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UN GEN. ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION CALLS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



To Our Christian Friends

(IN THIS ERA OF ECUMENISM WE BRING YOU THE FOLLOWING COLUMN PREPARED IN 1961 AND REPRINTED ANNUALLY IN THE EDITION BEFORE DEC. 25TH.)

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa.

And there are Christmas trees, too!

No one asked but an innocuous wire service story, datelined Vatican City, and printed in the local press may have caused some concern among our neighbors.

The story quotes a Vatican weekly newspaper saying Santa Claus represents a "monstrous substitution" for the Christ child and "offends the faith."

The editorial in L'Osservatore delle Domenica also assailed the Christmas tree as "an attempt to substitute for the crib... and a certain sense of naturalism and paganism."

The objection apparently stems from the general public's acceptance of St. Nick and the tree as indicative of the holiday to the gradual exclusion of the true religious conception, the Nativity.

The strict religious interpretation of the Holy day should unquestionably be total reverence and complete compliance with the Holy Writ. Those devout souls among us always have and will continue to adhere to the rigid theological celebration of the occasion and no amount of persuasion (if attempted) could dissuade them.

But Christmas Day with no distraction from all the solemnity it stands for, has, through the centuries grown, expanded, magnified into a spirit of Christmas. What started as a one day observance is now a week-long holiday. What began with personal greetings of cheer from one to another is now the exchange of hundreds of millions of cards expressing joy. What commenced as an occasion for the discreet dispensation of charity for the less fortunate has developed into the indiscriminate giving and receiving of gifts. The once simple recreation of one's version of the Crib has developed into addenda like trees, holly wreaths, tinsel and lights.

An occasion that was originally celebrated by just those of the Christian faith, now finds other sects, religions and beliefs looking forward to and rejoicing in the spirit of Christmas.

The metamorphosis of Christmas was not a straight, smooth road from the way it was, to what it is. There were bypaths, drawbacks, tangents and obstacles created by the natural course of history through the ages.

While Santa Claus is obviously a result of creative imagination, the thought was derived from and patterned after a real, historical person. During the 4th century, Nicholas, an eight year old orphan, but independently wealthy, spent his life being kind and generous to the

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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS



DON TELL

Hats off To...

As the old year fizzles into oblivion, most of us like to take the time to look back for a moment. Looking back certainly can't change anything that has taken place this past year but might offer us the opportunity to learn from our mistakes and size up our assets. In any event it's kind of fun to peek back in time. So like a Monday morning quarterback, we pass on some of our hindsight into the people and issues that made news in 1971. Some of the following observations should be taken with tongue in cheek, others possibly more seriously. But for what it's worth we say "Hats Off To..."

Howard Hughes, for his uncanny knack of
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UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- United Nations Middle East Mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring met separately with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad to discuss the resumption of his mission "under the adoption by the UN General Assembly of a resolution calling for the resumption of the Jarring mission and a pledge by Israel to withdraw from territories occupied in the Six Day War. The talks were not expected to be resumed at this time because of differences over withdrawal.

The Assembly adopted the pro-Egyptian resolution by a vote of 97-7 with 36 nations abstaining, despite an Israeli warning that Israel

would not accept any resolution calling upon her to withdraw from occupied territories before negotiations. Eban warned that the Arabs would interpret the resolution as a "green light to launch a military attack as a means of recapturing the occupied territories.

The resolution remains only a recommendation unless the Security Council approves it. UN sources were divided in opinion on whether Egypt would seek a Council meeting to affirm the Assembly decision. Some sources believed that the U.S., which abstained on the Assembly vote, would veto any attempt to secure Council approval.

Both Israel and the

NIXON "KNOWS ISRAELI PROBLEMS"

JERUSALEM (WNS) --Premier Golda Meir reported to the Cabinet on the results of her two week visit to the U.S. No details were made public. But on her arrival in Israel, following her visit, Mrs. Meir expressed the feeling that President Nixon "knows and

understands our problems."

At an Israel Bonds dinner in her honor in New York just before she returned to Israel, Mrs. Meir stated, with regards to providing arms and economic aid, the U.S. had been "very good."

HUSSEIN ADMITS WAR WOULD BE MOSTLY DAMAGING TO ARABS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said King Hussein of Jordan was being realistic and courageous in admitting that an Arab war against Israel now would be mostly damaging to the Arabs.

Other Arab leaders in the region should heed King Hussein's words, Allon said at a celebration marking

the 90th anniversary of the Zichron Yaacob settlement.

Referring to threats from Cairo and Damascus, Allon warned that war could not bring peace.

Israel, he said, was ready to consider its neighbors' political aspirations in the context of negotiations, but if war is resumed Israel will not compromise its will to win.

A Dishonest Greenspun

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MARK KRIVEL BAR MITZVAH

Mark Krivel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Krivel, 4113 El Camino, who will become a Bar Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd. on Saturday morning, December 25, 1971.

Rabbi Aaron S. Gold,

spiritual leader of the Temple, will officiate and conduct the services, which commence at 9:00 A.M. Cantor Joseph Kohn will chant the liturgy. The parents of the Bar Mitzvah will host the congregation to a Kiddush, which will be held in the Temple's Social Hall immediately after the conclusion of the services.

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