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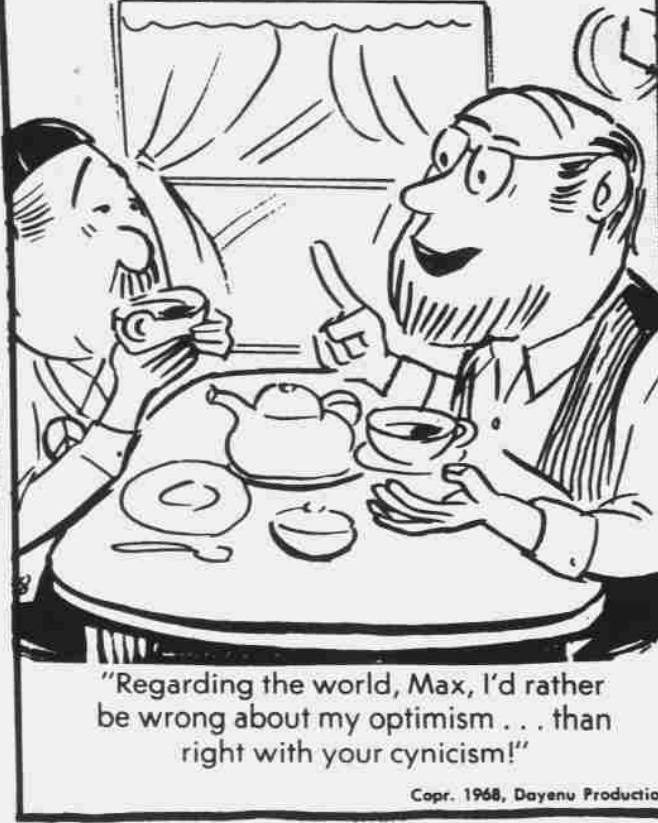
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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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date of the voting public who supported the increase in Firemen's wages way back in the last November elections. Since then the City Commission has agreed to pay the higher salaries, not only to the Firemen, but Police as well. While the delay, and manner in which this was accomplished is not entirely satisfactory, the end has been achieved and the deserving lawmen and firefighters will have decent incomes.

The man opposing Phil is Dr. Alexander Coblentz. We have never met Dr. Coblentz, nor, as we stated previously, have we ever spoken to Mirabelli. Therefore, what we have deduced is strictly off their records, from their statements in their paid advertisements.

Coblentz claims he is not a politician, which we feel has no bearing on the issue. He states he is a businessman, which we refute, because he is a physician, and therefore a professional man. We find a distinction between a businessman and a professional man, and we cannot fathom why he insists on misrepresenting himself. Of course, he may be going on the assumption that it is to his advantage to be a doctor who is a good businessman, but this layman never could warm up to a medic who had his eye on the money.

Coblentz then asserts old chestnuts about new approaches, ideas and new dedications to the responsibilities of the office of city commissioner. Just what these new commitments will be are not pointed out. Here Coblentz has every opportunity to list exactly what he will propose, support and refute. But nary a word on the subject. Neither does his background, as far as we know, give any indication of the basic qualifications for running a growing and expanding city like Las Vegas.

There is one more point that keeps kicking around in our mind. We've mulled over it at length. Coblentz makes the accusation: "Awarding of contracts and licenses for business, liquor and construction firms should be on merit of qualification -- NOT Favoritism." We agree with Coblentz, 100 per cent on this score. But this writer will not accept an inference from a man who is seeking our vote. Nor, we believe, should the voting public. We've been suckers long enough.

If Coblentz has any information on which he supports this contention, why don't he blandly state the facts? If he knows something which he does not care to divulge, who is he protecting? This writer refuses to be insulted by blind, charges submitted without proof. He should put up or shut.

So, all things considered, we come to the conclusion that Coblentz has absolutely nothing to offer. Sorry, but he misses the boat.

Mirabelli, on the other hand, has withstood attacks on his character, reputation and record as commissioner. So far as we know, all the finger pointers had their knuckles cracked on every occasion, except perhaps when Phil admitted aiding a prostitute who was bent on leading a new life. We find nothing uncomplimentary about this gesture and would do the same under similar circumstances.

We cannot attribute specific credits to Mirabelli but his eight years as commissioner certainly got him involved in many circumstances. Prior to the primary, we poo-pooed the Review Journal's editorial calling him a man who takes a stand. We still do, simply because it was never pointed out exactly what stands he took. Since then, Mirabelli has been more explicit about future proposals for Las Vegas.

He advocates increased facilities for public parks, libraries and swimming pools developed jointly by the city and school district. He was there when the police department was reorganized with a new narcotics division. We cannot ignore the progress of a city like Las Vegas, which has nearly tripled in population during the past eight years. The roads, the financing, the construction, the plans for the future, all have been developing at supersonic speed. Whether the present commission is the best under the circumstances, is questionable, but at least it kept pace with the progress.

We know what we've got. In all sincerity and with clean conscience, the Las Vegas Israelite does not recommend a change at this time.

As is our usual custom prior to each election, we informed both campaign headquarters the pages of this paper are available to give our readers the platforms of the candidates. Mirabelli was delighted to comply. Coblentz deferred. That clinched our decision.

