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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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The problem stems from the surreptitious stoppage of families from relief checks without a proper hearing. You and I and the entire populace including most on relief themselves, don't want to see relief cheaters receive their checks, and would even like to see them punished. But the big question is to show publicly that those whose checks have been stopped are the real cheaters. This can be accomplished in only one manner. Order immediate return of all check recipients. Then conduct individual hearings to determine the merits in each case. The cheaters know who they are. The actions of the Relief Board has served notice for them to stop the nefarious practice. Do it immediately, Gov. Mike. The citizens of Nevada love you, and want you and know you will do the right thing. You will never let us down. On that we'll stake our reputation.

Respectfully,
Jack Tell

The Brussels Conference

The World Conference on Soviet Jewry has proved an embarrassment to the Soviet Union and American Jewish leaders. The attack by the Soviet Union on the Conference as "anti-Soviet" and a "cold war conference" and its attempts to intimidate the Belgium government for permitting the conference to be held in Brussels, ironically gave even wider publicity to the continuing anti-Semitic policies of the Soviet Union and spotlighted its apprehension over the continued world awareness of such activities. Similarly, the continuing attacks on Rabbi Meir Kahane and the Jewish Defense League by American Jewish establishment leaders, and the refusal to permit the Rabbi to address the Conference because "his organization is on the fringes of American Jewish society" can only strengthen the Rabbi's position and weaken that of his detractors. Already questions are being asked. If the JDL is a "fringe organization" what harm could occur if Rabbi Kahane had been permitted to address the Conference? Or was the refusal based on the fear that the JDL really represents a growing element in the American Jewish community? It is time for the American Jewish establishment to reconsider its position. The past few weeks have seen a growing number of Jewish youth groups, Jewish leaders and Anglo-Jewish publications coming to the defense of Rabbi Kahane and the JDL, even though they are and have been publicly opposed to the tactics and methods of the JDL. They support Rabbi Kahane and the JDL because they believe the fight should be against the common enemy, Soviet anti-Semitism, not against fellow Jews. And they believe that Rabbi Kahane and the JDL have the same right to speak and demonstrate as have other American groups and individuals.

Commentary

By JACK SIEGEL

In a recent article in the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag, entitled "Reopening Suez Important For Soviet Interests," the writer R.A. Konig scores some interesting points regarding the Suez Canal. Mr. Konig outlines the forces which Russia has placed, not only in Egypt, but in the whole Middle East and surrounding areas. Since 1967, says Mr. Konig, the Soviet Union has increased its naval force from five submarines and cruisers to thirty surface vessels and ten submarines, all based in Egypt, Syria, Libya and Algeria. The airstrips in Egypt have increased since 1967 from twenty-one

to thirty and five hundred bombproof pads have been built for Soviet MIGS. We don't know where Mr. Konig gets information but he gives it an authentic ring. He also says that in the Indian Ocean, Russia has moved in "to plug the gap" left when Britain pulled out in 1968. Although the present British Prime Minister has had some second thoughts about English policy in the area following his meeting with Mr. Nixon, Russia nevertheless has one cruiser, three destroyers, four conventional submarines and one nuclear, and a number of supply vessels. These operate from Yemen, Bergera, Somalia, and Socotra, island at the entrance to the Red Sea. The Soviets and some of their East European counterparts are already in Aden.

Mr. Konig says the opening of the Suez Canal would enable Russia to link its Mediterranean and Indian Ocean Fleets. This does not mean that counteractions by both Britain and the United States, with which Mr. Konig deals briefly, are not being entertained or implemented.

But he ends his piece with the following: "There can be no doubt that the bargaining over a reopening of the Suez Canal is an important card in Israel's hand as far as the United States is concerned. The Israelis would also like to use the Canal, preferably achieving this aim with the aid of American assistance.

"If they prove unable to do so Israel too would have little alternative but to participate in a pax Sovietica over Suez." And in view of recent reports emerging in the press that the United States is pressuring Israel to concede in the negotiations with the Arabs, what options do exist for Israel? There is, on the other hand, a report in Jack Anderson's column - A Drew Pearson Associate - that the United States is interested in keeping the Suez closed in order that the two Soviet fleets cannot link up. These are contradictory factors, if not facts.

Still another view was presented by Thierry Desjardin who wrote for the French paper Le Figaro from Cairo in mid-February that "in spite of efforts for improvement, in spite of enormous quantities of equipment and Soviet aid, Egypt does not have an army to speak of..." Mr. Desjardin reported on large scale maneuvers held at the end of January in the desert between Cairo and Suez in which elite units of infantry and armored brigades took part, as well as the air force. The exercise was planned for 72 hours but halted after twelve, when units did not meet and supplies did not reach their destination. This, according to the report, was one of the reasons Egyptian President Sadat proposed extension of the cease-fire for another month and began the kind of negotiations now going on.

These are the gamma-rays of modern politics; gamma being of Hebrew origin from the letter gimmel but the rays are the degree of contrast of a developed photographic image. There are methods of interpreting a picture and this one is not easy.

Our good Governor called us back and we spent a half hour on the phone. He was very much concerned with the fate of the relief families. Gov. O'Callaghan listed the many improvements in his schedule. We agreed and asked him to do whatever he could to avert the Poverty March, which could lead to dire consequences, with him as the goat. He said he would give it every consideration. He would not subvert to extremist elements. We explained it was a big decision and we had every confidence he was a big enough man to cope with it. Let's hope it turns out okay.

Taste of Yiddish

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

If you could think of a knowledge of Yiddish as a tasty meal, the entree was Leo Rosten's book, "The Joys of Yiddish." Now we have been served the main course. It is a brand new book called "The Taste of Yiddish," by Lilliam Mermin Feinsilver. The new book towers over everything ever written in English on the Yiddish language. This delicious book lists hundreds of Yiddish expressions and explains their meaning. It has a chapter on the impact Yiddish has made on English, and another on the way English has affected Yiddish.

The section on religion is a small college education on Judaism. Mrs. Feinsilver knows what she is writing about. For twenty-five years she has been assembling notes and has been working on this book, which is a masterpiece.

Leo Rosten was the first to admit that he was an amateur in Yiddish, not an expert. He is a "feinshmeker," not a Feinsilver. Mrs. Feinsilver is an authority on the subject. Also, she has a deft style and she writes in a breezy fashion and includes countless anecdotes. Looking over her shoulder as she wrote the book was her gifted husband, Rabbi Alexander Feinsilver, of Easton, Penna.

If you want to laugh, weep, get smart, or just enjoy a movable literary feast, rush to your nearest bookstore and buy this book. Young People and brides and confirmends and non-Jews as well will lick their fingers over it. It's published by Thomas Yoseloff.

As the writer says in her delightful foreward, "Ess Gezunterhait," -- enjoy this delicious book in good health.

LONDON (WNS)--Interpol, the international police agency, has warned airport and airline officials that seven members of the Palestine Liberation Front are known to be in Europe and are believed to be planning a new series of airliner hijackings.

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