

NEWSPAPER VIEWS

BY I.L. KENEN

Evans, Novak Distortions

While many commentators believe that Prime Minister Rabin's visit has produced a welcome detente in U.S.-Israel relations and improved prospects for a second-stage Egyptian-Israeli agreement, Columnists Evans and Novak have resumed their attack on Israel (June 18), charging that Rabin's "studied intransigence dismayed American officials" and has "at least temporarily hardened the deadlock that aborted Kissinger's last mediation effort in March."

They offer flimsy evidence. Describing a White House dinner, they quote Rep. William Broomfield (R-Mich.), who expressed pessimism about the prospects of new interim negotiations. But Broomfield denied that he had put the blame on Israel. He told this writer that a solution lies in direct talks between the parties, Israel's traditional view.

Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D-N.Y.), who sat beside Broomfield, described the columnists' report as "absurd...it did not sound like the same meeting." Israel diplomats concurred.

Evans and Novak point out that Rabin avoided mentioning Secretary Kissinger when he toasted President Ford at the White House dinner. But Rabin was highly complimentary to Kissinger when he toasted the Secretary of State at a subsequent embassy dinner, and Kissinger, in a warm reply, declared that "we could not live with ourselves if we had impaired the well-being and security of Israel."

Norman F. Dacey has viciously impugned the integrity of leading American senators in full-page advertisements charging that they support Israel because they receive honoraria for speeches delivered before Jewish organizations.

It insults the intelligence of the American people to assert that any of the 13 senators vilified by Dacey would vote against their or America's best interests in exchange for modest speaking fees.

Another bigoted soloist is back.

Benjamin H. Friedman -- who founded the "League for Peace with Justice in Palestine" and who published full-page advertisements during the 1947 UN debate -- has a two-page advertisement in the Borger News Herald (Texas) in which he again insists that today's Jews in Israel are not really descendants of the original inhabitants, but are children of the Khazars, a Russian tribe which converted to Judaism in the eighth century.

Friedman's ad is headlined: "Why and How Zionists Blackmail Congress -- How and Why Congress Committed Treason."

I. L. Kenen, Editor Emeritus of the Near East Report, will welcome questions and comments about the media. Write him at: 990 National Press Building, Washington, D. C. 20045.

NEW 1975-76 OFFICERS OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM INSTALLED



LAS VEGAS TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM NEW OFFICERS: SEATED, L TO R: OSCAR GOODMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE TEMPLE; SANDRA BROWN, PRESIDENT OF SISTERHOOD; MARC VOGEL, PRESIDENT OF THE MEN'S CLUB.

STANDING, L TO R: RABBI PHILIP SHNAIRSON, CANTOR JOSEPH KOHN, MEL EXBER, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE TEMPLE AND INSTALLING OFFICER; AND LEO A. WILNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEMPLE.

A triple Installation Ceremony was held recently for the Officers and the Board members of Temple Beth Shalom, its Sisterhood, and Men's Club. Festivities were held in the Entratter Social Hall of the Temple, on Wednesday, June 18th, with champagne and refreshments for all.

Oscar Goodman, local attorney, was installed as President of the Temple. Sandra Brown was installed as President of Sisterhood, and Marc Vogel as President of the Men's club. Mel Exber, Past President, who had served the Temple as President for the past 5 consecutive years, was the Installing Officer. Rabbi Shnairson delivered the invocation and benediction. Cantor Kohn led the audience in the singing of the National Anthem and Hatikvah, accompanied by the Temple Junior Choir. Leo A. Wilner, Executive Director of the Temple, was the Master of Ceremonies and assisted Exber during the Installation as Marshal.

The Committee in charge was Brenda Caplan, Art Gellin and Al Levy. Music for the evening was furnished by Dave Burton and his orchestra.

Elected to serve with the Presidents of the three respective groups were the following:

For the Temple: Irving J. Steinberg, First Vice President; Flora Mason, Second Vice President; Michael Katz, Treasurer; and Michael Cherry, Secretary. Board of Directors: Neil Beller, Sandra Brown, Ken Epstein, Dave Goldstein, Etta Harmel, Elaine (Bunny) Kaufman, Dr. Leonard Kreisler, Al Levy, Bernie

Otis, Ralph Plotkin, Dr. Victor Schiller, Joan Shapiro, Norman Shlisky, Marc Vogel and Irving Waller.

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For the Men's Club: Marc Vogel, President; Richard Gilman, First Vice President; Larry Packer, Second Vice President; Arthur Gellin, Secretary; Lawrence Brown, Treasurer; and Neil Beller, Temple Board Representative. Board of Directors: Oscar Alterwitz, Roger Ewan, Max Goot, Financial Advisor; Gerald Gordon, Arnold Goussak, Herman Greenberg, Membership Chairman; Ellis Kaufthiel, Sid Packer, Harvey Riceberg, Dr. Barney Salzberg, Leo A. Wilner, Advisor; and Herman Youngman.

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