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Leningrad Trial No. 2

Once again the Soviets have placed Jews on trial for the crime of desiring to emigrate to Israel where they can live as Jews.

After the first Leningrad trial, it was hoped that the world outcry against the treatment of the eleven defendants, nine of them Jews, would prevent a second demonstration of this kind. The mockery of a trial which uses as evidence of anti-Soviet activities the circulation among Jews of the novel "Exodus" and a book of Jewish history invited worldwide protest.

It should not be forgotten that this trial of nine Soviet Jews, closed to foreign newsmen, follows a long period of imprisonment during which the defendants were not permitted counsel or visits by their families or friends.

Tass, the Soviet news agency, has reported that defendant Hillel Butman has confessed and implicated his eight co-defendants. If true, we cannot discount the possibility of brainwashing, something not unknown to Soviet justice as the Stalin purge trials of the 1930's attest, or the pressures of long-imprisonment without access to family or friends.

And we must also heed Butman's wife, Eva, who has denied the Tass report and says there is nothing to confess, only that the Butmana applied for a permit to go to Israel.

Melting Pot Is Dead

By JACK SIEGEL

"An anti-semitic is somebody who hates the Jew more than is necessary" says an old Hungarian cynicism. One of the recent Emmy Award winners was a program which has as a base the humor of racial mockery. The creator of the program was referred to by the master of ceremonies as a "Hebe." The Blacks, in recent times were the first to initiate the opening to the bereft, those people who needed the wit of wry slurs on ethnic others. The old melting pot idea in which groups from other parts of the world, from varying nationalities and religions, could come together in the United States and become Americans is going. Emma Lazarus' poem on the Statue of Liberty spoke of the poor, the huddled masses. This was in the early days of American immigration, when the only generic and similar attribute those coming to the United States shared was the golden dream of freedom.

Now there is slowly developing a new concept of freedom: cultural pluralism. Every group can do its own thing. And it does not seem to be meeting much resistance from any quarter. The Blacks have taken to indifference

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about segregation and the pressure is off for all of us to become one happy family. We can become a group of happy families, in a sense communes somewhat like what young people are doing in flight from what they consider to be a destructive society.

Is this good for the Jews?

Abraham

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

"Abra-, Abra- ham, ham, ham!"

That cry often resounds through summer camps and, when it is, some people wonder how the founder of Judaism got mixed up with that non-kosher product.

Well, the ham in Abraham has nothing to do, of course, with any kind of meat.

The name, Abraham, proudly borne by one of our greatest presidents, is a composite of two Hebrew words. And when you say Abraham you are, as I have indicated before, mouthing Hebrew, as you are when you say a myriad of English words and names.

The first part of the name is ab, pronounced av in Hebrew. It means father. The great tribune of the State of Israel, Mr. Eban, was given the name of Aubrey, but changed it to Abba, one of the names stemming from the Hebrew word for father. English words derived from av are abbot, a term for a Christian priest, or father; and abbey, a place where abbots lived. Westminster Abbey, in London, by the way, includes a number of funerary inscriptions in Hebrew.

Now for the rest of Abraham. Our ancestor's name, you will remember from the Bible, was originally Abraham, or Ahv-rahm. Rahm is Hebrew for "exalted" or "high;" in Hebrew, the adjective follows the noun. So Abram means "lofty father." The name Abram is quite common today: two presidents of Brandeis University, Abram Sacher, and Morris Abram, bear that name. So does the commander of our forces in Vietnam, Gen. Abrams. Abram was the middle name of President Garfield.

In the Bible we read that God changed the patriarch's name from Abram to Abraham (Gen. 17.5). The "ham" in Abraham is a part of the Hebrew word, hamon, multitude; the name-change signified that Abram would carry the message of monotheism not only to his people but to many peoples. He would become the spiritual av (father) of a hamon (multitude). The letter is retained in Abraham only to register the change from Ahv-rahm to Ahv-rah-hahm. A Mohammedan variant of Abba is the well-known Abou.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Memorial services for Jewish martyrs were recently held in Vilna and Minsk.

Telling It Like It Is
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TINA TURNER, who co-bill under Johnny Mathis,Did you know that Johnny holds the unequal record for staying on Billboard's LP charts the longest of any performer, over 420 weeks. Johnny can take anybody's hit and outstyle the original swooner....Broadway Joe Namath, Jet's football hero, driving the girls zany at the Stardust bar for the past few days. Even the hardcore poker player gals who couldn't care less about the Jets, Mets or Nets craned their necks to take a second look....

Is it true that JAY SARNO, prexy of CIRCUS CIRCUS CASINO and probably the best promoter of our time next to MIKE TODD, is converting the old Mayfair Supermarket at Sahara Square into a giant penny arcade? Word is that he intends to hire topless change girls and to top that with the world's largest ferris wheel on the roof....

Temple Beth Shalom Rabbi Gold, a regular at FOOD FOR THOUGHT, the first and only health food restaurant in Las Vegas, noted at his Friday night sermon that not only is the food delectable but that this is the only strictly kosher restaurant in Nevada as well...SANDS Garden room maitre de' FRANCIS has been telling us for the past 12 years that he someday will run a junk from Saigon to Hong Kong. He probably will be searching for some new fangled dishes to put on the menu at the SANDS.... Vegas Oddsmaker, Jimmy THE GREEK Snyder, notes that Canonero II was 60,000 to one to win the triple crown of racing. Now after the double wins at the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness, the Venezuelan wonder colt is now even money to win the third jewel at Belmont and take the triple crown....Great oldtime bill for those over 30 at International Casino Theatre, Frankie Laine and Little Anthony & The Imperials....

MONSEY, N.Y. (WNS)--"Surprisingly large areas of agreement" among the three branches of Judaism were voiced over the funding of Hebrew Day Schools during a two-day study conference on "Public Aid to Non-Public Education" sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, Council President Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman revealed.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Representatives of this city's yeshivas met with the board of trustees of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies to plead for funds.

NEW YORK (WNS)--In an attempt to win the freedom of Ruth Alexandrovich and other Soviet Jewish women imprisoned in the USSR after applying for emigration visas, Hadassah has cabled Mrs. Yekaterina A. Furtseva, Minister of Culture, the highest ranking woman in the USSR, Mrs. Max Schenk, president of Hadassah, urged her "to intervene in behalf of Ruth Alexandrovich and other Jewish women who are imprisoned because they wish to go to Israel, their spiritual and cultural homeland where they can freely and fully live as Jews."

LONDON (WNS)--Harry Sacher, veteran Zionist leader, philanthropist, author and journalist, died here at the age of 90.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Menachem Beigin, leader of the opposition Gahal faction, called upon the government to resign "for having betrayed the trust of the people."

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (WNS)-- Mrs. Florence L. Hoffman, wife of Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, died at her home at the age of 62.

GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y. (WNS)-- Three hundred day school principals, attending a four-day convention of the National Conference of Yeshiva Principals and the National Association of Hebrew Day School Administrators, have decided to initiate instruction in ecology in their schools.

WASHINGTON (WNS)--Professor Mikhail Zand, a specialist in Arabic and Persian literature, his wife, two children, and three relatives were granted exit visas and are expected to be in Israel shortly, a State Department spokesman for Senator Robert P. Griffin, Rep., of Michigan, both announced. A similar announcement was made by Professor Herbert Paper of the University of Michigan, who has been corresponding with Professor Zand.