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**Misguided Zealots**

The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry was right to condemn "misguided zealots" who disrupted a concert given in New York by two Soviet and world-known musical artists. Jews are touchy about Nazi comparisons because it has become a weird Arab ploy. But the Hitler bully boys used similar methods to break up and terrorize the German population. Recently, in an interview in Israel, Isaac Stern, the American violinist, who was born in Russia and is married to an Israeli said the Soviet system is an internal matter but that he could object to their way of treating his friends.

That makes sense. Protest cannot always be dignified; passions and frustrations can mount. But there are better and more effective ways of bringing to the attention of the Soviet authorities distaste for any form of maltreatment of Jews. It is also become recognized that they respond to such pressures but that this hoodlum kind of activity, as evidenced in a news item out of Moscoe, will get their backs up.

After all, David Oistrakh, one of the artists, is Jewish. This may or may not be tokenism but one must separate any form of manner of Soviet anti-Semitism from artistic activity, and artistic activity from Russian support of reactionary and feudal Arab States.

**Who Is A Jew?**

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Who is a Jew?

Perhaps there's a simple answer to that complex query. Perhaps a Jew is a person who wants to be.

That may not make for a maximal Jew, but it is a better criterion than Jewish birth.

Consider, for example, that three of Pres. Nixon's closest advisers are Jewish by birth: Henry Kissinger, Arthur Burns, and Leonard Garment.

Yet not one of them "works at" being Jewish. Hence, not one of them has apparently felt the impulse to urge the White House to check the pro-Arab drift of the State Department.

Or ponder the Rostow Brothers (Walt and Gene) who used to give counsel to Lyndon Johnson. Neither of them seemingly cared about his Jewishness. So they probably leaned over backwards to avoid a pro-Jewish stance in their White House conversations. So, Walter Lippman pontificated about everything except about the Middle East.

Even Abe Fortas who occupied the so-called "Jewish Seat" on the Supreme Court, is not much of a Jew in terms of affiliation or identification. Oh, yes, he had some training as a child in the Workmen's Circle "shule" in Memphis, but he's an indifferent Jew. After becoming a Supreme Court judge, Fortas accepted a few invitations to address Jewish organizations, but he hardly spoke in the first person as a Jew. Wayne Morse and Ogden Reid are much more at home at Jewish gatherings.

And then there's Robert Merrill, the Metropolitan Opera singer. In a national journal, Mr. Merrill told the world recently how he yearned for a Christmas tree when he was young. His parents wouldn't let him have

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**DAYENU** BY HENRY LEONARD

"Rabbi, why does my daddy smoke in the bathroom on Shabbas, and eat there on Yom Kippur?"

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one, so he made up for that by making sure his children have one. In the article he told about rushing home from a concert one December to make sure he and his Jewish kids would trim the tree.

Prodded, Merrill would probably say he is a Jew. But is he really?

**Just For The Record**

By Leonard Bernstein

This is to set the record straight about the widely publicized and much misunderstood meeting held in my home on January 14th. I want to do it clearly and unequivocally so that no one can fail to understand its purpose.

On that evening a group of interested citizens met at my apartment to hear the lawyer and others involved with the defense of the twenty-one Black Panthers now awaiting trial discuss the problem of civil liberties and to help raise funds for their legal expenses. (Because of our long interest in civil rights, Mrs. Bernstein and I have, over the years, held a number of such meetings in our home to discuss similar problems involving other groups.)

Those present included responsible members of the black community as well as concerned citizens from a variety of walks of life, all of whom share common interest on the subject of civil liberties and equal justice under our law.

It is not easy to discern a consistent political philosophy among the Black Panthers, but it is reasonably clear that they are advocating violence against their fellow citizens, the downfall of Israel, the support of Al Fatah, and other citizens, Fatah, and other similarly dangerous and ill-conceived pursuits. To all of these concepts, I am vigorously opposed, and will fight against them as hard as I can.

PARIS (WNS)--French Government officials were harassing critics of its arms deal with Libya, informed sources reported. Some newspapers which supported Israel were being subject to over-zealous tax inspections while one member of the coalition Paris regime was attacked by President Georges Pompidou during a Cabinet meeting.

I have believed all my life that civil liberties are the heart and core of our democracy. The greatness of our country comes from the fact that every citizen is entitled to the same rights as every other citizen. If we lose this equality before the law, we lose everything.

