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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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 party member to high heaven. But somehow, those very same degrading arguments are never effective in the regular election by the opposing candidate of the other party. The voting public will not buy them as campaign issues.

We've rarely visited a foreign country, but we have a strong feeling that Americans abroad glow with rapport when they meet a fellow American. We believe a Texan in Paris will find some common bond of companionship with a North Dakotan or a native of New Jersey. They may find cause for dissension among themselves, but let a Frenchman become involved, and the odds will shift to three to one.

That's the American way. That's how we do things in this country.

When Vice President Agnew blasts the press, and the newspapers answer him, its all part of the game of American politics. We take sides and approve or disapprove as we choose. That's our prerogative.

When a current administration blames a past one for blunders, we expect and accept it. Its our way of life.

But when a high-ranking member of our government is on official visit in a foreign country, we cannot, no matter how we stretch our imagination for permissible decorum, conceive of his running down other elected American officials and thereby discrediting our democratic form of government. What is to be gained by this procedure? Is this to be a precedent for a new method of arousing foreign countries to find fault with segments of our American system?

If that is Mr. Agnew's purpose, he is succeeding admirably.

The leaders of Thailand are admittedly worried whether the United States will stand by its commitments under the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization obligations. There is no question that the American people will uphold its pledges. We have always done so in the past and we will continue in the future. There is a question just what the pledges are, and whether they were committed legally by the American people.

We find Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird disapproving of the U.S. - Thailand 1965 military contingency plan in which they already received a billion dollars in military and economic aid in return for sending troops to Vietnam.

When President Wilson attended the peace parley in France at the end of World War I, at which time he advocated the formation of the League of Nations, he made it perfectly clear his actions had to be adopted by the Congress of the U.S. Every foreign nation is well aware of the make-up of our democratic form of government. They know about our two-party system and the change of administrations.

So what is Mr. Agnew doing?

He tells Thai officials that some of our Congressional leaders have permitted political considerations to disrupt America's relations with its friends. "Some people back home are so anxious to make friends of our enemies," the Vice President told Thai officials, "that they even seem ready to make enemies of our friends."

The Thai officials probably agreed with Mr. Agnew in blasting members of our Senate and House of Representatives. This should be enough to make any red-blooded American's blood boil.

How do you like that?

It wasn't reported, but we wonder if Agnew complained to the same Thai officials about the trouble he is having with his own daughter, who insisted on wearing a black arm band and marching in the demonstration against the war. And what if the Thai officials agreed with Spiro and heaped more abuse on his child. How would Mrs. Agnew like that?

It all narrows down to what is being blurted to who. Like we said, some things must be kept in the family.

The Vatican still does not grant recognition to Israel, but the paragraph I refer to seems to augur a new look. Read it for yourself: "Fidelity to the covenant was linked to the gift of a land which, in the Jewish soul has endured as the object of an aspiration that Christians should strive to understand. In the wake of long generations of painful exile, all too often aggravated by persecutions and moral pressures, for which Christians ask pardon of their Jewish brothers, Jews have indicated in a thousand ways their attachment to the land promised their ancestors from the days of Abraham's calling."

Much more in the same vein is to be found in this amazing pronouncement. You will get a lift from it, and so should ecumenism. The full text may be available through your local B'nai B'rith lodge, synagogue, or Catholic church.

Sands of Time

The twenty-fifth anniversary has just been celebrated of the death of Orde Charles Wingate, Brigadier Win-gate was the British officer who created the Night Squads which defended Jewish settlements against Arab attacks. Philip Slomovitz, one of the deans of Jewish journalists, writes in his Detroit News: "The entire Wingate record among the most fascinating chapters in the Statebuilding process of Israel."

A Christian, Wingate was devoted to the concept of a Jewish State. Churchill said of him: "There was a man of genius whom might have become a man of destiny." Yet, in the files of his superiors, according to the moving story in the Detroit Jewish News, Wingate was considered a security risk in Palestine, a subversive. But history has somehow borne him out.

