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A strong offence is often the best defence. This truism, applicable to football! Contests and military engagements, is likewise pertinent in the defence of Christianity from mounting attacks launched against Christian principles and practices.

Banning prayer and Bible reading while permitting immoral sex education and humanistic values clarification courses in public schools, promotion of abortion on demand and homosexuality; showing of such sacrilegious films as Hair, Godspell and Nasty Habits; and the widespread dissemination of pornographic movies and reading materials are only a few of the many tactics employed to erode and eventually destroy Christian foundations of Western Civilization.

In addition to strategies utilized to undermine Christianity in the educational, entertainment and publishing fields, another method, devious and indirect, is being applied in the food industry. This is the hidden kosher tax paid to Jewish rabbinical groups by Christians and other consumers when purchasing many food as well as non-food products. The practice is devious in that a semi-secret letter code is used to conceal from the consumer the fact that a product is kosher; it is indirect because the hidden tax is passed on the consumer in the purchase price of the product.

### **A Beginning to learn About the Kosher Fraud**

Regular readers of The CDL Report should already know about the kosher food swindle. For those readers unfamiliar with it, we suggest that you begin to learn about it by checking your food pantry for Ann Page products. Many of them are kosher. Assuming that you have one or more of these items, inspect the container(s) carefully for a small symbol U.

This is an official kosher designation. In case you find no Ann Page products, look for any of the following: Kraft Mayonnaise, Hungry Jack Pancake Mix, Post Raisin Bran, Tang Instant Orange Drink, Jiff Creamy Peanut Butter, Saran Wrap, Glad Sandwich Bags, Spic and Span Cleaning Powder, Tide, Cheer, Bold, Fab, Era Laundry Detergent, Santa Decaffeinated Coffee, Chicken of the Sea Tuna, Reynolds Wrap Aluminium Foil, Comet Cleanser, Ajax Cleanser, Cascade Dishwasher Detergent and Tabasco Hot Sauce.

Now, if you inspect the containers of these items carefully, you will find one or more of these symbols: U , U, K , K. Each of these symbols indicates that the item is kosher. Incidentally, have you noticed-that almost all of these items are widely publicized on national TV programs. Coincidence? If none of the above items is on hand, then inspect the grocery items you do have in stock for the kosher symbols. The odds are that you will find several. The next time you shop in a super-market, inspect each item for the kosher label. You will be amazed to discover how many of the products are kosher. A 1970 publication of one organization engaged in the kosher food industry revealed: "There are at present more than 2,500 food products (representing 475 companies) under the Kashruth supervision of the U, and the number is growing continually."

Since you have by now discovered that you are purchasing and using kosher products. You may be asking yourself, "Well, so what. I like the products and find them very satisfactory. But just why are they kosher and what does kosher mean anyway?"

First, let's consider the meaning of kosher. An official publication of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which issues the U symbol, gives the meaning as follows:

"The Hebrew word 'Kosher' means permitted according to Torah Law. 'Trepah', a Hebrew term describing animals found non-kosher due to physical damages or imperfections, is commonly used to describe all foods that are non-kosher." 1 Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 2nd Ed., 1956, defines kosher in this way: "Sanctioned by Jewish law; especially, designating food that ,way be eaten as ritually clean." An explana-

tion of kashruth, the substantive term for kosher, is provided by The New Jewish Encyclopaedia:

"**KASHRUT**—A Hebrew word meaning 'fitness' or 'legitimacy,' as applied generally to foods, sacred objects and persons meeting the religious requirements of traditional Jews. The basic laws of Kashrut are laid down in the Bible and were later expounded in the Talmud....Most Jewish communities the world over set up Kashrut regulations and provide through the appointment of special communal directors, for the supervision of the slaughtering and distribution of meat in accordance with Jewish dietary laws."<sup>2</sup>

A conclusion can reasonably be drawn from the above sources that kosher is an adjective describing food, primarily meat, which is ritually clean and meets the requirements of traditional Jews as set forth in the Torah and the Talmud.

With this brief exposition of the meaning of kosher, you are probably wondering why such products as Saran Wrap, Comet Cleanser, Tide, Sankt Decaffeinated Coffee and similar items are labelled kosher. Frankly, so are many other people.

The desire of Orthodox Jews to avoid certain foods deemed unclean in Deuteronomy: 14, is understandable, but we are unable to find any place in the Pentateuch where Moses ever mentioned wrapping paper, laundry detergent or coffee. So, let us now consider why so many grocery items, non-food as well as food, are now designated as kosher.

### **Early Developments In Kosher Food Business**

The history of the sale of products a kosher dates back to the early period of American history. In 1660, Asser Levy, a Jewish refugee, applied to the Town Council of New Amsterdam for a butcher's license to sell both kosher and other meat. <sup>3</sup> This request b<sup>3</sup> Asser to sell both kosher and non. kosher meat was proper; provided, of course, that he labelled each type meal so that the customer knew what he was buying.

