

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

IN HONOR OF RABBI CHAIM SHAULSOHN, Editor of the newly formed Jewish news-paper "PONIM CHADASHOS".

After reading your paper (Vol II Shvat 21 pg 20) I was filled with indignation and emotion in reference to today's problems of vital importance that tend to touch the neshomeh of Jews in matters vital to our existence especially in the one of the publication in Eretz Yisroel between Yosid Ne'eman and HANODIA. Heaven shoould help the Rabbis to assist in creating peace between these two newspapers. No 1. In reference to the sky-high prices commanded by meat distributors. No. 2. In reference to the convention of the AGUDAS HARABONIM.

It is indeed perplexing to me that AGUDAS ARABONIM related the complete meeting that took place in reference to all matters of discussion, including heaven-crying problems of Kashrus, but the most important of all THEY UN-INTENTIONALLY AND NOT OF A SET PURPOSE AND DESIGN disregarded - left out - OMITTED : the precarious MEAT Situation.

I heard with my own ears how a certain Rabbi who happens to be one of the greatest Talmudical Scholars in America today who is none other and bears the title of chief Rabbi Harav Hagaon Tovie STERN.

At the Agudas Harabonim Conference in Miami Beach where his fiery words rang out by the following, quote

" I openly declare for all the world to hear that 80% of all the kosher meat sold in the U.S. is 'Neveilos and TREIFOS.' I also declare that one of the most important problems stems from the fact that the majority of supervising Rabbis who give Hechsheirim ar ignorant and know absolutely nothing of what goes on in a Slaughterhouse - therefore on what basis could they be relied upon? " end quote.

The writer of this article wants to add what was told to me by another prominent Rabbi at the very same conference, that the Agudas Harabonim should rebel against THE HI-PRICES and HECHSHEIRIM on kosher products and should equally rebel against the Supervising Rabbis receiving their remuneration according to the number of pounds of meat that is slaughtered annually.

I was also very touched upon reading the article on "HIGH PRICES" in Panim Chadasot (21 Shvat.) As I swallowed the words my blood pressure rose tremendously; the way they steal from Yiddish Kinder a minimum of \$300,000,000.00 (THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS) a Year at the rate of \$200,000.00 (TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) every shopping Hour.

If the Suprvising Rabbis allow the distributors to command unbearable prices from Jewish Children - how and where is there belief and trust in Kashrus sustained? Since the Torah sets the limit how much the distributors could charge and that limit is 17% - by this figure, if they charge even 1% more, to 18%, and the Rabbis know about it, and say NOTHING - then thy become an accessory to the Crime of Overcharging. I this is the case, the item is TREIF. I need go no further. Law is Law. JEWISH - that is.

BIG NEWS - I read in the Algemeiner Journal, dated February 7 '86, pg. 13, an article describing the conference of Agudas Harabonim that I witnessed in Miami Beach and heard the great Chief Rabbi Tovie Stern who held a very sharp speech in which he feverishly spoke in rereference to today's Shechita problems declaring : "Schechita lies today in the dumps. It is in the lowest form of depravity - in the lowest level possible. and open rebellion is revealed by

authorities catching swindlers red-handed selling Treifa meat as Kosher on a daily basis. This takes place even in the finest establishments of meat vendors whom you would hardly suspect in a hundred years. Do by all means leave not out so-called CHASIDISHE SCHECHITA."

Now I wish to ask a question. i the editor of the Algemeiner Journal, who wrote a half-page in their paper describing and relating all topics of discussion that transpired in Miami. They, too, left out the divinely inspired oratorical recital emitted from the Chief Rabbi Horav Tve Stern as above outlined. viz that 80% of the cattle that are slaughtered and fed to Jewish people supposedly as Kosher but are in truth Neveilos and Treifos in the highest degree. My, but these are very harsh words to swallow!

It is a known fact that a Slaughterhouse schechts 65 cattle an hour - schechts in an eight-hour day 520 cattle. Since we use mostly the fore-quarters meaning the front half of the animal until the 13th rib. This 1/2 alone weighs approximately 440 lbs (per animal) x 520 animals a day totals 228,000 lbs. slaughtered per working day. 228,000 lbs. per day totals 1.14 Million pounds a week or about sixty million pounds (60,000,000 lbs.) produced a year. This represents only ONE SCHOCHET working full time. Five shochtim, then, will produce three hundred million pounds (300,000,000 lbs) a year. Notice the interesting co-incidence with three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000.00) overcharge that Jewish people are penalized every year at the rate of \$200,000 per shopping hour, as shown elsewhere.