As an American and as a Jew, I know that religious liberty and civil liberty go hand-in-hand. Destroy one and you endanger the other. I know that my basic concern must be to fight for the survival of our democratic principles. If we deny these Black Panthers their democratic rights because their philosophy is unacceptable to us, then we are denying our own democracy.

I want to reiterate that the purpose of this meeting at our home was to listen to a lawyer and a Panther representative explain what they felt were legal injustices in the upcoming trial of the twenty-one Panthers. The question as to whether the accused Panthers are guilty or innocent will be decided by the courts.

The only concern at our meeting was civil liberties. Therefore, it was in this context only that my wife invited a group of interested citizens to our apartment to help raise funds - not for the Panther Party - but specifically for legal expenses in connection with the defense of the twenty-one Panthers now awaiting trial.

**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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urgent matter in this space, we apologize. As a matter of fact, a column, written and prepared for you readers, on the Reno district attorney's blast at the Nevada Supreme Court, was pre-empted out of here and shunted to our son's Las Vegas Free Press. We couldn't wait another week to bring you up to date on the ultimate in delectable dining, not just in Las Vegas, but anywhere.

What is it that makes one restaurant outstanding among all others, most of which have fine food, good service, competitive prices and pleasant decor? Predominant, of course, is the taste of the dishes being prepared, but we'll save the distinctive savoir at Bombara's for last in today's discourse.

Let's talk about service. At Bombara's there is no status level. You take no chances on a pompous maitre'd a hand-out captain, a snippy waiter or a sloppy bus boy. Carlo Bombara is all of those capacities. He meets you, seats you, serves you and clears the table for the next course. Not only that, he'll sit and join with you on any topic from how a dish is prepared to who was refused admittance and why. On occasion, chores permitting, Carlo's delightful wife Anna, will come out of her immaculate kitchen to visit with the guests.

Also on the subject of service, Bombara treats you like an equal, not a paid intruder usurping space until the next show. The only braid in his "uniform" is the heart of gold under his shirt sleeve attire.

The cost of the meal he serves is ridiculous, especially in a money town like Las Vegas. Four can dine in comfort for hours, under twenty dollars. Let us put it this way: we've never seen anyone squirm when the toll is being taken.

The decor is comfortable. Family heirlooms line the shelf over the fireplace along with framed photos of family members and friends. Potted plants are evident in the compact room in contrast to the self-planted grape vines around the swimming pool seen through parted curtains, hand sewn from material saved through the years. Not oblivious in the simple surroundings are two posters: "If You Don't Like Garlic, Go Home," and "Please be Kind to Mr. Bombara, (signed) Mrs. Bombara."

The food is Italian home cooking. Carlo does his own shopping for the best on the market. Afternoons is spent preparing the courses he expects to serve that evening. Each dish is cooked to order AFTER you arrive and are seated. If there are any menus around, we haven't seen them lately. Mr. Bombara will tell you what he has on tap, a reasonable assortment of Italian nourishment, to suit every desire, and temperament, and you choose what he suggests.

The taste is the difference. A Bombara meal is a journey into delectable seclusion. You start with a salad that has no brother. It is simple oil and vinegar over chopped lettuce, coupe'd with tiny fried shrimp, but the chemistry of mixture is a palatable uniqueness that sets the mood for courses to follow. The dry, toasted garlic bread and the home-made wine are specialties not to be found anywhere else. The over-heaped steaming platters of main dishes, passed around serve-yourself style, call for concentrated commitment of feeding your face. What more can be added?

The last time we were there, the owner of another prominent Italian restaurant on the Strip was hosting a group of ten guests at Bombara's. Is there any higher endorsement?

The fact that Carlo is a little man, just turned 81, with a half century of know-how under his belt, is incidental. His interludes of operatic aires, accompanying himself on the piano, is frosting on the cake. If he were any more gracious, it would be gilding the lily. If he were to introduce any new concoctions in cookery, no matter how delicious, it would be bringing coals to New-castle, jazz to New Orleans, oil to Texas or dice to Las Vegas.

We'll tell you Bombara's is located East on Charleston, at the foot of Sunrise Mountain, but it will do you no good, unless you phone first for reservations, 737-9923, and "good luck".

STANFORD-- Prof. R.F. Zwi Werblowsky, dean of the humanities faculty at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and one of the world's foremost Hebrew scholars, will present a public lecture at Stanford May 11 under auspices of a new Fund for Jewish Studies.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Gen. Amos Horev, chief of the Israeli Defense Forces' supply division, has declared that the Israeli Army was expending ammunition on an "unprecedented scale" and this has become a major supply problem for the armed forces.