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### Disengagement Brings Hope

The disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria is a major step in the long quest for peace in the Middle East. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger deserves the highest plaudits for his diplomatic skills which enabled him to achieve an accord that until the last moments appeared to be still elusive. Premier Golda Meir also has earned praise for being willing to take a gamble in order to move the chances of peace forward. It must have been especially gratifying to Mrs. Meir to have worked out the agreement as her last major act in the Premiership.

But as we express joy over what has been achieved it should not be forgotten that tremendous hurdles still have to be overcome before a final settlement can be realized in the Middle East. The question of whether the Arab states are willing to accept Israel as a sovereign nation with the right to live behind secure borders has not been answered. The territorial question is still not solved nor is the Palestinian issue. The Geneva peace conference is still ahead full of diplomatic perils for Israel.

### God

by Rabbi Samuel Silver

A youngster named Leslie Stewart has given us a "picture of God" which vividly strikes home. I share Leslie's statement which I found in the bulletin of the Fairmount Temple of Cleveland, Ohio:

"God, or some unknown force we call by that name, is the creator and unifying center of the entire universe. God has no shape or form that I as a human being can understand. In fact He is everything I and the rest of mankind do not understand and about life itself and the universe.

"I can only understand God, therefore, in human terms. God is not a Superman, a Santa Claus or a Lone Ranger to me. He is not someone whom I call on to save me to answer my selfish needs or desires. But rather He is my partner; He is a natural part of me. God is purely spiritual to me and very personal. I 'experience' Him; I 'feel' His presence. I reach Him through love and thoughts. Sometimes this takes the form of prayers and sometimes in my actions.

"I also see God through this wonderful world He has created, the world of nature. I also see God through people -- people who imitate His goodness and moral standards by trying to work with Him to perfect His noble experiment, the world we live in."

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### NOTED RABBI HERE TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF REFORM TEMPLE IN L.V.

Rabbi Erwin Herman, a major figure in the Reform wing of American Judaism will be the guest of members of the Las Vegas Jewish community at a cocktail party in his honor to be held Thursday night, June 13, at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Kirshbaum, at 2601 Pinto Lane.

All Jews from the community at large are cordially invited to attend and meet with Rabbi and Mrs. Herman.

Rabbi Herman will spend two days in Las Vegas at the invitation of a group of lay and professional leaders. The purpose of his visit is to meet with all Jews interested in discussing the possibilities of establishing a new, modern, progressive congregation in Las Vegas.

At present, Las Vegas has only one traditional Temple with a membership of about 800 families, representing about 25% of the Jewish population of the area. Statistics supplied by the national organization of Jewish Federations indicate that a community of the size of Las Vegas could easily support four or five Temples.

Many Jews in Las Vegas see Rabbi Herman's visit as the



RABBI HERMAN

beginning of a new era in a community that has enjoyed an upward growth pattern for the last two decades. They recognize in Reform Judaism the possibilities for self-fulfillment as modern, progressive American Jews. They look upon the establishment of a Reform Temple in Las Vegas as providing a real alternative to the already established more traditional synagogue.

The group of Jewish leaders who have invited Rabbi Herman to Las Vegas are interested in meeting with all Jews who wish to participate in developing the new Temple and formulating its religious and social outlook to suit their particular needs as modern American Jews.

### B'NAI B'RITH INSTALLS OFFICERS JUNE 8

The newly elected board of the B'nai B'rith Lodge 2825, a men's Jewish service organization whose primary concern is for the brotherhood of man, will be installed in a dinner-dance ceremony at the Sahara Hotel on Saturday, June 8th.

Richard Brownstein, President of the District Grand Lodge #4 will install newly elected President Eli Welt, prominent local businessman. Mr. Welt's board includes Las Vegas residents: Executive Vice President Hal Tuckman, Vice President of Ways and Means Mike Skurow, Vice President of Programming Shelly Bialac, Vice President of Social Bernie Kaufman, Vice President of Membership Paul Blatt, Executive Secretary Sherman Levin, Financial Secretary Bernie Farrow, Assistant Financial Secretary Nat Schwartz, Correspond-

ing Secretary Gerald Welt, Treasurer Terry Raben, Warden Joe Unger, Chaplain Mike Cherry and Trustees Barry Eisen, Mike Feinberg, Aubrey Goldberg, Herb Kaufman, Harry Levy, Maurice Pearlman, Ralph Plotkin, Harvey Riceberg, Stan Schwartz and Sig Stein.