By 1918, an Orthodox Jew, Abraham Goldstein was promoting the processing of kosher food products to make them available to the Jewish housewife so as to lighten her work load in the home just as processed non-kosher food products were available to ease household chores of non-Jewish housewives. Goldstein negotiated an agreement with Sunshine Biscuit Company to manufacture a kosher cracker. He received no remuneration for his professional guidance to the company nor did he receive any royalties from the sale of the kosher cracker.

He was successful in likewise helping other companies to develop kosher products. Without realizing it, he began what would develop into an enormous new market catering to the kosher trade.<sup>4</sup> Goldstein's efforts to develop kosher products at this stage appear to have been generous and in keeping with the principles of free enterprise, assuming that the new products were clearly labelled as kosher and assuming that any increase or decrease in the cost of production of the kosher products over or under that of its non-kosher counterpart was reflected in the price of the kosher item.

By 1924, the number of kosher products had so increased that the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the major national body representing Orthodox Judaism, assumed the task of developing an organization to cope with the expanding kashruth industry. It established, together with the Rabbinical Council of America, its Kosher Certification Service (KCS). Abraham Goldstein became its first director. So that the Jewish housewife could identify kosher from non-kosher products in the grocery stores, Goldstein sought to devise a symbol that could be placed on the product. <sup>5</sup>

### **Kosher Food Business Turns Into Kosher Food Racket via Deceptive Advertising**

It is at this point in the history of the kosher food industry that what appeared to be a legitimate kosher Movement began a transformation process which has developed into what many call today the "kosher racket." We Christians have no quarrel with religion which requires its

adherents to consume food products in keeping with its religious beliefs and dietary laws. We do protest the deceitful, devious manner in which thousands of kosher products have inundated and been integrated with other products on the shelves of the supermarkets.

We object to the failure of numerous manufacturers of many kosher food and non-food products to use truthful and informative labelling as required by FDA regulations as well as their use of a semi-secret letter code— U , U, K K,—, little known to the general public other than to the Jewish population. This deceptive and misleading practice causes many consumers, Christian and otherwise, to purchase, in fact, what they do not desire to purchase and unknowingly to pay tribute to the religion of Judaism by the use of products processed, inspected and/or supervised by rabbis according to Jewish religious requirements and by having to pay an added cost, however small it may be and which is in fact a hidden and indirect tax, for the products.

We return to KCS Director Goldstein and his search, for a kosher symbol by quoting from The Book of Kashrut:

"The choice of a proper Kosher symbol was of extreme importance to the company producing food for consumption by Christians as well as Jews. **THE SYMBOL CHOSEN SHOULD NOT CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FOOD IN THE PACKAGE WAS FOR JEWS ONLY**, which might be the case if Hebrew lettering or the Star of David were chosen as the Kashruth symbol.

After exploring numerous suggestions of the kind of symbol that would be acceptable, **GOLDSTEIN AND HIS COMMITTEE REALIZED THE FUTILITY OF ATTEMPTING A DISTINCTLY JEWISH SYMBOL** and devised the 'u' which signifies the first two letters of the words 'Orthodox Union' referring to the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations."<sup>6</sup> [Emphasis added).

It is clear from the above quotation that the intent of the KCS in choosing the U symbol was then, and still is today, to deceive the general public,

other than the Jewish population, by use of a semi-secret letter kosher code.

You have probably noticed that many products bear the K insignia. This is issued by The Committee For The Furtherance of Torah Observance, 1430 57th Street, Brooklyn, New York. After approximately nine years' association with the KCS, Abraham Goldstein was dismissed by his superiors over disagreements as to the purposes and goals of kashruth supervision. **7**

In 1935, Goldstein established OK Laboratories. The letters "OK" signify Organized for Kashruth. **8** The purpose of the laboratories is to provide a reliable and unbiased source of information for rabbinical organizations or individual rabbis on articles containing ingredients not permitted by the dietary laws. **9** Some rabbis objected vigorously to the intrusion of layman Goldstein into their official rabbinic domain of responding to questions of religious matters regarding kashruth.

By 1970, the OK Laboratories were managed by Rabbi Bernard Levy, who had acquired the accounts of the Laboratories. **10** According to "FDA Consumer Memo" of December, 1975, "The symbol which consists of the letter 'K' inside the letter 'O' is one whose use is authorized by O.K. Laboratories, 105 Hudson Street, New York, N.Y. 10013, to indicate that the food is 'Kosher', that is, it complies with the Jewish dietary laws, and its processing has been under the direction of a rabbi." Several letters sent to this address seeking information were returned with the notation. "Address Unknown—Return to Sender." However, by mid-1975, Rabbi Levy still directed O. K. Laboratories and was president of The Committee for the Furtherance of Torah Observance," whose insignia is "K" inside a circle. **11**

In a chapter entitled "Questions that are asked about Kashruth," this question is posed: "Is the letter 'K' which appears on many food packages acceptable as a symbol of Kashruth?"

