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



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and Steve Lawrence, who are now starring at the Sands' Copa Room. At the tennis courts, which are only one year old, it was fun to chat with Steve and Eydie about the difference in sports facilities in Vegas and at the Concord Hotel in Klamasha Lake, New York, where we first met.

Later in the day, Eydie and the Entratter sisters walked over to the Desert Inn and Country Club, where Caryl and Michele took tennis lessons from Chuck Kellogg, who is tennis director for the Howard Hughes Hotels in Las Vegas (which includes the Desert Inn and Country Club, of course the Sands Hotel, and the Frontier Hotel and Tennis Club.) It was at the Desert Inn where active interest in tennis originated in Las Vegas about five years ago, under the promotion of Chuck Kellogg. Kellogg told me that Robert Mayheu -- Chief of the Hughes Nevada Operations -- has taken an intense interest in tennis (he himself plays at the Desert Inn's courts), and is instrumental in perpetuating the game here in Las Vegas.

There were only four tennis courts in Las Vegas when Chuck Kellogg came to the Desert Inn. Today, due to the interest in tennis, emanating from these original four at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas can now boast of 37 tennis courts.

That eve, after his side-splitting performance at the Desert Inn's Crystal Room, comic Bob Newhart told me that Las Vegas, in his opinion, is fast becoming a family resort. "This is the best working conditions for us," he said. "When people come in to see our show, we know it's really to see us -- because, outside, there are many side shows, other than the gambling."

Newhart added that his engagement at the Desert Inn was one of his most successful; that the audiences were so great that he feels "a little let-down that I'm closing.... because it's really been so great here."

Darling Connie Stevens followed Bob Newhart into the

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Bad Turn Invites Another

One bad turn invites another. Just this week the Jewish Defense League, a militant group, placed an Ad in the New York Times, featuring a photograph of six men, four of them armed with clubs, standing outside the door of a synagogue, waiting for an anticipated demand for reparations by black militants.

There is no doubt that this virile, belligerent stand will express the secret admiration of many Jews. Just the way the attitudes and acts of black militants invite the admiration of many Negroes. Among Jews there is a tiredness about black demands, a growing irritation and a feeling of how long can one turn a cheek. Jewish resentment of black demands runs all the way from a mild "chutzpah" to a shrug of irresponsibility over their former slave status to let us put them in their place. It is no secret that many Jews voted for law and order candidates in primary elections. This is an acceptable and structural way of dealing with the problem. But neither is correct nor is this a way to run a community.

With the fortitude must come patience, firm but pliant. Self-defense in one thing and totally acceptable but there are other ways of dealing with the problem. Not the SS way! A statement by Meir Kahane who founded the Defense League, announced a summer program of training. He said, "We feel we are sound Jews, sound in mind and sound in body." The original concept of Mens Sano in Corpore Sano had a loftier concept. A healthy body permits a healthy mind to dwell on constructive notions. Mr. Kahane's League, no matter how it may impinge on our secret feelings, is to be deplored.

Providing the Jobs

By ROBERT E SEGAL

Recent announcement in Washington of a plan to close 59 of the 113 Job Corps centers for training poor young people evoked a justified howl from many who grasp the explosive possibilities of joblessness, discrimination in employment, and especially the plight of hard core applicants.

Even though the Administration was quick to point out that new job training centers will be set up in city slums, the telegrams of protest by 15 Senators and 11 Congressmen over the shut down of the Job Corps units were obviously in order. Indeed, with an estimated 73% of all American factories now located in the suburbs, one wonders whether the decision to set up training centers in the slums -- offsetting the closing of the scattered Job Corps operations --- is really a wise decision.

Adding to a sense of unrest about the employment picture are several other factors. Despite government claims of a decline in unemployment in the nation's 20 largest metropolitan areas this Spring, even the Labor Department had to record that urban unemployment for non-white stood at 6.3% as contrasted with 3.4% for white. This continuing gap, reflecting an undisputed prevalence of discriminatory practices, serves to reinforce disturbing findings of the Kerner Commission.

(The Kerner Commission, it will be remembered, re-

commended to the federal government immediate efforts to create 2,000,000 new jobs in three years. Our expanding economy, owing some of its gains to military necessities, has taken some of the edge off the anxiety over the job picture. But once that is granted, it is instructive to note that the assessment of the Kerner Report revealed that despite all new efforts, the unemployment rate for black teenagers in poverty areas in the United States stood at 27.3% in 1968.)

