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"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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court of original jurisdiction (a most eye-raising event) was relegated to secondary importance by Hyman. In the jump of the story to Page 6 (containing an erroneous headline about the J.P. running for reelection), Hyman quoted Kaufman as saying: "It was dirty pool, dirty politics." There was no way for the casual reader, at this time, to determine whether Hyman had correctly reported the facts.

Then Greenspun's column appeared with the tongue-in-cheek apology about "The Sun has second thoughts."

The following morning we attended a press conference called by Kaufman, who categorically denied each charge made by the J. P. Judge Kaufman stated he had lodged a complaint with the Bar Association to investigate and produced documented evidence and sworn

be said in respect to these two specific issues the debate within the Jewish community should also be conducted on a civilized level since many Orthodox Jews agree with Catholics on abortion and aid to parochial schools.

There is also the question of Christian indifference to issues that concern Jews. Since the Six-Day War of 1967 and particularly since the Yom Kippur War the American Jewish community has rightfully expressed its indignation over the lack of concern by many Christian leaders toward the survival of Israel. Some Christian leaders have expressed outright hostility toward the Jewish state. Christians who want a continuance of the dialogue with Jews must be made to understand that the survival of Israel is the overwhelming concern of Jews.

At the same time, as the NJCRAC resolution pointed out, Jewish complaints of Christian "insensitivity" to Jewish concerns are matched by strong Christian feelings of Jewish indifference to issues which Christians place a high priority. This concern becomes even more important now that ethnic feelings are becoming stronger.

An ongoing Christian-Jewish dialogue is important to the well-being of the Jewish community in the United States. There are too many causes for which Jews and Christians can work together to allow differences over some issues to cause an irreparable split.

Doing Something

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Someone has invented a verb, "to Jew." That means to translate good intentions into deeds.

To be a Jew is to do something for others. A congregation in North Hollywood, California, has gloriously illustrated this transfer from word to acts in connection with the plight of Russian Jews.

The congregation, a Conservative one named Adat Ari El, whose rabbis are Aaron Wise and Moshe Rothblum, adopted a Russian couple, Prof. and Mrs. David Azbel.

The congregation phoned him several times and the professor, a physicist who spent many years in jail, expressed appreciation for efforts in his behalf.

The congregants plied the White House and Congress and Russian officials with letters and pleas on behalf of the Azbels. And lo and behold permission was given to them to go to Israel!

Having completed this mitzvah, the congregation has now adopted another family. Yuri Berkovsky, also a physicist and his wife, a school teacher and their five-year old daughter.

What was done for the Azbels is being done for the Berkovskys. And the congregants urge everyone to "get into the noble act." They urge us to write to our congressmen and to send a night letter (cost: \$3) to Minister of the Interior of Russia, Gen. Slovestski, urging Russia to let the Jews of Russia either to live as Jews or leave as Jews. The general's address, we learn from the synagogue bulletin, is merely Novosibirsk, USSR.

Gut geton, Cong. Adat Ari El. Well done!

statements to prove the accusation to be untrue. Also present at the press conference were the Sun's Hyman, Price and Dodrill, who wrote the follow-up, in addition to reporters from other papers and tv photographers.

A reporter asked Kaufman if he denied what Hyman had stated. Kaufman answered that he had qualified the statement to Hyman.

Whereupon Price blurted out from left field at Kaufman: "Do you deny you are under investigation on two other charges?"

Kaufman answered, "I know nothing about that."

Price was referring to items in his own columns, weeks previous, concerning Justice Zenoff, an honest and reputable jurist, who is known for fairness and decency. Price's story had provoked Zenoff into sending a letter to Kaufman, with a copy to Kaufman's opponent, stating he, Zenoff, could not ethically or morally show partisanship in a district court race. The letter was marked PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

At Kaufman's press conference we asked Price why he published portions of Zenoff's letter.

Hyman and Price left the room.

We followed outside and asked Hyman why he printed a statement and omitted the qualification to the statement. He answered that the qualification was on another matter and not on the original statement. We said that was okay with us. Was anyone present we asked? He said Kaufman's secretary came in after the interview had commenced.

