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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

For five hundred and fifty days incarceration has been my only known existence. Prison walls has surrounded me, while time has dissolved my friends.

I desire desperately the correspondence of mature minded ladies of all ages.

Sir: If you would permit the publication of this letter in your paper. I'm sure that would help me to re-establish a connection I so need with society.

My views are very liberal and I'll discuss any subject that is of interest to whomever will write.

I am a Black male 31 years of age and very lonely.

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Thank you very much.

Cordially yours
Willie

'ROOTS'

S. NORMAN GOURSE

"Roots" dramatized the horror of slavery in the U.S. Do we forget the thousands of African slaves imported in the past few decades by Arab countries (especially Saudi, Arabia,) who audaciously accuse Israel of "racism"? In Israel, (the only real democracy in Mideast,) racial discrimination is abhorrent --- irreconcilable with the basic tenets of Judaism. Witness Israel's black Falasha and dark-skinned Jews from India!

The founder of Zionism, Theodor Herzl, wrote in his book, "Altneuland": "There is still one problem of racial misfortune unsolved, the depths of that problem only a Jew can comprehend. I refer to the problem of the Africans. Just call to mind all those terrible episodes of the slave trade, of human beings who, merely, because they were black, were stolen like cattle, taken prisoner and sold. Their children grew up in strange lands, the objects of contempt and hostility because their complexions were different. I am not ashamed to say . . . that once I have witnessed the redemption of Israel, my people, I wish to assist in the redemption of the black people . . ."

Thousands of Africans have been educated in Israel; hundreds of Israeli medical, agricultural and industrial experts aided African countries --- despite Israel's own hardships. Yet Arab promises of oil and money (mostly unfulfilled) seduced many Africans to vote against Israel in the U.N.!

For sheer, double-faced hypocrisy, the Arab world wins. They attack Israel for trading with South Africa. In 1975, the foreign trade of South Africa totaled \$12 billion --- of which Israel's share was two-fifths of one percent.

Iraq, (here public hangings of Jews, torture of Syrian Christians, and genocide of Kurds take place,) is one of the main suppliers of oil to South Africa. Egypt has built close commercial ties and developed a considerable tourist trade with South Africa. Saudi Arabia (which imports African Slaves) makes extensive purchases of gold and sells weapons to Saudi Arabia --- as does Jordan. Kuwait derives 16% of the profits of the big Lonrho Corp., which operates in South Africa.

As for allegations of Israeli arms to South Africa, the London International Institute for Strategic Studies details the very large and modernly equipped armed forces of South Africa. It is quite evident that it is not Israel that supplied them.

Ruby Says



Operation Life in cooperation with the Department of Labor, Women's Division will have sponsored a workshop on employment and economic issues that face low-income women. The objectives of the conference were to: 1) Provide a forum for a representative sample of low income women to relate their experiences and to discuss problems and barriers to securing satisfactory employment; 2) To seek more effective coordination of programs and services affecting low income women in Las Vegas; and 3) To raise issues at the National level through recommendations from this local workshop. At the workshop, resource people from the county were present to provide information on services and programs and to explore access to job and training resources at all levels of government and industry. Women from the Department of Labor were present to take their "new found knowledge" back to Washington. More next week on the actual findings.

Remember the Jackson Street Clinic at Operation Life is alive and functioning. Please bring your children in if they are under 21 and have a Medicaid card. If you care about your children, bring them in for a free check up. It could mean a whole lot to them.

Last week, Operation Life attended the Community Development Corporations Convention in Washington D.C. I was really surprised. Operation Life has done more in the past three years than most funded community development corporations have done in ten years of existence.

CDC's are supposed to develop communities, but the ones we saw had not done that much. They didn't believe in community control for one thing, like we have tried to have happen here. Operation Life, for all of the pressures being brought against it from the powers that be, is and will be more successful in developing West Las Vegas lifting the lives of its residents than any individual or organization in Nevada. MARK MY WORDS . . . TIME WILL TELL.

The WIC program . . . remember that free food is given to those pregnant women, nursing women and children under five who are found to be in nutritional need. Call us at 648-0012 or come in at 400 West Jackson Street. We currently operate the biggest program in Nevada and there is room for more, we must provide our children with their health, and good food and health care, means healthy children.

GIRL SCOUTS

Since March 12, 1912, when Girl Scouting began in the United States, more than 38 million people have been Girl Scouts at some time in their lives.

On this March 12, 1977, Girl Scouts are inviting all former Girl Scouts, wherever they happen to be, to come to old-fashioned family reunions, all across the country.

In Las Vegas, Frontier Girl Scout Council Family Reunion will be at Hadland Park on Saturday, March 12 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. It's for you if you've ever been in Girl Scouting. If you are a former Girl Scout or former Girl Scout Volunteer, Girl Scouts are still your family.

Be at Frontier Girl Scout Council's Old-fashioned Family Reunion to sign the scroll of family members, meet old friends and make new ones, and talk about old times and now.

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