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Aid to Israel

The moves in Congress to cut foreign aid to such countries as Turkey, Chile, and South Vietnam could reach a point where it could affect assistance to Israel. At least this is the fear of some supporters of Israel.

The trend in Congress against foreign aid has caused Congress to table a new foreign aid bill and instead adopt one that continues aid for the 1974-75 fiscal year at the same level as last year. Under this, Israel will receive some \$50 million in economic aid and \$300 million in military sales credits she was given last year. But an attempt by Sen. Walter Mondale (D. Minn.) to provide an additional \$300 million in economic and military aid was defeated.

The current Congressional opposition to foreign aid is a legacy of the Vietnam War coupled with the revelations of the CIA's part in the overthrow of the Chilean government and the use of American arms by Turkey in its invasion of Cyprus.

Israel has always been treated as a separate case and congressmen in providing the continuing aid, went out of their way to point out that Israel would still receive U. S. assistance. But foreign aid has never had a strong constituency and it needs firm Presidential support combined with responsible Congressional leadership.

What is feared is the trend against such aid, combined with the economic condition, will escalate the opposition to continuing assistance that Israel will also be included too. Many supporters of Israel may drop their backing if they find a strong public reaction against aid to foreign countries during a time when many American themselves are experiencing economic difficulties. It is not out of place for American Jews to ask candidates seeking election to the House and Senate November 5, how they stand on this issue.

Deprogrammer

By Robert E. Segal

Jewish families with young people who have been caught up in the Hare Krishna movement and other exotic religious and quasi-religious sects are being plunged into bottomless anguish. And in some cases, they are calling on 43-year-old Ted Patrick for help at a critical time.

Hence, in the matter of the imposition of a jail term on Mr. Patrick, who styles himself a "deprogrammer of young people," we should have more than passing interest.

First, detaining people against their will is offensive to many of us. The practice raises

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ghosts of rough eras of forced religious conversion. Down the ages come old memories of a people in bondage under Pharaoh.

Again, one of the sects on which Mr. Patrick is said to have swooped down upon is the New Testament Missionary Fellowship. And that fundamentalist body claims, through a spokeswoman, to have a special concern for Jews and for the role of Israel in history.

Now Ted Patrick has acquired a reputation of late through his ability to restore to the hearth some young people who have been won over to religious practices offensive to their parents. Not long ago, Judge Zita Weinshienk of Denver sentenced Mr. Patrick to a year in prison and fined him \$1000 for the misdemeanor of falsely imprisoning two young Denver women. All but seven days of the prison sentence were suspended, but Judge Weinshienk was determined to expose Mr. Patrick to at least a week of imprisonment so he could learn first hand what it's like to be physically detained and cooped up by others.

For the most part, the cases in which Mr. Patrick has been involved, at the insistence of anxious parents, consist of much more than a brief flirtation with a bizarre sect. For at a time of great mental anguish and disturbed thought over violence, loneliness, and such scandals as Watergate, many young people find themselves magnetically drawn to the practices of eccentric religious bodies. The new creed offer more than prayer and ceremonial programs; they substitute a different life style for the kind romanticized in a movie like "The Graduate."

Ted Patrick has been in and out of a dozen movements. During World War II, he formed a Junior Commander Corps, when he was only 12, to collect scrap iron for the war effort. In his time, he has set up an all-black youth council and organized a religious group of enlisted men in Germany to sponsor an orphanage. There have been periods when he was busy organizing a Crusade For Christ. Then again he has bobbed up as a functionary for Governor Ronald Reagan. He insists he doesn't practice kidnapping; nor has he been found guilty of that precise charge. Reinforcing that point of view, one grateful Connecticut father has declared that abduction was not in Ted Patrick's repertoire; he just "rescued my son from a cesspool of twisted minds."

In one of the cases involving the New Testament Missionary Fellowship, a witness who testified against Patrick asserted that leaders of the Fellowship had told some of the novices attracted to the cult that their parents were being used by devils. In another case, a group called the Children of God charged that rents

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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Woofter is first to admit that his staff deserves much of the credit for the 29 murder cases, 26 robbery charges, 12 rape offenses and 18 burglary charges all ending in convictions. There were hundreds of additional convictions via guilty pleas. But Woofter's achievements did not stop in the Court Room.

He instituted a youth orientation program that brought thousands of high school students into a closer understanding and respect for law and order. He organized seminars to thwart slot machine cheaters and made deputy district attorneys available to ALL county police agencies on a round-the-clock basis. This was important.

Now we have a line of communication between law enforcement and the prosecutor's office. Regular meetings were chaired by deputy District Attorneys and boss man Woofter, indoctrinating the man on the beat with requirements of the law. And Roy went further to aid and assist fellow prosecutors all over the state.

It was Woofter who secured rent-free office space from the Las Vegas City Commission for an executive director and training coordinator to distribute assistance manuals to prosecutors in the 17 Nevada counties. Now we have statewide uniform code of performance on many details that could be the difference in a successful or thwarted prosecution. Cow county district attorneys are getting expert advice on qualifying of witnesses, introduction of evidence and cross examination. In addition, material in the pamphlets is for distribution among private citizens explaining Nevada law on bad checks, shoplifting, etc.

So you see, in Woofter, we have a man not just seeking votes from his own constituents, but dedicated to the betterment of citizens throughout the state.

That is why we do not regret having supported Woofter four years ago and we are proud to be endorsing him today.

had pinned the label of subversion upon the cult and had claimed leaders of the Children of God had kidnapped young people and had drugged them.

Heaven spare the bulk of us from these queer goings on. We should all continue free to relate to religious establishments or pass them by in accordance with our own best judgments. Along the way, most of us will pray to be spared from newfangled "deprogrammers" like Patrick who may stop short of kidnapping but not before they engage in vigorous arm-twisting.

Beware

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

I'm jealous of my own children.
 Why, you may ask?
 Because they know their grandparents.
 I never knew mine.

For that reason, I'm very sentimental about grandmothers. I think they're the tenderest species on earth.

I envy those who knew their grandparents and can't understand why those lucky enough to know them don't appreciate them more.

I also collect jokes about grandmothers (or Bawbes, as we say it in Yiddish).

A bawbe is leaning out of her limousine, with her grandson on her lap. Asks a friend "Does your grandson walk?" "No," was the reply, "and thank heaven, he'll never have to."

Asked how old her grandchildren are, the bawbe replied: "The rabbi is three and the doctor is five."

Sam Levenson says that grandparents dote on the antics of their grandchildren for which they used to scold their own children. Get it? Isn't that the truth?

The classic grandma story is the one in which the grandson comes into the house scratched up and crying because of some happening. Says the bawbe, "First, eat!"