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

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No one can foretell the future. All the star-gazers in the world, or the palmists or handwriting experts and fortune tellers, combined with analysts, cost-accountants or research experts, can only guess at what is to come. They may be right, more often than not, but they are never positive. Take the Fourth of July weekend in Las Vegas!

The summer of 1972 had all the earmarks of a banner season. To begin with, this is a presidential election year, when the promises of politicians make optimists of us all. The economy of the country is steady, unemployment is down and it looks like the war is leveling off. Those are the general conditions that prevail.

Specifically, in Las Vegas, the biggest and best show-business names adorn the marquee. The free-giveaways are bursting out all over town. Admissions to all attractions and room rents are competitive. And to top it all, we had the busiest Memorial Day weekend in the history of Las Vegas. So what happened over the 4th of July?

It wasn't exactly a bust-out. There was about 90 percent occupancy in the rooms of the Strip and downtown hotels, and slightly more in the motels. It just never reached the turn-away crowds that were expected.

The rest of the summer is anybody's guess, but we are inclined to believe the flow will remain constant, using July 4th as the barometer. All this may be a blessing in disguise for those who do come.

There will be no confusion about reservations, either for hotels or showrooms. There will be no problems about getting to your favorite games of chance and no long lines of waiting to get into the fabulous restaurants in town.

Speaking of off-hotel restaurants, we take this opportunity to call some of our favorites to your attention.

FOXIES is THE kosher-style spot in Las Vegas, like Lindy's was and the Backstage Deli is in New York or Wolfies in Miami Beach. Foxies, a few steps north of the Sahara, will top anything you have for a sandwich, a snack or a full meal in your home town.

PAT'S CHINESE KITCHEN is the last word in Cantonese food, if that is your preference. Under Pat's careful guidance, each dish is prepared exactly as preferred, and if you're not sure, ask adorable Candy, Pat's wife. Go east on Sahara a few blocks to Commercial Center, and enjoy.

NISHON'S is as fine a gourmet room as you will find anywhere. The atmosphere is reserved, the service is exquisite and the food succulent. Where else may this be found - at popular prices? Its east, on Desert Inn Road, just past Paradise.

THE GOLDEN STEER lives up to its name in every respect. The entrees are unbeatable. If you've ever had a steak melt in your mouth, it was nothing, absolutely nothing compared to the taste buds served at The Golden Steer. Go west a hundred yards on Sahara.

CIOPPANO'S is the last word in Italian foods. Pasquale came straight from The factory in Los Angeles to bring us the most outstanding continental preparations, topped by those rare and unusual side dishes. Its on the Strip, opposite the Hacienda.

THE FLAME is the place if your mouth is watering for charcoal broiled steaks and chops. Try it any hour of the day or night, where you'll be mingling with the stars, who knows, and eat only the best. Its on the Strip, opposite the Stardust.

THE BLUE DANUBE brings Vienna to Las Vegas. You'll come in looking for the chicken paprikas and stuffed cabbage, and you'll cherish every bite. But you'll go out raving about the home-made strudel. Its oon East Charleston.

HERBIE'S SINABAR DELI is the only kosher-style restaurant downtown. Each sandwich is a meal to satisfy anyone's appetite. Its right behind the Mint, in the Sinabar Casino.

We've Made It

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

We can safely say that we Jews have "made" it. By that I mean that we have established ourselves as an important element in American life.

Jews have status. Judaism has prestige. Our position is so solid that we can sustain without the nervousness of bygone years our AMOUR PROPRE even when we read about malefactions by Jews.

In previous years we used to "tzipper" i.e. shiver, when a Jewish criminal was publicized, or when Israel was censured. Now we are calmer about it.

Indeed, Jewishness is now regarded as so "beautiful" that more and more non-Jews want Jewish spouses.

And they are perfectly willing to have a Jewish wedding ceremony even if they themselves do not turn Jewish at the point of matrimony.

That is, indeed, what is behind the current mixed marriage flurry.

Alarmists are wont to say that the incidence of marriages of Jews and non-Jews betoken a blow to Judaism.

It's just the reverse. More and more couples prefer a Jewish religious ceremony because it's more meaningful than others. Even marginal Jews now want a rabbi to officiate, and their non-Jewish partners are perfectly willing because it's now more fashionable to be involved in something Jewish.

So weep not for the decline in Judaism. Rejoice that the situation is brighter than it ever was.

Mixed Marriage

Orthodox and Conservative rabbis flatly refuse to officiate at marriages in which one of the partners is not Jewish. But such rites occur with fair frequency in this country. Obviously, only Reform rabbis will perform them and it had been generally assumed the number of such willing rabbis was small. But the recent 83rd convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis heard a research finding that no less than 41 percent of Reform rabbis have officiated or do officiate at such weddings.

It is worth stressing that about half of the willing Reform rabbis insist that, as a condition for their officiating, the prospective couple must agree to some minimum conditions, such as committing themselves to creating a Jewish home and to raising their children as Jews. The others presumably do it for what reportedly are substantial fees.

Despite growing pressure within the CCAR to

ban the practice, the delegates voted to put the issue over to the next convention. Apart from the proposition that such officiating violates Jewish Religious Law and apart from the conviction of many rabbis of all three branches that such weddings are destructive of Jewish life, how can the pro-mixed-marriage Reform rabbis justify their sanction of such unions?

One of the reasons cited at the CCAR convention for postponement of action on a ban was that in fact very little is known as to what happens to such marriages. What if further research provides evidenced that the commitments made to induce Reform rabbis to officiate are in fact generally carried out? Suppose the evidence shows that the children of such unions get at least as good a Jewish education as those from normal Jewish unions?

It remains true that children of mixed marriages may have problems getting married to Jews if that turns out to be their adult goal. But it is also true that in the loosely structured minimum-Jewish-demand structure of American Jewry, it would be optimistic indeed to assert that most children of all-Jewish unions are Jewishly committed and dedicated in faith and behavior to Judaism.

From the standpoint of Jewish Religious Law, such marriages are not Jewish marriages and the children are not Jewish. But if the promised research proves that such children are no less Jewish by all practical yardsticks than their guaranteed Jewish peers -- biologically -- maybe there is a case for not driving young couples from the fold even before they have a chance to prove they really want to be in it.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A family of four Soviet Jews, the first to be granted exit visas from Bukhara in the Uzbek USSR, arrived in the United Hias Service reported.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science, denied a report published in Israel, that Dr. Albert B. Sabin, has been fired as president. "There is not a scintilla of truth in the published reports," Feinberg said here.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee, concluding its 66th Annual Meeting at the Americana Hotel, asked the U.S. government to renew its call for an immediate cease-fire in Vietnam and to "take every possible step to wind up its military participation in Indo-China."

NEW YORK -- Menachem Begin, founder and chairman of Israel's Herut Party, will address the 75th National Jubilee Convention of the Zionist Organization of America this summer in Israel.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Dr. Allen Pollack, 34, a member of the national executive committee of the Labor Zionist Alliance, was elected to the World Zionist Organization Executive.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress expressed "anxiety" over the plight of Soviet Jewry at its closing session here and called for a world wide commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the massacre of Jewish intellectuals in the Soviet Union.

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