

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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order to return recipients to the relief rolls, as we knew he would. The governor then properly stated, he would proceed with due process including adequate notice and a fair hearing to determine those ineligible for welfare. Who can object to that? We doubt that even the most ardent supporters of welfare want to maintain cheaters on the roster. In one swoop Judge Foley showed fortitude, strength, guts and honesty to eliminate the confusion and bring this embarrassing controversy back into proper perspective.

What happened was a surreptitious stopping of relief checks affecting some 3,000 persons. The state welfare administrator claimed these persons were cheating. The National Welfare Rights Organization immediately jumped at this opportunity to make Nevada an example for all others to follow. We were to be guinea pig. Demonstrations were organized aimed at disrupting the gambling industry with threats to continue week after week until relief is accorded. This brought on anti-protestors, who demonstrated against the demonstrators. And all for what? To determine whether those removed from welfare had adequate, fair hearings.

Judge Foley's ruling on this point stated specifically: "notices of termination did not meet constitutionally required notice provisions." He based his decision on the haste with which the Welfare Division moved to cut off so many recipients at once. This caused a chaotic situation, said the judge, and the sheer number of the terminations made in a relatively short period of time rendered effective communication between recipients and case-workers, and effective assistance to recipients, nearly impossible. Now, doesn't that make sense?

The good judge further stated, "the administrator and welfare

employees ran roughshod over the constitutional rights of eligible and ineligible recipients alike."

The Israelite hastens to call attention to the fact that this is not a question of whether welfare payments are sufficient to meet the needs of recipients. That is a matter to be determined by statute law. Anyone who objects to the amount or the policy of determining who is eligible, or even the existence of welfare itself, should seek to change the law. The same goes for welfare demonstrators, now that Judge Foley has ruled on the points in issue.

It is ignorance on the part of anyone, at this stage, to continue rash accusations about welfare being a gratuity or a charity. Judge Foley clearly explains this a matter of state law: "Welfare benefits are a matter of statutory entitlement for those qualified to receive them." Anyone who seeks to alter this status, should appeal to legislators to change the law. Judge Foley does not make the laws. He merely interprets them.

We have heard reference made about the good judge being a leftist, a Communist, a nigger-lover, etc. This is a great disservice to a man of integrity. We believe his ruling will go far to alleviate a problem that is affecting the lives and surroundings of all Nevadans.

By the same score, we maintain that those professional welfare organizers who sought to disrupt the equilibrium in our state, no longer have a leg to stand on. They are purposely distorting the governor's message to weed out the cheaters, which he has every right to do and which all, but those with ulterior motives, are in favor of 100 per cent.

Let's all get together stop the nonsense, and let articulate spokesmen carry on their differences of opinion in American, gentlemanly fashion.

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"domestic catharsis." And when was such a fresh start ever more in order than right now when we have all this organizational infighting over the Jews of Russia? And the jet age Moses ---where's he?



BILINGUAL CHALK-TALK SHOWS CHAPLAIN BERNARD FRANKEL (CENTER, JEWISH CHAPLAIN ASSIGNED TO COMMANDER FLEET ACTIVITIES, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN, DISCUSSING THE HEBREW RENDITION OF THE COMMANDMENT, "HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER," WITH CHAPLAIN GORDON S. COOK (LEFT), PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN AT THE U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL IN YOKOSUKA, WHO PROVIDED THE ACCOMPANYING GREEK VERSION. THIS PROJECT IS AMONG THE MANY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH CHAPLAIN FRANKEL AND OTHER JEWISH CHAPLAINS SERVED BY THE NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD COMMISSION ON JEWISH CHAPLAINCY CONDUCT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

been able to part the waters, thrown down the pursuing foe into the sea, put down the riot in the wilderness, establish the commissary, provide good, sanitary drinking water and food where food was hard to come by, make the sub-committee on ethical standards work, slug it out with the golden calf, etc., etc?

