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 Constitutes A Majority"
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those who will benefit most, are not even committing a crime for which they could be punished after the smoke clears away.

It is all legal and proper, and among the "hard boys" is known as "pulling a job" without even using a gun. It will be spaghetti without knots, or mashed potatoes minus the lumps and will be the softest touch since the invention of the Cotton Gin. The only ones to suffer will be the citizens of the State of Nevada, whose whole economy will be jeopardized, if not ruined.

Since the advent of legalized gambling, making this the "anything goes" state, confidence men have had easy pickings with stock deals, land grabs, real estate operations and whatnot. In the recent past, former hoodlums running the casinos, controlling top entertainers, maneuvering politics, at least gave our major industry color, and tourists loved it. Then we had the appeal of the "never never" land where excitement and merriment held sway, and the top "boys" with their own unwritten law, kept crime here at a minimum.

But all that has changed with the coming of the corporations. "Orders from Washington", we have been muttering under our breaths. "The Feds won't bother us," was the warcry, "if we get rid of those former questionable characters."

And so it happened, with the only ones in sight who could buy out "the boys", the large corporations, paying outlandish purchase prices in the form of paper stock transactions, taking over the lifeblood of our economy, the resort operations. What they are doing with their cost accountants, computers and expense saving measures, is merely the slow road to the poorhouse. Not satisfied with the pace at which the goose is being killed, they want to go whole hog to hasten our demise, with reckless abandon of our destiny.

The perpetrator of this plot against us, with or without full realization of the consequence of his forthcoming proposal, is our good governor, Paul Laxalt, who was responsible for first allowing corporations, especially conglomerates to get their foot into our gambling door. Not satisfied with that encroachment, he now rants and raves that the only hope for our future, the saviour of our state, is the introduction of foreign gamblers to our area.

It seems ironic, that a chief executive, who has unequivocally ousted himself from future public office, should make such a big issue about a far-reaching effect, when such imminent problems, like crime, education, poverty, pollution and civil rights, are facing us from day to day.

Our good District Attorney George Franklin, despite being a member of the same Republican Party as our governor, is the strongest assailant of Laxalt's licensing of foreign gamblers. George, alas, while on the right road is taking the wrong path in attacking the whole concept of corporate inclusion in our gambling, part of which is already an established fact. Franklin, of course, has his eye on the governor's seat to the complete indifference of the other big-wigs of his party.

The district attorney is probably so incensed by his exclusion by fellow Republicans, his vision and reason have been blurred so that he cannot fathom the ulterior motive of the governor's proposed act to let in foreign gamblers.

What amazes this writer is that the stalwart members of our press, those stout defenders of the citizen's interest, those knights protecting parity in public office, are as dense about the intensity of foreign gamblers entering our domain, as the d.a. At least he has a reason for his blindness. What's theirs?

All this hullabaloo of admitting foreign gamblers, claiming it is a dire necessity to not only bolster, but actually save our economy, is a lot of hogwash.

The real motive behind this resultant madness is, not to let the outsiders in, but TO LET OUR GAMBLERS OUT.

Once it is in the books, allowing outside gambling interests to operate, it naturally follows that those already in operation here, with their unlimited bankrolls being embellished daily by the profits they are making in Nevada, will pounce at the opportunity to open up wherever they are allowed all over the world.

What does this mean? It means that money profits being accumulated here in Nevada, bad enough as it is being diverted as dividends to stockholders all over our own land, will be used to build competing gambling establishments in foreign countries. We'll be giving the moguls, the money and muscle to put us out of business.

That's what the governor's new proposal amounts to. If we allow it we'll be the all time suckers of all time.

Impartial Mediators

The proposition that mediators must, by definition, be totally beyond any question of partiality relative to the issues they seek to mediate becomes less true by the day for the Big Four and their labors to find a settlement formula for the broiling Mideast conflict.

The newest crack in the objectivity facade is the news from Paris that France plans to sell to Libya not only the 50 Mirage fighter jets which France consistently denied was its intention, but an additional 50 planes, many of them of a sophistication far beyond the meager military-technological capacity of the ferociously anti-Israeli Libyan revolutionary regime. Israel fears, apparently with good reason that these high-performance military jets will wind up with Egyptian pilots aiming at Israeli targets. Nor does France make any secret of its determination to buttress its previously-waning influence in the Arab world as well as its oil supply resources by an unabashed pro-Arab policy.

