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TELL TALES
*"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"*
 BY JACK TELL



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 Pat Henry, Mel Exler, Bob Cohen, Larry Duboef, Al Benedict, it went on and on.
 "Would Mr. Sinatra like to say a few words?"
 Frank stepped forward and described his visit to Israel. He told of the spirit and enthusiasm, and determination of "those kids". "There is nothing else now, and never before, anything like what is happening over there," he said. "Your heart goes out to what you see. It's a miracle in the desert."
 Frank didn't say he was in Israel to make a picture and render several benefits to raise money for the new, struggling, little country. He never mentioned it was all at his own expense, coming, going and staying. Whatta man. He is a true friend of the Jews.
 After Frank spoke there was a spurt in the pledges. Ed Morse, Nate Adelson, Lloyd Katz, Bill Weinberger, Irwin Kishner, Weiner, Goldwater & Galatz, Major Riddle, Sen. Hecht, Harley Harmon, the Brookmans, Herb Kaufman, Jackie Fields, Charlie Turner, Preston Feinberg, and many, many more.
 We have to single out the most generous contributions of Pat Henry and Jose Greco, excellent entertainers with wide open hearts.

Ex-Justice Abe Fortas

Mr. Fortas' resignation from the Supreme Court of the United States comes as no surprise. In fact, it is even a relief. Not that it will go away and die but also because Mr. Fortas was associated with Lyndon Johnson and among young people, this is not good. For the Jewish Community however, with which Mr. Fortas was not overtly associated. It is a disturbing experience. Without going into the merits of demerits or even the actuality of the charges, it is a sad state when a man achieves such prominence only to be implicated in an unethical financial relationship with another man convicted of stock manipulations. Unfortunately, the man was also a Jew.

Such things occur even among gentiles and with greater frequency, if only because they are greater in number. But this happening takes place at a time when the Jewish community is under attack both abroad and at home. It is not necessary that at all times we be, like Caesar's Wife, above suspicion. We have the human right to err but, in this instance, not to expect divine forbearance. Unfortunately, there will be sharp criticism. Among the more reactionary, they will take advantage of the situation to generalize and lay the blame at the doorstep of the white Jewish community and draw old-fashioned conclusions about the character of the Jews.

Perhaps it behooves us, then, to be above suspicion at all times.

Letter From Milton Senn

Dear Jack:

Disclosures about the latest virulently anti-Jewish book published in the Soviet Union, JUDAISM AND ZIONISM, again bring to public attention the plight of a people whose glorious past is all but being obliterated.

The attached photostat of the New York Times' May 4th story summarizes the book's contents.

There is no doubt the Soviet Union has singled out its 3,000,000 member Jewish community for discrimination not visited on any of the other 100-plus ethnic groups. For example, Jews are deprived of schools, cultural institutions and every other means for perpetuating a rich heritage. And, unlike every other major religion in the USSR, Judaism is subjected to special disabilities as well as general propaganda abuse.

The new Kichko screed with its stale, Hitler-type stereotypes underscores the character of the hysterical vituperative propaganda campaign. It can serve only to deepen the fears of the Soviet Jewish community just as the discriminatory barriers faced by it in cultural and civic life can only have the effect of pulverizing its self-consciousness. Compounding the tragedy is the inability of those Jews desiring to leave the Soviet Union to join their families abroad to do so.

The United States has traditionally expressed its concern for the welfare of Russian Jewry, whether under the Czars or the Soviets. Perhaps you share my opinion that it is incumbent upon our Government, in the emerging discussions with the USSR, to emphasize that anti-Jewish discrimination and propaganda can hardly contribute to the

climate so necessary for detente for which the world is desperately striving.

Restoration of the cultural, linguistic and religious rights of Soviet Jews, as well as the precious humanitarian right to emigrate, must be an essential ingredient in the upcoming high-level American-Soviet dialogue.

May I suggest that this subject merits editorial comment; indeed, I would guess that the Administration is most interested in press reaction.

With good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
 MILTON A SENN
 Director (Anti-Defamation
 League of B'nai B'rith)

Following is story that appeared in N. Y. Times, May 4, 1969, written by our good friend and outstanding reporter, Irving "Spizzy" Spiegel:

**NEW SOVIET BOOK HELD ANTI-SEMITIC
 U.S. COMMITTEE PROTESTS TO PARTY LEADERS**

BY IRVING SPIEGEL

The Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, composed of American educators, has reported the recent publication of an anti-Semitic book in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Nathan Glazer, visiting professor of education at Harvard University, who is chairman of the committee, reported that the book, "Judaism and Zionism," was by Trofim K. Kichko, known for his writings on atheism and religion.