Not likely. Long before we got the marvelous festival of Passover---a religious celebration unique in continuity and significance---Moses realized he would have to go it alone and leave the committee work for later. It's true he complained to the almighty that he had a speech problem, that he faltered a bit and cried: "Please, O Lord, make some one else Your agent." (Here, the all-benevolent came up with the solution of turning the speaking bit over to Aaron.)

Its true also that Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, said to Moses: "The thing you are doing is not right; you will surely wear yourself out, you as well as this people. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone." Jethro went even further; he counseled Moses to keep tight hold of the great decisions while getting himself a few subcommittees to handle the minutia.

Well, as we prepare to sit down at the Passover table in 1971, we have the rich satisfaction of knowing the whole divine plan worked out extremely well in the end. But just at this juncture of our history, as we look at the seemingly insurmountable task of saving Soviet Jewry (one in every four Jews of the modern world), we need to agonize long and hard about finding ourselves another Moses. In addition, we must figure out a way to handle the committee, or the committees, the subcommittees, and the sub-subcommittees.

Anybody who had the exhilarating experience of participating in the Brussels Conference is dead certain of that. The luxury of bickering over who sits at the head table, who handles which decisions, who raises the money, who decides policy and who screens out the applicants for membership may continue to be indulged in; but that won't get the Jews of Russia many miles closed to Israel very fast.

And the parallels applying to the plight of the 3,500,000 Russian Jews of today with the desperate situation of what some scholars estimate to be the 2,500,000 Hebrews of the time of Moses are too striking for comfort.

In that marvelous book, "Life Is With People," the authors, Mark Zborowski and Elizabeth Herzog, gave us a memorable picture of preparation for the Passover in the shtetl long ago: "Everything was taken out of the house; the walls were whitewashed, the furniture was scrubbed with boiling water. Then we used a kind of sharp grass to take off the dirt from the furniture. Then it was scrubbed with a piece of white iron while boiling water is poured over again...The house is a real 'upside-down'."

The authors term this pre-Passover rite a

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A Credibility Gap

It is strange that despite the assertions of government leaders from President Nixon on down that the United States is not applying pressure on Israel to accept Egypt's terms for a peace treaty, reports continue to circulate at home and abroad that such pressures are being applied.

Evidently, it is not enough for the President to publicly declare that final borders must be negotiated between the states involved, or for an Assistant Secretary of State to write for publication that "it (the U.S.) has never taken the attitude that the Security Council Resolution of June, 1967, requires total Israeli withdrawal in all cases to be pre-June 5, 1967 line." The doubts still persist.

Jewish leaders and political figures warn of pressures, current or to be applied, newsmen quote unnamed sources to the same effect and one pair of nationally syndicated columnists write that State Department Arabists almost wanted to "declare war" on Israel to compel an Israeli withdrawal to pre-war lines.

One is at a loss to account for this feeling, almost of distrust of American governmental leaders when, on all sides, one sees evidence of good faith towards Israel.

The feeling can, perhaps, best be accounted for by the knowledge that if Israel is compelled to withdraw to vulnerable and undependable borders, the next attack, when and if it comes, may be the last attack--the one to write finis to the first Jewish state in 2,000 years.

Hunt for New Moses

by ROBERT E. SEGAL

A whimsical columnist, Arthur Hoppe, blew a few smoke rings not long ago and began toying with the thought of what might have happened to the Israelites back there 1300 years before the common era if it had left up to a committee, instead of one extraordinary man---Moses---to lead the people out of Egypt through the wilderness into the Promised Land.

Any number can play this fanciful game. Standard Operating Practice in these modern times certainly calls for the appointment of a Committee for practically any cause. It may be ad hoc; it may be standing; and all too often, it may be lying down. But suppose our ancestors, weary of taking all the bumps Pharaoh and his several committees and subcommittees gave them, had gone into the committee business for themselves to find a way to get out from under Pharaoh's spiked boots; would it have taken a mere 40 years to get to Canaan? And would the subcommittee have

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