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Wash. Post Is Wrong

The prestigious Washington Post, in an editorial this past week, said the fire at El Ahsa Mosque "has severely embarrassed Israel's claim to be a reliable protector of all holy places in Jerusalem."

Apart from the fact this is a questionable statement, if it were the sole criterion for the proper presence of an authority in any part of the world, then the U. S. claim in Vietnam is very "severely embarrassed." The United States, Army, with a power many times that of either the small Israeli Army, or government, cannot stop what it calls terrorists from attacking anywhere in South Vietnam almost at will. Our own government cannot even stop assassins and arsonists among its own people and presumably the major part of the population here supports its own people and presumably the major part of the population here supports its general principles.

A fanatic is a despoiled human being who stands psychologically outside law, ethics or any standard of behavior expressing consideration for his fellow man. In a democratic atmosphere, he is uncontrollable. Yet Israel moved swiftly, apprehended the man and will give him a fair and open trial.

The basic fallacy in the thinking of the Washington Post is its bypassing root causes of such an act and the history behind Israel's presence in the Old City. The Post diagnoses a symptom rather than the cause of the turmoil in the part of the world. Israel will fix mosque but it will not, to use the words of the Post, "unwind Arab passions." Only peace will. But the Washington Post does not contribute to a peaceful solution by winding up Arab passions.

Hail the Young

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

So you think young people are becoming more cynical? Lots of them are. But many others aren't.

For example, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin Rabbi Dudley Weinberg took his confirmation class on a retreat and the group hammered out a series of Affirmations, declaring that Judaism is a shining faith which gives them a sense of pride and urging their elders to take it more seriously.

And in Houston, Texas a group of high school seniors refused to attend their graduation exercises because they were set for Friday night. Repeated pleas by the Anti-Defamation League, by Christian ministers and concerned citizens to shift the time of graduation to some other night failed to move the board of education. So the protesting Jewish seniors stayed away from the school ceremony and went to temple instead.

Now let the camera shift to Beverly Hills, Calif. At the Leo Baeck Temple, Rabbi Leonard Beerman asked his teenage confirmants to express themselves on religion. They did, exultantly. One of them wrote: "When status becomes a God, . . . we lose sight of the idealistic meaning of life." Said another: "I live a sheltered life. But just two miles from my house I can see men standing on a corner waiting for a job. Will I be like so many others, seeing hate, poverty, sorrow and want only through a shiny, clear glass window?" And here are the words of still another

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youngster: "I want so much not to be a prejudiced human being. I want a world where you and I could look at all people and see each one as a human being a person, something god created."
 True, some of our young people are giving us heart-ache. But others stir our hearts immensely and intensely. So let us not despair of our next generation.

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was a test of his loyalty. It was perhaps also part of the ethos of a time when human sacrifice was both abundant and accepted. There are parts of the world where it is still performed. Mostly on self. Immolation is an act acceptable to certain religions and people but still shocks the western mind. But after a while the frama dissipates. Nothing, it seems, is more expendable than the human being.

The Jews, from time immemorial, have been the physical expression of sacrifice. They are truly the experts. But how do you pierce behind the physical phenomena to the concept itself, how do you evaluate the need to sacrifice, the purpose and the end of such an act? Much of the thrust of modern day conceptualizing, both teleological and secular, is to divide the stampede of current events, to create insights enabling us to understand the onslaughts on our bodies and sensibilities. While no man today would sacrifice a son as Abraham was prepared to do, thousands watch their sons go to their deaths daily. Sacrifice therefore, has to be separated, as the wheat from the chaff, the concept from the act, in order to understand the human value in both.

Perhaps these are times which call for sacrifice, or as Mr. Webster defined it, "to give up or surrender in favor of a higher or more imperative duty or claim." But everywhere you look at the globe, there is conflict. There is a limit to the amount of sacrifice one can make. Maybe one should start asking questions the way Isaac did, enroute to his near-death: Why the knife, why the sheep. Why? Why? Perhaps then, we should re-examine our whole history, recapitulate it in the light of the contributions we have made to civilization: The Bible, Rabbis of the Renaissance times, young Marx the Humanist (not the economist) who spoke of the alienation of the spirit and Freud who probed it.

And then say, an end to sacrifice, of our sons, and their sons and symbolically, an end to surrendering our future or destiny to an uncertain grave.

NEW YORK -- Jewish servicemen in Vietnam, on ships at sea, at remote weather and radar stations, and at more than 700 other overseas and domestic military posts will attend Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) services through "Operation New Year," organized by the National Jewish Welfare Board it was announced by Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, chairman of JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, who is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N. Y.

