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IN BERCHTESGADEN, GERMANY, WHERE A TORAH CONVOCATION FOR JEWISH MILITARY PERSONNEL WAS HELD, THIS TORAH WAS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF THE 11 ATHLETES WHO WERE KILLED IN MUNICH IN AUGUST 1972. 1ST ROW, FROM LEFT: RABBI EMANUEL RACKMAN, CHAIRMAN, JWB COMMISSION ON JEWISH CHAPLAINCY; CHAPLAIN (LTC) RICHARD E. DRYER, TORAH CONVOCATION COORDINATOR, AND CHAPLAIN (CPT) JOEL ISKOWITZ. 2ND ROW: CHAPLAINS MELVIN HECHT, BARRY SCHNEIDER, NATHAN LANDMAN, E. DAVID LAPP, SELWYN GELLER, AND ELLIOTT MAR-MON.

**Klarsfeld Conviction May Lead to Nazi Trials**

The trial and subsequent two-month sentence for Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld has shocked Jews and non-Jews, particularly in Western Europe and Israel where the crimes of the Nazi period are still vividly remembered. It is difficult for many to understand how Mrs. Klarsfeld could have been convicted for trying to bring to justice Kurt Lischka, who as Gestapo chief in Paris was responsible for the deportation of 100,000 Jews.

The uproar over the trial appears to at least have the beneficial result of finally getting the West German Parliament to ratify a 1971 treaty with France which would allow Germany to bring to trial war criminals who had been sentenced in other countries. Mrs. Klarsfeld had tried to bring Lischka, now a Cologne businessman, to France where he had been sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment. French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing has received a promise from West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt that action will be taken. German political parties are now pressing for adoption of the treaty.

Outraged public opinion in France has also put the spotlight on Ernest Achenbach, a Free Democratic Party member of the Parliament, who was a Nazi diplomat in Paris and apparently an associate of Lischka. It is now revealed that Achenbach had bottled up ratification of the amendment in the Bundestag's Foreign Affairs Committee. Achenbach took the incredible step of going on French television and urging an amnesty for Nazis because "otherwise we will never be rid of the vicious circle of vengeance." His own party is now demanding his removal from the committee and even from parliament and the European Parliament where he is sub-commissioner is demanding his expulsion.

The real question now is whether once the current uproar is over and the West German Parliament adopts the treaty whether the West German court will bring Lischka and other war criminals to trial and even more important whether they will be convicted. Only the pressure of public opinion will ensure that once adopted the law will not just stay on the book without being used.

**If I Were President**

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Eddie Cantor used to sing, "If I Were President."

Many are now singing it.

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**YOUR RENEWAL IS APPRECIATED**

Ann Landers recommended that Mr. Nixon go on TV and simply announce "I resign."

William Buckley speculated that "P" would try one of two tacks: one conciliatory, indicating that it would be best if "I left this high post," and the other angry: "You won't have to subpoena again."

I'd like to get into the act and if I were Mr. Nixon I'd go on TV and say something like this:

"My fellow-Americans, I come before you today to confess that I have been guilty of various shortcomings.

"We live in a society, where our religious teachings tell us that man sins frequently but is given the divine capacity of overcoming one's faults.

"To achieve this one must first admit that one has done wrong. Then follows the sequence of repentance, atonement and restitution.

"I hereby admit that I have been culpable in this Watergate situation.

"I ask you to accept this acknowledgment of my past failures.

"I also ask you to give me the chance to prove that I can overcome them.

"If you and the Congress will give me this second chance I promise a change in me which will assure our nation peace, prosperity and unprecedented progress.

"In our churches and synagogues we take it for granted the penance can be followed by reform. Why should this idea not be translated into practice. As water cleansed, so Watergate can purge our nation's soul.

"I herewith commit myself to this new leaf in the history of our nation.

"With your consent and with God's blessings we can chart a glorious future."

I think that if Mr. Nixon followed this procedure, the hearts of our people would surge up in sympathy and support of the man in the White house.

**Brit Milah Problem**

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

If you have a boy, where do you have the circumcision?

You can't very well have it in the hospital any more, because mothers are discharged before the eighth day.

Having the brit at home is difficult too, because the housewife, shortly after her accouchement, has not had time to get the house in order.

In Binghamton, New York, Rabbi Elihu Schagrin has solved the problem for new parents.

Every time he is asked to preside at a circumcision, he invites the family to have it done in the sanctuary of his synagogue, Temple Concord.

**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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nomination.

While all ten district judgeships are up for grabs this year, six incumbents are uncontested and the other four will be determined only by the general election.

For County Sheriff there are three each, Republican and Democrat. For district attorney there are three Republicans and two Democrats. For recorder, three Republicans and six Democrats; assessor two Republicans and four Democrats; treasurer two Democrats in the primary; and public administrator, get this, six Republicans and 25 Democrats.

A word about the race for public administrator. The office pays no salary. Its duties comprise determination of property left intestate. Qualifications are honesty and a background of service to the community deserving of selection for the post. Gus Giuffre, a television personality, probably the most popular and the best loved citizen in our community, filed for the post but withdrew his name. Despite the large field, he would have made it no contest.

As for the races for state senate, state assembly, county commission, university regent, state board of education and constable, voters select those who filed in the specific districts.

So, all in all, it is not that confusing. We suggest that instead of being disgusted with the state of the state, state your piece. Don't let Watergate get you down. Get your dander up. Don't let finks get away with any more high jinks.

Let's get things leveled off by electing those who are on the level with us. You wouldn't hire a bum to run your business. Why let a crumb run your government? It's as simple as that.

If there is a small turnout of voters it means that those with ulterior purpose, who have a built-in following with the same motive, will be elected. If large numbers go to the polls, even with casual knowledge of the candidates, the probability is that those who deserve election will win.

How else can we appeal to your sense of reasoning?

Let's give a shot in the arm to ridding us of those who deserve a shot in the head.

Remarkable solution, no?

Some people think so, but actually it is not so remarkable, because that is where a circumcision traditionally is supposed to take place.

Of course, it's hard to hold on to all Jewish customs. For instance, our tradition mandates a Jew to circumcise his own son. Now we delegate that task to mohel or doctor. In fact, Jews are also traditionally obliged to write a Torah scroll. We deputize others for that.

But where it is possible to abide by a practice and obtain satisfying results, the situation is delightful.

And at Temple Concord, Binghamton, every circumcision is a delight. People are quiet in the sanctuary during the ceremony. If the family wants a collation, it is held in the social hall. The memory of a religious act being performed in a religious place is most valuable to the family.

And, for reading this column straight through, I'm offering you a word I invented to describe an operation performed by a religious officiant. I call it "clergyery."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Defense Minister Shimon Peres returned from a visit to the Gaza Strip to report that the area has been peaceful for the past six months.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, the new president of the Zionist Organization of America, has announced he plans to conduct an extensive education program to restore the "Zionist Commitment" to American Jews.