

### SUTTON NAMED POKER MGR. AT IMPERIAL PALACE



John Sutton has been named Poker Room Manager for the Imperial Palace Hotel. John brings over ten years of experience and expertise to the Imperial Palace Hotel as he has an extensive background in poker room management.

Prior to joining the management staff at the Imperial Palace, John was Poker Room Manager at the Tropicana Hotel and before that time managed the poker room at the Golden Nugget for a number of years.

As Poker Room

Manager for the Imperial Palace Hotel, John is responsible for the entire poker room operation, including personnel, overseeing the games, customer relations, tournaments and special poker room promotions.

Born in Wabash, Indiana, John has resided in Las Vegas for over ten years. When John isn't taking care of business in the poker room at the Imperial Palace, he enjoys spending time with his wife and 2-1/2 year old daughter or you may find him engrossed in a game of Backgammon.

PARIS (WNS) -- Interior Minister Gaston Deferre paid tribute to Israel's courage and determination and said that Francois Mitterrand's recent trip to Israel is "a symbolic gesture which has linked the two countries together for all times." Deferre, who is also mayor of Marseilles, addressed local community leaders after presenting the city's Chief Rabbi Joseph Sitruk with the National Medal of Merit.

### Why Matza?

BY RABBI DR. DAVID GEFFEN

Winding your way through the narrow side streets of Meah Shearim in Jerusalem during the month before Passover, there is really only one goal in mind: to witness the ancient art of baking of matza shmura (watched matza) by hand. The process involves a team effort guaranteeing that the finished matza be completed in under 18 minutes, before any leavening is possible.

The 'mixer' mixes a specific amount of flour and water, creating a blob of dough and passes it to be cut into two. Then a 'roller' takes over. He can be a hasid of a specific sect, an American tourist who wants to do something exotic, a yeshiva boy with long side curls and his four cornered garment hanging out, or a young religious Sephardi who participates annually in this special mitzva. Young men from all over Israel volunteer for this "labor of love."

The dough is turned into a flat cake in a matter of minutes, then passed on to the 'pricker,' who rolls a device over the 'matza to be perforating it throughout. The baker artistically picks it up on a thin stick and deftly places the pricked very thin dough circle into the very hot stone oven. Within sixty seconds the matza is ready and has been taken out to cool. From flour and water to matza in ten to eleven minutes maximum - sometimes less. The finished product will sell for a very high price indeed and each year there never seems to be enough.

Most of the matza consumed worldwide is much less expensive, square, uniformly thin and crisp. The shmura matza in its round shape relates back to the passage in Exodus 12:39 where mention is made of "uggot matzot." "Uggot" can have the double meaning of cakes or circles. Hence most matza until the late 19th century remained round.

Matza has also varied in thickness. In some of the North African countries the matza was made so thick that it had to be crumbled when eaten. In Talmudic times, some matza was decorated with figures. It was not unusual, according to the Talmud, to see matza with the shapes of doves, fish, animals and flowers, or with chains to recall the bondage in Egypt.

The intervention of the rabbis and the ornamentation of matza. It was argued that the extra thicknesses and other embellishments could cause delay in the baking, thereby resulting in the leavening process beginning. Thinner, unadorned matza thus became the rule.

### REVIEW AWACS DEBATE

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A noted political analyst has asserted that the anti-Semitic aspects of the recent AWACS debate -- on whether the U.S. should sell AWACS radar planes and other sophisticated military hardware to Saudi Arabia -- could fuel similar outbursts in the future if new events revived the "harmful perceptions that came to the fore" during the debate.

However, continued Milton Ellerin, director of Trend Analyses for the American Jewish Committee, research conducted since the debate does not indicate conclusively whether the AWACS question has substantially damaged American Jewry. Ellerin, whose statements are contained in a just-published AJCommittee report titled "The AWACS Debate: Is There An Anti-Semitic Fallout?" added:

"Some three weeks after the (AWACS) vote, President Reagan indicated to Jewish leaders that he was disturbed at the anti-Semitic aspects the debate had revealed, and he expressed his desire to undo the harm. The implementation of this desire may play a large part in determining whether the harm inflicted by the AWACS affair is permanent."

Reviewing the events of the AWACS

debate, Ellerin noted that "for the first time in recent memory an American Administration impugned the loyalty of the American Jewish community, (saying) that Jews were 'casting undue influence' on the legislative process..."

"The Administration set the tone for the debate, managing to convey the notion that the American Jewish community was disloyal, that Jews who fought the sale were fighting against America's best interest. Many on-Jewish legislators who opposed the sale on the merits were accused of bowing to 'Jewish pressure,' of fearing the cessation of Jewish financial support."

### ORT PLANS MEETING APR. 21ST

The Las Vegas Chapter at Large of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) will hold its regular April general membership meeting on Wednesday, April 21st, in the Las Palmas Club House, 3550 Paradise Road at 11:30 A.M. Admission is a donation of \$3. A short business meeting will include the presentation of the slate of officers for the fiscal year 1982-83.

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