

Geneva Sweat Named January Employee Of The Month At Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino



Her name is Sgt. Geneva Sweat and she works the day shift. For her dedication and loyalty, Sweat has been named January "Employee of the Month" at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino.

For her dedicated services to the hotel, Sweat will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond, dinner for two at any of the Imperial Palace's fine restaurants, tickets to see the award-winning hit show "Legends in Concert" and a portrait.

"I was really surprised when I found out. They had called me to the office and on the way there, I kept thinking, 'My Lord, what have I done?'" Sweat said. "I couldn't say anything when they told me I was Employee of the Month. I didn't know I was doing anything so great. But then again, I didn't think I had done anything wrong."

The personable Sweat has been with the Imperial Palace since May of 1979 when she became the first woman security guard to be hired by the hotel. She was promoted to Field Training Officer and Acting Sergeant in September of 1986.

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ADL: So Many Criticize Israel Without Remembering

NEW YORK, N.Y. — "Watching and reading reactions to the riots in the West Bank and Gaza, the word that keeps coming to mind is: hypocrisy," the national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said recently.

In an article prepared for publication in the ADL Bulletin, the League's national publication, Abraham H. Foxman said, "so many are so quick to criticize Israel without remembering."

He went on to recall American reaction to the U.S. riots of the 60s, pointing out that America, unlike Israel, is not a small country under siege.

"But few put themselves in Israel's place and ask how they would solve this dilemma," he asserted.

Mr. Foxman suggested, among other things, that Israel's critics should remember:

- The United Nations' long-standing thwarting of Israeli plans to move refugees to new and better housing.

- The fact that if the Arabs in the territories were granted full rights as Israeli citizens, the Jewish state would be condemned for unilaterally annexing the areas, for breaking international law.

The full text of Mr. Foxman's article follows:

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I couldn't help thinking how we in America would react to violent rioting in our own country. In the 60s, there were riots in cities around the U.S., but they lasted for days, not weeks. There was a lot of resentment, and -- yes -- harsh measures to quell the disturbances. And America, unlike Israel, is not a small country under siege. But few put themselves in Israel's place and ask how they would solve this dilemma.

We hear criticism that Israel is keeping the

ment, she is always willing to lend a helping hand to everyone," said Ed Steffen, Chief of Security for the Imperial Palace. "I feel she is one of the most caring and down-to-earth people I have ever met. Geneva truly deserves to be named Employee of the Month, recognizing the daily loyalty and dedication she displays.

Sweat is a longtime Las Vegas resident and is a graduate of Western High School. Previous to working at Imperial Palace, she was at the Westward Ho where she was also the first female security guard.

Sweat, two times a grandmother, has four children. Her son Sam Jr., is a senior at Valley High School and is a member of the varsity basketball team.

When Sweat isn't handling the day shift, she can be found relaxing with her head propped up on a pillow and listening to soft music.

"I love a challenge and don't like to be defeated. I hate to make a mistake and if I do, it ruins my whole day," Sweat said. "I didn't go out of my way to become Employee of the Month but it is something I am proud of."

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refugees in dilapidated camps. Cameras show rundown conditions and despair. I think of Israel's many plans through the years to move the refugees to new and better housing and how -- year in and year out -- the United Nations has barred Israel from taking such steps on the grounds that Israel has no right to solve the problem this way. And I think of how small but useful a project it would have been had the international community financed the rehabilitation of the refugees. But Israel stands accused.

We hear complaints that the Arabs in the territories do not have equality in law with the citizens of Israel. And I think -- what if Israel had long ago given the residents of Gaza and the West Bank full rights enjoyed by the Jews and Arabs of Israel? Can you imagine the outcry? Israel would have been condemned for unilaterally annexing the areas, for breaking international law, (Jordanian and British), until an Arab leader finally negotiates peace. And for that, too, Israel is accused.

We hear critiques that Israel isn't doing enough for peace. And I think about the enduring shame of the international community that has allowed 40 years of Arab warfare against Israel to go on without exerting pressure on the Arab world to stop the madness once and for all. And I wonder when was the last time the U.N. condemned the Arab League for its refusal to accept Israel, for the continuing economic boycott, for the terrorism of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

What's so terrible about a little hypocrisy, you ask? A lot. Most of all, it turns idealists into cynics. It causes Israel to wonder whether anything it does, short of committing self-destruction, would satisfy. Consequently, it leaves some Israelis unwilling to listen to the comments of even well-meaning outsiders?

Some real concern by the world -- for the welfare of the refugees, for the dilemmas that face Israel in trying to balance security needs with human concerns, for a country living in a state of war for its entire existence -- would go a long way toward mitigating the circumstances that led to the outbreaks in the territories. So far, hypocritical criticism appears to be higher on the international agenda than constructive criticism.

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