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Gerald L.K. Smith

Gerald L. K. Smith, the notorious racist and bigot, whose sermons of late have been limited to America's backwoods, was given a new lease on life and international prominence by the Pentagon.

The Armed Forces Radio and television Service picked up a broadcast prepared by Mutual Broadcasting System and beamed the hate-monger's gospel around the world to its 492 radio and television stations serving some two million American military and civilian personnel.

True, the Department of Defense Information administrators subsequently repudiated the program, and the show's host, Bill Bertenshaw, finally accepted full responsibility for taping the program, but the damage has been done.

In addition to touting his "Passion Play," and advertising his "Christ of the Ozarks Shrine" in Eureka Springs, Ark., Smith also delivered a venomous pitch by stating that "we are now launching the building of a new Holy Land due to the fact that the original Holy Land, which was visited by Jesus Christ 2000 years ago, has been scarred and marred. . ."

Reputation by the Defense Department, after the fact, of a program featuring the neanderthal who gained notoriety more than 40 years ago for Negro-baiting, Jew-baiting and union busting, does not take it off the hook that easily. What's at stake, as so many Jewish organizations pointed out, was not so much what Smith said -- which was bad enough -- but that his very appearance could take place on a federally-funded, owned and operated network.

The repudiation leaves too many questions unanswered, not the least of which is: How was it possible for such a program to slip past the Pentagon brass before it was aired? Another question that needs to be answered: What are the rules and regulations governing the use of racist and bigoted material over the AFRTS network?

There is an additional element that needs to be investigated. The New Jersey Council of Churches, which packages a religious program, "Suggested Solutions," and which has been associated with the AFRTS programs, asked that its name not be used in conjunction with the series three months ago. But, until the council was put on the spot by newspaper reports, it did not publicly repudiate the Smith broadcast which carried the council's name at the tag-end of the program. In fact, it has still to repudiate the broadcast either on religious grounds or on the grounds of common human decency.

Senator Jacob Javits said he is determined to press for an investigation of the use of AFRTS of the Smith broadcast. A public outcry should help his probe.

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BY JACK TELL



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that the members of the gaming authorities he has contacted have not expressed any views, for or against, 18-year-olds being allowed to gamble. Willard also stated he is in the process of getting the opinions of the hotel and casino operators through the Nevada Resort Hotel Association.

Willard did report that there was opposition from the Jaycees, not on the point of gambling, but in allowing 18-year-olds to have full responsibility in the signing of contracts.

Price takes off against Lowman, claiming the Assemblyman is leaning over backwards to woo the young voters, that "Lowman may already have received the message and be prepared to make adjustments. If not, he will."

This veiled threat against an elected official is typical of Paul Price, who will go to any extreme to force his point. He can be humorous on occasions, like "a Sun columnist never dabbles in politics." But when Price challenges the integrity of Lowman, it is serious business. No man is better versed in teenage and juvenile problems in the entire State of Nevada and he is considered among the top authorities on the subject at the national level. Here is a partial list of Lowman's credits in his background:

1. President of Forum House and Operation Bridge (Drug Abuse counseling);
2. National director of Odyssey House, and Chairman of Nevada Board of Advisors;
3. Vice-president of Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council and Community Debt Counseling Service of Clark County;
4. President of Boulder Dam Area Boy Scout Council;
5. Advisory Committee member of Nevada Ettie Lee Boys' Home, the Las Vegas City Youth Affairs Office;
6. Chairman of Operation Drug Alert;
7. Committee chairman for Boy and Girl Scout units, during 17 years in scouting, and is currently Chairman of Operation Reach (on drug abuse) for the Boy Scout Council;

No Book of Moses

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Even those who are not experts in the Bible know the name of some of the books.

Even those who are not experts in the Bible know the name of some of the heroes of Scripture.

One of the giants of the Biblical saga is Moses.

