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DAYENU BY HENRY LEONARD



"And my mom says that when I grow up I can marry anyone I want, as long as she's a nice Jewish girl, from a kosher, respectable, upper middle-class home."

The other area of immediate concern is Israel, especially in its confrontation with the Arab states. Jean Paul Sartre, the French writer, said Israel was not imperialist, but because of association with Jews in the western world, supporting their countries' policies, was allied by indirection with the foreign policies of those countries. The over-riding question in Israel today is security; not security of thought, of values, of tradition, but of survival. It cannot move in a way which would satisfy the so-called have-nots because of its fear, born of twenty years' experience and three wars, of what would happen if they let their guard down. Israel, in the Middle East, belongs to the haves. It's population enjoys an annual median income of more than two thousand dollars, compared to a fifth of that and less in Arab countries. The young people in Israel are committed to their destiny, which has been shaped by both older people and events. There is no sizable resistance or dissent.

Dr. Goldmann says we must find a way to compete with "causes like disarmament, world peace, poverty, the Negro question." These concerns, so indigenous to rebellious youth in Western countries, do not attract formidable support in Israel. The youth go into the Army and they would like to have peace but subscribe to Prime Minister Meir's thesis that it depends "not on what we say but what the Arabs do."

There is an element of nostalgia in Dr. Goldmann's plea. It is not always the best method of achieving noble ends. But the substance of what he says should be the subject of earnest and intense consideration. Obviously, the Jews should not surrender their hard-won worldly goods, -swear vows of poverty and return to the ghetto from which they escaped and which the white population as a whole has bequeathed the black man. But the gap of affluence should be overcome and destiny, in the local and secular sense, should be challenged. That, this writer thinks, is the sense of Dr. Goldmann's statement. Perhaps when the World Jewish Congress meets January in Israel, where it all began over 5,000 years ago, they will come up with suggestions and who knows, maybe the solutions.

WASHINGTON -- Mrs. Zena Harman, director of Israel's Demographic Center and a recently elected Labor Party member of the Knesset (Parliament), begins a 7,500-mile tour of the United States and Canada this month as a B'nai B'rith Visiting Lecturer.

WASHINGTON -- Two officials of the American Jewish Committee testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on the need for revisions in the public welfare system. They were Hyman Bookbinder, AJC's Washington Representative, and Alex E. Holstein, Jr., chairman of its National Social Welfare Committee. Individually and as spokesmen for the AJC, both men commended President Nixon for his statement of last August which led to the bill now under House consideration on revamping the welfare system, but both also indicated hopes for more comprehensive legislation.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) reported that Jewish life in Latin America "in many cases is superior to what may be found in the United States." In a report on a visit by a group of Conservative rabbis made to Latin America, it noted that American-trained rabbis -- many coming from the Jewish Theological Seminary -- had "revolutionized" Jewish religious life there.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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 ing invitations to attend on October 21st, a rallying meeting to leaders of all veteran's organizations and spokesmen for all religious denominations, including the Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom. The same letter included an invitation to attend a meeting on Oct. 21 of the Clark County Fair and Recreation Board to seek approval of "erecting Christ the King of Peace Memorial in front of the Convention Center."

It is significant that no spokesmen for the Jewish community attended either of these meetings, and especially the latter one when the plans for the idea were approved. The following day, stories appeared in both daily newspapers stating a statue of Christ will be erected on public grounds. The Associated Press picked up the story from the L. V. dailies and it was syndicated to practically every city in the country.

That morning we received a phone call from Ben Gallop of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, requesting the Rabbi's phone number, and asking that we check out the details of the story that appeared in the New York papers.

Our first call was to the Temple where Leo Wilner, the executive director, assured us that the Rabbi never received an invitation to attend either meeting. He also assured us he would ask the Rabbi to call us back when he came in.

Then we called all responsible parties, including County Assessor Bilbray; City Commissioner West Howery, chairman of the Fair and Recreation Board; and City Commissioner James J. Corey, a member of the Board. All categorically denied that the proposed plan for the memorial shrine that included a statue of Christ, had been given final approval.

Fortified with these direct quotes, we wrote a story that began with the following paragraph:

"The design submitted for a War Dead Memorial, which includes the statue of Jesus Christ, is not acceptable, and the group that proposed the design will be so advised, the Las Vegas Israelite was exclusively informed as we were going to press."