The majority of slaughterhouses also sell the lower part of the animal as Kosher, thereby adding another 50 Million Pounds to the aforementioned sum of 60 Million, totalling 110 Million Pounds per year, per Schochet.

The standard price to Supervising Rabbis is appx. 1 1/2 cent per pound up to 50 Million pounds and above 50 Million, up to 100 Million pounds, they receive only 1 cent a pound, and no more. But this 1 cent a pound adds up to \$1,000,000.00 at the end of the year.

We can, by this figuration, understand why the Rabbis maintain their silent posture in the highest degree. Would you make any fuss or tumult if you would make \$1,000,000.00 a year tax-free ?? which makes it just as kosher as the meat itself.

Now, I must reveal a matter of vital importance that upon hearing it, makes my hair stand on end. Horav Tovie Stern related that about two years ago there came to him top-cliber Rabbonim from the HARABBANUT HARASHIT (the "Chief Rabbinate") of Eretz Yisroel. It is well known that Eretz Yisroel buys from the United States in the millions of pounds of meat a year. They came to the U.S. to examine the process of our Schechita. They tagged along with Rav T. Stern to all 23 slaughterhouses and picked out only two amongst them as being Kosher. I became astounded.

When I heard this I inquired unto one of the leading Rabbis. How could such a thing take place, that all the other slaughterhouses are TREIF - how could it be? Is it possible - I looked at Horav T. Stern - being overcome and in the state of highest perplexity and bewilderment, I asked my neighbor rabbi - a sage past 70 in years who understand the matter very well - he said that he himself met with one of those two Rabbis in Eretz Yisroel going to Jerusalem from Bnei Brak in a taxi and spoke to him for an hour.

This is the story he related to him: "We receive from the U.S. containers of meat in the millions of pounds annually. What kind of meat do we buy? we buy tongue, liver, calves feet etc. In eretz Yisroel we consume astronomical amounts of tongues and livers. In fact we consume the entire U.S. production. We have always regarded U.S. Rabbis as being the most trustworthy of all others until we sadly found out otherwise. Why was our trust so founded? because they sent us Millions of Dollars and to them are credited the support of many of our Yeshivos. therefore, was our belief in them so strongly set until we were mad aware of the sad - very sad state of affairs regarding the Chelev problem in the U.S. We thoroughly examined the livers they shipped us and much to our dismay discovered the outrageous truth that they were full of CHELEV. Therefore, did I come to the U.S. to fix the problem of chelev on livers. I regarded the matter of Chelev as being no catastrophe, since we could remove the Chelev from the liver ourself."

The Rabbi stormed in and asked him: "This is not a problem?" The Israeli Rabbi replied, "the Chelev we ourselves could remove - but the Schechita is Treif in the U.S."

The U.S. Rabbi asked the Israeli rabbi, "on what grounds do you base this declaration, that Schechita is Treif in the U.S.?" He replied: "because the Slaughterhouses shecht 65 animals an hour (per ONE Schochet) and nobody examines the Chalif (slaughtering knife.)" The Israeli Rabbi went on to say that in Eretz Yisroel, when they go Schechting, even as little as 5 cattle - 4 people go to the slaughterhouse: (1) A Schochet (2) a Bodek (3) a Rov and (4) a Mashgiach - but here in the U.S. no Bodek (no knife supervisor), no Rov and no Mashgiach. "this is a story that I lived through," he continued, "being in the U.S. I visited a slaughterhouse viewed a Schochet shechting. I asked him politely, 'please allow me to examine your knife.' He obliged me, when lo and behold I found a Pegima (a nick) of mammoth proportions. I politely said to him, 'reb shochet, YOU HAVE NICK AS BIG AS THE ANIMAL YOU ARE SCHECHTING;' his demeanor changed from complacency to audacity and with anger attempted to insult me by saying 'you Zionist' I was taken aghast. What, where is the connection of Zion with a Pegima on his knife? if the Chalif is Pagum (nicked) he must not shecht. and if so he does, the cattle becomes Neveilos Utraifos"

" I went to another shochet where again I detected a Pegima - a nick - he retorted - Du Meshugene (you crazy man.) Go back to Israel! (not Eretz Yisroel..) We have enough crazy people here we dont need to import any from Israel. Who asked you to come here to America sneaking around here? You don't know what you're talking about." The Eretz Yisroel Rov said to him that he was a shochet for 20 years and that he is a Rav in Eretz Yisroel.

