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Thoughts on Russians

Outside of the Eagleton situation in the United States, one of the most obscure phenomena extant is the ouster of the Russians from Egypt. A reading of analysts and commentators sounds like intellectual juggling, with all the talent say-ing, on the one hand this and on the other hand that. There are only several facts readily visible and they are ouster, the Russians' departure, Golda Meir's speech to the Egyptians and the answer of Egyptian President Sadat.

All of which leads the ordinary citizen back to where he started. It concerns the ordinary citizen, without regard to ethnic interest, since the Middle East is a key center in the world's turmoil and there does not seem to be one effective power center which can bring the two peoples together. Premier Meir's statement that only the two nations can settle the matter is not acceptable to Egypt because, despite the reality, the Arabs refuse to recognize it. To them negotiating means recognition of defeat.

What goes behind the scenes is hard to determine or ferret out. It would seem that there is no one nation in the world which does not have a grievance or conflict against another, regardless of proximity or politics. Against a background such as this, what are the hopes of peace in the Middle East? The visit of Mr. Nixon to Moscow does not seem to have inched the pros-What remains to be done is pect forward. continue to press for a solution regardless of the time element involved. It is a prize worth working hard and long (for).

A Masterpiece

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

If you liked "Fiddler on the Roof," you'll love "Sholom," a musical play depicting the life of Sholom Aleichem written by Jacob T. Pincus, of Highland Park, Ill.

A lawyer who has given decades to synagogal life, Mr. Pincus wrote this stirring musical extravaganza to help his temple, Northshore Congregation Israel celebrate its 50th anniver-

Although he knows little Yiddish, Mr. Pincus dexterously picked out those highlights in the life of the great Yiddish writer which grip the heart and strum the heartstrings.

Sholom Aleichem was one of twelve children. Poor and playful though precocious, he became a tutor of a rich man's daughter. She fell in love with him and they married on very little. Attempting to become an expert in finances, Soloman Rabinowitz lost all his money,

His wife studied dentistry and helped to support him as he ground out stories which became

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\$ 7.00 ☐Two Years (104 issues) \$12,00 YOUR RENEWAL IS APPRECIATED wright and actually had two plays open simultaneously in New York. The critics of the Yiddish papers panned them not because they were poor but because their editors were feuding with the writer, who had contracted to write for one of them.

In his play, Pincus sees the ups and downs in the life of Rabinowitz as the pattern of Jewish life per se. We have troubles but we remain indomitable. We have difficulties but we maintain our morale.

The Pincus opus is embellished by lovely songs, written by the author and scored by

Baron Moss, a splendid composer. Your congregation or society will enjoy either reading or staging the Pincus production. Or if you ar a Chicagoan, you can go to that night-club called "The Happy Medium" and watch it being enacted. If you want more data, write Mr. Pincus, 1963, York Lane, Highland Park, Illinois.

Ethnic Zuotas

BY ROBERT E. SEGAL

This is the time of year when the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the National Association for The Advancement of Colored People, the Democratic Party, and the Republican Party come together for soul searching and action. And it is noteworthy that one common thread weaves in and out of these conclaves to a degree suggesting strongly that America is experiencing a cathartic binge over minority representation, preferential treatment, ethnic narcissism, racial pride, and group protectionism.

The phenomenon surfaced early in July at the NAACP annual meeting in Detroit. There, the Negro rights body which has through the years most closely with the overall Jewish unity (the NJCRAC) finally tabled a revolutionarly and ugly motion to condemn professional heads of two national Jewish groups for allegedly opposing preferential treatment for Blacks and other latespiraling American minority groups,

And by the time the Democratic Convention got under way, with the Republican gathering scheduled to follow soon, the issue of preferential selection of delegates and party lieutenants on the basis of race, religion, ethnic origin, sex, and age fairly jumped straight at viewers right out of the television screen. (At the Democratic gathering, the matter-of-fact way in which Eric Sevareid dismissed a minor boom for Senator Abraham Ribicoff as a vice presidential choice certainly must have struck some conventionwatchers as odd: Ribicoff didn't weigh in heavy enough, Pundit Sevareid observed, because antisemitism continued as too strong a factor in American life.)

This may, then, become known as the Age of Ethnic Convolution. Having long adhered to a vigorous white Anglo-Saxon preferential policy in Politics, jobs, social selectivity and status determination. America has cut the thongs to such a degree that racial and ethnic consideration becoming for today's scene comparable with the struggle over child labor, immigration policy, and free silver in the past. The battle for women's rights, as fresh as it is perennial, binds the time spans together.