Britain has equally besmirched its mediator role by a flat refusal to sell Israel some of its Chieftan tanks, while flirting with the idea of doing something helpful along such lines for the bloodthirsty Iraq regime. Little need be said about the disinterestedness of the Soviet Union as mediator. If any nation can be clacklisted for pursuing a deliberate effort to keep the Middle East in a constant state of tension, it is certainly the Soviet Union.

Even the United States, alas, seems to be moving away from a realization and acceptance of the primary fact of Middle East reality -- that an Israel militarily weakened by a strengthening of its foes is the surest bait for a new assault by these foes.

These then are the impartial -- and self-appointed -- mediators for the Mideast conflict. What friend of reason and justice can quarrel with Israel's fear that the Big Four have fashioned a credibility gap beyond repair?

Is this Revolution?

At first blush, the penetration of the recent assembly of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds by Jewish young people appeared to be a breakthrough of huge significance. The 250 or so students with their literature, their demands, and their eloquent spokesmen stirred the delegates, raising hopes that a broad array of Jewish institutions would benefit by an infusion of young blood.

Later reflection suggest that the invaders really had a limited objective---a highly worthy one, to be sure, but not as wide as it was deep. Paced by Rabbi Hillel Levine, 23, a Harvard graduate student, the visitors at the gate concentrated most of their fire on the quality of and support for Jewish education. To win more community funds for Jewish education, to obtain more status and higher pay for Jewish teachers, to improve Hebrew schools and the educational mechanism of the synagogues, they demanded not only a much more generous subvention but a reordering of federation priorities.

It may be that the reconstruction of the American Jewish community lies in this direction. It may be that the gathering in of more fuel for the idealistic fires of

Jewish youth is needed above all else at this time in the course adaptation to American ways by millions of Jewish immigrants, their children and grandchildren. If these flames are not fed and fanned now, much that is precious may be lost forever.

In his remarkable address to the assembly, Hillel Levine recalled that one federation leader had told him of the resources available to Jewish students in the area: "We have 256 agencies in this city where a Jewish student can have his appendix removed and a mental hospital where he can be committed. We truly care about Jewish students". The youthful rabbi's rejoinder should never be forgotten. "This concern I do not for a moment doubt, and I appreciate it. But it is not our neuroses nor our ruptured appendixes that we wish to share with you. It is our vitality, our enthusiasm, our vision... Coupled with your abilities and your experience, we want to build a Jewish community that is creative and not one that must concern itself with mere survival".

Survival in the face of ostracism, discrimination, persecution, and the machinery of physical annihilation has been an understandable rallying cry up to now. But as spokesmen for youth remind us, a preoccupation with what seems to some a minimal gift from others can result in stalemate and eventual decay. To survive and not achieve fulfillment is to stake out a meager goal in these days of limitless possibilities for imaginative individuals and militant groups.

How the people heading Jewish federations eventually react to proposals made by representatives of the college generation should tell us much about our sense of value. It is indicated that the central agencies will go out of their way to involve collegians and academicians. Too, there is a promise to set up "a task force of the foremost minds in the American Jewish community" to make proposals to the board of the DJFWF on establishing an independent national foundation for developing Jewish identity. There had been a request for \$100,000,000 to finance this venture. Such a sum isn't easy to come by.

One great difficulty with this articulate burst of determination on the part of youth is that college halls empty out rather often. Today's militant has a way of fading down into the gardens of suburban ease in a short time. If a head of steam isn't maintained in the communal pipes, rebels of the 1980's may have to come before the assembly to say again that there is a greater mobilization of resources to combat one crackpot anti-Semite than to deal with the Jewish illiteracy of millions.

One wonders also what the lines of communication are today and will become between the small and earnest band here under discussion and the big world outside---the world of Vietnam and urban unrest and racial dislocations.

NIXON PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Administration on Jewish affairs and urban matters, said that the U.S. was "prepared to supply military equipment necessary to support the efforts of friendly governments, like Israel, to defend the safety of their people". No specific pledge on arms or economic aid to buy military supplies was issued. A statement from President Nixon, read by Max Fisher, an advisor to the

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