"Answer. While the 'K' may be accepted generally as being a symbol for Kashruth of a product, and in most cases is in fact such a reliable symbol

of Kashruth, the 'K' is not a copyrighted symbol for Kashruth, and because of this may be misused. It is therefore wise for an observant Jew to make a careful inquiry when a doubt exists by writing to a rabbi whose name appears along with the 'K' on the package. If no such rabbinic name appears on the product accompanying the 'K', then it is best to write to the manufacturer to obtain the name of the supervising rabbi, and then to correspond with the rabbi directly to answer from him."**12**

Still another group allegedly using the K symbol is Kosher Overseers Association of America, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California and authorized to do intrastate business in all states of the Union.

In a class action lawsuit filed by Maurice Palmer in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, on March 7, 1977, against the Kosher Overseers Association of America, The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and several corporations, the allegation is made that the defendant corporations have contracted with the co-defendant Jewish kosher groups and "have paid for imprinting the said circled letter 'U' or letter 'K' on their products and goods, thereby placing deceptive and misleading symbols on the labels of such goods to the ignorance of plaintiff and consumers, and passing the cost thereof to the public and plaintiff."

It is strange that the American Jewish Yearbook, 1977, which purports to list all national Jewish organizations in existence for at least one year prior to June 30, 1975, makes no mention of any of the organizations discussed so far other than the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, 116 E. 27th Street, New York City, 10016. The functions of the latter. group are described as follows:

"....Serves as the national central body of Orthodox synagogues: provides educational: religious, and organizational guidance to congregations, youth groups, and men's clubs; represents the Orthodox Jewish community in relationship to govern-mental and civic bodies, and the general Jewish community; conducts the national authoritative U Kashruth Certification Service."**13**



In an article appearing in the "Jewish Post" of July 30, 1976, Rabbi David Hill, a past president of Young Israel, said that "The OU was a non-profit auxiliary of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America and **IT CHANNELLED ALL EXCESS REVENUE INTO UOJCA PROGRAMS.**"<sup>14</sup> (Emphasis added). This is a clear admission that the hidden tax paid on kosher U items goes to support the religion of Orthodox Judaism.

### **Kosherizing Increases the Price of a Product**

It has been shown that the use of semi-secret letter symbols violates the truth in advertising principles and is deceptive. It remains now to provide evidence that the processing, inspecting and certifying of products as kosher add to the cost of the product which is passed on to the consumer. Almost all of the evidence involved in investigating, supervising the processing, and certifying of products as kosher must surely add to the sales price. In some cases extensive changes must be made to the factory. Following are the procedures for investigating a company before providing certification as established by the U:

"... The company which seeks Kashruth supervision from the KCS must first file a formal application in which are listed all the ingredients of the product for which supervision is desired. Ingredients that are compounds of a number of separate items must be broken down to their units so that every particle of food going into the final product will be made known to the KCS.

In addition, certain ancillary facts must be declared, such as any other food producing plants which may be owned by the candidate company, their location, and the products that are manufactured in them. Once the information contained in the application has been accepted by the U as representing a possibility of certification, the next step is a formal visit by a committee of rabbis, members of the Rabbinical Council of America, who are well-versed in food technology as well as Dietary Laws. A thorough inspection of the plant is made by the rabbis, who report to the KCS their findings and recommendations. While in most cases whatever changes in production are recommended involve only foods going into

the product. occasionally the report of the rabbinic committee is such that - **THE COMPANY MUST UNDERTAKE EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL .REVISIONS. SUCH AS ADDING A NEW WING** before the KCS will grant the product U certification.

"Once a company has been fully approved for Kashruth certification the supervisory fee is set by mutual agreement between the company and the KCS. The fee is kept low in accordance with the non-profit policy of the KCS. Often, in a large production, the fact that thousands of pieces of the product are produced makes it possible for the company to absorb the minimal cost for the Kasruth supervision **WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL-  
LY RAISING THE MARKET PRICE OF THE ITEM.**"<sup>15</sup> (Emphasis added).

Note the admission that the market price often is not substantially raised. This implies that the price, while often only slightly increased, is sometimes substantially increased. Note that the insubstantial raises in price of products are made possible by production of large quantities of the product which, of course, Christian and other consumers will buy since they know not that they are paying for increased costs of a kosher product. Note, also, that the company absorbs cost of Kashruth supervision.

