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Distorting the News

The article in the London Sunday Times accusing Israeli authorities of torturing Arab prisoners is another example of a so-called responsible newspaper printing charges from Arab sources about Israel without thoroughly checking it out.

What makes this one-sided type of reporting even more harmful is that it is picked up by other news media who also do not bother to check the facts before using the story. Others like columnist and commentator Nicholas Von Hoffman welcome such reports as an opportunity to blast Israel and in fact he used it recently over the CBS radio network.

The American Jewish community does not want to be in a position of telling the general press and radio what it should or should not use. But it should feel free to demand corrections when untrue allegations have been made about Israel.

This once again points up the importance of the Jewish community newspaper. Because it is only here that the American Jewish community can be truly informed about what is going on in the Jewish world.

Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ
A World-Union Press Feature

Jabo's 37th Yahrzeit

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Prime Minister Menachem Begin's historic meeting with President Jimmy Carter this week coincided, significantly, with the 37th yahrzeit of the one man who has had the greatest influence upon his life and consequently upon the emergence of Israel as an independent State, Vladimir Jabotinsky.

The Likud victor with Jabo's faithful disciple as Head of State must be taken as a vindication, at long last, of the far-sighted vision and militant policy of the dynamic founder of the Jewish Legion, who, during his life long struggle to get a hearing, faced strong opposition within the Jewish Establishment.

Today, as we see the pressures mount against Israel here at the United Nations and in capitals around the globe, it is heartening to note that the spirit of Jabotinsky has been resurrected, thanks to Manachem Begin's continuous espousal of his program, in Israel within the hearts of the great majority of Israelis who have come to recognize that he had always sung the true redemptive song of Israel.

It is now generally conceded by all Israelis and Jewish leaders that Menachem Begin's mentor laid the ground work for the establishment of the Israeli Defense Forces by his creation of the Jewish Legion, an act that was opposed at the time by the majority of Jewish leaders but which had the support of Chaim Weizmann and Meir Grossman...

With Jabotinsky's ever-faithful disciples now heading the Israeli Government, it is fitting, especially during the yahrzeit month, that leaders in Jewry pause a while and pay tribute to the memory of this great "Soldier, Statesman



CHAIM HERZOG, ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, DISCUSSES PLANS WITH HADASSAH PRESIDENT BERNICE S. TANNENBAUM FOR HADASSAH'S 63RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION WHERE HE WILL ADDRESS THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AT THE NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL, AUGUST 21-24.

and Man of Vision," as the Jewish National Fund (JNF) termed him wisely some time ago in a booklet written by the veteran Zionist-friend of Begin, Moshe Giloni.

"The test of true greatness of leadership," Giloni notes, "lies in the measure of perspicacity and prophetic vision of the personality who was anointed by destiny to lead his people out of the abyss of despair and oppression. The conjuring up of myths and legends becomes a superfluous act when contemporary history records the fulfillment of his dream and prophecy. Thus, when Theodor Herzl wrote in 1897 that 'in fifty years a Jewish State will come into being,' the entire world has borne witness to the fulfillment of his prophecy.

"By the same token," Giloni adds, "Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the great Zionist visionary and warrior, ranks among the towering figures whose lifelong dreams and aspirations we have seen fulfilled in our lifetime and no legends or myths are required as additives for the embellishment of his biography.

Indeed, the average Israeli today as well as the majority of our people around the world have come to realize that Jabotinsky had been right in all his prognostications. Giloni cites the renowned author Arthur Koestler as having stated that, "in the light of present events, with the Jewish State an established reality, almost every point of Jabotinsky's program has either been implemented by official Zionism or vindicated by the trend of events."

Koestler, Giloni records, also hailed Begin's "Jabotinsky as a national liberal of the 1848 brand, successor to Garibaldi and Mazzini--one of the most colorful figures that modern Jewry has produced. He wrote prose in eight languages, poetry in four, translated Dante and Poe in Hebrew, Hebrew poetry in Russian, his publications, under his pen-name Altelena, range from novels to studies in comparative phonetics. He was idolized by the young, endowed with exceptional personal charm and a brilliant public speaker.

