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Challenge to Decency

The whole world had to pause and each person had to realize how vulnerable he or she was, because of insane men whose sickness caused them to take the lives of 11 Israelis.

This monstrous act at Munich bared the true character of the Arab terrorist who because of his hideous perversion can not always be stopped.

The first thing that men of good will everywhere should do is to pause and each in his own way mourn the death of the innocent -- Jew and Christian -- killed in Munich.

Then, men of good will everywhere, from government leaders to business and commerce leaders, from airline officers to police, must provide better security to everyone, and put aside "politics," to strengthen the safety of man.

More innocent people will die unless we get international security conventions with teeth in them. More innocent people will die unless airlines and ships and governments use modern and scientific materials to try to prevent hijacking or murder; to try and detect these heinous weapons.

Above all, the Arab states must be "persuaded" to root out the terrorists. The international community must tell the Arab state that if they don't stop the terror, they will be ostracized and isolated from the world.

And the U.S. Government can take the lead. It has the power, the strength and the moral fortitude.

The lives of those 11 innocent Israelis will not come back. But if we don't do something to band together, to urge tighter security and to root out terrorism, then they will have died in vain.

What has happened is sad indeed. Let us never forget Munich. But let us use constructive pressure on responsible officials to try to prevent other catastrophes.

One Ballot for Each

BY ROBERT E. SEGAL

On Aug. 3 three widely known Jewish leaders who head or have headed Jewish organizations are reported to have said in a press conference that they were forming a national Jewish committee to work for the re-election of Pres. Nixon.

At least one reporter at the conference understood one of the Jewish trio to say that he was taking this step only as an individual. Thirteen days later, the same Jewish leader's name was listed in a full-page advertisement in the New York Times with two Jewish identifications -- one as current chairman of one of the most important Jewish coordinating bodies in the nation and one as former president of a large Jewish fraternal order. The ad was not placed by the ad hoc Jewish group for President Nixon; it was placed by the Democrats For Nixon Committee.

This "now you see it, now you don't" example of political tiddlewinks won't soon be forgotten by thousands of American Jews who are deeply disturbed by this election year's uninhibited coverage of the Jewish connection with the presidential elections. The pre-occupation of columnists and newspapers with the Jewish vote, Jewish contributions, and Jewish involvement in the elections recalls an old and oft told story about the family that invited J.P. Morgan to dinner. The youngest child in the family was

cautioned to make no comments, especially about Mr. Morgan's nose, a physical feature of Cyrano de Bergerac proportions. All went well until tea was served; and then, in an unguarded moment, the child who desired lemon with his tea, stared fixedly at Mr. Morgan as he said: "Mr. Morgan, please pass the nose."

There was much more to J.P. Morgan than his nose; and there is considerably more to this election than its relation to the Jewish community of America or the relation of Jews to the campaigns.

This is not to say that Washington's attitude towards and actions in connection with the protracted and uneasy armistice in the Middle East is not an appropriate concern for public discussion in the presidential election year. Nor is this an advocacy for Jews and Jewish organizations to refrain from moving such issues to the heart of political party agendas. But it is disheartening and painful to watch as some propagandists try to make the Middle East the single issue in the campaign and to spread scare stories about the candidates' stands on the Middle East.

The Jewish population of this nation is now under 3%. Jews have a commendable record for exercising the right to vote. By and large, Jewish voters are sophisticated, Jews contribute generously to campaign chests. But when the elections are over and the votes counted, all that American Jews are doing in connection with the election of 1972 will never begin to warrant the degree of exasperating preoccupation by the mass media with "the Jewish angles" and the Jewish angels.

All Faiths Memorial

NEW YORK -- At a hastily organized memorial meeting in honor of the 11 Israelis slain in Munich by Arab terrorists - which drew an overflow attendance of over 500 persons - on 5-hour notice - prominent Zionist as well as Protestant and Catholic leaders condemned the Arab nations for their role in encouraging the recent spate of butchery which culminated in the massacre at the Olympic games in Germany.

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Federation, expressed the "feeling of deep sadness throughout most of the civilized world which followed the initial shock and dismay when the news first struck." He asserted the the Olympic Torch meant to be a symbol of light and cooperation has now become a memorial candle because the real goal of the terrorists was not only to kill innocent Israelis but to destroy any form of cooperative effort among the forward-looking nations of the world.

Christian spokesmen addressing the observance included Dr. David Hyatt, Executive Vice-President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; Dr. Dan M. Potter, Executive Director of the Council of Churches of the City of New York, which represents over 1700 Protestant churches; and Father John Murray, spokesman for the Catholic Archdiocese of New York.

Dr. Potter declared that the terrible events at Munich are symptomatic of a spreading resort to lunatic violence, which if not checked can tear apart the whole fabric of the Family of Man. He said that Christians and Jews must unite at what has happened and warned that we "must now join together in pressing for actions by the UN and the statesmen of the world of such a kind that when future groups are tempted to resort to terrorism they will realize that there is no country that will give them haven, and no ear that will hear them with sympathy."

Cantor Robert Segal of B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue read from the Psalms and chanted the El Moleh Rachamim.

On Munich Massacre

BY MORRIS SPEIZMAN

PRES. WORLD COUNCIL OF SYNAGOGUES
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The World Council of Synagogues, horrified by the barbaric murders at Munich, expresses its heartfelt condolences to the families of the innocent victims and to the people and government of Israel.

We bow our heads in sorrow and in despair that unfettered madness runs amok destroying tranquility and peace in civilized communities and tearing asunder the comity of nations.

We call upon the nations of the world to cease

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



May you be inscribed
in the Book of Life
For a good
and prosperous year--
And may all these blessings
come as well
To those whom you hold dear.

temporizing with this madness and to take sure steps to prevent Lod and Munich from Happening again.

We pray that the New Year will truly bring a new determination and will to the whole world at large and that sanity will be enthroned once again.

Situation in Munich

BY PHILIP E. HOFFMAN
PRES. AMER. JEWISH COMMITTEE

The outrage perpetrated at the Olympic games by Arab guerrillas points up once again the lawlessness and immorality that characterize this murderous group.

It is ironic indeed that the attack on Israeli athletes occurred at an event that for thousands of years has symbolized man's striving for personal excellence and universal peace.

International bandits who disrupt Olympic games, shoot religious pilgrims in cold blood, endanger innocent travelers in the course of hijacking planes, and totally disregard the rights of other human beings, must be called to account by all civilized people.

We call on the governments of the world to ostracize the forces behind this latest act of Arab terrorism. We urge them to act in concert to make such lawlessness subject to the most severe international sanctions.

COPENHAGEN (WNS) -- Leopold Trepper has been trying to obtain an exit visa to emigrate to Israel since January without success. Now, because of an urgently needed operation, we may succeed in leaving.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, 28-year old engineer serving a 10 year strict regime sentence in the USSR has been transferred from labor camp to prison for six months.

NEW YORK -- Rabbis in the greater metropolitan area and throughout the country are participating in an unusual five-day "liquid" fast in protest against the war in Vietnam and the Munich massacre during the High Holy Days.