Rabbi Bernard Levy of the O.K. Laboratories stated- that the average annual cost to a concern for kosher inspection is about \$1000, with a range from \$250 for "mom-and-pop operations to \$40,000 for a multi-plant corporation and that charges are keyed to the **FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION, WHICH COULD BE ON A CONTINUOUS, DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY, OR QUARTERLY BASIS.** <sup>16</sup> (Emphasis added).

These inspections and supervisory charges are naturally reflected in the increased price of the product. Some-times one product may require purchase by a company of the ingredients from a number of suppliers. These suppliers must undergo the same investigation, supervision, and inspection for compliance with Kashruth as does the plant manufacturing the finished product. It was reported by one company seeking U rabbinic-

cal approval and supervision that its products involved 21 suppliers in 12 different states. The added expenses paid by these companies to the rabbis would add still more to the consumer price at the retail store.

Mrs. Marilyn Kamins, a Jewess. has offered proof that kosher products are as much as 30 cents higher than products that are not kosher.<sup>17</sup>

### **Some Jews Oppose the "Kosher Racket"**

The deceptive labeling On kosher products and their increased sales price, which constitute a hidden tax paid indirectly to rabbis by the American consumer, have given rise to the term, the "kosher racket." The editor of the "Jewish Spectator", Mrs. Weiss-Rosmarin, has been highly critical of the "kosher racket."<sup>18</sup> The following statement appeared in one Jewish publication: "A nationally known rabbi who promised to expose the Kosher racket was allegedly told to shut-up or else!"<sup>19</sup> And the editor of the "Jewish Newsletter" ends a column "Facts and Comments" with this warning: "One thing is certain—If this racket is not checked by decent Jewish public opinion, it will one day develop into a scandal which will rock organized Jewry to its foundations."<sup>21</sup>

### **If At First You Don't Succeed, Try Again**

The CDL will not cease its endeavours to expose and stop the kosher racket. Christians should never despair but should nourish the hope that right will eventually prevail. Hope should be fortified with prudent action. The following plan of action is recommended to CDL supporters as a means of fulfilling that hope:

### **What You Can Do!**

**1. Inform Yourself** — Learn as much as you can about how the kosher food racket operates. Read and study this special report and order copies for your friends and people you deal with in the business world. Remember not even 1% of the non-Jews in the United States have any idea of what the K and U stand for. (This special newspaper report can be

ordered from the **CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE, Box 449, Arabi, LA 70032** at these prices: 10 copies \$5.00; 20 copies \$8.00; 50 copies \$7.00; 100 copies \$30.00; and 200 copies \$50.00)

**2. Inform Others** — Give copies of this report to your pastor or priest, grocer, humane society, chiropractors, medical doctors, relatives, neighbours and friends. You can also call in on radio talk shows and discuss the Kosher Food Racket and let listeners know what to look for at their food stores. Another thing you can do is to write "letters to the editor" about the Kosher Food Racket.

**3. Take Appropriate Action** - (1) Complain to your local and state tax supported consumer protection agencies, to your local Better Business Bureau and to the managers of grocery stores where you shop about the injustice of the kosher letter code and tax. (2) Urge your pastor to inform the church congregation about the kosher racket. (3) Urge your U.S. Congress-man and U.S. Senators to call for a congressional investigation of the kosher food industry for possible violations of laws on truth in advertising, anti-boycotting, and other unfair trade practices. Sending names of other constituents who concur in your request to Washington officials will tend to make them take notice. (Addresses: Hon....., U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515; Hon , U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510). (4)

Write to manufacturers of kosher products (the address is on the label) to inform them of your intention to stop purchasing kosher products. Explain that the kosher racket constitutes a national boycott of non-kosher products and stress that they can expect an increasing national Christian selective buying campaign against kosher products. Demand that they stop the deceptive labelling with the secret Mosher letter code. (5) Write letters to the editor of your local newspaper to explain the kosher racket. (6) Picket with signs your tax-supported consumer protection agency if it takes no action to expose the consumer rip-off by the kosher swindle. (7) Devise means of your own to expose and stop the underhanded kosher practice. Send copies of answers to correspondence and information on any actions you take to expose or stop the kosher racket to Christian Defence League, P.O. Box 449, Arabi, Louisiana 70032.

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## **New York's Kosher Laws Ruled Unconstitutional**

**NEW YORK** The state's kosher laws were ruled unconstitutional by Federal Judge Nina Gershon as she ruled that the statutes written in the late 19th century "foster excessive entanglements" between religion and state, violating the First Amendment. She ordered a permanent injunction prohibiting the state's Department of Agriculture and Markets from enforcing the laws.

