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

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attempted in the gambling devices. How long will the citizens of Las Vegas allow this to go on?

We had a short, private confab, pointing out that some were accusing us of attacking the governor, whom we'd supported in the campaign. We re-assured him we had not lost faith, and were still very much convinced he was the best man, right now, to save the state.

His words were cold. "I do not like to be threatened," referring to a column we'd written "That's Once, Guv. Mike."

We answered: "If you felt it was a threat, that is your opinion. But you are wrong. There was no threat intended and none made." "When that column appeared, I received call after call," he explained, softening.

We reasoned: "We had many a difference of opinion with our own mother, when she was alive, but we never lost love or respect for her. That's how we feel about you, Mike."

He was satisfied, smiled and turned extremely cordial.

What the good governor didn't know, of course, is that we were born and raised in a tough Harlem neighborhood of upper New York City. The police patrolled the beat in pairs and we had to fight our way to Hebrew School through the Irish, Italian and Negro sections every day. We learned at an early age never to threaten, but to act first and swift. That has been our code in life. It is against our nature to make idle threats.

What we set out to do and accomplished in the previous column, was to caution O'Callaghan against falling into the clutches of Sun publisher Hank Greenspun, who is conducting a personal vendetta against attorney Chester Davis, Hughes Tool Company director, who has applied for a gambling license.

After Greenspun testified at a closed, secret hearing of the State Gaming Commission, questions were thrown at Davis from left field in an attempt to create a flaw in his background and the chain of responsibility for the Nevada operation.

The evil influence of Greenspun stunk up the proceedings to high heaven. Nine out of ten persons on the street said Davis will never get his license. Greenspun is too powerful and too close to the governor.

We pleaded with Guv. Mike to be careful, not to fall into the same trap as his predecessor, Gov Laxalt, who Greenspun dominated the first three years. Then came the inevitable falling out.

The Gaming Commission wanted Davis to explain Intertel's part in the HH operation. Davis said Intertel was a policing force engaged by HH for security purposes. According to Greenspun, Intertel is a green eyed monster about to bring disfavor and disrepute to gambling in Nevada.

Surely, the governor, the Gaming Commission and Greenspun are well aware that among the directors of Intertel are a former head of Scotland Yard, a former Chief of Canadian Northwest Mounted, a former chairman of the board of Canada's largest bank and a former head of the Rackets Bureau of the F.B.I. Are all these men monsters?

Davis explained that a new "umbrella" corporation was being set up, Hotel Properties, Inc., which will direct all Hughes Nevada hotel operations.

The commission decided to toss the Davis application over to the newly appointed Gambling Control Board. A determination will be made in the near future.

The governor told the press conference he would "not start anticipating" the board's action, but would assume they'd put the question to a vote. The result would then be a recommendation to the commission. The governor would not say whether he would use his influence to force a vote by the commission, or allow Davis to be licensed by default. If the commission does not act by Aug. 27, Davis will be automatically licensed by law.

Christian Cry for Justice

In recent testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Near East, two Roman Catholic leaders called for the internationalization of Jerusalem and castigated Israel for ignoring UN resolutions on such action and for ignoring Vatican and State Department calls for withdrawal from occupied territories.

The two, Dr. James Kritzeck of the Institute for Advanced Religious Studies at Notre Dame University and the Rev. Joseph L. Ryan S.J., of the Cambridge Center of Social Studies in Cambridge, Mass., stated in their testimony that Israel's refusal to pay heed to the Pope's opinion was impertinent.

This raises old questions, but which bear repetition. It is often necessary to remind people of their failures to protest at the right time. Protest, too, must be at least even-handed.

For instance, where was the Pope, and Dr. Kritzeck and the Rev. Ryan, from 1948 to June, 1967 when Jordan held the Old City of Jerusalem and, in violation of UN resolutions and the truce that ended the 1948 war, denied Jews access to the Western Wall?

Did anyone hear the Pope, or Dr. Kritzeck or the Rev. Ryan, cry out in protest against the Jordanian desecration of Jewish Holy Places and of Jewish cemeteries and the use of the tombstones as paving blocks?

Why should the Pope, and Dr. Kritzeck and the Rev. Ryan, be complaining now that the Holy Places are open to all when they were silent when the Holy Places were closed to Jews?

These are some of the ideas with which these eminent gentlemen should be confronted.

Unclassified Information

By ROBERT E. SEGAL

Now that a number of Americans who care about fundamental issues have chosen up sides as to the mischief or good done by newspaper publication of the study requested by Robert McNamara when Secretary of Defense, we need to give more thought to the rich gift of freedom assured by the Constitution and reaffirmed by the Supreme Court.

When the Justice Department, avowedly seeking to safeguard the nation's security, opted for attempting to restrain the press, an old reminder by Shakespeare seemed pertinent: "O! It is excellent to have a giant's strength; But it is tyrannous to use it like a giant."

The President, the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and Generals generally didn't

see it that way. They thought in terms of the Inviolability of "classified information." Even though the documents now known as the Pentagon Papers were completed in 1968, the government men arrayed against The New York Times saw security endangered by publication of the many memorandums. The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars worded his sense of outrage harshly: The Times action, he declared, was "very close to treason, if not treason itself." By contrast, Tom Wicker of The Times reminded us that the statute The Times was alleged to have violated was one adopted to guard against espionage and not against "a free press in pursuit of its duty to publish."

Moving out from that tight arena, inquiring minds asked searching questions about governmental secrecy. Against whom is it to be employed? And when? If in wartime, a further question needs answer: "When did the government of the United States declare itself to be at war in Vietnam?"

And more about security and about leaks: In the government's determination to suppress the publication of documents which men in the government themselves hadn't read, may it not be said fairly that those asking for prior restraint may themselves constitute a threat to national security? Who decides when classified documents are to be leaked to the press or to candidates for office? How orderly is the process of classification?

Long ago, this nation had its shakedown on the issue of security. From 1798 to 1802, some in power--distrustful of others--saddled the Naturalization Act upon the nation, raising residency requirements to 14 years. In the same span of time, the Alien Act was the law of the land, giving giants in power the right to deport aliens suspected (but not necessarily convicted) of treasonous activities. In those nervous days also, the Sedition Act prevailed, prohibiting unlawful combinations to prevent execution of federal laws and false and malicious publications about the government. Fortunately, the election of Jefferson in 1800 was the signal for the death of such oppressive laws and the beginning of an era of dedication to constitutional assurances.

With publication of the McNamara Papers and the storm so aroused, we have had a healthy ventilation of serious thought about the limits set for governmental officials claiming their acts to be related solely to the nation's security. A free press has won a refreshment of its freedom. A free people has been served. A section of government attempting to employ prior restraint has been warned off.

All to the good. Yet the underlying issue continues to plague us. In one of the memos now available to the public, McGeorge Bundy wrote: "The stakes in Vietnam are extremely high. The American investment is very large and American responsibility is a fact of life which is palpable in the atmosphere of Asia and even elsewhere."

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