Although there are sufficient memorials to Wingate in Israel, the mark he made and the common goal he sought with the Jews is more than just tangible. On the sands of Israel, it was possible to build a nation. But the desert sands are treacherous and fickle. A hamsin can blow them into different patterns and obscure heroic foot-prints. Therefore, we are in debt to Philip Slomovitz for saying that we must "recall the name of Orde Charles Wingate with deep gratitude." And be a little subversive by disagreeing with Churchill. A man who helped shape a destiny, becomes a man of destiny.

Concentration Camps U.S.A.

By Robert E. Segal

Starting with the White House where the pray-ins are on the increase, our nation seems to be experiencing quite a number of spasms of the various liberties.

As a strater, Vice President Agnew, who is free to call many of us "an effete corps of impudent snobs," has received the heartwarming assurance from higher up that President Nixon is not going to bridle him. White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler has sent out word that any White House effort to read Vice Presidential speeches would amount to "censorship". That brings Spiro home free. But he, in turn, apparently limited the movements of his daughter, Kim, by forbidding her to march with a black arm band to show her agreement with folks who got up the October Moratorium, calling for a withdrawal from Vietnam.

Even so, curbing speech, as alarming as it is, seems not nearly so serious as some other threats plaguing us lately. Nobody with a high regard for orderly process in the country could fail to be disturbed by the rampaging of the Weatherman faction of Students For A Democratic Society. Nor has the cause of freedom helped when Black students at Dartmouth prevented Dr. William Shockley from delivering a paper of the genetic differences between races. Ans what kind of nonsense was it for Roy Innis, national director of CORE, to warn the three candidates for Mayor of New York to stay out of Harlem? Such leftwing thrusts at restricting the rights of others are deplorable.

Hot winds of reaction blowing from other sectors of

society are equally alarming, perhaps more so because the quantity is greater and all too often the stamp of approval in high places is upon them.

How many of us knew that U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare maintained a Black List? That we reveal patriotic paranoia to the nationals of other countries when it is made known that a Noble prize winner was hemmed in by such a list is bad enough. When such arrogance on the part of federal officials does to men and women who want to be proud of their government but can't be when such practices are exposed is even worse to face.

Indeed, our need to protect ourselves from the excesses of our national government grows more pronounced with each passing month. What is happening to Washington with regard to the rumored threat of potential use of concentration camps in America is a sharp case in point. Not long ago, Attorney General Mitchell's deputy, Richard Kleinsienst, was quoted as saying: "If people demonstrated in a manner to interfere with others, they should be rounded up and put in a detention camp."

Fortunately, Mr. Kleindienst has placed on the record his claim that he was misquoted. Going beyond this, the Nixon Administration has taken positive action to repeal authorization for the federal government to round up subversives and place them in detention camps. Charity suggests that we attribute this move to good motives in high places. But the cause of vigilance for our liberties tells us that if there had not been an outcry, this affirmative move might not have been made.

Traditionally, it is the lawmakers in such units as the House UnAmerican Activities Committee and the highly paid overseers of the Subversive Control Bureau established by the (McCarran) Security Act of 1950 who advocated the use of detention camps in this freedom land. They are too powerful to ignore. For the sake of keeping an important part of our Bill of Rights intact, they must be fought.

Perhaps we can put up with a modicum of censorship, we can survive the mischief of some electronic eaves-dropping, we can even endure the action of misguided barbers who charge disproportionately high prices for cutting long hair. But when storm warnings that tell us so many of our cherished liberties are in danger abound to the degree they now do, Americans who care had better give second thoughts to the tiniest infraction.

That Catholic Document

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

In its long history, the Roman Catholic Church has not delivered itself of a more remarkable statement than the one it issued recently at a lovefest between Catholic prelates and the Anti-Defamation League.

Read by the famed Baltimorean, Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, the affirmation urges the faithful to respect Jews and Judaism, to work more closely with Jews in the furtherance of good causes, to feel apologetic for the persecutions visited by Christians on Jews in the past, and to abstain from attempts to convert the Jewish people.

Prepared as a follow-up to the historic utterances of the Vatican Council, the new document is the handiwork of the Vatican Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity. It goes far beyond the original pronouncement in its tones of kinship and understanding. It is being circulated by the American Bishop's Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations.

One segment of the statement is especially moving, dealing with the Jewish affinity with "Eretz Israel."

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