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Is This Jewish?

At last it has happened. Israeli youth have staged a sit-in. Whether or not their demands are justified, the fact is they have presented the older generation in the World Zionist Organization with a modern phenomenon called The Confrontation. At first, there was an abrasive situation and some of the older people responded in a bristly fashion. But later reports showed consideration of the demands, and attempts to work them into accepted procedures. What the young people want is a sooner next meeting and a wider base of representation in direct elections.

However, although there are Americans among them, Israeli youth for the first time have staged a sit-in against constituted authority. Doubtless, this has set a dynamic in motion whose ultimate end is uncertain. Where it will lead to by either example, or disassociation, is still hard to say. But this method of action, in a country where heroic action is a daily phenomenon, and which up to now has been limited to other countries and so-called sick societies, has now reached out and grabbed young Israeli people. And what is both interesting and significant is that the older generation, after the first shock made an accommodation to the new reality.

Is this being Jewish?

Polish Anti-Semites

by Rabbi Mordecai Levy

The Jewish people have never been known to be great fighters "in the ring". There have been notable exceptions. Samson the great from the Bible seems to have been quite a first-rate boxer. He even took on a lion, emerging as victor. The Philistines assembled in their house of worship, near present day Ashkelon, Israel felt the smite of his blows.

Let us skip many centuries. Daniel Mendoza of the late 18th century reigned as English boxing champ from 1792-95. He even published a work on boxing. The 20th century has produced some excellent Jewish boxers as well, not too many. Slapsie Maxie Rosenblum and Barney Ross. Jews just didn't find themselves at such a sport.

But as far as Zionist pugilists (boxers), well, that might be a different story. Not always at ringside however; and not only with their fists. They, those fiery Zionists used their powers and prowess at flaming oratory, fists pounding to make a point. They became incensed and wrote their works in ink, to create their ideal state. They slugged it out, in 15 round decisions and more in the international ring. They produced a galaxy of stars and fighters; Brandels in America, B. G. in the Jewish Agency; Silver and Eban at the U. N.; Jabotinsky the fighting statesman everywhere. These were true boxers, using brawn and brain. Then remember the Zion Mule Corps flexing its muscular biceps; or one armed Trumpeldor at Tel-har; Israel.

All this notwithstanding it required more than the Marquis of Queensbury rules, finesse and dancing in the ring to bring into realization the Zionist dream. The dream, the goal, the ideal, the story was not easily nor quickly ac-

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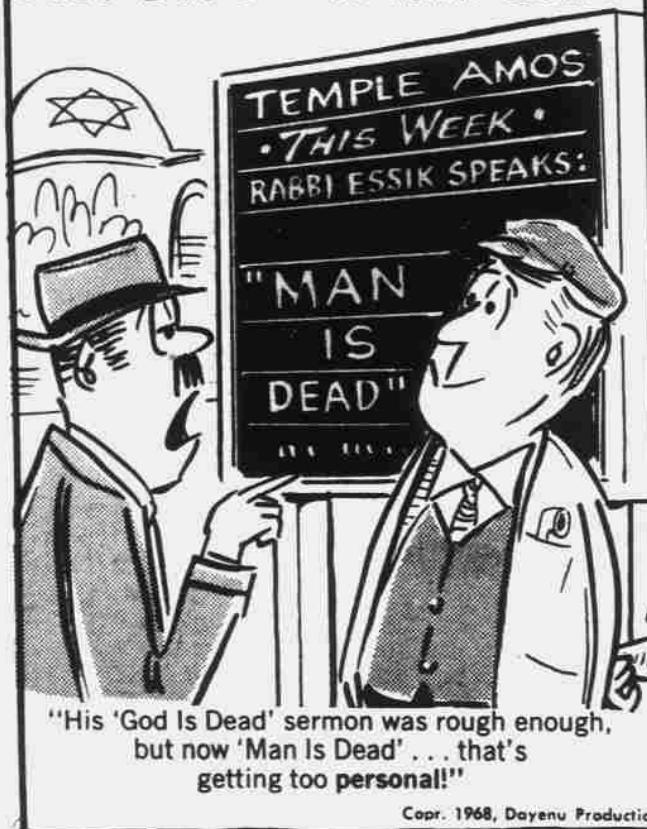
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complished; and not without begging, beseeching, buying. And these fighters had to fight again and again repeatedly, but they were champions. They never over-estimated their strength though. It could be used only to create their home, the state of Israel. They wanted nothing else; nor could they bring about anything else.

How strange indeed it is therefore, to read about the superiority of Zionist fighters, boxers, and the fighting arm of the Jewish people that can overturn, literally topple governments.

We didn't do so well "in the ring" and our Zionist pugilists had to fight for years and endure hardships. But now we are told and led to believe by the vicious Anti-Semitic communist regime of Poland that these underhanded, conspiratorial, dirty Zionist fighters are destroying and toppling the Polish government. How far-fetched Mr. Gomoulka is. Just how naive does he think we and the world are!

He loves Jews. My how he does. So much so that he accuses Zionist (what is a Zionist if not a Jew and what is a Jew if not a Zionist) of stirring up trouble in the universities, infiltrating the government and creating havoc.

What a compliment. We couldn't create Israel overnight. But one, two, three, we can destroy Poland. How unanimous of him.