NEW YORK -- The role of Jewish youth in American Society and the American Jewish community, activities for Soviet Jewry, as well as the links between the American Jewish community and Israel was discussed at the 4th Annual Conference of the North American Jewish Youth Council.

NEW YORK: A record breaking number of American and Canadian Jews, (399) departed on the S.S. Anna Maria and S.S. Amerikanis this fortnight to settle in Israel, according to Col. Nachum Golan, newly appointed Director of the Israel Aliyah Center.

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Normal prayers were resumed the following day. The Government of Israel expressed profound sorrow and an independent Commission of Enquiry, headed by a Supreme Court Judge, the Mayor of Nazareth, a District Court Judge of Nazareth and two professors with scientific competence, already commenced its investigation. Its hearings will be heard in public and its findings published.

The trial of the suspect, a Christian of Australian nationality, will be public and open to all observers of any country and faith. He was apprehended on information supplied by Moslem watchmen in the employ of the Waqf, who were on duty at the time. The mosque has been controlled, administered and safeguarded solely by the Waqf, the appropriate Moslem authority, who were not affected even when Israel won the war in June of 1967.

Israel's offer to place security guards at the shrine was rejected by the Waqf. Israel is willing to provide material and technical assistance to repair the damage.

Previous fires in the mosque, in 1964, and in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 1949, created anguish, but no disturbance.

Arab governments, exploiting the tragedy of the fire for political and propaganda purposes, refuse to acknowledge the arrest of the non-Israeli, who confessed to the arson.

President Nasser said Arabs fighting Israel will be soldiers of God and protectors of religion.

Radio Cairo, blames the United States for not raising its voice against Israel for burning the Al Aksa Mosque. The Mideast News Agency writes: The incident is a crime premeditated by Israel.

The Prime Minister of Jordan: Israel is responsible for the most serious aggression ever perpetrated against Arabs and Moslems.

Radio Jordan: After a private, secret session, Israel decided to burn down the Al Aksa Mosque.

From Lebanese Government comes: The fire is an Israeli plan to destroy the holy shrine.

Syria announced: The fire was planned by the occupation authorities who aim to wipe out Arab sites in order to make Jerusalem a wholly Jewish city.

At a press conference by the Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs, the opening statement was: "The Mosque Al Aksa is the possession of Islam but the respect for its beauty, antiquity and the association which flow from it is a part of the universal culture."

He went on: "Israel will facilitate the arrival, the admission of any experts or engineers or others from any country whatsoever, who might be able to expedite the repair of the damage, and we will not be influenced by the religion, nationality of country or origin, whose help might be sought."

The prime minister continued: More than one crime has been committed. The one by an individual is before the courts. But there still is being committed a crime on the international scale by Arab governments, who instead of joining humanity in shock and grief are attempting to extract political advantage by a campaign with very few parallels in the history of our age."

On June 7, 1967, immediately after the 6 Day War, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol met with the heads of religious communities in Jerusalem and laid down a policy that has held to this day:

"The arrangements concerning the Western Wall will be determined by the Chief Rabbis of Israel. The arrangements concerning the Holy Places of Islam will be determined by the Moslem Council. The arrangements in the places holy to Christendom, will be made by a Christian Council."

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her first ever with Belafonte.

Caesars has a waiter named Donald O'connor, who's had "the name and the sore feet first," he complains.

Pzazzer Betty Vaughan, one of the finest jazz vocalists, thrills audiences twice nightly at the DL. After "straw hat" roles in Music Man, My Fair Lady, Guys and Dolls, West Side Story and other road shows, she's now groomed for Broadway, via Vegas.

Drop everything -- the Chairman of the Board returns to Caesars Palace September 18th, joining Nance and Jr. onstage elsewhere in LV.

Didja know the "Brocton Rock" had just one "black mark" on his undefeated

career? Once in Lindy's, he pointed out the only fight judge ever to vote against him, Artie Adelia, marring a perfect knockout or unanimous string of victories. Artie, a N. Y. Daily News Botog, voted for La Starza, but was over-ruled. We'll all miss the Rock. He called our dad, a "great Newspaperman."

The best recommendation of Mamma Leone's West: it's the only restaurant good enough for Carlo Bombara, who thinks Mamma's the best.

We're glad the Kopechne inquest was delayed. As Darrow said, "even the rich have rights". And Ted's lawyers should have the right to cross examine witnesses. Otherwise, he's a political football in an accusatory cir-

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