The Israelite then went on to show how spurious were the daily paper stories, which we reprinted in toto. It was late in the afternoon when we called back the Temple to inform Wilner of the information we had acquired and how it refuted what had appeared in the daily papers. Leo said he would relay the information to the Rabbi. This was confirmed later.

Although we were just a few blocks, the Rabbi never did catch up with us, but Ben Gallop, from 3,000 miles away managed to get an interview. Ben must have had a bad connection, because the story syndicated from

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surgery teamed with prayer and, miraculously, Jimmy recovered. Then he began a comeback.

We're thrilled to report, after his opening at Caesars, that Jimmy Rogers is here to stay.

At CP's Jimmy Roger's Show, Phil Foster & 7 "Magnificent Mets" show film clips of bloopers by the team, followed by -- to the tune of "Impossible Dream" -- great moments in their World Series' coup..... Jerry Van Dyke & Terri Renaldi round out a lively CP Show, with never a dull moment....New MGM prexy, James Aubrey, ex-tyrant at CBS, is the prime literary subject in "The Love Machine", "The Inheritors", "The Cannibals", & "Only You, Dick Darling".....A scientist at the Rand Corp. says pot is as harmless as scratching your nose.....

In 4 years Roman Gabriel has tossed 75 TD passes for the LA Rams...."Coco's" day's box office (at \$15 topper) was a record-breaking \$35,000, with \$1.5 million in total advance ticket sales....For the first time in 15 years, the number of personal bankruptcies in the U. S. is down from the year before....One SST jetting cross-country would sock a sonic boom to 10 million noise-weary souls....When Judge Haynsworth was first proposed, both Pres. Nixon & Atty. Gen. Mitchell had never heard of him.....Ralph Petillo's Panorama, which vehemently chides certain rock acts as "obscene," last week displayed a totally nude male across the entire front page. Hmhmhmhm.....The trouble with any censorship or obscenity laws: who censors the censors?.....

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Cardinal Cushing

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

With all the talk about Christian apathy or antipathy in re Israel, more attention should have been given to the ringing pro-Israel statements uttered by Richard Cardinal Cushing recently.

That eminent Eminence told the Interfaith Assembly at Somerville, Mass., that the key issue is the refusal of the Arab leaders to let Israel live.

In his address Cardinal Cushing declared that when the Arab leaders and their cohorts say that Israel is responsible for the refugees situation they are talking falsehood. "Israel," he said, "has made clear her desire to solve the problem but has had her efforts rebuffed" by the intransigent Arab chieftains.

It is a lie to state that Israel is responsible for atrocities and terror, said the prelate. Quite to the contrary: Israel is "the prey of a massive campaign of terror." Israel paid for every bit of land it owns, and, as for Jerusalem, it rightly belongs to the Jews.

Now, all peoples have "open access to holy places" in Jerusalem, Under Arab hegemony, such access was denied to Jews and Christians.

The entire Cushing statement, which shines like a gem in a naughty world and which offsets the callous attitude of the United Nations, ought to be read by everyone.

Jews Were Have - Nots

by JACK SIEGEL

Dr. Nathum Goldmann's recent statement before a meeting of World Jewish Congress leaders deserves some consideration and reflection. Among other things, he said, "There has been a change of position of Jews in the world. Previously Jews were have-nots, The reaction to this was that we were fighters against status quo.....Today, we have moved into the class of haves. Jewish ideology has changed as a result of economics. As we are part of the status quo we have become the object of attack of those wanting to change the status quo. In the conflict between the have-nots and the haves, the West cannot be sure of winning."

Most immediately, Jews will think of where they are most subject to have-not attacks. Certainly in the United States, a good part of black hostility has been ventilated at the Jewish merchant in the ghetto. But this is recent hostility since the Jewish merchant has been in the ghetto for many years. Formerly, however, he either lived in or not far from his store. In addition, there was not a wide economic gap between him and his customers. Today, there is an Affluence Gap, in addition to the generational. And the have-nots see this, personally and on TV, and they want a piece of the action. If they cannot have it, they will find ways to taking it. During the depression, Jewish workers were subject to the same economic fluctuations and made up a percentage part of the fifteen million unemployed. They were among the have-nots, according to Dr. Goldmann, producing "Freud, Marx, Einstein who were all revolutionaries in their field. "They maintained traditional values which Dr. Goldmann says have been lost to Jewish youth today.

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