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BY MAX I. DIMONT
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During the intermission, after the first act, we see the Jews milling in the lobby of history debating what to do. An existentialist choice is confronting them. Should they deny the past and integrate, or should they reaffirm the past, continue as Jews, and follow the labyrinth of their manifest destiny?

In the second act -- the 2,000 years of man before the third act script is written?

Any roster of famed Clevelanders or ex- is bound to be incomplete. But just ponder some who come to mind:

Bernard Drenfeld, of the Jewish War Veterans; Edward Ginsberg of UJA; Sidney Vincent, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland; Cantor Saul Meisels, onetime head of his professional group; Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, former president of the American Jewish Congress; Mrs. Ronald Brown, once head of the National Council of Jewish Women; Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn and Rabbi David Polish, both of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Sanford Solender, once chief executive of the Jewish Welfare Board and now top man of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies; Rabbi Balfour Brickner, ecumenical personality, whose mother, Mrs. Barnett Brickner, is a leading figure in the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Quite a list! Quite a city, Cleveland!

Jewish history -- we see the Jews choose the latter. History tells us they chose not to deny the past but to reaffirm it. The Jewish Rubicon has been crossed. In the second act, it is conscious, deliberate, pragmatic actions that shape Jewish history. Not God, but the Jew himself is at the helm of his destiny.

In this second act, we see the Jews catapulted from civilization to civilization. We see them confidently confront and successfully respond to the first four challenges hurled at them by ever-accelerating forces of history until the fifth challenge in the sixteenth century. Then fate consigns them to a ghetto in the sixth and last challenge in the second act-- the Modern Age--we see the Jews discard their ghetto caftans. We see them stand side by side with their Christian brethren blessing Reason, Logic, and Science -- the trinity of the Modern Age. Alas, whereas the Feudal "Age of Reason" had merely consigned the Jews to ghettos, the Modern "Age of Reason" consigned them to concentration camps. But we see the Jews arise from the ashes of the concentration camps and return to Zion, as if summoned by the Prophets.

We see them recreate the State of Israel, right under the nosecones of atomic bombs. On this triumphant note the second act curtain comes down right in front of our eyes.

Has our drama now ended with the return of the Jews to the vortex of their history, or is this only an intermission while we wait for a third act? Are the Jews once again confronted with the same existentialist choice their ancestors were confronted with 2,000 years ago, after the first act? Should they deny the past, or should they reaffirm it? Have they pursued a grand illusion or have they pursued a divine mission? And who will write the script for the third act? Will it be God, as in the first, or the Jew himself as in the second? Or will it be an ecumenical script written by God, Jew, and Gentile as a team? Or will an atomic holocaust obliterate

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Resolution Tension

The resolution by the governing council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) condemning Israel for shooting down a Libyan airliner last February is another reason why many supporters of Israel have become increasingly disillusioned with the ability of any international organization, including the United Nations, to do anything constructive toward bringing peace to the Middle East.

The 27-0 resolution was particularly astonishing in view of a report by the ICAO investigating team that the negligence and incompetence of Egyptian and Libyan air controllers created the situation which resulted in the Libyan plane crashing in the Sinai with the loss of 108 lives.

Israel has already taken full responsibility for her part in the tragedy. Jerusalem has taken steps to prevent a similar occurrence including the installation of equipment at all military radar stations providing direct contact with civilian airlines. Israel's longtime suggestion of the creation of a "hotline" system between Israel and Egypt continues to be ignored by Cairo.

In light of their history it was too much to expect the Arab nations to admit to their part of the blame for the Sinai disaster. But it was not too much to expect the ICAO to reject a resolution sponsored by Egypt, Lebanon, Tunisia, and Indonesia, none of whom are disinterested parties in the Middle East dispute.

The ICAO has a responsibility to take the technical and administrative measures to see that such a tragedy does not happen again. Instead the action of the ICAO governing council has added to the tension in the Middle East and increased the likelihood that innocent civilian passengers will come again to be put in jeopardy by the situation here.

