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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"



BY JACK TELL

is a stockholder in the Las Vegas Sun. How this came about and why is an unanswered mystery which can be explained only by Anderson or Greenspun, since it has never been reported that Anderson paid any cash for the stock. Perhaps Anderson will elucidate details in his lecture.

The last time Anderson was engaged as a paid speaker in Las Vegas, was a few years back when he was to talk at a Chamber of Commerce dinner. We called Ruthe Deskin, Hank Greenspun's secretary, and pointed out two vicious columns written by Anderson at that time discrediting Israel. Ruthe was surprised, because "Hank was very friendly with Anderson," but said she'd investigate. Then came the announcement of cancellation of Anderson's appearance at the event.

The next time Anderson appeared publicly in Las Vegas was in a televised debate with then Gov. Paul Laxalt on Republican Candidate for governor, Lt. Gov. Ed Fike's alleged conflict of interest concerning Colorado River properties. There is no question the debate was a large influence in the election of Mike O'Callaghan, strongly supported by Greenspun. When Anderson was asked where he got the information he alleged in his column, Anderson replied: "I found it in an envelope on my desk."

This improbable explanation may be protected by the Freedom of the Press for a reporter as prescribed by the Bill of Rights in our Constitution, but as a paid speaker, and as a customer who intends to pay the admission price, we believe the truth should be disclosed as to where Anderson received the information on Fike. What else could be expected of an "honest lecturer" being paid to tell us about the news behind the news?

It is interesting to add that, at the time, Greenspun vehemently denied any knowledge or participation in feeding the gossip items to Anderson. We have been informed from a number of sources that the Sun publisher is constantly in touch with the syndicated columnist, as many as four phone calls in a single day. More recently, Anderson wrote several columns disclosing intimate bits of information supposedly written in confidential notes from the secluded Howard Hughes to the man he trusted, Robert Maheu. The notes were ostensibly sealed in the court records of a pending law suit by Maheu against Hughes for \$50,000,000.

If the N. Y. Times can publish secret confidential files involving the security of our country, there is no question or concern about Anderson's reporting of personal memos from a rich recluse. What we do question and what we are very much concerned with is the source of Anderson's information.

When we pay money to hear a man speak, we'd like to hear the truth of his subject matter. We'd like to know the informer, here in our own community, who is feeding malicious items of gossip and rumor to a national columnist.

It is a coincidence but each time Anderson had run one of his "exposures" about a local citizen, the person castigated is a particular target of Hank Greenspun's. Our readers can draw their own conclusions. Almost as a writ, as soon as the Anderson columns on Nevada appeared nationally, the Las Vegas Sun, which is not a subscriber to Anderson's column, played it up big.

Greenspun is known to plant items on national TV and in national publications on persons he is seeking to discredit and then reporting the stories as factual from an outside source. Each time he pulls this on the innocent residents of Las Vegas, we have exposed the tactic.

Yes siree, we are looking forward to Anderson's appearance to hear just how honest his talk will be.

Like we said, we are going to attend, not on a free-bee as a member of the press to cover the event, but as a paid customer to see and hear what goes on in America today, especially when we have reason to believe the citizens of our community are being duped.

but none so stunningly successful as in Detroit. Under the stimulus of a group of dedicated women, the Center is the scene of an endless throng of people listening to lectures and buying dozens of books in English, Yiddish and Hebrew throughout the week that inaugurates Jewish Book Month.

There is nothing like it anywhere. And lest you think this phenomenon is of the flash-in-the-pan variety, be aware of the fact that the same fascinating scene has taken place for twenty years!

Other communities might try to imitate the Detroit plan. Anybody involved in the Fair can only repeat: Detroit-it. Enjoy it!