Price, with his hand on our shoulder, declared, "Jack, I printed that letter with Dave Zenoff's permission." We said okay, and reentered the conference room followed by Hyman and Price.

We informed Kaufman, before the entire group, that his qualification of the disputed statement, according to Hyman, was a qualification of something else. Hyman said he would take a lie detector test.

"If so," countered Kaufman, "why didn't you print the statement given you by a law enforcement officer? I know you called him, as I asked you to," continued Kaufman, "because he called me immediately thereafter and told me he had given you a statement."

Hyman was silent.

"WHY DIDN'T YOU REPORT THE OFFICER'S STATEMENT?" repeated Kaufman.

This is the offense we charge was committed by Hyman. He deliberately neglected to include in his story, a statement which presumably would clearly state Kaufman's view.

The same journalistic infraction was committed by Dodrill in his story on the Kaufman press conference. Dodrill's report told of a heated debate between Kaufman and Hyman, twice repeated the disputed statement and told of Hyman's offer of a lie detector test. But nary a mention of the all-important statement of the law enforcement officer.

Kaufman's secretary informed us she was present during the entire interview with Hyman.

That's how close Greenspun looks at stories that appear in his paper.

Before the session ended, witnessed by the assembled newsmen, we informed Judge Kaufman that Price had told us he had permission from Justice Zenoff to print the confidential letter. Kaufman showed surprise and said he would call Zenoff.

The next evening, at the opening of Pat Ginn's campaign headquarters, both Jerry and Bunny Kaufman informed us that Justice Zenoff had vehemently denied giving permission to Price to print the letter.

Now to get back to Greenspun's column. "The Sun," he stated, "does not want to be guilty of having people, for whatever purposes, use this newspaper for political exploitation." He continued with "---if there is any mud throwing in my newspaper, I would like to be involved with choosing the target and throwing the first glob." So spoke the granddaddy of all mud slingers, defending, not denouncing slimy practices, but reserving all privilege for himself. It figures.

From now on, in addition to admitting he had sinned, and had erred, and had prostituted his newspaper, we add a new malediction in describing Greenspun, mud slinger.

With a publisher like Greenspun to set the example, it is little wonder the little men, the Prices, the Hymans, the Dodrills play games with the canons of journalistic ethics. Shame.

Palestinian Question

As Israel prepares for the Geneva peace conference the Palestinian questions looms as probably the most difficult problem to settle in the negotiations with the Arab states. It is thus extremely important that Premier Yitzhak Rabin's government has reversed the attitude of its predecessors and has recognized that there is such a thing as a Palestinian entity.

It is fruitless to argue over whether there was such a thing as Palestinian Arab nationalism before 1948. The creation of Israel has given an impetus to this nationalism. But Palestinian nationalism, as different from general Arab nationalism was probably nurtured even more by the harsh treatment the Palestinians have received from the other Arab states. Just compare the situation on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip since 1967 where Arabs have been able to improve their economic conditions to that previously when Egypt and Jordan for political reasons kept the majority of Palestinians confined to refugee camps. Even those Palestinians able to get out of the camps have been discriminated against in every Arab country. So it should not be forgotten when Arab states talk about the rights of Palestinians that they have been the ones most guilty of denying them their rights.

There is a debate going on now in Israel on whether the Palestinian question should be settled through negotiating only with Jordan or with Palestinian groups who have recognized the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish State. While this debate is important in reality the form of representation for the Palestinians will develop as the next round of the Geneva conference is organized.

What is important is that Israel is beginning to deal with this problem in a realistic manner. The real question is now whether the Arabs are also interested in a realistic solution or just a propaganda debate.

Christian - Jewish Dialogue

A resolution urging the need for continued Christian-Jewish dialogue despite differences on public issues which was adopted by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council at its recent plenary in Detroit deserves careful attention by the American Jewish community.

The NJCRAC noted that although the Catholic Church, for example, holds different opinions than most of the Jewish community on such issues as abortion and governmental aid to parochial schools, the public debate on these questions must be continued "with mutual respect and without acrimony." It might also

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