulletin, which suggested a mail campaign by Birch Society members using information on Mr. Fortas found in the Birch-produced Dictionary of Biographical Sketches of American Liberals. Doubts about Mr. Fortas' loyalty to the U. S. were raised by the Birch publications.

3. Kent Courtney, a Birch Society member who also heads his own Conservative Society of America and who also testified against Mr. Fortas has charged in his publications that Mr. Fortas invariably ruled with individual Communists in his Court decisions on behalf of what it called "the Communist conspiracy." Mr. Courtney appealed for extra funds from his subscribers to carry on the stop-Fortas movement, among his plans were mailings to newspapers, radio and TV stations, members of Congress, and Washington correspondents.

4. Dan Smoot, in the Aug- (Continued on Page 3)

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



Humphrey Landslide



H.H.H.

Hubert H. Humphrey has an excellent opportunity to become the next President of the United States with the largest plurality of any vote amassed by a previous candidate, including a sweep of every state, with the exception of a few died-in-the-wool Southern Wallace areas.

We venture this opinion at a time when Humphrey's popularity has sunk to the lowest ebb of his entire political life, what with state Democratic leaders refusing to meet his campaign plane less they be photographed with a man "on the way out;" with speeches being booed instead of cheered, and with the necessity of being escorted out back doors under police protection. Humphrey himself, smart campaigner that he has always been, is responsible to a large degree for the adverse attitude by some off-the-cuff remarks he had been baited into making, and also for falling into the trap of allowing the Republicans to name the issues on which, he, Humphrey, has been retaliating in defence. Be all this as it may, we feel Humphrey is, by far, the better man, and in the next six weeks before election, character, sincerity, ability and background will find its true level for all to see. Here's why.

The small group of agitators who are setting up a clamor whenever Humphrey speaks, merely prevent the thousands in attendance from hearing the Vice President. But the millions who view the spectacle on television understand perfectly and are becoming very much annoyed at the un-Americanism being displayed.

Our country is going through a turbulence bordering on revolution from a number of varied scopes, from the all-over general aspect of conservatism - liberalism to particular channels like civil rights, the generation gap, crime, education, public housing, foreign aid, etc. With all due respect to the above named items in the proper order of their perspective of importance, this writer feels that the main and most important issue, far superseding

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