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VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GERALD R. FORD, RIGHT, CHAT WITH ISRAELITE'S WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT TRUDE B. FELDMAN AT WASHINGTON'S MAYFLOWER HOTEL. TRUDE'S COVER STORY ON THE FORDS APPEARS IN THE MAY ISSUE OF MC CALL'S MAGAZINE, DISCLOSING HOW HE FIRST MET HIS REAL FATHER--AT AGE 16. PHOTO BY FRED MAROON

**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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really, really believe that the meager spirited of this nation are ganging up on you? Come now!

A portion of these reflections is inspired by the recent publication of a zany article in "Boston Magazine" by Gerry Nadel, a N.Y. transplant, entitled: "The Jittery Mood Of Boston's Jews: Both the Establishment and the Community are Worried About The Arab Oil Backlash." Herein, one reads that watchers of ethnic storm clouds are frightened because, allegedly, "kike" jokes are being told at other wise respectable dinner parties, people are claiming that Zionists are putting the little corner gas stationer pumper out of business, and stockbrokers are getting orders to sell everything because a new Hitler or Torquemada is about to be unveiled by the Madison Avenue adsters who gave us those lovely paid pages extolling the virtues of Arabs. Balderdash.

In an era when 68% of America's newspapers blame the Arabs for starting the Oct. war while only 2 % blame the Israelis, in a time when Golda Meir is the world's most admired woman and Henry Kissinger the front runner among males, it takes a vivid imagination, if not a slight touch of paranoiz, for some of us to believe that the curtain is slamming down on our heads.

There is bitterness abundant in the nation; and the venom therfrom hunts targets. The U.S. House majority leader, Thomas P. "Tip" O'NEILL, Jr., who for 22 years has represented the district once graced by the late John F. Kennedy, has said that he has never in his experience as a congressman seen such a "tidal wave of hate mail to Congress" as now. It's absolutely vicious, Tip says. But it's practically all divided between those who love Dick Nixon and those who can't abide him. It's not about you and me.

If you do have jitters about oil embargo-inspired anti-Semitism, get you to an exorcist. But on the way, please start worrying more about the tendency of so many American Jews to drop out of the fight to keep the nation civically robust, compassionate, and committed to justice. The great universals still cry for our allegiance. Even as we waiver and tremble, turning inward and eschewing the challenge to do right by all our neighbors, the path remains clearly illuminated. If we have bricks at that light, brought into glorious radiance by millenia of prophetic preachment and heroic deeds, what will our grandchildren think of us?

By special permission of Rabbi Freedman, here is the text:

Oh! Promised Land of Zion  
 Where heroes lived and died!  
 Martyred, Thy children  
 Stir with hope and pride!  
 From distant Land of Exile  
 To blessed Eastern shore,  
 Zion, Thy faithful  
 Stream forever more!

Hope ne'er did fail!  
 Twenty centuries past,  
 Hope born in travail

Realized at last!  
 Nation free! Again to be!  
 In the land of Israel.  
 Zion's pride again to see  
 Oh Jerusalem!

Isn't that better than the way we sing it now?

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Harry K. Gutmann, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, national body of 715 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada, died at his home in Scarsdale, after a long illness. He was 64.

**U.S. Mideast Policy?**

It was recognized from the beginning that the negotiations between Israel and Syria for a disengagement agreement would be more difficult than with Egypt and would present more dangers for Israel.

Even before Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger arrived in the Middle East, Israelis in and out of government expressed pessimism about the chances for success of his mission and fear about the possibility of undue American pressure upon Israel.

Kissinger upon arriving in Israel sought to allay those fears by declaring: "I came to discuss not concessions but security. I came not to exert pressure but to attempt to reach lasting peace..." But the personal message President Nixon reportedly sent Premier Golda Meir urging Israel not to do anything that will cause Kissinger's mission to fail is certainly a sign that pressure is being used.

The United States has been taking steps to improve its relations with the Arab countries. While in the long run this should be welcomed, American Jewish leaders have voiced concern about whether the U.S. is shifting its Mideast policy at the expense of Israel. Particularly worrying was the U.S. vote for the United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Israel for its raid into Lebanese territory without mentioning the terrorist massacre of 18 persons at Kiryat Shemona. Prof. Hans Morgenthau, a leading expert on international relations, warned some 1000 Conservative rabbis at the Rabbinical Assembly convention, that the Administration's new even-handed policy for the Mideast may be nothing more than a way of cracking down on Israel.

American support for Israel has been welcome and gratifying along with U.S. arms and other aid for which Israel pays hard cash. But as the Institute of Strategic Studies has pointed out Israel has become critically dependent on the U. S. for the arms it needs to defend itself.

The American Jewish community must watch closely that this dependence is not used against Israel. For while Israel will have to make some concessions to achieve an agreement with Syria they must not be at the expense of its security. American diplomatic efforts are bringing the first signs of a chance for peace for the Middle East. But if they result in Israel's survival being threatened then such a peace will only be an illusion.

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by Rabbi Samuel Silver

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writers of this age have evanesced, people will be marvelling at the scholastic achievements of a relatively obscure rabbi who lives in Springfield, Mass.

This intellectual giant, Rabbi Jacob Freedman, is completing a prayerbook of many colors.

By that I mean that he has tracked down the sources of each part of each prayer and indicated, by color, in what era it was promulgated.

Furthermore, he cites the passage from the Bible or the Talmud (or other sources) from which the words are taken.

It must be understood that the Jewish prayerbook is a composite of many strands.

This extraordinary Freedman feat, which took years to accomplish, will immediately inform the reader about the background of each segment.

The achievement, hailed by all modern savants and quite a number of laymen-philanthropists, took years in the doing.

A modest, unpretentious person, Rabbi Freedman is not satisfied with his monochrome prayerbook.

He has done the same thing for the Pass-over Haggadah. We are lucky in having a plethora of lovely Haggadahs, but none will be more enlightening and more dazzling than the Freedman Haggadah, which will soon be in the hands of bedazzled readers.

Annotated and illustrated, the new Haggadah can be had for only \$25, which is tax deductible if you make it out to the Freedman Liturgy Research Foundation, 68 Calhoun St., Springfield, Mass. 01107.

Rabbi Freedman has done something else that's notable, but I don't have space to tell about it here. Next column.

**Top Scholar, Part 2**

In a previous column I hymned Rabbi Jacob Freedman, a scholar without a pulpit now but with a goal which will reverberate through the ages.

A resident of Springfield, Mass., Rabbi Freedman is producing the most stunning version of the Jewish prayerbook ever done. It is a monochrome prayerbook, indicating by a color the epoch in which certain parts of the siddur were added and citing the Biblical and Talmudic sources of the phrases which constitute the traditional prayers.

In addition to this monumental feat, Rabbi Freedman has done something less spectacular but still noteworthy.

He has given us a new translation of Hatikvah (The Hope), the Israeli national anthem.

The song, written originally in Hebrew by the late Naphtali Imber, contains English as difficult to master as our own anthem.

Rabbi Freedman has come through with a fresh, singing translation, which will undoubtedly capture the imagination and tonsils of future lovers of Zion. It's bound to replace the present version.