We believe the election on Tuesday, June 3 will be very close. We contend the readers of the Israelite could very well be the determining factor in the outcome. Therefore, we urge you to give full and serious consideration to all the circumstances and be sure to vote.

The chap who said politics makes strange bedfellows sure spoke a mouthful.

Shavuot

Shavuot is traditionally the time or recall for the giving of the Torah. It is also the harvesting of ripened wheat the the bringing of fruit to the Temple. It is also related to the story of Ruth so beautifully characterized by a gentile called Keats who wrote:

"Perhas the self-same song that found a path through the sad heart of Ruth when, sick for home, she stood in tears amid the alien corn...."

Shavuot is basically a pastoral story and presets a picture of peace. But the world cannot return to a Garden of Eden. Progress condemned that a long time ago. But the recent development of a Jewish Defense League, with its best intentions, struck an "alien corn" note, not in accord with the story of Shavuot. It says somehow that the Jews are a strange minority. Most Jews would not like to go along with the concept despite the pressure upon them by hostile elements in our society and perhaps even despite inner feelings that they must have a defense at the ready. The attack on the League by Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath as Ku Klux-Klannish is more an expression of a desire that we be at one with the rest of the American people. Perhaps what makes a Jewish Defense League somewhat unpalatable is the aping of methods used by some other minority groups. The Jews have to find a method of their own with dealing in hostility more in line with their traditions and history.

Rabin in Rebuttal

By ROBERT E. SEGAL

Some of the people who heard Jordan's King Hussein under auspices of the World Affairs Council in Boston on April 18 unfortunately were not on hand to hear a different version of the Middle East dispute, May 3, when Israel's Ambassador to the United States, General Yitzhal Rabin, spoke.

Unlike his adversary who had no kind words to say for the Israelis, Ambassador Rabin spoke with respect and compassion in his references to the 100,000,000 or so Arabs whose leaders seem more intent upon driving out the 2,500,000 Israelis trying to be good neighbors than in knuckling down to the hard task of improving the economy and standard of living of the Arab poor.

After all, the Israeli spokesman had no Khartoum Resolution to hamper him, that Arab albatross belying every claim to Arab protestations for peace. It was King Hussein, and not General Rabin, who had marched to the Arab summit shortly after the 1967 Six-Day War and signed the Khartoum document declaring "no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel, no negotiations with Israel." Nor do Israeli spokesmen need ever to hesitate to call their Arab neighbors by their names -- the people of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt. Arab leaders, on the other hand, prefer not to mention the nation, Israel. The words stick in their throat. They would rather demand an end to defensive warfare from a next door neighbor that goes nameless than sit at any king of table -- square, round, or oblong -- to discuss the practical terms

of peace.

General Rabin's points were clear and firm: (1) each side to recognize his opponent; (2) reconciliation; (3) open boundaries. "Peace can be achieved only between those involved in war -- between the Arab countries and Israel," he said. "The Big Four can seek to impose a political arrangement, but political arrangement is not peace."

He noted also that peace might have been achieved by now had the USSR not intervened. He mentioned the 3000 Russian advisors in Egypt, the 1500 in Syria, the 300 in Iraq. Could a power imposing these war techniques and \$2,000,000,000 worth of modern weapons upon a troubled area really have peace in mind? Or is the daydream of the Soviet one of conquest through the blood spilled by Arab occupants of Land long coveted by Moscow?

General Rabin asserted that Israel wants an end to the uneasy armistice stretching back to 1949 just as she desires, not additional land, but true security for her inhabitants. Once firm boundaries have been established, they shall remain open to flow of ideas -- ideas promising an end to poverty, the elimination of disease, the cultivation of the arts and sciences.

Unlike the question period for King Hussein's visit under World Affairs Council sponsorship, the query session for Ambassador Rabin was wide open. Indeed, the Israeli diplomat appeared eager to entertain and answer inquiries. But the best that could be teased out by an unfriendly auditor carried the inference that Israel was presumptuously essaying to speak for all Jews when she protested the recent hangings of Iraq. This was a sad commentary on the bankruptcy of those who try to oppose Israeli representatives in public forums in America. For at a time when inhumanity and injustice are the hallmarks of undemocratic countries, how quixotic it is to challenge the temerity of one small and lonely democratic nation championing justice!

Ambassador Rabin also set the record straight regarding Jerusalem in the question period. A sabra, he recalled that even under British rule, during the first 26 years of his life, he could not visit the site of The Temple nor venture to the cave of Hebron nor approach the revered Walling Wall. He reminded those who would listen that Jordan had promised access to religion shrines, beginning with armistice days of 1948, but had never made good that pledge.

And what of the future of Jerusalem. "We have one divided city -- Berlin -- and that is enough," the ambassador pointed out. "Jerusalem will remain as it is."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A bi-partisan group of Congressmen have urged President Richard M. Nixon to confront King Hussein of Jordan on the issue of Arab terrorism and terrorists operating from his country against Israel. The representatives have demanded that American military aid to Jordan be ended unless that Government stops the terrorist groups and a bill was introduced in the House to prohibit assistance to nations in which such groups as El Fatah receive military training.

NEW YORK -- A select group of American High School students will engage this summer in an extraordinary experience as participants at a Summer Science Seminar, conducted in English, at the Weismann Institute of Science, it was announced here by the American Zionist Youth Foundation. Joining them will be a similar aged group of Israeli students.

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