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### Civil Liberties

#### Freedom of Speech

One of the most precious of our civil liberties is undoubtedly freedom of speech. This freedom does not give us the right to tell lies, or to create lies by omissions and half-truths. Lies have caused pogroms. Perversion of freedom of speech, lies woven into hate propaganda, have caused genocide. Throughout history, orators in front of mobs have seduced and incited men and women to mob violence. Given the right technique and circumstance, people can be persuaded to believe almost anything. The writing of untruths and distortions of truth has resulted in hate literature.

Although we recognize that it is impossible to legislate against prejudice, we believe that certain restrictions must be placed on people regarding hate propaganda. Legislation should be enacted to make advocating genocide a criminal offence. A government should speak on the side of moral value.

It is now against British law to incite to racial hatred. It is forbidden to distribute anti-Semitic literature and anti-colored pamphlets. For example, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," a proven forgery, has been withdrawn from circulation in England.

#### "Freedom Is Not License"

It is over a year since our federal government requested a draft bill on anti-hate legislation to be prepared by a committee headed by Dean Maxwell Cohen of the law faculty of McGill University. The draft bill was duly prepared and introduced in the Senate. During one of the debates on the proposed bill, Senator Arthur Roebuck expressed himself in part as follows: "Free speech is essential to the preservation of freedom and of what is good in our way of life, but freedom is not license. . . . Men's thoughts, to quote the old saying, are not triable except as they are manifested in words and in actions. So far as I am concerned, the hater is welcome to his hate. It is against his evil speaking and writing and disgusting propaganda that this bill is directed."

#### Proposed Legislation

Dean Cohen's draft bill went to the Senate in November 1966. It was not accepted in full as recommended, the principal omission being the elimination of religion from its definition of identifiable groups. What was accepted seemed to follow more along the lines of the United Kingdom's Race Relations Bill. The proposed legislation against hate propaganda seeks to amend the Criminal Code to provide penalties for inciting hatred against persons of any color, racial or ethnic group, and/or advocacy of killing members of such a group.

The proposed bill is before the Senate, having recently received second reading. It is scheduled to be introduced in the House of Commons during this session.

Recently in Winnipeg, at their fourth biennial convention, the Canada Ethnic Press Federation unanimously passed a resolution supporting the proposed anti-hate legislation.

They have thus aligned themselves with the many groups, including the Canadian Bar Association (to mention only one), that have already officially gone on record as supporting the proposed legislation.

We hope that Parliament will pass the amendment to the Criminal Code known as Bill S5.

— E. Cam

## IN SEARCH OF TRUTH

By ELIZABETH CAM

Professors have a great influence on the young adults who seek knowledge in their classrooms. A young university student recently related to us how a lecturer in philosophy sought to provoke his students into shaking up any prior ideas they might have. With the apparent intention of shocking them into thinking for themselves and seeking to establish the truth, he chose as an illustration the Biblical story loosely called, "The sacrifice of Isaac."

The lecturer demanded of his class: "If God instructed Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, can you believe in such a God? What kind of God asks a father to sacrifice his son? Can you call Him a merciful God? What is the purpose?"

We suggest that this example is not an appropriate guide to truth, because as it was presented, it told only part of the story, making it only a half-truth. Whereas it is true that the book of Genesis relates that God said, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of," this is only the beginning of the story. The conclusion of the story was omitted by the lecturer. So there were some students who mimicked, "Indeed what kind of God would do a thing like this?"

However, those students who were not satisfied just to listen and accept, opened their Pentateuchs to check the story, and found that the tale ended very well. Within a few verses of God's request to Abraham, these students found the following verses: "And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham;' and he said, 'Here am I.'

"And he said, 'Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.'"

The book of Genesis relates that Isaac became the father of Jacob and Esau and that he lived to the ripe old age of "an hundred and fourscore years." Since Isaac was not sacrificed, we submit that the caption "The sacrifice of Isaac" is a misnomer.

Scholars of the life of the times have interpreted this entire story to be an illustration of the fact that the Hebrews were the first people of that era to eliminate the sacrifice of children, a common practice among the nations of those days.

We recently read a comment corroborating the above in the initial issue of "Mosaic," the University of Manitoba's new literary quarterly journal. The comment is contained in an essay entitled "Small Nation, Great Soul. On Reading the Old Testament, 1954." Written by the eminent Hungarian novelist and playwright, Laszlo Nemeth, it links together, with bits of personal background, the origins of the Jewish people and the twentieth century. The article was translated from the German by Karl W. Maurer and the late Heinz G. Frank. Talking of the worthwhileness of preparing a new translation of the Scriptures, the author says:

"The anthology would trace the Jewish people on the various stages of their journey, from the knee of the Euphrates to Beersheba in Palestine where they broke with the abominable custom of human sacrifice; this is shown to us by the story of Isaac."