The U.S. Rov answered the E. Yisroel Rov, Now the mystery has been unveiled to me. The long-held secret that Rabbi Pinchas Teitz of Elizabeth, New Jersey when he brought up in a special speaker— re. an age-old question, when he said on the Radio and moreover by an aseifa (conference) of Agudas Harabbonim he declared. quote, " from each and every animal they shecht they remove 4 tongues and 5 livers." and moreover he said, "it became crystal clear that the U.S. ships Treif tongues and livers to Eretz Yisroel!"

Schecht 1 animal and the animal has 1 tongue and 1 liver. - but the U.S. sells 4 tongues and 5 livers. Where do they get the other 3 tongues and 4 livers from? One needn't be a Nobel Prize winner to determine over the 1 tongue and 1 liver come from treife animals mamosh (really Treif). Mathematically speaking, 75% of all tongue and 80% of all liver sold are from Treif animals having had no Schechita whatsoever.

QUESTION: How can the consumer determine if he bought from the 25% kosher tongue or the 75% treif tongue? ANSWER: I don't know - I don't have Ruach Hakodesh - only Heaven knows.

Coming back to Rabbi Teitz in N.J., if E. Yisroel takes all the tongue and livers from U.S., as many as they ship, - therefore it became vividly clear to see that Harav Teitz is 100% correct and the question was answered to me.

Now, I asked the rabbi. If all this is true. Why do they charge so much for the tongue and liver since it is not from a kisher animals but TREIFA animals? Why, pray tell me do they command such sky-high prices of 300%? If it would be Kosher it would be bad enough, but for this exorbitant price you sell me treif!

The Rabbi answered. For every 1 cent - one dollar. There is only one answer for you and that is to CEASE and DESIST from eating meat unless and until the price of meat will go down to be in relation to the non-Kosher meat with the exception of adding a few pennies (not dollars) to each pound for Kosher Schechita practice.

You see, the slaughterhouse pays pennies per pound for Kosher and they charge us for each 1 cent a dollar more.

Now that you know please answer me. Is it a wonder that we lost so many Jews due to intermarriage and still are losing at at the fantastic rate no less than we lost in World War II nebech, nebech, nebech?

Now we can all understand why the matter of Kashrus stands in such low esteem and position. The cause of which is is understandable - being the sky-high prices demanded by butchers from Yiddishe Kinder.

If a Super Rabbi demands such astronomical remuneration from Yiddishe Kinder and if the Super Rabbis tresspass this one transgression of demanding high prices, it is no wonder that Kashrus "hot azay Ponim" - is in the very sad state of affairs as we know it.

The only solution for such a malady is for all we Jews to band together and boycott all products of meat.

your little darling children who will become devastating demons to you all on account of the treife glatt meat you stuffed them with. They could torment you for all eternity -- Heaven forbid. Do not dismiss this possibility. Nay, you can count on it.

You can't stomach these thoughts -- either could your children -- remember they had not asked to be born. If yes, give them everything to make them happy not only for here but mainly for eternity. No parents should only think of the present needs of their children without hypothecating the end result of their childrens' lives.

If you are like the very few who couldn't care less after you drop out of the picture (of life) as to what will happen to your children -- just keep it up and you will be proven way beyond your wildest expectations and disappointment what incidents could transpire to such parents. What will happen -- instead of on the parents' tombstones "rest in peace" -- it will read "PARADISE LOST ON ACCOUNT OF MEAT (let this be a lesson to you all)."

I realize I've bombarded you ad nauseum but that's precisely what the matter demanded; to teach those stubborn individuals who still stuff their precious children with treife meat.

WHEN A POSITIVE PLEA IS MET BY UNCERTAIN
ONES -- THE POSITIVE PLEA ALWAYS PREVAILS.

I fully realize I've reacted herein in an over-zealous display of boldness and lion-heartedness, the likes of which you very seldom witness, but what other means could I have taken to destroy you gluttony for a prohibited commodity against the good graces and demand of your Heavenly Father, blessed be His Name.

Hashem is only a Father to you if you eat Kashrus; in absence of that FORGET IT. You are exposed to the elements without Divine protection as stated many places in the RAMBAM's Guide. Inasmuch as every action brings a reaction as taught in Physics, I pray these words emanating from a stricken heart, enter into yours to cause you to cease and desist henceforth from any more contamination caused by today's meat in any fashion, form or style.

I pray -- may Hashem on high open up to you good judgment to exercise that G-d given trait of pity and concern for your children so that they not be compelled to go through what they who do eat today's meat need go through. I close my case! Now travel at your own risk!