Kosher law advocates are preparing to appeal the decision. Menachem Lubinsky, president of Integrated Marketing Communications, said that "consumers of all walks of life will be left without any protection if a decision rendering New York State's century old kosher food laws as unconstitutional is allowed to stand." Gov. Pataki urged the Department of Agriculture and Marketing to appeal the decision as well as seek a stay of the decision pending the outcome of the appeal. *National Jewish Post & Opinion – 16th August 2000 (Page 4)*

## **Jews Steal Your Food Money**

**FOOD PRICES TOO HIGH?  
CHECK OUT THIS "MIDDLEMAN"**

It's been a hectic day of business decisions, and the newscast at noon didn't help your headache: the Middle East, U.S. government give-aways, inflation, strikes, bussing disorders... You round the corner of your suburban neighbourhood, park in the driveway, kiss wife and children and relax. Safe at last. This is your home, your refuge of peace. Your wife hands you your customary Screw Driver made with Minute Maid orange juice while she sips Tree Top frozen cider mix. The kids? Well, for them it's Kool Aid. It's great to wind down away from the pressures, cosy in your own surroundings.

Then dinner: a beautiful Chicken of the Sea tuna soufflé, Bird's Eye frozen peas, Pringles New Fangled Potato Chips, bread and Nucoa margarine. You use French's Worcestershire Sauce on the Souffle, your wife and kids, Heinz's Tomato Ketchup. Everyone uses a bit of Morton's Salt. For dessert Jell-O and Kool Whip topping and Yuban Coffee. The left oven are wrapped in Reynold': Aluminum Foil and the dishes, are done with Lemon Fresh Joy.

So what? So—then you watch television and go to bed—and then it's morning. For some reason Tang has become a ritual for everyone except Tommy who has had little problem lately and is drinking Del Monte Prune Juice. He has Post Raisin Bran for the same reason.

You take Quaker 100% Natural Cereal; your wife, Wheaties (the "All-American Breakfast of Champions"); and daughter Sally likes Total for its full nutrition. She's interested in home economics. You also have two pancakes made from French's Potato Pancake Mix, Nucoa margarine, syrup and Brim Coffee.

**SO WHAT? THIS IS A TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILY EATING TYPICAL AMERICAN FOODS.** Or is it? The truth is, only the bread, the syrup and the Vodka in the above dinner and breakfast are possibly non-Kosher foods, all the rest having been inspected by Rabbis (for a small flat fee to assure that they have been prepared according to Jewish dietary laws. Wait a minute. Kosher? ...all the others? Yes: Even the detergent and the aluminium foil? Yup, every thing. Kosher, you say? Yes Kosher.

If the above paragraph sinks in a bit slowly, better start this article over again in order to catch the next sentence. By actual count, a large supermarket in Northern California, the mirror likeness of those selling foods in every community throughout the nation. is offering on its shelves over 20( Kosher items, among which are included the most popular and heavily T.V. advertised brands as well as the old "reliables" like Postum. Bon Ami, Wheatena. Ocean Spray cranberry products and Ovaltine.

It would appear then that your retreat, your castle, you haven of peace has been subtly invaded and that nearly every mouthful you swallow forces you to be an unwitting - and quite possibly unwilling supporter of Jewish activities in the U.S. and abroad. That would even include the Israel lobby in Washington which seems to have such success encouraging Congress to establish a multi-billion dollar annual aid program for Israel To the extent that you may be in favour of continued heavy aid ti Israel, well fine, you're helping even while you eat, and without even the bother of knowing o of trying ...helping painlessly But if you are among the 57% who, by a recent pool, favour reduced aid to Israel, you may at this moment be wondering how and why this situation has! come about.

### **[...how about a few Fritos Corn Chips. Dear... ]**

First of all, let's try to blame it on the little woman. What the devil is she doing buying all those Kosher foods for a Christian (or Moslem, Deist, etc.) household? Can't she read? Certainly it has to say some-thing plainly on the label about all this... Or does it? Well. kind of ...you can tell if you're alert—and "in the know." But nothing that says "Kosher" just like that? Well... no... There are, of course, Federal and state laws concerning labels and labelling as well as some specific state laws concerning the labelling and sale of Kosher foods, but they seem to have been completely and conveniently ignored.

The only way that Gladys, Mary, Betty or whoever is your wife can discover which supermarket items are Kosher is to search oven each package, bottle or other container completely and care-fully for a letter "K" of unspecified colour, size, design and location appearing just a bit



apart from other labelling information... or sometimes right in the midst of it. The other symbol similarly indicating a Rabbi-approved Kosher product is a "U" in a circle, not to be confused with an R in a circle meaning copyright name or design. The U also may be of any size and colour, and may appear at any spot on the package. Even if the little woman looks for one of these two symbols she could easily miss it since the printers usually do a bang-up job of arranging the layout of the label so that the K or U fades into the background. It takes a clever, practiced eye... (If at this point curiosity has gotten the better of you and you want to check out your own cupboard, go ahead. . .we'll wait for you.)