### Mann's Exile

## HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

By PETER LUST

One generation ago Thomas Mann, Germany's leading man of letters, was driven into exile by Hitler. He retired into his modest home near Zurich, Switzerland and returned only after the collapse of the Third Reich.

Last month his son, Dr. Golo Mann, was forced into what he himself called "voluntary exile". He moved into the very same house which had served as his late father's home during World War II. Reason: Dr. Mann had written a series of articles telling West Germany's powerful Expulsee groups: "You can never go home again! The former German provinces in the East from where you came, have been gambled away by Hitler. They are irrevocably lost! Make peace with your fate and stop dreaming your mad dreams of starting World War III in pursuit of an unattainable goal!"

The Expulsee groups, representing some 18 million West Germans who once lived in areas like the Polish Corridor, East Prussia, the Posen district and the Sudetenland, wield considerable domestic power.

They are behind the meteoric rise to neo-Nazi groups. They are the main factor in West Germany's uncompromising policy refusing to come to an amicable settlement with East Germany. They are, in short, the very core of what Eastern nations would describe as "West German revanchism."

In the instance of Dr. Golo Mann, the over-worked expression "revanchism" could well apply. Dr. Mann has been discharged from his post at Stuttgart University. He had to suffer considerable abuse by the West German press.

Because of several physical attacks on him he was guarded by the police day and night. Yet it had been possible for neo-Nazis to break into his home, smash much of his furniture and inflict superficial wounds on Dr. Mann before the police

officers detailed to his protection were able to rescue him.

The constantly repeated slogan "you are a true son of your treacherous father" smeared on the walls of his home as quickly as they were removed finally caused him to seek voluntary exile in Switzerland.

The fate of Dr. Mann confirms what observers of the West German scene have privately concluded many times: The clock is moving back in that country. And the world stands idly by and does nothing.

The New York "Aufbau", the largest German-Jewish weekly in the world, usually is a very conservative journal. It did not criticize Kiesinger's past, takes generally a positive approach toward West Germany and has frequently been accused of having "forgotten the Hitler era."

This sedate paper finally came out with an article strongly criticizing neo-Nazi trends last week, when over the signature of its editor-in-chief, Dr. Hans Steinitz, it exposed and attacked the past of West German Economics Minister Professor Karl Schiller.

Schiller, presently a member of Willy Brandt's Social Democrats, had once been a member of the dreaded "SA" (stormtrooper units). He had served the Hitler government during the entire 12 years of its existence. During World War II he published a work entitled "Europe's great future after Nazi Germany's victory."

Some of the plans Professor Schiller developed in this draft described the economic fate of occupied Europe. "All non-Germanic nations will be asked to work for the glory of Adolf Hitler's Germany", Schiller stated at the time. "Obviously their standard of living will remain safely below that of our own people!"

History does not stand still. It moves forward — in circles!

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HON. WALTER WEIR  
Premier of Manitoba



M. B. STEINKOPF, Q.C., M.B.E.  
honored guest



HON. SIDNEY-SPIVAK, Q.C.  
Minister of Industry and Comm.

## Steinkopf Testimonial Slated Sunday

Representing the Cabinet of the Province of Manitoba at the B'nai B'rith Youth Service Fund of Canada dinner this Sunday will be the Hon. Walter Weir, Premier of Manitoba and the Hon. Sidney S. Spivak, Q.C., Minister of Industry and Commerce.

The dinner in honor of Maitland Steinkopf, Q.C., M.B.E., to be held January 7, at the Rosh Pina Synagogue, this year's annual fund raising event, is in support of the B'nai B'rith Youth Service Fund of Canada, affiliated with the world wide B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

The B'nai B'rith Foundation also provides funds for support of the B'nai B'rith camp located on Towne Island, Kenora, and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Manitoba.

More than 42,000 members belong to B'nai B'rith chapters throughout Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, the Netherlands, Belgium and

Israel. Programs are designed for the three major divisions, Aleph Zadik Aleph for 14 to 21 year old boys, B'nai B'rith Girls for high school age girls, and B'nai B'rith Young Adults.

The recognition of Maitland Steinkopf, because of his own public spiritedness combined with his sense of community responsibility, exemplifies the very qualities the B'nai B'rith Youth Service strives to produce in its young members.

In addition to his duties as chairman of the Manitoba Centennial Corporation, Mr. Steinkopf is a member of the board of governors of the YMHA, has served as honorary solicitor of the Girl Guides Association and the Association for Retarded Children. He was the originator, and is the past president, of the Manitoba Travel and Convention Association, was a governor of the Winnipeg General Hospital, and

## Psychologist Scheduled For Community Program



Dr. David Bakan will address the Jewish community in a Town Hall Program on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 8:30 p.m. at the YMHA. Dr. Bakan is professor of Psychology at the University of Chicago, a post he has held since 1961. He received his M.A. in 1944 from Indiana University and his Ph.D. Degree from Ohio State University in 1948. He has been a professor of Psychology at Ohio State University, the University of Missouri and at Harvard.

