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 "One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"  
 BY JACK TELL



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saw youngsters being taken, not to detention centers, but to the homes of Mike and "Moon" where they spent time with people who cared. The formula was simple. The first step was gaining confidence of an apparent incorrigible youth. After that it was easy, showing the teenagers how to overcome frustration for the moment, and then the means of what to do and where to go at that precise time. Here were men who handled situations as they were happening. The long range philosophy of hammering home right from wrong was not accomplished with a club beating someone's brains out, but with proper understanding and communication. In most cases the cure came from within and the net results were better future citizens.

What was an intangible mutual respect in those days, is adding up right now, to a tangible support in the voting booth.

Now Mike is our governor and we have every reason to believe he will continue to use the same psychology in attending to the affairs of state. He has the breeding, the background, the tolerance for prevention and cure, and from now on they will be applied to the advantage of all of us, including the youngsters. With that premise in mind, just what do we expect from Gov. O'Callaghan?

We know he has the integrity. We have every reason to believe he has the capacity and we hope that any mistakes he may make, will be little ones.

Under O'Callaghan's guidance we have strong feeling Nevada will emerge as a state of stature. After all, we have so much more than other states going for us to boost our economy, its about time the allout effort was made to make us the model for others to follow. With our legalized gambling revenue and our outstanding resort attractions bringing millions of visitors annually to further swell our coffers, coupled with Nellis and Mercury, there is no reason why we can't be the one to set the example. We dispense happiness, entertainment, comfort, relaxation for tourists and vacationers. Why should the residents of Nevada be deprived, in any degree, of the advantages we offer our visitors? If it can be done, Gov. Mike will do it.

He has already started us on the road to a new era by appointing capable, enthusiastic and mainly younger men in key posts. That's the first step in the right direction. There will be others selected, based on ability, not campaign payoff, and that's what will count.

First and foremost on Mike's agenda, we hope, will be relief from human sufferings. We don't know how, but we're sure Gov. Mike will find the way to diminish, if not eliminate poverty. If money is the necessary requirement to do it, Mike will find the funds. After all, who among us is proud of an idle \$24 million state surplus? If jobs, and more jobs is the answer, leave it to Mike. If its a combination of greater utilization of federal assistance, plus education, plus better understanding of union relations, O'Callaghan will open the door.

Mike will break the stalemate in Equal Rights, school dissention, crime and dope. He'll do it, we know, and any one of the innovations he brings about could be the springboard to national prominence.

In these days of unrest, Mike provides the one ray of hope for our frustrations. We have every confidence he will show us the way out of our despair. By this time next year we will be on the way to better schools, cleaner environment, more security in mind and body, and a general feeling of flowing in the right direction. Gov. Mike will do this, and more, for us. Wait and see.

That's why we're proud we raised our small voice to help bring him to the governorship. We know he will not let us down.

### Punishment Fit Crime?

Under Soviet Law, Article 15 of the Russian Criminal Code, an attempted crime is equal to a committed one. Under Article 64A, fleeing the country is equal to treason. We cannot argue with Soviet Law; it is an internal matter. On moral grounds, we would be weak in condemning article 15 since we have somewhat similar laws in this country. What we can argue with is conducting the trials of the Leningrad Eleven in secrecy and not permitting Western newsmen to observe. What we can question is the Soviet version of the admission of those found guilty. But even assuming the guilt of the eleven, does the punishment fit the crime? About this too, we can raise voices.

This is not an ethnic matter; it is one of concern to all people. What is necessary is for the court of world opinion to convene and make its feelings known against such excessive punishment. Russian officials have been known to respond to pressure and to appeals for clemency. The seven days allowed these eleven defendants to appeal may not be enough time, either for them or world opinion to muster sufficient force. And perhaps, although the thought is frightening, this part of the protest may be lost.

But another twenty Jews are scheduled to be tried for similar feasons and under similar conditions. There is sufficient time to make feelings known to Soviet officials. In addition to Jewish organizations, there are people both in this country and elsewhere in the world, with proper credentials, whose voices will be listened to by the Soviets. They--must be reached.

### A Puzzled Commentary

By Jack Siegel

In the early days of the Russian Revolution, even the Labor Zionists were permitted to function. The society, newly-formed and freed of Czarist inhibitions, was viable and quite open. There was even a wider acceptance of ingress and egress. Soviet citizens could leave the country, provided they had committed no crime, and some even came back. There was tremendous interest in the Russian experiment and a famous American newsman, Lincoln Steffens, visited there and on returning, said, "I have seen the future and it works." But sometimes, it appears, there has been a reversion to the past, which did not work.

What is the animus of the Soviets against Zionism? True, it is a nationalist movement. But so are movements elsewhere in the world, which the Soviet Union supports. In addition,

the USSR has within its confines scores of separate nationalities, each of which has a government, uses its own language, publishes in that language, runs theatres, schools and so on. The Biro-Bidjan experiment, a nation for Jews, failed. Perhaps it failed because Jews, released from Czarist anti-Semitism, believed they could find a freer life within the Soviet system. Unquestionably, those Jews in the Soviet Union who voice a desire to leave, whether for Israel or elsewhere, constitute if not a threat, an embarrassment to the regime. Also, they are being caught in the center because of the situation in the Middle East. It stands to reason that, being against Israel there, (it doesn't matter whether or not Israel plays the American game or wants to insure its own survival), the Russians must follow through on their own policy and be antagonistic to its indigenous Jews who express a desire to leave.

This is part of the grand struggle going on in the world now. Attempts at disarmament, through the SALT talks, are small palliatives and will not allay the basic rivalries. It is wrong and ineffective, in an effort to save the Jews either condemned or about to be, to isolate this problem from the whole problem. And an effort should be made to settle the larger issues before the smaller ones.

However, on humanitarian grounds alone, on the grounds of world precedent wherein no hijacker or attempted hijacker has yet been sentenced to death, an appeal should be made to the Soviets for a stay of execution. Our logic is not Soviet Logic but human considerations (perhaps) in this season of the year, might prevail.

### Zionism

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Attacked by goons and buffoons, Zionism should be properly understood.

Zionism is not a movement to transfer the Jews of the world to Israel.

Zionism is the belief that those Jews who want a nation of their own should have a right to do so.

Zionism is not something confined to Jews. Anyone who believes in the right of a people to its own destiny is a Zionist.

Zionism can also be read as American style democracy. The Arab leaders mistreat their own people and keep them in degradation, squalor and disease. They allow them no right to vote or to move up in the quality of living.

Zionism is the reverse of all that. It brings to the Israelis (including the Arabs and Christians there) freedom, the right to vote, good pay, good health and good education.

The effort to make a distinction between Jews and Zionists is a sneaky one. True, not every Jew is a Zionist, but when the anti-Semites (including Arab leaders) say they are opposed to Zionism but not to Judaism, they are using the same tactic that other anti-Semites have used in declaring that they like "good" Jews but not the other kind.

Actually, the chief beneficiary of Zionism will ultimately be the Arab masses who will benefit from the modern trends being introduced into the Mideast by Jews.

Of late, Russian leaders have aped the Arab leaders in referring to Jews they don't like as Zionists. Beware of this trend.

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