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When the Messiah comes...



"I'm joining, Rabbi, 'cause I only want to date Jewish boys, observe the Jewish customs and learn the Talmud."
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TELL TALES
"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"
 BY JACK TELL



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 overly optimistic, our gratitude knows no bounds for this slight ray of hope breaking through the darkest of skies for more than a score of years.

We're talking about the recent developments that have taken place, and which neither Pres. Nixon, nor the Russians with their superior diplomatic abilities, and certainly the Arabs, could possibly have anticipated.

The first unexpected break in the action came with the commencement of the Civil War in Jordan and the ability of King Hussein to quell the uprising. Then, it appears, the sudden death of Egypt's Nasser, apparently was a deterrent in the hostilities that could have erupted at any moment.

The breach of contract by the Egyptians in building the missile sites during the cease fire, also worked in Israel's favor. It was then the U.S. okayed the purchase of the jet fighter planes by Israel and extended credit for at least another billion dollars worth of arms aid for the next year. All this during the most significant months of non-violence in the history of Israel. It kept the hot heads in the Knesset from stirring up patriotic fervor to extremities while cooler minds kept equilibrium on an even keel.

The latest news from Israel is Prime Minister Golda Meir's policy statement to Parliament that her country would be prepared to return to the U.N. sponsored talks and an extension of the Cease Fire, when the conditions "are right". It is very significant that Israel is no longer demanding the roll back of the Russian missiles from the Suez Canal area. The reason for this is another circumstance that evolved in the recent months.

It was enough time for American mechanical and scientific genius to develop a radar instrument that could jumble the electronic devices on the S-2 and S-3 anti-missile sites to make them ineffective. The U.S. has already delivered the radar instruments to Israel, which brings the whole matter back to status quo.

This is the best possible position Israel has been in since her creation as a nation. Barring unexpected incidents it could very well be the beginning of the dawn of a new era for Israel.

Of course, we must never lose sight of the strong possibility, even probability, that Russia will scheme some method and manner to provoke the situation. It is hardly likely the Reds will sit this one out, but then again, we have the new circumstance of Israel relinquishing some of the occupied land near the Suez, with the understanding that if the canal is opened, all nations will be allowed its use.

Another possibility is the rejuvenation of the smoldering guerrilla forces, that could be a thorn in the side of peace prospects. Here again, we are up against the unpredictable, and therefore all we can do is hope.

Meanwhile, let's keep our minds at ease, take one day at a time, and hope and pray the tensions lessen rather than worsen.

Please, dear God, at least until Chanukkah.

FREE ENTERPRISE'S ENEMY
 by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

The worst enemy of free enterprise is free enterprise. Protagonists of capitalism say that industry and commerce, under the American competitive system, excels in efficiency.

It does? What about the railroads? A train is still the most relaxing form of transportation. But those in charge of the railroads have cannibalized their own product. When you mention a train now you have to do "of blessed memory."

Or take the automobile, the crown of the industrial age. True, General Motors is the largest corporation on earth (and its two competitors also do well), but their product is often defective and is the chief culprit in staining our atmosphere. Ask Nader's Raiders for more particulars.

And what about the telephone? You can go mad these days trying to make a phone call. Sickly symptomatic of the malaise of this item is the New Yorker magazine cartoon where the employer says to the job applicant: "Don't you try to call me. I'll try to call you." It's the phone company that ought to be tried.

And the airlines are also, in many ways, a mess. And the airwaves (that is, tv and radio) are also fouled up by an industry that is often juvenile and inefficient. Think of those miserable programs and those absolutely exasperating commercials.

As you mentally add to the list I've started and begin to think of those big companies which are inept and frequently bankrupt, it scares you. Because, after all, we shy away from the Communist propaganda which belittles free enterprise.

Thank heaven, the Communists are also shlemiels in the way they do many things. But it frightens you to think that by its wretched record free enterprise may look good. Oy vey!

NEW YORK (WNS) - The world's Jewish population increased by 89,000 in 1969 to an estimated total of 13,875,000 it was reported in the 1970 edition of the American Jewish Year Book, published jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society. The Year Book also reported the current inter-marriage rate of 10 to 15 percent of all Jewish marriages in the U.S. was expected to increase in the future.

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
 The death of the late Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt has created a political flux in the Middle East whose outcome is still unclear. Mr. Nasser may not have been able to lead the Arab world to a peace settlement with Israel, but such was his charisma and stature with the Arab masses, he could prevent any other Arab leader from seeking such a settlement.

But with his death the picture has changed. The sudden announcement of a planned future Arab socialist federation of underpopulated but oil rich Libya, with agriculturally productive Sudan and populous Egypt with its growing professional and technically trained cadres, has created a two-fold possibility which the more conservative Arab states such as Lebanon, Jordan and Saudi Arabia find unpleasant.

One possibility would be that the new federation, occupying the northeast quadrant of Africa, would concentrate on its own affairs and let the Arab states of Asia go their own way.

The second, and more unpalatable possibility, is the instigation and support of guerrilla type movement, such as the Egyptian sponsored Yemen revolution that overthrew the ruling Imam.