Professor Bakan is the author of numerous articles and several important books. These books are "Sigmund Freud and the Jewish Mystical Tradition"; "The Duality of Human Existence"; "Disease, Pain and Sacrifice"; "On Method: Toward the Reconstruction of Psychological Investigation."

"Sigmund Freud and the Jewish Mystical Tradition" is a pioneering scholarly work of detection in the

mystery of personality and cultural history. Dr. Bakan adopts with brilliant seriousness Freud's own distinction between being a Jew and the acceptance of Jewish doctrine. He turns the distinction upon Freud himself and demonstrates what power Jewish mystical doctrine retained in the formation of Freud's technical genius.

In Dr. Bakan's lecture, the above statements will be elaborated upon. His topic for the lecture on Sunday, Jan. 14, will be "Sigmund Freud and Jewish Mysticism."

The program is being co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Hillel and YMHA Community Centre. The Town Hall Programs are open to everyone in the community.

## Dr. C. Chamiel To Speak at T.T.

Dr. Chaim Chamiel, director general of the Torah education department of the Jewish Agency, will be visiting Winnipeg on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 9 and 10, as part of an extensive tour of North American Jewish communities and their educational institutions.

He will address a public gathering at the Rabbi Kravetz auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 8:30 p.m. His topic will be, "Jewish Education in Diaspora Communities."

In the course of his extensive travels, Dr. Chamiel has visited Jewish communities in South America, South Africa, Europe, Turkey, Iran, India, and many other parts of the world, where he has studied the Jewish educational institutions.

Born in Poland, he studied at the famed Lomza Yeshiva in Lomza, and holds a Ph.D. in education from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. He has written numerous educational articles and has edited several educational journals, the best known of which is "Maa Yanot."

## Youth Headlines A Variety Show

Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Playhouse Theatre, the curtain will open on a delightful variety show sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Girls.

The show is being held to support the B'nai B'rith International Service Fund (I.S.F.). The money from I.S.F. contributions goes to several worthy causes—most notable among these are the Martyr's Forest in Israel, which commemorates the 6,000,000 Jews who died in World War II, the Leo Levi Hospital in Israel, two Israeli settlements — Ramat Zvi and Moledet, as well as the BBG Scholarship Fund, and International Emergency Fund.

The show will be well worth the \$1.25 admission charge.

Entertainment will include a wide variety of acts, ranging from a contemporary dance performed by three talented dance students, to a balancing act and folk singing.

Miss Beverly Craven, community service chairman of BBG, is in charge, and Mrs. B. Prober is adult advisor.

Tickets will be available from every B'nai B'rith Girl, and from the B'nai B'rith Regional Office.



Shown above, left to right, standing, are: L. Lazer, F. Weinfeld, S. Gerb, B. Mayman, J. Freiden, J. Plotkin, N. Selchen, J. Bar-El, I. Raber, S. Shefrin, I. Nisenholt, D. I. Victor and William Litwin; seated, left to right: A. A. Shanas, J. B. Sheps, Saul A. Miller, Z. W. Chudnow, M. Cohen, B. Miller. Missing from photo: M. Hirsh, L. A. Mainster, J. Levit, O. Antel, R. Helman, B. Potash, H. Gale, S. Green, H. M. Margolis, T. Kessler, N. Isler and F. Simkin.

## I. L. Peretz Folk School 9th Annual Men's Dinner

Members of the enthusiastic committee are shown here at a planning session for the ninth annual men's dinner of the I. L. Peretz-Folk School to be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, in Rosh Pina Synagogue. The meeting heard reports of widespread interest in the dinner by the alumni, parents and friends of the school, and arrangements are being made to handle a record turnout.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Yoram Dinsteip, consul of the Consulate General of Israel in New York, and a member of the Israeli delegation to

the United Nations. The dinner will honor Joseph Erlichman for his long association with the school.

Saul A. Miller, MLA, West Kildonan mayor, is dinner chairman; W. Z. Chudnow, co-chairman; Wm. Litwin, arrangements chairman. The sponsors' committee is headed by J. B. Sheps as chairman, and S. Gerb as co-chairman. A. A. Shanas is chairman, F. Weinfeld co-chairman and R. Helman coordinator of the ticket committee; publicity chairman, Laurie A. Mainster; dinner and program committee, Mrs. L. Fineman, Mrs. D. I. Victor and Mrs. E. Wolinsky; treasurer, B. Miller.