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## For Ethnic Studies

The proposal by Dr. Seymour P. Lachman, newly elected vice president of New York City's Board of Education, that ethnic studies --including Jewish studies--be made part of the school's general curriculum was long overdue. As Dr. Lachman noted, textbooks used in the city's schools were "judenrein"--empty of the Jewish experience and contribution to the world.

If this is true in that city's schools, a city with the largest Jewish population in the world, how much more true must it be in other cities of this nation.

Very few Americans, Jewish or otherwise, have more than the vaguest conception of modern Jewish history.

People know, based on their religious background, something of Jewish history during Biblical and the immediate post-Biblical period. There is a vague idea that Jews were confined to ghettos and suffered persecutions during the European Middle Ages; that anti-Semitism was rampant in Eastern Europe during the 18th and 19th centuries; and they are more familiar with the Nazi Holocaust and the Birth of Israel.

But what does the average American, including the American Jew, know of American Jewish history? Almost nothing.

They may know that there were vast waves of Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe from the 1880's to the 1920's; that Einstein was Jewish and that Sandy Koufax is a Jew. This much, and possibly a little more, is all the average man would know.

The rich variety of the Jewish experience in America from colonial days to the present remains as much a mystery as are the Etruscan inscriptions. The roles played by Jews in building this nation, in exploring its wilderness, fighting the war, financing its battles and participating in its economic growth will, hopefully, become general knowledge if ethnic studies become a part of our school curriculums. And it will become a source of pride and self-acceptance by America's Jewish youth.

NEW YORK--At a recent meeting of the Socialist and Labor International in Helsinki May 25th through May 27th, delegates from the Socialist Party of the United States joined forces with the Israeli delegation to secure passage of a pro-Israel resolution which called on the Western countries to give Israel sufficient armaments to counter Soviet military involvement in the Middle East and its pouring in of the latest planes and weapons to bolster the Arab position thus upsetting the precarious balance of power in the area and increasing the threat to Israel's security.

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"Anti-Semitism? Where!?!"

## Senator Fulbright

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Our country has been called by all kinds of names.

It took Senator William Fulbright, the man from Arkansas, who heads the Foreign Relations Committee, to compare Uncle Sam to a junkie.

A junkie is a dope addict. He's "hooked." What is Uncle Sam hooked on? Anti-Communism, the Senator told his audience at Yale University.

A junkie needs a pusher. Who's selling anti-Communism to the U.S.?

South Vietnam and Israel, said Fulbright. A more vicious and venomous attack on Israel cannot be imagined.

The Fulbright assault implies that Israel is not really threatened by Communism. Israel, according to the Senator, is fabricating the threat.

How myopic (or mendacious) of Fulbright to bracket Israel and South Vietnam!

South Vietnam's government is hardly democratic. Israel's is. South Vietnam has received billions of dollars and thousands of American lives -- gratis. Israel pays for the armaments it gets from the U.S. and hasn't cost the U.S. a single American life.

In Vietnam there's civil strife between two groups of Vietnamese. Israel is surrounded by implacable foes who want to extinguish her.

Fulbright says that those who say that Israel is fighting for American principles are indulging in "humbuggery."

Those billions of dollars worth of armaments that Russia has given, gratis, to Egypt and which threaten to wipe out Israel are not the figments of anyone's imagination, Mr. Senator.

It is "humbug" to imply that, Senator Fulbright has been courageous in his anti-war declarations. But with respect to Israel he has been mean and nasty. The Senator gives the impression that he is a humanitarian.

If so, why did he never have anything critical to say about Gov. Faubus? Why has he never voted for a civil rights bill?

I wrote to the Senator and objected to his moral astigmatism. I got back a form letter thanking me for my views. Those of you who are shocked by the Senator's betrayal of Americanism should take this column and send it to him, care of the Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

NEW YORK--An American pharmaceutical company, J.T. Baker Chemical Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Richardson-Merrell, Inc., has reached an agreement in principle with the Hadassah Medical Organization for the acquisition of rights to a cancer diagnostic test developed at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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to leave the press free from harassment of libel judgements." This unlimited protection is not the law of the land yet.

But free press, when considering official U.S. documents, must be viewed in a different light. To understand the circumstances, you must first be familiar with the process by which documents become classified in recent times.

It started with an Executive Order, No. 10501, signed and issued by Pres. Eisenhower in 1953. It was amended by Pres. Kennedy in 1961 and still is in effect. It established classifications of 1) confidential, 2) secret and 3) top secret. A confidential document is usually stamped for declassification in 12 years. The Executive Order also designates those in the executive branch of our government with authority to classify. The penalties for knowing, willful disclosure of a stamped document are prescribed in U.S. Code, Section 793-794, 10 years in jail and \$10,000 fine.

Jay maintains the Executive Order is unconstitutional. We claim the President's oath, stated in the same constitution, where he swears to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States," gives him the right to issue Executive Orders to fulfill his oath, even if the order is in conflict with another portion of the same constitution.

Jay maintains the wrong committed takes place after the publication, in the harm that may ensue. We maintain the wrong is in the publication itself. Jay states it is the duty of the editor or publisher to determine whether the document contains information detrimental to the national security. We insist this will open a Pandora's box, wherein any crackpot publisher at the opposite end of the spectrum, could publish the most vital secrets in the guise that in his judgement they were not harmful. And this is the second principal involved in the controversy.

Unfortunately, too much has been classified already, and undoubtedly, the unprecedented circumstances involved in the present controversy, will lead to further clarification of the Constitution, by Supreme Court interpretation or amendment.

Mind you, we do not go into the substance of the classified documents that have been published. We are concerned only with the perils of breaching the established process up to now. We certainly contend the process should be overhauled, properly, systematically, uniformly. Not by an individual publisher who decides to interpret the law as he sees fit.

As it stands today, the person who originates the document, has the right to classify it, stamping it confidential, secret or top secret. Of course, it is within his domain to declassify his own document. In addition, anyone of equal or higher stature in the executive branch of government, may notify the person who originated the document that a proposal is made to declassify it. Then the declassification is determined by proper authority. This information was obtained from a high official in the executive branch.

It is of interest to note that the Freedom of Information Act, passed by the 81st Congress in 1967, specifies that government agencies, must make available to the public, all non-classified information.

It is also interesting to note there is no such thing as private ownership of classified information, not even by the person who originates the documents and classifies them. All classified information is owned by the government.

As an afterthought, we make the observation that some of those who huff and puff most about the four freedoms, are the first to breach the faith. As example; the Las Vegas Sun publisher who went into a secret, closed hearing within the past month to present information against parties seeking gambling licenses.

Where is freedom of the press when government holds closed door hearings? And with one publisher and not the press corps as a whole?