Another one is his brother Aaron, who became



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8. Nevada All-American Family of 1960; Freedom's Foundation George Washington Honor Medal in 1962; Boy Scouting's Silver Beaver in 1963; Heart Award of variety Tent #39 in 1964; Meritorious Service Award of the Secondary School Administrators and for "outstanding contributions to education of youth in Southern Nevada in 1967; Service to Mankind Award by North Los Angeles Sertoma District in 1969; Freedom Enterprise Award of Southern Nevada in 1970; and Thanks Badge of Frontier Girl Scout Council in 1972.

Compare Lowman's background to Price's, who pleaded the first Amendment instead of answering charges brought by the Grand Jury, and presently is using every legal trick to stall another investigation of the Grand Jury on charges of shaking down a public official.

If Price took the time any reporter would, to investigate, he would have found out that the aforementioned D. A. Young Citizen's Council, sponsoring the same bill as Lowman, has the most astute citizens of Clark County as adult advisors. The following outstanding, civic-minded individuals, who presumably support the issues involved in Lowman's bill, are: James Brennan, Ralph Lamb, Jack Gaughn, Dr. Otto Ravenholt, James Bilbray, Sr., Joe Johnston, Ray Slaughter, William Willard, Duane Foremaster, Bart Schouweiler, Kenny Guinn, Donald Beapler, James Embry, B. Mahlon Brown, V. DeVoe Heaton, Robert Legakes, Richard Campbell, Donald Wilson, James Carmany, John Mendoza, J. O. Smith, Barton Jacka, James Bilbray, Jr., Tom Weisner, Hal Morelli, Oran Gragson, Jerome Snyder, Ken Gragson, Sig Front, John Jeffrey, Wendell Waite, Jim Santini; and Mrs. Etta Cortez, Mrs. Thalia Dondero, Mrs. Leola Armstrong, Nedra Joyce, Helen Herr, Mrs. Arlene Mack, James Gay, Mrs. Betty Campbell, Mrs. Fairy Ryerson, Mrs. Eleanor Harris, Joe Botos, Mrs. Dorothy Eisenberg, Mrs. Donald McMillan, Mrs. Ellen Shirley, Mrs. Edita Perez, Cruz Olague, Mrs. Ruth Berg, Mrs. William Shriner, Mrs. Lily Fong, Jim Parker, Thomas Lean, Mrs. Cleo Harmon, Sam Mosly, Mrs. Faye Mullen, Eileen Brookman, Willis Evans, Duke Durden, George Ward, Mrs. Mary Jane Loper, Bobby Douglas and Mrs. Mary Koziowski.

So, if Paul Price wants to get into a "Holier Than Thou" moral kick against gambling, which he'd never dare, that's his prerogative.

The 18-year-olds deserve full adult status, and that's what we endorse.

the first high priest. His ordination has been duplicated through the centuries, so that every priest undergoes the same ceremony which elevated Aaron to his lofty post, and even the monarchs of Great Britain are anointed as Aaron was.

Great men, Aaron and Moses.

But did you ever observe that there are no books of the Bible named after them?

There is a book of Joshua, but no book of Moses.

Why?

Perhaps that is the Bible's way of telling us that a person who is willing to serve in a subordinate position deserves more credit than the chief.

Joshua, for many years, was the right hand of Moses. Moses was the leader. He was humble, true, but he was the acknowledged head of the tribes of the people. Joshua served in a secondary role. He was the vice-president, so to speak.

Ultimately, he did succeed Moses. And a book is named after him perhaps to advise us that it takes real greatness to serve in a secondary role and to absorb the sagacity and the wisdom of the leader.

And although there is no book of the Bible called Aaron, there is one called Leviticus. Leviticus means the book of the Levites. The Levites, after whom the modern Levis, Levines, Levinsons, etc. are named, were not the chief priests. They were the assistant priests. They were the people who did the hard work, who were willing to forget their own prestige for the sake of serving the sanctuary. They were the laborers in the Lord's vineyard, not for credit, but for the joy which comes from aiding a noble endeavor.

The Bible salutes them by calling a book after them. May we too be hardworking Joshuas and Levites, and may history crown us with the credit we do not ask for but will have deserved because we served.