One great danger in this human explosion is the potential loss of all perspective. Those diehards who now rush in to condemn party leaders for establishing minimal but guaranteed representation for Chicanos, Blacks, women, youth and other groups appear to have forgotten completely America's record of shameful discrimination in past years. And some who push the new demand for preferential quotas to the point of absurdity and unreason tend to forget the bitter chapters of prejudice against other groups (most notably Jews) in the season of struggle to break the back of immigration bias and foul practice in hiring and upgrading. Crow Jimism, a new name for Black preferential treatment carried to absurdity, is bound to prove counter-productive. And no self-respecting Jew will come away from the battle for equality of opportunity satisfied until anti-Jewish attitudes and practices are shamed into exile,

The recent action of the NJCRAC in endorsing government-administered affirmative action guidelines to equalize employment and educational opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities, together with condemnation of the use of preferential quotas in anti-discrimination programs, consitutes a solid, dignified, just policy decision. Other groups in America -- racial, ethnic, and religious --- would do well to follow the same course.

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL ------

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PERHAPS A COUPLE OF MILLION DOLLARS WERE QUIETLY PAID, AT LEAST SOME UN-DER DUBIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, IN AT LEA-ST FOUR HUGHES HOTEL - CASINO PUR-CHASES.

The Israelite disclosed, almost two years ago, that a finder's fee of \$750,000 was paid in the Frontier transaction. The information we had at the time was that a minor concessionaire at the hotel received the fee. We pointed out it was incredable, that some "higher-ups" had to be cut in on that large

THERE WERE PAYMENTS BY ENTERTAI-NERS TO HUGHES PERSONNEL WHO BOOK-ED THEM INTO HOTELS, FRANK SINATRA
JR., FOR EXAMPLE, SAYS HE PAID 5% OF
HIS SALARY TO FRANK SENNES, FORMER
CHIEF OF ENTERTAINMENT AT TWO HUGHES HOTELS, AS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS
OF HIS BOOKING. SO APPRABENTLY ON OF HIS BOOKING. SO, APPARENTLY, DID MANY OTHERS.

We broke this story after receiving complaints from honest entertainment directors, who told of tales of woe from some high-priced entertainers. We disclosed how acts had to be booked by an agency in New York, which raised the price for the act but retained a healthy percentage. The agency, of course, was owned by those who okayed the act, back in Vegas.

MR. GREENSPUN'S TURNABOUT AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS PAYING THR-OUGH THE NOSE FOR HOTELS AND CASINOS AND LOSING MONEY ON ITS OPERATIONS. THE HUGHES ORGANIZATION WAS RECEIV-ING FAVORABLE PUBLICITY LOCALLY THAT MADE IT LOOK AS IF THE EMPIRE, UNDER MR. MAHEU, WAS IN GREAT SHAPE.

At that time we started to smell a rat and maintained, over and over again the Sun was mistaken, it wasn't true, the hotels were being run into the ground. We did not know it at the time, nor did anyone else except the principals, but here is the reason why Hank was giving the public false information about the Read on, from the WSJ: Hughes properties.

COINCIDENTALLY, IN 1967, PERHAPS HERMAN (HANK) GREENSPUN, PUBLISHER OF THE LAS VEGAS SUN, NEVADA'S MOST IN-FLUENTIAL PAPER, AND HIS WIFE, BARBARA RECEIVED A LONGTERM \$4 MILLION LOAN AT AN INTEREST RATE OF ONLY 3%.

Greenspun stated on the witness stand, under oath that he was working for Mr. Hughes. Even so, that is quite a large price to pay for a press agent, even if that hired hand is a publisher of a daily newspaper, with a responsibility to the public. Incidentally, at that time, Greenspun was forced to admit he never had any dealings with Howard Hughes.

THE LOAN, NEGOTIATED IN PART BY MR. MAHEU, NOW IS THE FOCUS OF A \$142 MIL-LION LAWSUIT MR. GREENSPUN HAS FILED IN CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT COURT AGAINST HUGHES TOOL. (HUGHES TOOL SAYS THE PRINCIPAL OF THE LOAN IS TO BE REPAID BY 1975.)

We have maintained all along, ever since the loan was discovered by investigators going over the books, that this money went to Greenspun under highly unusual and suspicious circumstances. It was never filed in the County Clerk's office, as a protection to the lender, as any such negotiation would have been.

MR. GREENSPUN SAYS THE 1967 AGREE-MENT WAS SUPPLANTED BY A NEW ONE PERMITTING HIM TO STRETCH THE PAY-

MENTS TO THE YEAR 2005.
The new "alleged" agreement was dated more than a year after the first note, but wasn't signed for at least eight months after its date. The "alleged" second note was signed, according to Greenspun, just six months before Hughes Nevada chief of operations, the man Greenspun had been doing all his business with, and the man who Greenspun was boosting --- was fired. This

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