

Levi

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

It is ironic that William Saxbe, a loathsome public official who has been guilty of slurs on Jews, will have been succeeded in two lofty posts by Jews.

When Nixon made him attorney-general, he gave up a Senate seat which was given to Howard Metzenbaum. It is too bad, by the way, that Sen. Metzenbaum lost to John Glenn, because Metzenbaum is one of the finest men in America. Glenn has traveled higher physically, but Metzenbaum has soared spiritually. He is a social activist of the first water and America needs more of his services.

And President Ford has nominated Edward Hirsch Levi to succeed Saxbe as Attorney-General.

What a fascinating man is Levi! A superb administrator and legal expert, he heads the University of Chicago, which has a Rockefeller past, since that wealthy family helped fund it. Indeed, the University is sometimes known as the House that Jack Built; Jack meaning John D. and money.

Levi is the grandson and great-grandson of four rabbis. In the first generation there was Samuel Hirsch, a pioneer in Liberal Judaism, and the formidable David Einhorn, a rabbi who condemned slavery and every other kind of social ill.

Rabbi Gerson Levi was one of the nation's outstanding pastors and preachers in Isaiah Israel, the Chicago Southside congregation. The other grandfather of Edward Levi, Emil G. Hirsch, was a towering personality, eloquent, prophetic, daring, the Stephen Wise of Chicago. He was allied with Stephen Wise in the formation of the seminary Wise created, the Jewish Institute of Religion of New York (now merged with the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati).

Despite his rabbinic background, Levi saw a son of his intermarried. No rabbi officiated.

But there can be little doubt that Levi, a man with a strong social conscience and great administrative expertise, will help to cleanse Watergatism.



ACTOR CARY GRANT, LEFT, AND NEVADA GOVERNOR MIKE O'CALLAGHAN HAVE ACCEPTED POSTS AS THE TWO HONORARY CHAIRMEN FOR THE 1975 HONOR AWARD DINNER OF THE LAS VEGAS FRIENDS OF NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTER WHICH WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO CHARLES J. RICH, EXECUTIVE WITH THE DUNES HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 IN THE CROWN JEWEL ROOM OF THE DUNES HOTEL.

This Week in Carson City

BY
ZEL LOWMAN
ASSEMBLYMAN

(Fifth term Assemblyman Zel Lowman, who served as Majority Floor Leader, is a member of Judiciary, Education and Health & Welfare committees. As President of Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council, he is considered a hard-liner on law enforcement.)

One of the seven proposed constitutional amendments introduced as required by law to the second consecutive legislative session and aimed at judicial reform was passed by the Senate this week. It would permit the Legislature to allow justice and municipal courts to suspend sentences and grant probation.

The Oregon "bottle bill" to outlaw pull-top cans and disposable bottles for beverages and require deposits on returnable bottles will be a bitterly - contested measure.

A measure in the Assembly calling for outright abolition of the State Dairy Commission has now been joined by a Senate bill to add six new "public" members and one each from a consumer organization, senior citizens group, financial institution and small business to set milk prices.

Bills on acupuncture were introduced to require health insurance policies, malpractice insurance, license examinations in English, increase license fees, set up school requirements, regulate employment of assistants, waive licensing requirements for educational seminars, clarify jurisdiction of the board and allow it to hire an executive secretary.

Nevada Industrial Commission bill proposing to undo an administrative decision that single-person businesses are not eligible to participate.

Two bills proposing veteran tax exemptions were introduced in the Assembly, which would extend property tax exemptions to severely disabled veterans.

In the wake of Watergate, several measures on campaign expenses have showed up.

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