How many millions—or rather billions—of dollars worth of deceptively labelled Kosher foods, food wrappings and soaps are sold annually in the nation's supermarkets to families of Christian and other religions? No one knows and it would take a team of accountants months to compile that figure. What is the grand total dollar figure of all the separate small fees charged by Rabbis for the innumerable production inspections of these Kosher products since the beginning of the deceptive labelling practice? No one knows yet.

Food Corporations are understandably closed-mouthed about the actual dollar cost of securing and maintaining either the K or U approval on their product. In an article in the New York Times, Rabbi Bernard Levi obliquely admitted that the fees are "flexible" and dependent upon many factors, principally on the frequency of inspection. Another less gracious way of putting it (and certainly more accurate) is that the fee is what the traffic will bear. Thus a "Mom and Pop" operation might pay \$1000 annually whereas a large corporation might fork over \$40,000 ...or more for each product approved.

**(. . .another glass of Libby's Tomato juice, Hon...)**

You think that maybe these multi-billion dollar a year sales of Kosher foods are a little fishy ...maybe even a little illegal ...maybe even suggest a successful working conspiracy that's been around ever since Jack Benny gave us a cheery "Jell-O again" ...on radio? Well, you just may be right. In the United States Code (of all Federal laws). 1970 Edition. Title

19 to Title 22. Title 21 is devoted to food and drug laws and is the enabling legislation for the regulation of the Federal Food and Drug Administration. On page 5431, section 343, Misbranded Food, we read; "A food shall be deemed to be misbranded—(a) False or Misleading label—If its labelling is false or misleading in any particular." The Food and Drug Administration regulations follow this language word for word. So does the parallel California statute appearing on page 26 of the California Health and Safety Code (Article 4, Chapter 1573. Section 26550) "if its labelling is false or misleading in any particular." So do the codes of most other states.

**(. . .we're nearly out of Cascade Dishwashing Liquid. Helen... )**

If it may be illegal to use cryptic symbols instead of the word "Kosher" on a package because such symbols are misleading to 40 million housewives, it may also be illegal for another more pertinent reason as well. Food for special dietary uses comes under a more stringent section of the Federal Food and Drug regulations, a section that demands that the package be clearly identified. Are Kosher foods a part of this section of food "for special dietary uses" within the meaning of the Federal and state statutes?

The answer could well be yes. . .at least to an objective legal observer. Not only do several California and New York State laws strongly imply that Kosher foods are indeed a special diet for physical as well as religious reasons. but the Jewish dietary laws concur on this point. Combinations of milk and meat, a Jewish no-no. seem capable of inducing allergies in some people. for instance. If this point is true. then for years the use of the K and U symbols have been, and continues to be illegal. Nothing less than the word "Kosher" would suffice on the label.

**(...why don't we try the Maxwell House Coffee, Jim?)**

The most interesting law or the books that could possibly bear on the "Great Kosher Food Fraud." as someone recently called it, is to be found in West's Annotated California Codes, Penal Code Section 383b, page 868. In essence, the law, modelled after a New York statute, makes it a

misdemeanour to defraud the public (obviously the Orthodox Jewish public only) by selling food as Kosher that is not in fact Kosher, in other words the false use of the word "Kosher." Since in our present case the manufacturers admit, if specifically asked, that the symbol K or U on their product means that it is Kosher, the question can be raised whether all of these 200-odd Kosher items found in the average super-market actually are Kosher or whether this could be simply some form of extortion racket to provide rabbinical income. After all, Kosher Ajax cleaner?

And how do we normally define a typical religious object or religiously-imposed diet?... That it is usually clearly recognizable and that it is held with pride by the faithful and restricted to their use alone. In normal psychology the whole-sale use of that particular object or that diet by the people of another religion would be considered, by any sincerely religious group, to be a sacrilegious affront to them, and would cause a great deal of anguish to them and protest by them. But in the present case not only is there no anguish and protest by Jewish leaders to Christians and Muslims eating a Kosher diet, but an obviously massive effort has been made to merchandise this Kosher diet without the slightest hesitation, not only to merchandise it but to do so by obvious deception, apparently in order to maximize sales.

The Kosher nature of these 200-odd supermarket items has been hidden, not pridefully expressed. In the presence of this extraordinary contradiction to normal human nature it seems legitimate to ask if we are dealing with a business rather than a religion? Or if religion, it has to be the first that is available through a vending machine!