Suddenly, we hear, it is no longer necessary for Israel and Egypt to sign the first peace treaty if peace is to come to the Middle East.

Political analysts listen with interest as Israel expresses a willingness to continue the Jarring peace talks with Jordan since there have been no missile violations on the Jordanian front. It is pointed out that Jordan, as the weakest and most unstable of Israel's major antagonists has much to gain from a peace settlement. And it is remembered that it was King Hussein's grandfather who, before his assassination in 1948, was about to sign a peace treaty with Israel after her War of Independence.

If Jordan signs a peace treaty, can Lebanon be far behind? It is not for nothing the world has long said "It matters not who signs the first peace treaty. Lebanon will sign the second." And if two Arab states recognize Israel's right to existence with secure and defined borders, it is only a matter of time until the others do so.

IS DIRTY CAMPAIGNING NECESSARY
 by ROBERT E. SEGAL

Some of us have been naive enough to expect to see the day dawn soon when the National Fair Campaign Practices Committee would be going out of business. But judging by examples of tricky election footwork in the hard-fought battles for the vote, just over, the national organization aiming to remove dirt from politics will have to buy more detergents than ever.

Overriding all other examples of distortion, in the estimation of this one observer, was that of politicians making a mighty effort to blame Democratic candidates and indeed the Democratic Party itself for violence, name calling, heckling, and other forms of offensive demonstrations. At Belleville, Illinois, close on to Election Day the Vice President was quoted as saying that the Democrats "had been stimulating and encouraging these people." More pointedly, Senator-elect James L. Buckley, New York Conservative, when asked by a reporter why he had charged that some people could infer that an opponent, Richard L. Ottinger, would condone violence of groups like the Ku Klux Klan and the Black Panthers, replied: "Just to let him know that we had the ammunition."

Actually the alleged stage managing for parts of the

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campaign would strike many as offensive as the smears themselves. Competent reporters, traveling with the President, asserted that on some occasions, hecklers were allowed into the hall to serve as foils for Mr. Nixon's cries of outrage against such misguided screamers.

One of the most exasperating examples of misrepresentation was that directed against Father Robert F. Drinan of Massachusetts, who won the distinction of being the first priest elected to Congress from any state. Father Drinan's nominated opponent used a radio spot beginning with the cry, "Off the pigs!" thrice repeated and followed by the candidate's assertion that Father Drinan was using people to disobey the law. A Boston Globe writer, who says this attack on Father Drinan as an example of "cut-throat tactics," patiently traced the distortion thus: "Father Drinan once said that 'in the Nuremberg context' (which means not standing by while your nation commits atrocities like killing 6,000,000 persons because they are Jews), a citizen 'in conscience' must be prepared to violate unjust laws. In this context, where does Father Drinan's opponent stand? Is he in favor of the legal methods used in Nazi Germany?"

Perhaps the most ominous hatchet job of the entire campaign was that conducted by the American Security Council. That body, formed in Joe McCarthy's heyday in part to provide a blacklisting service for employers, has drawn tremendous funds from defense contractors and has attracted patrons of the far right including George Wallace's 1968 running mate, General Curtis LeMay, and Patrick J. Frawley, west coast champion of ultra-conservative causes.

Boasting they were taking ads in 200 newspapers during the campaign, the American Security Council's obvious intent was to depict as abettors of Communists' designs those lawmakers who voted against ABM or took any other stand which might be interpreted as the vote of a dove. Congressman Jonathan Bingham of New York quite properly described one of the American security Council's pre-election operations as "a rigged rightwing propaganda...a fraud upon the public."

When all the votes were counted and the winners acclaimed, the somber and sobering fact remained, of course, that those who had chosen to touch lightly on such fundamental considerations as poverty, welfare, war-and-peace, inflation, and education while trying to make violence the key campaign issue, would, if they found themselves victorious, have to redeem their pledges to put a stop to the disorders. California Governor Ronald Reagan illustrates this dilemma as well as any winning candidate: Crime has been on the rise and campus unrest has been constant during his first term as governor. Now that he has been re-elected, what new formula can he conjure up for ending disorders?

Nor is there comfort in the thought that as the Presidential campaign of 1972 begins to heat, some television ad men, politicians careless with the truth, and a host of other schemers will becloud the issues and dream up new and more terrifying smear campaigns.

NEW YORK - The 1970 elections were noteworthy in the distinctive lack of racism and anti-Semitism both in the campaigns and in the voters' choices, according to Hyman Bookbinder, Washington Representative of the American Jewish Committee.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) - Thirty-two nations introduced a draft resolution condemning "all acts of aerial hijacking or other interference with civil air travel" in the Sixth Committee (Legal) of the General Assembly. The measure called for the convening of an anti-hijacking convention in the Hague, The Netherlands, in December.

NEW YORK (WNS) - Samuel Rothberg, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and chairman of the University's Board of Governors, announced the establishment of the Aron and Michael Chlewich Chair of International Trade at the University which opened its new academic year with a student enrollment of 16,000.