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So What if There Is a Jewish Vote?

There is a sharp division of opinion within the Jewish community as to whether or not there is a "Jewish vote." Some prestigious organizations and personalities contend there isn't, that Jews vote as Americans. Equally prestigious personalities and organizations claim there is a Jewish vote, albeit not influential enough to determine American politics.

The first claim betrays an anxiety that Jews are too politically conspicuous and hence potential targets for an anti-Jewish backlash. The second contention is a shame-faced acknowledgement that Jews have a right to express themselves, but only in their place.

Between a shuffling gait and an apologetic stance legitimate Jewish aspirations and needs, expressed in political involvement, are negated. But why not an unabashed assertion that there is a Jewish vote, that there are specific Jewish concerns in addition to - not separate from - general national interests?

There was and is an Italian vote, Irish vote, Polish vote, and, yes, a Black vote. There was and is a Catholic and a Protestant vote. Politicians have recognized it and the ethnic groups involved have always pressured and lobbied for this recognition.

Four years ago, for example, after the fire-ravaged and riot-torn cities calmed down, whites and Blacks and politicians were frantically trying to decide how to come to grips with, and implement, the demands of the nation's "disadvantaged."

What does an ethnic vote mean? Basically, that there are certain "causes" that are fundamental to a given group; that this group uses political leverage to get some assurance that its "causes" will be recognized and acted upon; that candidates running for office will be responsive even after Election Day.

Jews are no different. There are certain "causes" that no one else will fight for with the same intensity and consistency: Israel, peace in the Middle East and Soviet Jewry. These are legitimate considerations in an election campaign that involves national as well as international issues.

So what if there is a Jewish vote? Why not?

Arabs Rights Respected

By ROBERT E. SEGAL

A few days after Israel's Olympic athletes were slain at Munich, five study and action

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groups in the New England area were listed in the daily press as having signed a statement calling for a halt to "the vicious cycle of terrorism and counter-terrorism which marks the Arab-Israeli conflict."

The signatories were listed as the Association of Arab-American University Graduates (New England Chapter), the American Arabic Association, Christians Committed to Justice and Reconciliation in Palestine, the Department of Near East and Arab Refugee Affairs (Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church of North America), and Search for Justice and Equality in Palestine.

Shortly after the statement appeared, two of the bodies, Christians Committed To Justice and Reconciliation in Palestine and Search For Justice And Equality In Palestine were reported to have withdrawn from identification with the statement; and there is reason to believe their names were used without their permission.

The frame of reference for terrorism equated the gansterism of the Black September group at Munich with the attempt by Israeli military forces to root out these same marauders' nests in Lebanon and Syria. The frame of reference for the root cause of continuing warfare was given as "the refusal of Israel to allow 3,000,000 Palestinian Christians and Moslems to live as first class citizens in their homeland or even to live in that homeland." This obliged a true seeker after peace to wonder why Israel has quietly, humanely, and without fanfare absorbed from Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia Jewish refugees in practically the same numbers as Arabs who departed their Palestinian habitats when five Arab states invaded Israel May 15, 1948, the day after the establishment of the State of Israel, a few hours after the British High Command left Palestine.

And that same true seeker after peace would have to wonder also why American-based groups partial to Arab nations and Arab interests have never been able to prevail upon the Arab establishment to stop their misuse of the Arabs who left Palestine in 1948 and their children and grandchildren, born in the refugee camps and now represented as having themselves been driven out in 1948 (although they were born after that time).

The frame of reference for morality in the propaganda statement here under consideration is this: "We must cease applying one moral standard to Israelis and another to Arabs." This is the exceptional pronouncement all can accept. But if one reads further, he realizes again that apologists for Arab political (including terrorist) actions seem to find it impossible in final analysis to acknowledge that Israelis not only have rights but are more than willing to fight for the rights and indeed the health, the economy, the progress, and the prosperity of Arab neighbors.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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The general election is but two weeks away, and our conscience will not let this grave miscarriage of justice go unanswered.

Before we cite actual testimony from the transcript of the hearing, we questioned Justice Reid if he knew exactly the perilous position he placed himself in by dismissing the charges against Ryan. Of course he was fully aware of the consequences. Friends pleaded with him to forget law and decent judgement and protect his own political future. Another weaker jurist, may have taken the line of least resistance. Not Bob Reid.

He informed us with deep and reverent sincerity, he was grateful for the trust the public had in him in being elected to the post, and he wanted to stay as a judge with all his heart and soul. "I will not betray my conscience for the sake of public popularity," he confided. "In my courtroom, the law prevails, and no one is rendered special treatment of added consideration because of power, pomp or position." His reputation as a fair and honest judge has gained wide notoriety among the man in the street, who had looked up to him as their champion for a fair deal, until the Ryan decision.

Price, the columnist, accused Judge Reid of acting like Attorney General List was a criminal. Reid told us that List did commit a crime and had he attended the hearing would have been cited for arrest by Reid.

The case is now in the hands of the Nevada Supreme Court to determine whether it can be re-instated in district court. Incidentally Judge Reid has never had a decision reversed by the higher tribunal.

To show what a fair man Judge Reid is, at the very outset, he refused to let the attorney general's main witness, Mizera, testify without first being assured of immunity from arrest. The prosecutor argued the immunity order granted for the grand jury was sufficient. Reid called on a member of the Public Defender's Office, a bystander in the courtroom, to advise the witness. The advice was not to testify until immunity was granted by a district judge.

Mizera testified he wangled an introduction to Ryan and had several meetings with the commissioner. Ryan believed there was merit to the zone change.

Mizera said he approached each of the other four commissioners seeking to get their votes. His boss in California wanted a unanimous decision. After his seventh or eighth meeting with Ryan, Mizera was accosted by members of the attorney general's staff and threatened if he did not cooperate in getting the goods on Ryan, they would arrest him. At subsequent meetings a tape recorder was strung under Mizera's clothing. The recordings were unintelligible and therefore not admitted into evidence.

Mizera admitted suffering from daily, severe headaches, for which he was taking Percodan, a synthetic narcotic, which is addictive. He changed his testimony constantly under cross examination. He admitted initiating meetings with Ryan at the request of the attorney general.

On the night of Ryan's arrest, Mizera claimed they had a meeting set for 9 p.m. at Ryan's home. With two lawmen in the trunk of his car and an envelope for \$5,000 in marked currency he drove to the house to find Ryan out to dinner with his wife. They returned at 10 p.m. and Ryan had not yet returned. Near midnight, when Ryan answered the door in his shirt sleeves, and stocking feet, the alleged transposition of the money took place.

It was pointed by the defense council, if there was a definite date for Ryan to accept the bribe, he would have been home waiting to collect the five grand.

But the crux of the entire matter stemmed from insufficient evidence due to the lack of

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