But this would be playing it from the side of those Jewish families who want to abide by a Kosher diet and apparently don't need the slightest help from others in doing this. On the other hand, for the others, and the majority of Americans, it could it not be asked as a moral point whether the present laws on mislabelling in general and the wrongful use of the word "Kosher" in particular should also apply to the clear and legible labelling of Kosher foods that are indeed Kosher, so that they may be distinguished from non-Kosher foods on the same supermarket shelf? Or

in other words, as a point of law in equity, if it is against the law for non-Kosher foods to be sold as Kosher foods, should it not also be an offence in the U.S. Penal Code for Kosher foods to masquerade as non-Kosher foods by means of deceptive labelling? After all, not only may some Americans prefer a non-Kosher diet due to religious convictions, but others may object due to political considerations. Church and state are not separated in Israel and all Jews worldwide are considered by Israeli leaders to be extensions of the homeland.

Numerous Jewish writers in the U.S. have concurred recently on this point. One of the most outspoken of such writers has been Cynthia Ozick who, in Esquire magazine of November, 1974, authored All the World Wants the Jews Dead and declared therein that the first loyalty of Jews everywhere was to Israel. Readers will have to forgive the lack of a direct quote but this issue of Esquire is mysteriously missing from the local public library! Thus the multi-million dollar food inspection fees going to Rabbis in the United States must inevitably aid at least indirectly a foreign state, a contribution some American families may not wish to take out of their food budget.

**(...this gravy needs a little Kitchen Bouquet Gravy mix...)**

Still another consideration looms big on the not-so-picayune Kosher food battle line: the U.S., state and municipal governments and agencies are all big buyers of food for the Armed Services, diplomats, school children, prisoners, etc. Liberals in this country have long preached separation of church and state and have banned prayers from classrooms. Shouldn't we also make sure that the government is not supporting one religion to the disadvantage of others by the unwitting purchase of large quantities of Kosher foods?

It's conceivable that the overall figure for such purchases could approach \$1 billion annually, given the vast number of popularised items bearing the K or the U symbol. It is hard to believe, for instance, that the .U.S. government could buy large quantities of Roman Catholic-approved foods 'with a "small" fee going to the priests involved without a great cry of indignation arising from the press, TV, and ACLU and Bella Abzug

about the breakdown of the church-state separation. What would be morally different in the case of the sales of deceptively labelled Kosher foods to Federal, state and local governments? The answer... apparently nothing except the sentiments of those who make the most noise in the mass media. What can be done? Simply require the manufacturers to supply plainly marked Kosher and non-Kosher types of their products, the latter to be used in the case of municipal, state and Federal purchase.

**(...a little Philadelphia Cream Cheese on these crackers)**

It appears certain apprehension in "official" circles is becoming more acute concerning this successful Kosher food business which threatens to turn sour. Thus, the private censorship system in the U.S., which has always been far too subtle to stoop to book-burning methods, has recently caused library books across the country on Jewish dietary laws suddenly to become "lost." Various others revealing European works never have, of course, been available from the start to public library patrons. One can only be amazed at how quickly and quietly the word got a-round.

**(...pass the French's Mustard, please...)**

Did we hear someone say that, after all the talk on T.V. about conspiracies, the Great Kosher Food Rip-off could be the all-time great in conspiracies?...Could, in fact, put to shame the wildest dreams of the Mafia? Well, of course, the possibility certainly exists, but conspiracy is difficult to prove. The case might even be considered as two separate conspiracies since the K designation on various products is issued by Rabbi Bernard Levy's "Committee for the Furtherance of Torah Observance," while the encircled U is the symbol of the "Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America." But then, TV has taught us that a good racket usually attracts a competitor.

However, all these Kosher goods are brought together under the roof of the loci' friendly supermarket, and the net effect to the non-Jewish shopper is that of a single conspiracy. Moreover, the case of deceptively labelled Kosher foods very obviously will never be tried in any court other than that of the mind of each person. However, in that court the first

questions will always be "Did you hear about it?...and only' after; "What do you think of it?"

Conspiracy is one of the most difficult crimes to prosecute successfully because it requires a reasonable proof of the intent of the criminals to cooperate secretly to perform an illegal act. Because it is virtually impossible to know a person's past intent, or even his intent at the moment, circumstantial evidence is admissible in conspiracy which is a crime separate from the purpose of the conspiracy. As a matter of fact, it isn't even necessary in order to obtain a conviction that the conspirators had an actual hand in the illegal act in this case the nation-wide sale of deceptively labelled Kosher foods. It would only be necessary that they conspired to do it and that it was subsequently done.

