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1970s with an appreciable degree of acceptance of the civil rights principle. That well known logo proclaiming "This is a Fair Employment Company" epitomized the decade.

Now we are at the third level. And the 1980s promise to be marked by two basic changes: (1) More economic openings and more job upgrading for minorities; and, paradoxically, (2) the serious wounding of the entire civil rights movement.

Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., Connecticut Republican Liberal, complains that equal rights no longer have any political sex appeal. "There hasn't been a pro - civil rights mood in the country in the last three or four years," the NAACP director, Benjamin L. Hooks moans. With Martin Luther King gone, the spiritual dimension has departed the movement, Congressman Parrent E. Mitchell, a Maryland Democrat, notes with sadness.

Yes, the great drum major for civil rights, Dr. King is no more with us; Roy Wilkins, ace black strategist and wise elder statesman has retired; a number of Jewish intellectuals have jumped on the New Right bandwagon; and Senators Strom Thurmond and Jesse Helms, the Carolina wrecking squad leaders, stand ready to serve as executioners of much that's left of the civil rights movement.

A good part of the onslaught against civil rights now being mounted by Messrs. Thurmond, Helms, and like - minded senators is directed against the vital Voting Rights Act of 1965. Wrapped up in this same attack is a congressional move to limit the powers of federal judiciary to hear desegregation, abortion, and prayer - in - the schools cases. Some of the anti - civil rights legislators appear eager to serve as judges; they want not only to make the laws but then to hold the sole power to rule on their legality.

Arthur S. Flemming, a Republican with a long and sterling record as a battler for equality of opportunity, has watched current efforts to undermine civil rights laws with a feeling of near despair. As Chairman of the U.S. Commission for Civil Rights, he sees the stratagem of attaching restrictive riders to money bills as an effort to repeal the hard - won basic federal civil rights laws enacted in the 60s and 70s. These efforts, in his view, may undercut the civil rights movement.

Naturally, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights is fighting to save the laws. The conference troops have been encouraged by the outcome of a number of court cases arising from claims of job discrimination. For example, in late November, the Ford Motor Company agreed to pay \$23,000,000 and to provide benefits to women and minority people to settle a huge discrimination case. This echoed the action of A.T. & T. a few years back when that giant corporation paid out \$40,000,000 to settle on charges of discrimination.

The history of these key settlements, together with the payment of large sums recently by well - known publishing houses after women and minority workers appealed to anti-discrimination units, lead observers to believe that the fair employment principle is now so firmly established that it can weather current congressional anti - civil rights attacks.

But many of the conservative new breed of congressmen, looking beyond budget cuts for new fields to conquer, have in their hands the power to destroy much that is left of the great American civil rights structure.

A WELCOME MOVE

At a time when blaring headlines are riveted on tensions in the Middle East -- the UN resolution condemning Israel, the Reagan Administration's proposed sale of sophisticated arms to Saudi Arabia, the state of world economy and human rights -- a little "soft news" is welcome.

This is especially so in the case of the University of California which has denied the Institute for Historical Review the use of its facilities for a convention next November after it discovered that the reservation was made under a false name by a person recently identified as a former British neo - fascist who edited anti-Semitic and racist publications in England.

The Institute, which disseminates propaganda purporting to show that the Holocaust was a hoax, was headed by a man who called himself Lewis Brandon but whose real name is William David McCalden, according to documentation by the Board of Deputies of British Jews which also identified him as a former neo - fascist.

The university's action is to be applauded because it can serve as a watershed and a turning point in encouraging educators in this country and abroad to rededicate themselves to the pursuit of historical truth and accuracy. For too long, the academic world has safeguarded free speech in a way that actually became a license for distorting and denying historical reality.

Of late, there have been too many "professors" professing that they have scientific "documentation" that the Holocaust was a Jewish and Zionist "myth." Too many of them, like William Shockley, Arthur Jensen and Edward Williams, have been taken seriously because of their academic standing as "sociologists." It is time that their pernicious views are laid to rest and that their so - called academic standing be revealed for what it really is: a hoax and a fraud.

BETH SHOLOM STARTS ITS 33RD YEAR

Temple Beth Sholom, the most prestigious Jewish house of worship in the State of Nevada, is now in its 33rd year of service. Incorporated under Nevada law, the Temple, located at 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., has served faithfully since 1948 and continues to do so to this very day.

Herb Kaufman, Temple President, stated that religious services are maintained daily for the accommodation of local citizenry as well as for the Jewish tourists visiting our city. Participants in the daily, Sabbath and/or festival services, regularly include residents from every state in the union and persons from Canada, Mexico, and many European and Eastern countries.

The Temple, opened on its present site in 1958, not only sponsors all daily and Sabbath services, but is also the parent organization of the Nate Mack Religious

School, wherein approximately 300 children receive their religious schooling and Bar/Bat Mitzvah training. The Temple houses the Hebrew Academy, the only institution of its kind in our state, and supports among its total facilities the well known Temple Pre - School and the popular Kolod Recreation Center, named for the late philanthropist, former Hotel Executive, Ruby Kolod.

Kaufman invited interested persons to attend any and all services, in accordance with the following schedule: In the Coblenz Chapel: 7:30 A.M. - Monday thru Fridays; and 9:00 A.M. - Sundays and legal holidays. In the Main Sanctuary: Friday evenings at 8:00 P.M.; Saturdays and Jewish holidays at 9:30 A.M.

Information and details regarding all facets of worship services is available at the Temple office, or by calling 384-5070.

Brandeis Institute

BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

Brandeis - Bardin Institute is probably the most creative experience in providing a total and joyous environment in Jewish living in the United States. Established on 3200 spectacularly beautiful acres in the Santa Susana Mountains north of Los Angeles the Brandeis Institute is the closest thing to an Israeli - style kibbutz whose central purpose is to provide high quality study of Judaism and artistic celebration of the Jewish lifestyle.

At the request of its youthful, and gifted director, Dr. Dennis Prager, I recently visited the Brandeis Institute and came away persuaded that it holds the key to a vital Jewish renaissance in this country. I saw children, college teen - agers, singles, and adults who literally did not know the Hebrew alphabet, complete a month of Jewish learning and living in Brandeis. By the end of four weeks they were happily singing the entire Sabbath service in the open-air prayer garden. Young women were baking challahs for the Sabbath service meal and crocheting prayer shawls.

Saturday night, some 800 sun - bronzed Jewish men and women conducted havdalah services atop a mountain, singing and dancing Hebrew and Israeli songs as the sun sank dramatically behind the Judean - like hills. Throughout the week they studied Torah, shared meals, in an embracing atmosphere of deep love and friendship. One Brandeis participant summed up his experience this way, "I never before realized what a beautiful guide to daily moral living my heritage really is."

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