With prophetic instinct, Menachem Begin's mentor had foreseen the trouble that would befall European Jewry prior to the Holocaust. He made frantic pleas for mass evacuation. Few heeded his call. Giloni notes that in the "last years prior to the outbreak of World War II, Jabotinsky had made frequent visits to Central and Eastern Europe. Forecasting the catastrophe that was imminent in the wake of Hitler's rise to power, he pressed for mass evacuation of the Jews from Eastern Europe, especially from Poland. 'Either you liquidate the Diaspora or the Diaspora will liquidate you,' he warned. Alas, this was a voice crying in the wilderness.

As he moved into the Prime Minister's office, Menachem Begin introduced only one change in the decoration on its walls: a picture of Ze'ev Jabotinsky alongside Theodor Herzl.

Thus, at last, Ze'ev Jabotinsky has finally come 'home' in spirit as well as in body. In spirit -- thanks to Menachem Begin; in body, thanks to the wisdom of the late Prime Minister Levi Eshkol.

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piece of debris dropped on the first and the die rolled over to a five. A crap out was averted and "yeo Eleven" was the number for a natural, and a payoff to the shooter.

A nuclear bomb blast at the test site one morning did the same thing at the Sands to a seven, flat on the table. It was just a slight stir, but enough and with suddenness to flip the cubes to a six, the shooter's point.

In a Fremont Street casino, just a couple of months ago one man with a gun chased another up one row of slot machines and down another shooting every few feet. A change girl dropped to the floor, a slot mechanic cowered behind a machine and a slot boss ran for the street. But at least a half dozen players kept right on pulling away without raising an eyelash.

We heard a story of an unfortunate player who suffered a heart attack and dropped to the floor under a craps table. The stick man hesitated, then knelt down to ask the stricken man if he could be of assistance. He rose and informed the pit boss the man had died. "Did he say anything before he passed on," asked the pit boss? "Yes," answered the stick man. "He said put his money on the pass line for the dealers." The game went on without interruption while the body was removed to security quarters waiting the arrival of a doctor to make official pronouncement. (Levity may have been injected into this story but a man did die and the game continued without interruption.)

One evening a man in the back seat of a cab on Fremont Street placed a gun at his throat and threatened to pull the trigger. Within minutes the street was cordoned off for vehicles and pedestrians lined both sidewalks while the police commissioner, a minister, and a priest attempted to reason with the would-be suicide. A publisher promised to give the man \$1,000 before he yielded the weapon and was carted off. But during all this nary a wheel stopped turning, not a single card quit being dealt, not a dice stopped rolling and hardly a pause in the pull of the machines at the Mint, the Horseshoe or the Golden Nugget, within feet of the near tragedy.

A wedding couple had engaged a chapel for the wedding to take place at 6 p.m. At 5:30 they left the elevator of a Strip hotel to traverse the eighty-odd feet to the door and a waiting cab. But the prospective groom never made it. He heard a shout of triumph from a crowded craps table, poked his nose in to see the action and within minutes had bets spread all over the board. He advised the prospective bride to wait and he'd join her right after the roll. It lasted 28 minutes. By that time the young lady was back in her room, into her street clothes and on her way home to mother. The man stacked his chips, turned to look for his girl, found her among the missing and returned to the table. Before long he was not only out of money, but also out of wedlock and out of a long, happy married life -- or some such thing.

Not too long ago a large cloudburst over the Las Vegas Valley caused a flash flood that caused havoc to hundreds of cars in a lush Strip hotel and casino parking lot. Raging water from higher levels converged on a wash with a tunnel outlet under the Strip highway. But floating cars blocked the passageway backing up ten feet of water to submerge or float the parked vehicles. Players in the casino, some 60 feet away shrugged when informed of the devastation of their high-priced cars. The games carried on. (Within hours the hotel arranged for insurance representatives to settle all claims.)

The only fire we know of in a hotel-casino took place about 17 years ago at the El Rancho. Players and hotel personnel got out before the casino, in a building apart from the hotel's cottages, was gutted to the ground. We heard stories of scavengers, a day or so later, poking through the ruins to salvage casino chips. The playing guests just moved to other hotels and went back to their games of chance for the duration of their stay.

So we see, the magnet of gambling overcomes fear, timidity, fright, alarm, terror, panic, scare and shock. And it's universal. Winners will accept no distraction that may interfere with their lucky streak. Losers are immune to everything in their quest to get even.

Gambling should prove to be a healthy diversion for people in all walks of life.

WASHINGTON -- Dr. Sidney M. Clearfield has been appointed international director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.