

Yiddish Paper Dies

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

When I read that the Yiddish daily, The Day-Morning Journal died, I wept as though I had lost a close friend.

One daily paper still survives. It is the Forward.

The Day-Journal was an excellent newspaper. It was superior to most of the English papers you read, and its death is another index of the failure of American Jews to take care of their cultural possessions.

The Yiddish paper gave its readers all the regular news, or should I say the bad news; the wars, the tragedies, the daily agenda of happenings. In addition, the Day-Journal kept its readers posted on what was happening in the Jewish world through the dispatches of the news syndicate called the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and its own reporters.

The Day-Journal had crack reporters in this country, Europe and, of course, Israel. It was a source of constant information about the events in Israel and ran a column which relayed the highlights of the Israeli press.

Besides, the Day-Journal had columnists who were allowed to express their own views, even if they clashed with those of management. The writers sparkled. Their ideas were stimulating. Their writing style was superior to that of most literati in our country.

The Day-Journal was the voice of Zionism, the voice of traditional Judaism. Its editorials, even its advertisements and its readers' forum gave those of us who read it a peek into the family life of the American Jew. What a pity that it is all gone because of the refusal of Jews to support the enterprise.

Now all we have left is the Forward. I pray that more Jews will learn the delicious, precious Yiddish language and that American Jewry will halt the erosion of its cultural treasure-troves.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Arnold Forster, general counsel to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, characterized the Rev. Francis B. Sayre dean of the Washington Cathedral, as having been "partial to the Arab Side" of the Middle East dispute for many years.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Only large scale pre-fabricated or mobile housing can solve the housing problem in Israel which has reached "crisis proportions," Housing Minister Zeev Sharef told a Labor Party meeting.

JOHANNESBURG (WNS) -- Dr. Charles Fincham has been appointed South Africa's first Consul-General to Israel.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- More than 100 adults and children marched by the Soviet Embassy carrying placards reading "Stop Anti-Semitic Propaganda" and "Free the Butmans" to protest the reported beating of Mrs. Hillel Butman by Soviet KGB (secret police) agents after she had visited her husband in the Potman prison camp where he serving a 10-year prison term.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Former Israel Air Force Commander Ezer Weizman, who heads the opposition Herut party, was found not guilty of causing the death of a pedestrian because of reckless driving.

NEW YORK -- The United Jewish Appeal's "100% Plan" for synagogue enrollment has been formally endorsed by the Rabbinical Assembly, representing approximately 1,000 rabbis of the Conservative Movement.

JERUSALEM -- The 16-volume Encyclopaedia Judaica was presented by the publishers to Pope Paul VI at Vatican City on February 17th 1971 at an audience granted by the Pope to Mr. Chaim Herzog, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Keter Publishing House Ltd. Mr. Herzog was accompanied by Mr. Amiel E. Najar, Israel's Ambassador in Rome.

NEW YORK -- The 24th Anniversary of Israel's Birthday is to be celebrated by the AZF with a Gala Celebration to be held at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center on Tuesday evening, April 18. Mrs. Max Schenk, President of Hadassah, is serving as Chairman of the event which will be addressed by Ambassador David Rivlin, Consul General of Israel in New York.



STANLEY LEOB, LEFT, PRESENTS A SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS TO SPRING MOUNTAIN YOUTH CAMP SCHOOL PRINCIPAL BOB TOBIAS. LEOB MADE THE PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE NATE MARK B'NAI B'RITH LODGE.

add the curse and calamity of transporting boys and girls to schools.

Here we have unique and ominous example of the negative use of Presidential power, a frenzied campaign to discredit the Supreme Court, a drive by frightened and meager-spirited voters that is making cowards of some congressmen. The campaign now seething on the front pages of our newspapers seized upon a right won through sweat, agony martyrdom---the right to equality of opportunity---and assails it with a fury difficult to separate from bigotry. And where is there a man who truly loves this nation who can fail to perceive in the panicky proposal to add an anti-busing amendment to the Constitution an open invitation to the foes of democracy to contrive still more stratagems to promote racism?

