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Hanukkah Message

A paradox in the history of Hanukkah reveals that the major military victory of Judah and his brother Maccabees, in 167 BCE, once was ignored. Unfortunately, the power from victory soon was to corrupt the descendants of the Maccabees and they did violence to the Jewish belief in a genuine pluralism by forcing an entire city--the Idumeans--to convert to Judaism.

For about 150 years, until after the fall of the Second Temple to the Romans in the year 70, Hanukkah was not celebrated. It was re-introduced to give the people some hope that the Holy City of Jerusalem would be re-established under Jewish aegis, just as it was in the days of the Maccabees.

There are no examples in history where a nation forsook the celebration of a military victory in order to cultivate a quest for peace. Thus, the impressive ritual of the Sabbath of Hanukkah as it has been observed until our own time. The prophetic portion which is read comes from Zecharia (4:6) concluding with the verse: "Not by power, nor by might, but my spirit, said the Lord of Hosts."

Santayana said those who ignore history are condemned to re-live it. In the spirit and time of Hanukkah this holiday is one for all nations.

Forest Hills Problem

By JACK SIEGEL

The intention of the City of New York to build a federally-supported low income housing project in the Forest Hills section provoked a series of demonstrations by a predominantly Jewish and middle class group. The project is part of the scatter-site housing planning, the basis of which is that it can lead healthily to integration. The new conflict, in addition to the problem itself, has raised the big question of what should the Jewish attitude be towards the creation of a low income housing development and its statistically proved growth of crime.

Today, in the minds of most white people, low income is associated with black people. Crime is associated with black people. There seems to be less concern with crime committed with white people. There is less guilt feeling in calling for the punishment of white people. But exactly how should the residents of Forest Hills, mainly Jews, react to the definite possibility that low income housing will bring with it assorted crimes? One is to do as they are, protesting, demonstrating and instituting suit. Another is to go along with the plan and hope

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for the best. And still another, since the Jew is traditionally liberal and has been, in the past, the ally of the black man, is to promote the housing project and then work with it towards crime prevention.

This is not an easy matter and there will be victims. But one of the problems in American society, and Jews form a vital part of it, is that the citizenry has withdrawn from contact with elements it considers unpalatable or dangerous and to attribute to an ethnic group the misdeeds of some. Perhaps one of the ways to avoid crime is to create a healthier and more positive social atmosphere while relying on those forces established by law to either prevent crime or apprehend and punish criminals. In the long run, it would perhaps be better to scatter-site these problems for their better handling. At the same time, if Jews are involved, it would also follow the tradition and point the way for action on the Forest Hills syndrome by the other segments of our society.

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day made it impossible for the Judeans to go on any longer did they resort to belligerency.

But the word Chanukah doesn't mean victory; it means dedication.

And those who are truly devoted to their noblest ends ought to do everything possible to avoid conflict in this world.

If the spirit of the religious leaders of that day prevailed today, here is how some people might vivify the Chanukah spirit.

Lyndon Johnson would say, "I wish I could have pressed as hard for peace as I did for a military triumph in Indochina."

King Hussein of Jordan would say: "I must admit that my people, the Arabs, are better off in Israel than they are in any Arab country. It is time for us Semitic cousins to make peace."

Negro extremists could say "Jews have been foremost in the efforts on behalf of our people. Let us solidify our alliance with other ethnics, especially the Jews."

Pope Paul would say: "The Catholics in Ireland are giving our religion a bad name. My next trip will be to Belfast where I hope I can meet with the Archbishop of Canterbury and with him make a joint announcement that Protestants and Catholics should join in praying, not slaying."

Richard Nixon would say: "I know that the root of our economic problems is the money being drained for war and those incessant air raids. From here on in, we will transplant those billions of dollars towards rebuilding the inner citizens of our nation."

And every Jew would say: "At Chanukah time I will renew my chanukah, my dedication, to learn how to enjoy my faith and to release to society the noblest teachings of Jewish doctrines."

A happy and meaningful Chanukah to all of you.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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ulterior motive.

There is much evidence to support this contention.

Who, but Greenspun has gleaned more than \$10,000,000 of Howard Hughes' money under spurious, highly questionable circumstances? This is merely the amount publicly acknowledged. There is much, much more to be revealed in time to come.

All of the money transaction turnovers to Greenspun took place during the time Robert A. Maheu was chief of Hughes-Nevada properties. And just how did Maheu become licensed without the personal appearance of Hughes before the Gambling Commission? It was Greenspun himself who presented unprecedented closed-door testimony, swearing to the commission that Hughes was entitled to own the casinos and Maheu the man to run them. All of that, of course took place during the reign of Gov. Laxalt, who Greenspun dominated during the first three years. We didn't know then, but are very well aware now, exactly why Greenspun was so anxious to help Hughes set up in Nevada with Maheu as a naive front.

Four years and tens of millions of dollars later in Greenspun's pockets, a disgusted Hughes left for parts unknown, Maheu was fired, and Greenspunism began rearing its ugly head to discredit the billionaire and disorganize his Nevada operations.

With Maheu suing for \$50,000,000 in damages for loss of his \$10,000-a-week job, the first outburst of Greenspunism was to create public goodwill in favor of the ousted man, whose former mismanagement had led to immense operating losses. Who deserved the consideration of the public, Maheu or Hughes?

Myram Borders, local United Press International correspondent, in a round-up story on Hughes, tells us the difference between Hughes and Maheu. The billionaire insisted on purchasing outright for cash the floundering Frontier Hotel. Maheu advised him to hold off, allow the property to go bankrupt and pick it up at a much cheaper price. If Hughes had listened to Maheu, hundreds of workers would be jobless for a long period and many investors would be wiped out including contractors and sub-contractors who would never be paid. It could have wrecked a large segment of our economy. It was Hughes, against the advice of Maheu, who put his money on the line to save the landmark situation. So, who deserves public support, the man who was considerate of Nevadans, or the man who wanted to sell them down the drain?

Greenspunism had a heyday with a fantastic story told by Maheu's son Peter, that Howard Hughes had withered away, with fingernails six inches long and hair flowing down to his waist. It was played up big in the Sun. What never appeared in Greenspun's newspaper was the Chicago Sun-Times copyright story by Art Petacque, just two weeks ago, which stated: "A year-long Justice Department investigation into the status of Howard Hughes has turned up evidence that he is in reasonably good health and mentally competent." The story continued, "One federal source rejected as 'hokum' reports that Hughes might be dead and that he had fingernails and toenails 6 to 8 inches long when he left Las Vegas for the Bahamas late last year."

Another horrendous misrepresentation by Greenspun, that Hughes was spirited away "against his will" from the Desert Inn last Thanksgiving, was disclosed recently. Evidence at a Federal Grand jury in Miami turned up the fact that it was Maheu himself, who arranged for the leasing of the suite in the Bahamas for Hughes, a FULL NINE MONTHS BEFORE THE DEPARTURE FROM LAS VEGAS, in January of 1970. Greenspunism of course did not call for this to be reported in the Sun.

One more item in the Petacque story should be included here to keep the record intact: "It was learned that a report in Justice De-

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