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Hussein Lesser of Evils

Generally speaking, dissension and disorder among one's enemies is a welcome development. The ideological split between the Soviet Union and Communist China only dilutes the Red threat to the Western world. Lack of unity among national Democrats in 1968 and New York City Democrats in 1969 only made Richard Nixon's and John Lindsay's victories easier.

But this month's clashes between Jordanian regulars and Palestinian guerrillas cannot automatically bring "heydays" (hurrahs) to Israeli and Anglo-Jewish throats. On the surface, there would seem to be favorable aspects of the battling: It is polarizing the terrorists and is appropriating Jordanian troops who would otherwise continue to man the Israel-Jordan border.

The deeper unfavorable aspects, however, include the battling's effects on the Amman regime and on Israel's jet request.

King Hussein, who has indicated he would seek Soviet armaments if the United States continues military aid to Israel, will never be B'nai B'rith's man of the year; but he is one of the last pro-Western Arab leaders, and should he fall — or be pushed — the result could be an anti-American coup. In addition, Israel has warned that intensification of Arab aggression — such as would occur if terrorists gained control — would require massive reprisals.

Or more immediate discomposure to Israel and world Zionism is the decision by the Nixon Administration — which last week reportedly set this week for approving the sale of 65 jets to Israel — to hold the sale in abeyance once again, this time pending a resolution of the Jordanian-Palestinian clash. Those who favor the immediate sale of as many as 125 jets — including three-quarters of the Senate and half of the House — were thus put in an unexpected position of desiring a quick end to the new rift in the Arab ranks.

Enough of Violence

By ROBERT E. SEGAL

At Kent State University, a mild-mannered student who had won his Eagle Scout badge; two happy girls, loved by all; and a fourth student characterized also as "non-rebellious" are dead at the hands of the National Guard. And a despair deeper than any to grip this nation since the travail of the Great Depression has spread over the land.

Young people bent on destruction and government men with bullets in their guns on the edge of college campuses are only a part of the current story of violence. Temporary sabotage of an honorable peace movement is also unfortunate.

The members of the November Action Coalition, responsible for subverting the honorable intentions of liberals who seek to awaken the nation to the need for an early peace in Vietnam, have had their chance. The damage has been ghastly; the strategy barbaric; the results the very opposite of those desired by all living by the code of truly free men.

In the six months between the dignified and effective demonstrations for peace in October and the disgrace of April, the hard core operators among our 1970 crop of revolutionaries gave ample warning of their determination to blow off the roof. Bombings in New York telegraphed the intentions of more violence to come. Around the country, the madness and irresponsibility of the plotters

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were recorded by reporters and cameramen. At the University of Wisconsin, irresponsibles stole a plane and dropped three regulation bombs on an Army base, luckily miffing the act. At Harvard in early April when members of the Visiting Committee of the Board of Overseers met, November Action Committee operatives violated rules established after previous turmoil by rocking the car to which the committee members repaired after the dissidents had broken up their meeting.

Those in charge of our universities need more than prayer and good intentions now to keep the institutions running. They must have the kind of resolution and wisdom shown by the new President of Hunter College, Jacqueline Grenan Wexler, who stated not long after going into office: "I will sometimes initiate and often support radical change, but I will never support the seizure of a power position by a self-constituted group that gains or sustains that power by force or oppression."

This is a refreshing antidote to the methods employed by the April 15 insurrectionists and to the preachments of David Dellinger (of the Chicago Seven), now calling for the angry young men and young women to move beyond demonstrations, to provide resistance involving force and possibly violence.

Those choosing that path for rebellion are saying now that we cannot look to congressmen and the President for effective change. And at this point the issue seems joined for those who disagree.

For obviously if we are to preserve much that is magnificent about America, we still can do it primarily and most effectively by employing the political process. We will get out of Vietnam and avoid involvement in Cambodia only if we put into office people who will execute the demands for that wise course. And the same applies to our need to get on with the hard work of guaranteeing a viable income to the depressed, curbing inflation, providing satisfactory housing for all, and closing out the scandal of hunger and substandard health care for thousands in America.

The National Commission On The Causes and Prevention of Violence has offered reasonable and sensible recommendations for closing in on the kind of disorder illustrated by the April outrages. The 81 proposals made by that honorable body may not be taken seriously by the majority of our elected officials. But there are aspirants in the wings who could serve our country nobly if the electorate hoisted them into office with the understanding that they would apply with determination the prescription spelled out by the Commission.

Jacob B. Marcus

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Recently Pope Paul celebrated his 50th year as a priest. Mazal tov.

Here in this country grateful students have recently marked the 50th anniversary of the career of a great teacher, Jacob Rader Marcus.

Dr. Marcus is probably the leading American Jewish historian. Ordained a rabbi in 1920 by the Hebrew Union College, he has spent most of his life teaching Rashi and history at that school.