Were the problem not so serious, we might even find something to chuckle over in the findings of a recent Newsweek polls: 69% of those questioned are against compulsory busing to bring about school desegregation, yet 66% insisted they believe in desegregating the schools. Here perhaps the scary word is "compulsory." Those who like their debates hot, call it "forced" busing.

"Forced" busing? In Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenberg, the new Chief Justice, Warren Burger said: "We find no basis for holding that the local school authorities may not be required to employ bus transportation as ONE TOOL of school desegregation. Desegregation plans cannot be limited to the walk-in school," (underscoring added). Putting kids on big vehicles as a means of getting them to classrooms is one way, and only one of several ways, available for achieving desegregation.

And suppose it were the only way? Valiant Senator Walter Mondale of Minnesota, Chairman of the Select Committee on Equal Educational Opportunity and now one of the best informed persons in the country on the cause of quality education, points out that 20,000,000 elementary and second school children are bused to school. When that process called for the familiar yellow school buses rather dear to our hearts, some 2.2 billion miles were covered by 256,000 such vehicles at a cost of \$1,500,000,000; and practically everybody was for the process. If you throw in the use of public transportation, 40% of America's school kids ride to school each day. The goal is just to get the boys and girls to school; not to end racial indignities.

So that kind of busing is acceptable. But mention the purpose set forth in the Supreme Court decision in 1954 and reinforced by subsequent rulings, and thousands of Americans forget about the yellow buses and just see red.

The real issue before us is not busing; it is equality of educational opportunity, achievable by many imaginative means. We must make new efforts to bring city and suburb into schooling partnerships; we must improve curricula, build effective language and math labs, encourage devoted teachers, develop innovative school financing, recognize the worth of teacher aides. Why put so much energy into killing the use of buses when causes of far greater worth cry to us for support?

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Question of Priorities

Recently the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds announced the creation of an Institute for Jewish Leadership with funding of two and a quarter million dollars for three years. Hard upon that the Synagogue Council of America announced the formation of an Institute for Policy Planning And Research. They did not announce the amount or source of funds. Both will be addressing themselves to somewhat similar objectives, although the precise nature was cloaked in attractive phraseology concerning Jewish survival, tradition, heritage, etc.

And just as concurrently, Jerome Comar, President of the Jewish Federation of Chicago, said the organized American Jewish Community lacks an effective structure for maximum effectiveness in aiding the Jewish poor. Chicago has devoted some of its resources in direct service to 70 percent of the poor and near-poor. Of 70,000 Chicago Jews aided almost 19,000 were economically disadvantaged. This problem, Comar suggested, "may mean revision of internal priorities or delaying new programs."

It is good to be innovative but dealing with an age-old problem does not mean being backward. One can deal with it in new ways and consistent with the fast-breaking times. The question is in what direction should organized Jewish agencies go. Ultimate objectives for Jewish continuity are constructive but what could be of more import than helping the estimated 300,000 American Jewish poor? Mr. Comar's statement requires further examination.

Busing. Gut Issue

By ROBERT E. SEGAL

As political animals, we Americans are not giants in this Presidential election year. We are pygmies. Consider: in other times, a transcontinental railway system, tariff, the farmer's plight, the full dinner pail, free silver, child welfare. But the gut issue of the 1972 campaign is the use of buses to help achieve racially-desegregated education. A piddling matter when compared with the sublime points of difference in our better years.

Yet, rarely, if ever, has there been such determined activity on the part of a broad sector of America---beginning with the President himself---to obfuscate the real issue (quality of education) by scheming to make the busing of children a monster on the scale of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. Behold, to such scourges as the black death, the flood in Noah's day, the Chicago fire, and the slaughter in two World Wars, we are expected now to

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