Robert Delafield, who appears as the featured vocalist in the Stardust's "Lido De Paris" will entertain B'nai B'rith members and their guests. Mr. Delafield's powerful voice and actor/singer versatility has been described as enjoyable to audiences in the Bahamas, Mexico, Canada, France, and in every state from New York to California.

Sahara's finest will prepare and serve a steak dinner and guests will dance to music provided by local artist Ed Levitas. The evening's donation will be \$25.00 per couple.

WASHINGTON (WNS) The United States has requested the Soviet Union to grant an exit visa to Prof. Vitali Rubin, a Moscow Jewish activist, who has a standing invitation to teach classical Chinese culture at Columbia University in New York, according to Rep. Marvin Esch (R. Mich.).

### TELL TALES (Continued from Page 1)

who sided, however slightly, with the Hughes' position. The embarrassment of the newspaper profession found questionable relief only in the amazement to the extent and degree of Greenspun's ravings.

For Greenspun now to attribute that attitude of malice, revenge and hate, to humanitarianism and for good Samaritan purposes is to insult the intelligence even of those gullible to believe him.

Since Greenspun had the gall, in the TV interview, to state his position, it is only fair we review the circumstances that were unearthed after Maheu's dismissal, and let the reader judge for himself whether the publisher had ultimate purpose behind his machinations. Let us see if the acts were out of kindness and honesty to his fellow man or a betrayal of trust to the citizens of Nevada, to save his own entanglements.

It has been determined as a matter of record that more than \$10,000,000 in cash went from Hughes to Greenspun during Maheu's tenure. This does not include additional hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, that went to undisclosed sources in the form of finder's fees or commissions.

We knew of the sale of the TV station and the mortgageladen golf course, admittedly by Greenspun, at exorbitant prices. But what was disclosed after Maheu's ouster, made the known deals look like chicken feed.

For instance, there was the item of a \$500,000 advance payment for advertisement in the Las Vegas Sun. Greenspun explained he accepted this money to insure the ads in case Hughes purchased the rival Review-Journal. But Greenspun never explained why he continued to accept payment for ads during the time Maheu was in command, and the advance payment had been made. It took investigators pouring over the books to find the contract and only then was Greenspun forced to comply with the terms.

It also was revealed after Maheu was out of the picture, that Greenspun had received a \$4,000,000 cash loan from Hughes at the unheard of interest of three per cent. These terms, the Wall Street Journal stated, could not be gotten by General Motors from the Bank of America. It is interesting to note that not one cent has been repaid to date, although the original note called for repayment in full by 1975. Greenspun claims a subsequent note, drawn long after the first but shortly before Maheu's dismissal, called for the same terms except repayment by the year 2004. Hughes sued for the four million and attempted to slap a lien and take possession of the Las Vegas Sun, but Greenspun counterclaimed for \$142,000,000. The cases are pending.

So we find Greenspun involved in strange and highly suspicious multi-million dollar deals, unreported by the newspaperman and not officially recorded with the county clerk. Later, to perhaps justify his immoral acts, Greenspun admitted he had erred, and sinned and prostituted his newspaper. If it is forgiveness he was seeking, perhaps we could concede, provided he returned his ill-gotten gains.

So the reader has his choice. Did Greenspun suddenly realize the error of his attitude towards Hughes and attempt to redeem himself by turning violently against the man to whom he was indebted for millions? Or was Greenspun so maddened by the stoppage of the cash flow, he was driven to frenzy? Or, could it be, Greenspun was terrified his hidden deals would be unearthed and he feared the consequences?

You be the judge. As an aftermath, although there were many other Greenspun statements in the interview that could be refuted, perhaps in a future column, we cannot erase the big question that remains unanswered so far. Why did Greenspun receive so many financial considerations from Hughes? It appears that each step, every favor extended, meant a pay-off, whether in the form of a purchase of property, a loan or an advance.

The legality of Greenspun's actions are for the lawmen. But the morality of a newspaper publisher lining his pockets solely because of his power of the press, is a violation of the code of ethics in American journalism.

Ugh.