But, alas, Mr. G. is a vicious Anti-Semite. Poland has a horrible tradition of Jew hatred. Let us not be fooled by the new dress and garments of Anti-Semites. They are the same underneath.

Our boxers and fighters will do well under fair rules, in the ring with those who would destroy us.

NEW YORK: Saul Rossien, Former Director of Dissemination for the New Jersey Urban Schools Development Council, and a former assistant to the President of Trenton State College, has joined the staff of the American Jewish Committee as Director of Education, it was announced by Bertram H. Gold, Executive Vice President of the Committee.

PARIS (WNS) -- Official French sources have still now revealed the stand the new French President, Georges Pompidou, will take on the embargo placed on military equipment to Israel by former President Charles de Gaulle. Israel's Ambassador to France, Walter Eytan, met with Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, the first top level diplomatic contact between the two countries since the Six-Day War.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel's Minister of Information, Israel Galili, said unofficially in a radio broadcast that he thought it quite "definite" Israel will hold Gaza.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Prof. Yigal Yadin has announced the acquisition of another Dead Sea Scroll, known as the TEMPLE SCROLL. Thirty feet long, the scroll contains, in Hebrew, rules concerning the Temple, and Feasts and Kings. The scroll has been obtained from an East Jerusalem Arab and cost about \$71,000. When repaired, it will go into the Israel Museum.

PARIS (WNS) -- The French Minister of Interior, Raymond Marcellin, promised Pierre Bloch, President of the League Against Anti-Semitism, that France would use every legal means to find and prosecute persons responsible last month for an anti-Semitic whispering campaign in Orleans.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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noon to explain. The music is "more florid and more intricate" than the Gregorian chants of the Catholic services, Sister Marie said. Most American music is written in half-steps, while the Hebrew chants go into quarter tones. "It cuts it up a little bit closer."

He said the Ecumenical service will be "an international first." In addition to the Catholic participants, Protestant leaders of Terre Haute will be invited.

ago when the rabbi became a full-time faculty member at the Catholic college. He invited the chorus to sing at a regular service at the temple and was so impressed he asked them to return for his son's bar mitzvah.

"Christ was a Jew himself, you know," Sister Marie said. "I don't like to use the term Christian with the rabbi, but we're all under one God."

"It's so beautiful," said Rabbi Cohen, "to hear all those Catholic voices singing those Hebrew words."

It all began about four years ago when the rabbi became a full-time faculty member at the Catholic college. He invited the chorus to sing at a regular service at the temple and was so impressed he asked them to return for his son's bar mitzvah.

We missed the boat on this one, proving that Justice Mowbray, a devout Catholic, is a better editor of an English-Jewish newspaper than yours truly. This week the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate carried a wrap-up of the event.

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Few events, in this ecumenical age, caused more of a stir than the participation of nuns at the Bar Mitzvah service of the son of that Terre Haute rabbi.

Most newspapers and other media spotlighted the strange event. The Rabbi is Bernard M. Cohen, of the United Hebrew Congregations. At the service when his son became a Bar Mitzvah part of the music was provided by a choir of nuns.

Rabbi Cohen made no concessions to any other faith in this happening. The "sisters" themselves took the unusual step of asking the Rabbi to be allowed to share in the service. To do so they sedulously studied the Hebrew responses and sang them at the service.

Behind the to-do caused by this "only in America" event is another story: the long list of rabbis who now teach at Christian schools. The reason the nuns attached themselves to Rabbi Cohen is that he is a regular instructor at a Catholic school, St. Mary of the Woods College. Catholic schools are now so eager to have courses in Judaism that one priest-president complained of the "rabbi gap."

Rabbi Cohen did something else unusual in his synagogue. He conducted a service based on the Book of Psalms, cherished in both churches and synagogues, and had a series of choirs participate in the event.

Among the salutes given to Rabbi Cohen for his ecumenical activities, those of the Mayor of Terre Haute and the editor of the leading daily were outstanding. Others have praised Rabbi Cohen for a stirring talk given at the Catholic school on anti-Semitism. Strongly he complained that too many anti-Jewish attitudes are embedded in Christian literature and dogma.

And many have praised another talk by this same rabbi. It is a strong polemic against smoking. In the view of this rabbi, the same condemnation which we hurl against murderers ought to be levelled against those who smoke: for they are self-killers.

He's quite a rabbi.

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preme Joe Rando at Sahara's Barber shop. It never looks like you just got a haircut. Bill Kaercher, the most respected insurance agent in town. His policy has a bell that rings true. Pat Ginn who's new South Pacific restaurant on Convention Center Drive lures patrons like Barbra, and his food tastes like her voice sounds. Steve Gold, whose KLUC Radio's three-in-a-row innovation, is being copied on stations from coast to coast. But imitations never match the original. Do they?

Jimmy Durante's "ink-a-dink-a-do" at his Landmark opening makes you sentimental. Some contrast between the aging master chuc-

ke-maker and the Pierce Sisters in the act. No generation gap here, just pros of different eras. Not a dull moment or missed punch in his repertoire. And Eddie Jackson strutting past Sonny King onstage rounds off the best Schnozola Show ever. Its 'way out in front like Jimmy's nose.

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