Mr. Kichko's first book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," was published in 1963 and was sharply attacked by European and American Communists. After those attacks, Tass, the official press agency, distributed a sharply critical review of it.

The Novosti press agency, at the time of the criticism of the first book, said that Mr. Kichko was "neither a spokesman for the Soviet Government nor an exponent of its views," and that his book "cannot be taken as a basis for evaluating the policy of the Soviet Union toward Jews and toward Israel."

LINKS BOOK TO POLICY

The new volume, written in Ukrainian, is a 94-page paperback and was published on August by the Znania (Enlightenment) Society of Kiev, a Government-sponsored agency for the Advancement of knowledge.

Dr. Glazer said that the earlier Kichko book had a first press run of 12,000 copies. A notation in "Judaism and Zionism" claims a first printing of 60,000 copies. Dr. Glazer, a sociologist, attributed what he called the "rehabilitation" of the author, and his anti-Jewish themes in this latest book to the Soviet Union's stepped up campaign against Israel.

He said his committee had sent appeals to Communist leaders and editors in 11 Western countries, urging their public condemnation of what it said was "the crudely anti-Semitic book of Kichko" whom the Soviet Communist party itself had discredited in 1964 for his anti-Semitism.

The book, Dr. Glazer said was obtained "from academic sources" and brought here several weeks ago. He did not identify the translator beyond saying that the latter was "thoroughly familiar with the language and a former resident of the Soviet Union."

A DEPRESSING DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Glazer charged that the book "repeats the strident anti-Semitism" of, and lifts sections from, Mr. Kichko's previous book, which was published by the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in 1963 and reported in the West

This was at a get-together, last week, prior to this Sunday's gala ball at Caesars Palace to culminate the 1969 appeal for Las Vegas Combined Jewish Appeal, where many more tens of thousands will be pledged. And where is this money going?

One designated amount will be divided proportionately among the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith, the United Jewish Appeal and our local Temple Beth Shalom. Another segment, so designated will be turned over to Israel Emergency Relief Fund.

The whole world is aware of Israel's present predicament. In her 21st year as a nation, the little country that brought civilization to barren desert, is forging ahead of economic status, while holding her own against vicious attacks by all countries on three sides. There's a happy homeland domesticity, with rising levels of education, housing, medicine, trade and tourism, while a wary, unrelaxing eye patrols the borders against intrusion.

The cost is enormous, running into millions per day. Add to all this the tremendous influx of newcomers, displaced persons fleeing anti-Semitism and hardships, Jewish families determined to settle in Israel, those smuggled out of Iron Curtain countries. Among them are the aged, infirm, the sick, orphan youngsters, and financially dependent. All need assistance, comfort and guidance. The have to be fed, housed and clothed. This costs money and lots of it.

That's why the contributions this year have to be more than ever before. The threats against Israel are becoming more acute. Israel is not asking for manpower to fight her battle. She is asking for the means to defend herself. There is nothing further we can do, merely all that is possible in a financial contribution.

That is why every Jew should be grateful for the Frank Sinatras. Without them, where would we be.
ISRAEL MUST LIVE.

in March, 1964.

"The fact that Kichko has resurfaced what official blessing as a widely published author in the Ukraine is an ominous and depressing development," Dr. Glazer said: "This new book is an important element in a larger propaganda campaign in poison the atmosphere for Soviet Jews."

The new book dwells heavily on denunciation of Judaism and Zionism. It accuses "ideologists of Judaism" of teaching Jews "to hate people of other faiths and even exterminate them."

"Judaism," the book says in an early chapter, "has always served the interests of the exploiting classes. In our times, its most reactionary postulates have been taken up by the Zionists - the Jewish bourgeois nationalists."

"Judaism and Zionism have become the ideological foundations, of the militaristic, semi-theocratic regime in Israel and its aggressive actions directed against the Arab peoples in the Near East."

SCORNS 'ISRAEL ZIONISTS'

The author writes, "Judaism calls on man to reconcile himself with difficult conditions of life, because 'God's ways are inscrutable'; it accustoms man to the idea that on earth there is not and there cannot be justice, that misfortunes, evil, wars and the killing of millions of people occur at the will of God Himself. There is a direct connection between this morality of Judaism and what the Israeli Zionists are doing in practice."

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