Another depressing factor was the reasoning advanced, at a high governmental level, that we might be able to head off inflation by deliberately increasing the rate of unemployment by 1.7%.

How can the picture be improved?

Continued efforts of the National Alliance of Businessmen, naturally encouraged by an Administration preferring to place its hopes in private enterprise, "Black Capitalism," and related activities, may be a deterrent to further deterioration. A vigorous application of power granted by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is another possibility. Under that grant of authority, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can concern itself with four major groups: employers, public and private employment agencies, labor organizations, and joint labor-management apprenticeship or training programs.

But warning flags have already been raised by threats from Illinois Senator Everett Dirksen and others. Businessmen are being harassed by the EEOC, so the complaint runs. Harassed? Up to now, not a single federal contract has been cancelled on the basis of discrimination despite the powers so clearly spelled out in Title VII. The new chairman of EEOC, William H. Brown III, a Republican and a Black, hasn't been in office long enough to let us know whether he will listen more to senators who want southern textile mills left free to continue practicing discrimination or to the voices of those people who insist the time has come to perform surgery on a deeply-shafted pattern of historic racism in American industry.

A few months ago, the Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision in an Alabama case, ruled that members of a railroad union had the right to rake complaints of racial discrimination to federal courts without adhering to guidelines laid down under union rules. This kind of advance provided now by a Supreme Court still committed to ending discriminatory practices opens one avenue for moving against bias in some trades unions.

But most improvement will come only when industry moves energetically to close out that kind of archaic employment testing which precludes openings for well-motivated applicants who have been robbed of proper educational opportunities. More businessmen will have to take a quota of hard core jobless. This sounds quixotic. But as an ever-increasing amount of power is concentrated in the hands of industrial giants, the enlightened managers among them will have to realize that the economy and their pocket-books will be served best by their absorption of the extremely hard-to-place job hunters.

NEW YORK -- 210 Israeli educators have arrived here to serve as counselors and program specialists on a variety of summer youth camps under the auspices of the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

FALLSBURGH, N.Y. (WNS) -- The president of the National Council of Young Israel (Orthodox) has called for the establishment of a "national Torah Corps" made up of rabbis, Orthodox collegians, college professors and yeshiva students "to teach the college student of today in a more direct manner than ever before."

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Gallagher and discover a different side of Mrs. JFK. Food sent as gifts to the White House was consumed, instead of the prior custom of sending it to orphanages. Gifts to her from dignitaries and her father-in-law were sold for cash. Family expenses (including \$40,000 for her clothes) topped the \$100,000 JFK earned yearly. She'd limit guests to one cocktail and re-fill half empty glasses that weren't lipstick smeared. HMMMMMMMM

Arlene Dahl's beauty column advises standing in front of a mirror nude to assess your assets and liabilities. Riviera's Totie Fields tried it, and exclaimed "I'm bankrupt!"

Mike Tell's "Three Dog Night" concert at the Ice Palace received a phone call reserving four tickets. The hip daddy: Sen. Howard Cannon office from Wash. D.C.

Guides of Las Vegas zooms you through the clouds aboard a 1969 Cessna twin-engine aircraft on half day tours. Everything supplied, except parachutes for losers!

Worthy cause: Alan King's Medical Center in Jerusalem. His \$1,000,000 goal is still \$580,000 short. Drop this column your check (payable to Alan King) and it'll be forwarded.

Sign of the times: the first new branch savings and loan office in seven years is under construction. Pros say this boom will break all records. Sooooo, the hesitant homebuyer had best move quickly.

Dealers at Kekorian's International will number 266 vs Landmark's 66. All employees must wear photographed badges of various coded colors, with certain sections Off Limits. Dealers must leave the premises after their shift, or face immediate dismissal.

Daily newspaper item (June 27th): "Gaming commission gives final approval to the July 2 opening of the \$49 million dollar International Hotel." Same day's paper: "Barbra Streisand opens the \$60,000,000 International Hotel July 2." Whats eleven million between friends!

BOYS IN THE BAND AT CAESAR'S PALACE, Nevada's first legit theatre, is both comic and tragic, hilarious and pitiful. Nine eminently talented actors plus brilliant dialogue throughout. A raw, no-punches-pulled Mart Crowley play on homosexuality. Said one woman during a midnight performance: "I'll kill my son for sending me here!" But she stayed on the edge of her chair till the last brutal obscene word, right from the gutter of reality.

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