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ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY EMBLEM

# TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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of commentators and analysts have speculated on what the "Jewish vote" in the forthcoming election is likely to be. In light of these discussions, it might be helpful to examine how American Jews have tended to vote in past elections -- and why.

A realistic answer to the question, "Is there a Jewish vote?" would have to be both, "Yes" and "No": Yes, because Jews over the years have tended to exhibit unique voting patterns; no, because Jews, like other Americans, tend to disagree among themselves on political issues.

Americans in general have repeatedly shown themselves hard to control in the voting booth. Labor unions, both national and local, for example, have reason to know their members do not always vote as they are told. Most recently, in Michigan, unions spent much money and energy telling workers not to vote for George Wallace; yet it was the large labor vote that helped win Wallace the Michigan primary.

American Jews, who do not have a "power-house" or an officialdom even resembling that of a labor union, have neither a structure nor a tradition of obedience to some authoritative institution or leadership. Hundreds of independent Jewish organizations exist in the U.S. with memberships of diverse political views, and many Jews are unaffiliated with any Jewish organization or institution. If a prominent Jewish personality, here or abroad, says something that corresponds with the mood or interest of most Jews, they will listen to him; if he says something that contradicts that mood or interest, they will not.

What then is meant by "the Jewish vote?" Sometimes it is taken to mean that Jews vote for Jews. Yet this seems to be less true than with any other ethnic groups. If Jews vote for Jews, Bella Abzug should have defeated William F. Ryan in the recent Democratic Congressional primary in Manhattan, and James H. Scheuer should have defeated Jonathan Bingham in the Bronx. Similarly, in 1965, Abraham Beame should have defeated John V. Lindsay in the New York mayoral election, and there should long ago have been a Jewish mayor of New York.

The term "Jewish vote" has also been used to mean a certain kind of "unanimity." In 1968 for example, Jews gave Hubert Humphrey about 80 percent of the votes they cast. This clear and impressive majority, while still some distance from unanimity, does indicate that the statistics of voting by Jews are in certain ways characteristic, and distinguish them from other groups. These statistics indicate that Democratic candidates generally do well with Jewish voters. (Republican candidates generally do well with Episcopalian voters, who are economically and educationally comparable to the Jew.)

The striking thing about "the Jewish vote," in this sense, is that the Democratic preference has lasted so long. In 1928, it could be explained by the large number of immigrants and workers in the Jewish community, and by the special appeal the Democratic party had for such groups. But the Jewish community today is preponderantly non-immigrant and overwhelmingly middle-class. Though there are still serious problems of Jewish poverty, especially among the aged, the average income and level of education in the Jewish community has risen substantially. Among other American subgroups, support for the Democratic party has tended to shrink, and support for the Republican party to grow as they have climbed the socio-economic ladder. (Many prosperous Irish voters, for example, did measure an exception to this generalization.

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LAWRENCE, N.Y. -- It was announced today that a Memorial Album Folder of the 11 Athletes brutally slain at the Munich Olympics on Sept. 5th has been prepared and will be distributed without charge by the Israel International Information Council. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Israel International Information Council, Post Office Box 11, Lawrence, New York 11559.

## Historic U.S. Steps

The United States took two giant steps forward in less than a week that stirred the conscience of the world.

The first was when Ambassador George Bush voted against a one-sided resolution in the UN Security Council which called for a halt to all military operations in the Middle East but which ignored the provocation of the terrorist slaughter of 11 Israeli Olympians in Munich several days earlier. The second was when the State Department announced it would delay a loan of \$3 million to Uganda after President Idi Amin issued a vitriolic statement praising Hitler for the murder of six million Jews.

The veto, America's second in the history of the UN, may, in the words of Premier Golda Meir, "save not only the honor but also the future of the international organization." Others pointed out that the veto may now deter the Arabs and their Communist allies in the UN from using that body as a forum to spew their anti-Israel canards that make the Jewish State the villain in the Middle East and the rest of the world.

The veto also showed that the U.S., despite certain economic ties with the Arab world, was capable of putting aside self-interest. It showed that the U.S., which in the past merely abstained when it considered a resolution one-sided, was capable of flexing its diplomatic muscles in the cause of a just and lasting Mideast peace. It was also a manifestation of an abiding humanistic outlook.

There are some who contend that the U.S. veto and its response to Amin was motivated by President Nixon's desire to win a bigger share of the Jewish vote in November. Regardless of the motive the objective logic of the U.S. stand on both issues was a milestone in American diplomacy. Just as those present in the UN visitors gallery applauded Bush when he cast his negative vote, so too should the rest of the nation.

## Gerald Green

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Gerald Green is one of the world's nicest men. You remember Mr. Green, don't you? He wrote that masterpiece, "The Last Angry Man."

The hero of that novel was his father, a doctor in Brownsville.

Mr. Green is far from being an angry man himself.

He's a very patient man and a marvelous writer.

Besides "Angry Man," Mr. Green has written a dozen books. Each one of them is delightful. A novel, "The Legion of Noble Christians," is

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My Dear Madam Meir,

Post no. 8 of the American Legion in Las Vegas, Nevada and all its members wish to express their deepest sympathy and condolence to the State of Israel and the members of the families whose sons, husbands, and sweethearts were so ruthlessly slain by a gang of terrorists who are so sick in mind and no regard for human life.

Post No. 8 believes in justice to mankind and to foster peace and goodwill on earth. We were shocked beyond words upon hearing of the brutal and unjust killing of your sons who came to the Olympic Games to participate and to represent the State of Israel. They held their hand out for friendship and understanding to all nations participating therein, with no fear and no thoughts that they would be molested.

Adam H. Reiter wrote the following which will express our sentiment.

"If we lose in our struggle for freedom;  
If we fail at the task we must do;  
If we shrink from the turmoil of conflict,  
Or quit - ere the battle is through. . .  
If we heed not the plight of the vanquished;  
If we turn from the blunt of the clash;  
If we barter our souls in our folly,  
For the yoke - and the good - and the lash.  
It is we, who will envy the fallen  
Should we bow to the tyrant's decree;  
. . . Only our dead will find solace;  
And only the dead will be free!  
In bondage our loved ones will cower;  
Abject and despised and depraved;  
Our faith and our tenets, "Verboten"--  
Our hopes and our children enslaved!  
Our flag will be but a mem'ry  
As we mourn by Liberty's bier;  
A once proud and resolute Nation,  
Degraded and cringing in fear:  
Our shrines will be crumbled and broken  
And the slaver will scoff at our plea. . .  
--- Only our dead will be Victors;  
And only our dead will be free!"

May God protect you, you people and the bereaved families from further disaster.

Our hearts go out to you in you sorrow.

Sincerely,

Louis Ainsworth, Commander  
Richard Subdon, 1st Vice Cmdr  
Charles Lecker, 2nd Vice Cmdr  
Falon Fraley, Adjutant

based on careful research of non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jewish victims of Nazism during the Hitler era.

Another Green masterpiece is "The Artists of Terezin," an exposition and samplings of touching art works done by inmates of one of those gruesome concentration camps.

Mr. Green's evocation of his home area, "To Brooklyn with Love," was a best-seller. Mr. Green has also done many of the NBC specials, those with a worth-while theme. He is currently putting together a TV series based on "The Source," the monumental delineation of Judaism by James Michener.

If you want to enjoy yourself, get hold of another Gerald Green classic called "The Stones of Zion." It describes the archeological sites in Israel as they have never been described before. A series of vivid essays, the book (published by Hawthorn) will be the next best selling thing to a trip to Israel and a personal looksee at one of the favorite pastimes in Israel, archeology.