NEW YORK (WNS)--Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow of Temple Beth-El, Cedarhurst, N.Y. will be inducted as a Torah of Learning Fellow at a dinner Dec. 5 hosted by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

NEW YORK (WNS)--N.Y. Post TV columnist Bob Williams, reported that when Swiss-born actor Billy Frick appeared on the street of Munich in a Nazi uniform with a Hitler hair-piece and paste-on mustache during the filming of a television play, he was surrounded by people who wanted to embrace him and shake his hand. Frick said "The Germans still have Hitler in their hearts. They all took me for Hitler. There wasn't a single heckler."

PARIS (WNS) -- Menahem Levinsohn, director of the Moiseyev Dance Company of the Soviet Union, and Josef Frankel, director of the Batsheva Company of Israel, both of which are performing here, have agreed to visit with and attend each other's performances.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Two Jews, Robert Solomon, 50, of Bethesda, Md., an economist and advisor to the Federal Reserve System's Board of Governors, and Samuel M. Cohn, 56, of Falls Church, Va., an assistant director for Budget Review, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, were among the six career civil servants to receive the \$10,000 Rockefeller Public Service Awards for 1971, administered by Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. They are the highest privately sustained honors for career civil servants.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported to the Knesset that since 1967, Israel had received \$250 million in economic aid from the U. S. Eban also reported the government continued to insist on an unlimited ceasefire and a ban on Egyptian troops crossing the Suez Canal as conditions for any interim agreement.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Telephone and postal service workers walked off their jobs to demonstrate for new wage demands.

BUENOS AIRES (WNS)--The Jewish owned Commercial Bank of Buenos Aires reopened after having been closed for two weeks after being taken over by the Liebermann and Geller families, prominent Argentine Jews. The former management's direction of the bank resulted in a \$4 million loss which led to the bank's closing.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Funeral services were held in Moscow's Choral Synagogue for Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, Chief Rabbi of Moscow, who died there Nov. 17, at the age of 78.

JOHANNESBURG (WNS)--Allegations by two members of the Mayor's Drug Abuse Committee that Jewish Day schools were "riddled" by drug abuse had the Jewish community up in arms. The report was denounced in a sermon by Chief Rabbi B.M. Casper and by Mayor A.B. Widman at the national conference of Jewish welfare organizations.

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State Dept. Double Talk

The State Department has once again displayed its remarkable capacity for double-talk. On November 15, State Department spokesman Charles Bray asserted that the Soviet Union showed remarkable restraint in cutting back its arms supply to Egypt. On November 18, he announced that the Soviet Union had been shipping additional reconnaissance-bomber jets to Egypt. On both days, he stated that the U.S. would study and watch the situation to ascertain whether or not the military balance of power was shifting in favor of the Egyptians.

All this might be a diplomatic way of saying no to Israel's request for additional Phantom jets and additional military aid. The intriguing question the Department has evaded answering is just when does the balance become unbalanced? If the balance remained on November 15, what was the relationship of forces on November 18?

Another question the State Department has not answered is just how efficient is the surveillance of the U.S. in terms of arms shipments by the Soviet Union to Egypt? Is it possible that by the time the State Department reaches a definite decision about the unbalance of the balance, it may be too late? If not already so.

With the entry of the People's Republic of China into the United Nations and to a seat on the Security Council, a new dimension is added to the squeeze play in which Israel finds herself. Whatever the Chinese say or do in the United Nations - and it cannot be a foregone conclusion that they will play a destructive game in the Middle East - tensions there will be increased.

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Detroit also boasts Max Fisher, an enormously devoted Jew who uses his wealth for the benefit of mankind. He is also close to the White House.

Detroit is famous for its rabbis. They are uniformly gifted. And of course, no one can forget the late Rabbi Morris Adler, the clergyman who was assassinated by a demented young man right on the pulpit on Lincoln's Birthday.

Detroit should also be kudos for another reason. At the Jewish Community Center, one of the liveliest in the nation under the directorship of Irwin Shaw, there takes place each year a week-long Jewish Book Festival. Of course, there are other such festivals

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