Two generations of rabbis have reason to be thankful to the genial, jovial Dr. Marcus. He has served as president of the American Jewish Historical Society and other Jewish groups, and has lectured extensively all over the world. Before becoming a rabbi he fought in the Jewish Legion of World War I fame.

Born in Connellsville, Penna., Dr. Marcus has never lost his twang. He will display it at the drop of a yarmulke if you ask him something about Jewish history in the U.S., or let him tell you why you should make a contribution to the organization he heads, the American Jewish Archives.

The archives are a repository and research center for

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"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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doesn't begin to tell the whole story of the warmth and comfort he is spreading among all people with an understanding that creeps past the heart into the very soul.

On Aug. 30, 1961, Father Toomey opened a store front church at 2222 E. Charleston under a debt cloud of \$29,662.

Two years later, on Oct. 2, 1963, St. Viator Guardian Shrine opened at 302 E. Desert Inn Rd. It is not yet fully completed but it stands today as Nevada's largest Catholic Church, seating 1030 persons. It is as beautiful an edifice as \$700,000 can produce. The formation committee consisted of Kel Houssells, Moe Dalitz, Tom Foley and A.M. Smith. It was the Desert Inn and Stardust Hotels that contributed the land site, and the Trop, Flamingo, Sands, Riviera, T-Bird, Sahara and Fremont Hotels, along with DeLuca Importing Co., came up with \$163,000 to get the ball rolling.

But Father Toomey was never one to rest on his laurels.

While Guardian Angel Shrine was being constructed, he acquired 15 acres of land for a parish site at Flamingo Rd. and Eastern. Sen. Alan Bible and County Commissioner Harley Harmon assisted in this project which was paid for by Mrs. Harold Kilburg of Chicago. Construction of a multipurpose School Hall, and two classrooms and rectory for three priests, was commenced in 1964. They were dedicated May 22, 1965. Total cost was \$300,000. Not long thereafter six additional classrooms, library, visual aids room, first aid room, storage and maintenance shop came into being. It was the first Catholic School in Nevada to be wired for educational TV. Today 350 attend grade school and 700 are enrolled for religious classes. Next was a convent of five bedrooms, three baths, living room, kitchen, dining area, community room, laundry and chapel to house the Sisters who arrived from Manila in 1966.

Father Toomey is a charter member of American Catholic Psychological Assn., a member of Bd. of Dir. of Natl. Conf. of Christians and Jews, Post Chaplain of Vets. of Foreign Wars and member of Clark County Ministerial Assn.

He will never be forgotten for his annual television of Midnight Mass via Channel 8, KLAS-TV. He implemented "Renewed Liturgy" in which 160 lay men and women participated. His "Open House" to mark the close of the historic Vatican Council in 1965 brought 1800 of all faiths in a tour of St. Viator. He established Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Parish Unit with 600 children under religious instruction. His Ecumenical Good Friday Service brought 9,000 to the Convention Center in 1965 and a similar Prayer Service honoring the visiting Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1967, was attended by more than 10,000.

Thus you know what is related in Father Toomey's dossier.

What you will never know, and words could never express, is the indelible feeling of awe embedded in our heart and mind. Father Toomey is a legend. He exudes confidence and faith and trust. It was the rarest of intervals we had occasion to call on him during the five years of our acquaintance, but knowing he was there was a great source of comfort and satisfaction.

He is a man among men, and knowing him is a gratification, for which we will always be thankful.

Jewish life in the U.S. Dr. Marcus will be happy to receive minutes of any Jewish organization you know about, or memorabilia about any of your ancestors here, anything that pertains to the history of our people in this republic.

If you have such data, send it to him, care of the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio. He'll photostat the stuff and return it to you.

Author of scads of books (one of them on Jewish life in Germany), "Jake" Marcus, as his friends call him, is far from being pedantic. He's a rabbi's rabbi, a favorite among his students, and it is understandable that they are the ones who are whipping it up on the golden anniversary of their teacher's career.

Dr. Marcus has known personal tragedy, having lost a wife and daughter. Philosopher and theologian that he is, Dr. Marcus knows that you can't eliminate grief; you can only combat it by devotion to good causes.

And what finer cause is there than that of truth. Hail to a champion of truth, a great scholar and a delightful person: Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus! The Pope should only be as popular!

NEW YORK — A public call to ten Jewish organizations to drop their announced plan to bring legal action against the Mandated Services Bill which the New York State Legislature passed last month to provide limited financial assistance to non-public schools, was issued by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America, the Orthodox Jewish group which had spearheaded the fight for the passage of the bill.

NEW YORK — Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and Associate Justice William O. Douglas head the roster of government, business, and academic speakers at the McGraw-Hill Conference on Industry and the Environment to be held June 16-18 at the Hotel Americana here.