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APPEAL TO HONEST CITIZENS IN LAS VEGAS TO STOP PAUL PRICE

RONNA RUBIN BAT MITZVAH

Ronna Rubin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Rubin, who will become a Bat Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., on Friday evening, March 30, 1973.

Cantor Joseph Kohn will officiate and conduct the services, which commence at 8:30 P.M. Cantor Kohn will also chant the liturgy. The parents of the Bat Mitzvah will host the congregation to Oneg Shabbat refresh-



RONNA

ments in the Temple's Social Hall immediately after the services.

NO MORE SOVIET TAX

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Soviet authorities will no longer implement the law requiring academic degree holders wanting to emigrate to pay a tax based on their educational level, Vicior Louis, a Soviet journalist with Kremlin connections, wrote March 21st in a dispatch from Moscow published in an Israeli newspaper.

He claimed that while the tax, promulgated last August will not formally be abolished, the head office of Ovir, the Soviet visa bureau, confirmed it would no longer be collected. Louis' dispatch hinted that Soviet authorities may

consider refunding the taxes received from Jews -- an estimated 300 -- during the six months the law was implemented. If a refund is authorized, he said, the money would be turned over to relatives or friends of the Jews who paid the tax and have since left the USSR. The recipients must be living in Russia, he said.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL IN BLOOD OF FRENCH PILOT DOWNED PLANE

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Traces of barbiturates and alcohol were found in the blood of the French pilot of the Libyan airliner shot down by Israeli fighter planes over Sinai Feb. 21st, according to an unofficial report purported to be a laboratory analysis of the pilot's blood content.

Israel toxicologists are divided over whether these traces could have influenced his reported erratic actions during a 15-minute period when lost in Israeli airspace, he ignored signals from Israeli fighter pilots to land.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



Monomind Paul Price

Those who seek to discredit the proposed monorail in Las Vegas have an alliance with the Sun newspaper, which raises serious doubt of the honesty and credibility of the vicious stories being written by Sun columnist, Paul Price.

It is useless to appeal to Sun publisher, Hank Greenspan, to put a stop to this obvious sham because bossman has declared himself on a small scale, while he lets hatchet-man Price turn out column after column to smear an apparent aboveboard and fruitful undertaking, two years in the making.

We appeal generally to every honest resident, to every civic-minded citizen, to every decent businessman, housewife and professional, to have full knowledge of the background for Price's malicious attacks.

At a time when Freedom of the Press is a public issue, we appeal to every reporter on newspaper, radio or television to examine the facts, to determine for himself whether Price is a disgrace to our profession, an embarrassment to those with pride in our practice and a hindrance to the rights we ask under the Constitution.

We appeal specifically to Gov. Mike O'Callaghan, to Atty. Gen. Bob List, to D. A. Roy Wootter, to federal and county grand juries, to every elected official in Nevada, to analyze the outrageous circumstances behind the pointed columns being written by Price. Never before in the annals of free journalism has a community been so incredibly taken in by an individual suspiciously allied with those who seek to profit by the concept he is spreading. Even more incredible is the absence of protest, except here in the ISRAELITE.

When a newspaperman loses his credibility, anything he says must be suspect.

Paul Price is currently under investigation by the Clark County Grand Jury on charges of "shaking down" our district attorney. Instead of hastening the investigation in an honest attempt to clear his name, Price has instigated clever legal maneuvers to stall airing of the charges against him, perhaps hoping they will go away. While this in itself does not completely destroy Paul's credibility, (innocent until proven guilty), there is enough tarnish to make us wonder about anything he attempts to jamb down our throats.

Price's campaign to put the zingers into the proposed monorail, raises a number of questions, most of them illogical, and many to create doubt, fear and mistrust in the minds of an unsus-

pecting populace.

At a Clark County Board of Commissioners meeting on April 19 all of the questions raised will be answered properly and to everyone's satisfaction, or according to Commission Chairman Myron Leavitt, "we will not proceed with the project." No binding commitments have been made to date.

The proposed monorail is intended as a convenient and speedy system of transportation for tourists from the airport to Strip and downtown hotels. The primary purpose is to alleviate traffic on the Strip, but of equal importance is an anticipated \$2,000,000 that will accrue to the County and participating city, annually, without any investment or liability. According to Leavitt, the fare will be \$1 and already this year considerably more have passed through the airport than the 4,000,000 clocked last year. All proposals were studied, said Leavitt, "and the one we are considering is the most feasible."

The probable route, according to Leavitt, will be north on Paradise, west on Tropicana, north on the Strip (a spur on Convention Center Drive), north on Main or South Fifth, east or west on Fremont, and return. It is expected to operate silently on rubber tire wheels, and extremely attractive.

Our immediate reaction to this, or any means of mass transportation, when first proposed in 1971, was that it represented progress. The district attorney's office is researching every step of the way to be certain that all state statutes are not violated. The Supreme Court of Nevada has already ruled that the proposed trust agreement is legal.

The first dissident voice we heard was in an hour-long telephone conversation with a Delores Neonis several weeks ago. At that time she represented herself as a public-spirited citizen, who wanted to prevent a great harm from coming to our city. Although most personable, she was extremely vague, insisting she represented no one but herself. When she mentioned graft, we said we would investigate if she named anyone involved or even suspected of being involved, but she backed off, stating the graft would come later. We ended the conversation telling her unless she came up with facts and figures to the contrary, we were in favor of the proposed monorail.

A month later we caught a fleeting glimpse of Delores Neonis in a local television news broadcast appearing before a commission hearing to talk against the proposed monorail. At that time we admired the woman for her spunk as a spirited citizen who spent time and effort in support of her beliefs.

Then came the light.

A most extensive and expensive campaign was commenced and still is in progress against the proposed monorail. TV is being deluged with paid commercials and daily newspapers saturated with oversize ads denouncing the proposed transportation system.

We got to wondering. Who was financing this over-zealous campaign? A phone call to "Committee for Effective Mass Transportation," stated in the ads, was taken by an answering ser-

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