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"One Man Plus The Truth
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BY JACK TELL



Jewish Peoplehood

At a time when the American Jewish community is intensifying its efforts to establish a deeper sense of Jewish peoplehood, it is most fitting that the People of the Book enlist Jewish books in this vital cause.

Literature, particularly in book form, has been the mainstay of Jewish creativity throughout the ages. The contents of Jewish books are as varied as the interests of human beings. What makes these books so important to the advancement of Jewish world fellowship is that they embody the teachings and history of the Jewish people in many lands from ancient times to the present.

In recognition of this fact and in accordance with its expanding activities over the years, the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board has chosen "Around the World with Jewish Books" as the theme of the 27th annual Jewish Book Month, which it is sponsoring this year from October 31 to November 30th.

With more than 2,000 groups in the United States and Canada scheduled to conduct Jewish Book Month programs and with groups in Latin American and European countries, Israel, Australia and South Africa planning similar observances, the celebration of this significant cultural event should give much needed impetus to the wider dissemination of books in English, Yiddish and Hebrew describing Jewish life in different countries.

The Grilling

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

During the Golda Meir visit to the U. S., the doughty prime minister, tabbed "the modern Deborah" by President Nixon, appeared on the Today program, an NBC telecast. Grilled by two reporters, one a man and the other a woman, Mrs. Meir remained patient and smiling. Every question asked of her was hostile and negative; not a syllable by the so-called reporters would indicate that they have any feeling of admiration for the heroic struggle put up by Israel for the cause of democracy. Mrs. Meir was asked why her nation doesn't do what the U. N. asks, whether it is true (as Time Magazine said) that some Israelis have a feeling of guilt over what Israel is doing to Arabs, whether Israel will withdraw from some of her territory, and whether the U. S. asked Israel to abstain from using the Phantoms "on retaliatory attacks." As soon as Mrs. Meir left, the reporters hurriedly assured listeners that in a few days an Arab spokesman would be presented to "give the other side."

To point up the unfair, lopsided, distorted and downright nasty nature of this grilling, let us imagine for a moment that Mr. Nixon were on that program, and the following ensued:

NBCNIK: Mr. Nixon, the U. S. has been engaged in its longest war in Vietnam. UN people have pleaded with you to find a negotiated settlement. When do you plan to heed the UN?

Nixon says he's asked the UN for help.

NBC reporter: Mr. Nixon, a long time ago the UN passed a resolution outlawing genocide. Why hasn't your government ratified this resolution?

After RMN answers this, the next question is: "Mr.

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Nixon, millions of Americans have a feeling of guilt about the Vietnamese war. Do you?

The grill continues, with each question palpably anti-American. After the quiz, the NBC announcer hastily declares: "In a few days we will have a spokesman for North Vietnam to give the 'other side'".

Perhaps the program Today should change its name, and be called "to daze."

NEW YORK: - THE National Committee For Furtherance of Jewish Education, which has as one of its major goals "the education of Jewish youth in Jewish observance and tradition," announces that its programs for 1969-70 will be "the most extensive in its history."

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith announced establishment of the B'nai B'rith AJE Book Award, an annual \$500 literary prize to a single work, published during the preceding year, which "by its authenticity and substance adds a dimension to creative Jewish life."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Bar Ilan University has reported that 33 Americans and Canadians, the largest group of North American academicians ever, has joined the faculty of the American-Sponsored institution located at Ramat Gan near Tel Aviv.

LONDON (WNS) -- A Hungarian actor claimed that he defected to the West because the secret police had forced him to spy in a top secret project intended to implicate high-ranking Hungarian Government and Communist Party members as "Zionists."



MR. M. COHEN, EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES VICE-PRESIDENT NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA, PRESENTING EL AL'S KING DAVID PLAQUE TO ACTOR EDWARD G. ROBINSON AT ISRAEL BONDS DINNER HELD IN HONOR OF EL AL DISTRICT SALES MANAGERS MEETING IN LOS ANGELES.

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contest for the nomination for Lieut. Gov., chose to make a campaign issue of Pres. Johnson's designation of a Jewish Supreme Court Justice to the post of Chief Justice. It appeared a bit remote and far removed from state politics, and we could not have cared less about a controversy between two Republicans, except for one very significant fact. At that precise time the newspapers were rife with stories claiming that the appointment was meeting opposition mainly because of anti-Semitism. It was our observation that the candidate in a state contest, injecting that national specific issue at that psychological moment was attracting the support of every anti-Semite in Nevada.

The letters of indignation, that arrived in time, were duly printed in the Israelite. Although some were from responsible, respected citizens, all appeared to have been prompted from the same, single source. We thereupon wrote a second column, reiterating much of the first, but mainly for the purpose of repudiating charges and misconceptions alleged in the letters. There you have it.

While still on the subject of setting the record straight we point out recent flagrant abuses by both Las Vegas daily newspapers. While headline writers are permitted a fair degree of flexibility to call attention to a story, the following examples of directly opposite connotation reflect blatant attempts to mislead. In each case the contempt for the intelligence of their readers is incredible.

The Sun carried a headline on Page 1,
**BLOODTHIRSTY HORDE
ATTACKS ARMY POST**

The story, from United Press International, plainly described the incident; "a large, orderly crowd of marchers --" who were specifically identified as college students. Hardly a "bloodthirsty horde" attacking anything.

The Review-Journal's distortion is hardly comprehensible. An eight-column, Page 1 headline screamed:
CONG STEP UP ATTACKS

The Associated Press story from Vietnam stated precisely the opposite, starting with: "Viet Cong activity has decreased ----."

On another occasion a headline over an editorial in the R-J stated:

**SINATRA SINGS THE
BLUES ABOUT THE R-J**

On reading the highly prejudiced, distorted editorial, it turned out to be a personal attack against the singer. No where was there any evidence of Sinatra singing any blues about the R-J. What we gathered from reading the insipid piece was the R-J singing the blues about the loss of advertising revenue.

Because the Israelite is the only publication around keeping tabs on the inconsistencies of our daily newspapers, we will make this a regular feature. Readers who call our attention to these abuses will be rewarded with \$2 for their time and effort to keep our city clean -- newspaperwise.

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To", "For Once In My Life", and others. He's powerful and sustains notes forever, with rare tonal quality.

Comic Stu Gilliam and dancers Brascia & Tybee were greeted warmly. Gilliam said, "They say hard work never killed anyone -- but no one has ever rested to death."

First nighters got a real treat when Tony took a request, singing "Rags To Riches". He thoroughly enjoys his every moment onstage -- and so do we.

Frontier's Robert Goulet surprised us, with polished showmanship in addition to his unique voice. He flits through the audience delighting every gal he croons to.

His selections include: "Wives and Lovers", Jim Webb's "Have You Tried Love", "Camelot" ("There's a legal limit to the snow here..."), "You'll Never Walk Alone", "On A Clear Day", and more.

The Unusual We and comic George Carlin rounded out a fine show. Carlin quipped, "Judge Haynsworth is supposed to be with us, but he's talking to his broker backstage."

Unusual We, totally re-organized by Frank Sennes, is destined for the top. The five-couple troupe features noted Negro singer-dancer Sherri Williams. From "Age of Aquarius" to "Hey Jude" they excite the audience to a fever pitch.

Goulet's package is packin' 'em in nightly. After a six week lull at the Frontier, it's "One Shining Moment That We Know As Camelot". Or, "There's A Smile on (Hank

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