Cleveland, Ohio

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Cleveland, with a population of a million, boasts one of the outstanding Jewish communities in the United States.

The one hundred thousand Jews of Cleveland give ardent support to some of the nation's finest synagogues. Each year Cleveland Jewry outdoes itself by upping its gifts to the United Jewish Appeal. Cleveland's Jewish Community Federation is one of the most efficient around, and the newspaper which serves it, the Cleveland Jewish News, is one of the best of its kind.

But what is extraordinary is the concentration of talented Jews in Cleveland, a city which has provided top helmsmen for any number of Jewish Organizations.

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BY JACK TELL



(Continued from Page 1) papers the crooks wanted, and the plane would take them to Nicaragua, where Hughes was at the time.

(The highest ranking Hughes executive in Nevada assured the ISRAELITE there never was a Hughes' plane standing by on that date.)

The story in Greenspun's Sun would lead an innocent reader to believe that Greenspun had information to incriminate Hughes. He even twisted the fact that an army of IRS agents had been assigned to Nevada into casting suspicion on Hughes.

We all know about the large number of IRS agents here. But not to find Hughes' violations. Only to determine if those who bilked Hughes out of millions, had paid taxes on their ill-gotten gains.

Just what could Greenspun have in his safe on Hughes?

With the best of our figuration, and with a knowledge of what had transpired to date, the only papers Greenspun could have in his safe are memos sent by the billionaire to his \$10,000-a-week manager of Nevada affairs, Bob Maheu. In more hectic days gone by, during the turbulence of the Maheu ouster, Greenspun printed many of these memos, probably the most damaging of what a boss of a \$300,000,000 empire may say to a worker in a moment of stress.

Those were the days when Greenspun would print rumors as headlines and blow up the most insignificant item to defame Hughes. The most damaging blow to Greenspun's ego was being forced to admit under oath that he never had any direct dealings with the billionaire, involving \$10,000,000 in nebulous transactions.

The latest phase of the Greenspun - Hughes epic was petering out when the IRS subpoenaed Greenspun to produce the "mystery" documents, described by the Sun as: "concerning the financial dealings of billionaire Howard Hughes in Nevada."

The Sun story continues: "A summons

was served on Greenspun by a special agent of the Internal Revenue Service in the matter OF THE TAX LIABILITY OF THE HUGHES TOOL COMPANY." (The capitals are ours.)

Can anyone in their right mind conceive of a billionaire, who never is seen, with accountants and auditors handling every move, being a tax violator? Inane. And this is the kind of trash the Las Vegas Sun feeds its readers.

It is true that a summons was served on Greenspun last month, along with summons served on many others who wound up with Hughes' millions. But it was not to investigate Hughes, as Greenspun would imply, but moreso to seek possible criminal implications of those who got the Hughes' cash.

Greenspun never did show up at the IRS office with the "secret" Hughes documents. No, not Hank. He's pleading, of all defenses, freedom of the press.

What this matter has to do with freedom of the press, we fail to see. If Greenspun had a shoe store or a meat market, and bragged about "secret" documents signed by a billionaire, who was "manipulating politics and involved in tax liabilities," he certainly could not plead freedom of the press.

This is not a question of refusing to divulge the source of information. We have the source, Greenspun. All we want is the information, not hints, inklings, insinuations, implications and all the other traits of a professional teaser.

If Greenspun has anything to say about Hughes, which he hasn't already said, why in heaven's name doesn't he print it? We're all waiting with bated breath to get the low down.

It is our opinion that Greenspun has nothing of importance on Hughes.

He admitted after leaving the IRS office that he knew nothing of Hughes' tax affairs. He also volunteered that he had loads and loads of information on Hughes. Sure, every newspaper clipping that appeared. It was the memos the reporters asked Greenspun about. (On this he was mum.)

We admire Greenspun's outbursts against the IRS, whose tactics deserve everything they were called by the Sun publisher. But we would rather the complaints come from a publisher, really and honestly concerned with the rights of the citizens, not one who is speaking in his own selfish behalf.