**(...use Tide for all your washables...)**

To quote the Journal of Criminal Law, Volume 63, No. 1 Page 1, "A criminal conspiracy is said to be a partnership in crime.' More specifically, a criminal conspiracy is 'an agreement between two or more persons to achieve an unlawful object, or to achieve a lawful object by unlawful means.'" Obviously we may be dealing with the second case. It is very difficult to believe (isn't it?) that Rabbis, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers have not secretly and consciously agreed to produce, to transport and to sell foods, food wrappings and soaps in interstate commerce, all of which could be criminally mislabelled but which certainly are deceptively labelled to 95%" of all Christian and Muslim families, this being an infraction of the Federal Food and Drug regulations.

**(...use Wisk to banish ring-around-the-collar...)**

Could anyone or any group through a class action suit collect from the Jewish faith his just share of the "small" fees that he has unwittingly contributed for twenty-odd years to Judaism due to this deceptive labelling of Kosher foods? Well, let's label that number one in a series of foolish questions about even-handed justice. The auto-makers, utility companies, etc. have to ante up to the public on similar suits of responsibility for their actions, but it would be a cold day in Hell ...And the fact

that virtually every Jewish family in the U.S. must have known for decades the significance of the K and U symbols not only argue again for a smoothly functioning closed system of communication but also suggests a conspiracy the sheer size of which would be nothing less than breathtaking ...So big, in fact, that those who have been "taken" for these decades can consider themselves equally guilty with the perpetrators for having been gullible. While liberals have been bravely talking about brotherliness and an "open society" it would appear that cabalistic effort was being very successfully fielded behind the backs of the innocent majority. The visible proof now extends to every shelf of every aisle in your local supermarket to say nothing about your own pantry!

**(...use a little Kraft Barbeque Sauce on the ribs. Harold...)**

For your pleasure an organized list of Kosher foods has been omitted from this article. How's that again?—For you fun. After all, there is now new dimension added to super market shopping, the excitement of which should not dulled by premature disclosure. Not only do you have to consider, as always, prices and family preferences while walking the supermarket aisles, but you can include political and theological leanings as well! And then there is the challenging new T.V. home game of "That's Kosher!" which a public list of Kosher foods would make a bit unfair. Any number of T.V. watchers can play.

During the commercials, one point goes to whoever first correctly calls out "That's Kosher!" concerning the product then being advertised. Subtract a point for a call that's wrong. In the three categories of food, food wrappings and laundry detergents an ignoramus won't know any more, an amateur player may spot 30 to 40%, while a real pro won't miss a one ...with the tally of all such T.V. ads beings 80 to 90%. Wait a minute ...Do you mean to say only 10% of foods and laundry detergents on T.V. are non-Kosher? Exactly, and 90% Kosher? You got it. This, incidentally, would tend to make a suspicious person think that these Kosher food sponsors specifically support the kind of programs they wish the great audience "out there in televisions land" to see to believe and to imitate.

**(...let's have a cup of Nescafe...)**

It wasn't so long ago that U.S. Attorney General Edward Levi observed that Americans show a peculiar sympathy for and tendency towards crime, that we are, in effect, a morally deficient people. Some may object that this could be an old variation of the popular gambit. "I am holier than thou." But perhaps Attorney General Levi is right and perhaps we are wrong in calling it "The Great Kosher Food Fraud" and perhaps it really isn't an unparalleled rip-off of the American housewife...

...Wait. I see it ...I see it now! It's so plain, so simple, but so tremendous! Like all of Hollywood's productions ever made rolled into one! Bigger even than "The Ten Commandments" and "Moses" combined! What a fantastic theme!

And that background music! Oh wow!

You see, it goes like this, we are being secretly fed this kind of royal jelly, this ambrosia made by our friendly neighbourhood demigods, naturally for a small flat fee, so that one day we will be magically transformed from sinful caterpillars into beautiful law-abiding butterflies. **AND IT'S REALLY WORKING!** Of course, it's true that the wings are lacking yet but certainly we do seem to be getting a wee bit smarter.

**(...let's wrap it up in Saran wrap. Grace...)**  
**The Kosher Label Swindle**

At present, not every product of the manufacturers we have listed carries these Kosher symbols. Soon some Rabbi, a little sharper than the others, will decide that no company can manufacture or process Kosher foods and non-Kosher in the same plant; then if we do not stop it, all foods will have this tax, which of course is passed on to you, the consumer.

Then along will come another Rabbi who will decide that no store can sell both Kosher and non-Kosher foods in the same building; using identical reasoning, the display fixtures, floors, walls, ceilings, in fact the entire building, plus the hired help will have to be Kosher. Next comes the trucks, trains and boats that deliver these foods. **WHY NOT?** Aluminum



foil has to be labeled Kosher. To our know-ledge, the last space-ship was not decorated with a **K** or **U**, but perhaps the next one will.

This was started in New York (in 1919) by Joseph Jacobs a typical Jew swindler, not a Rabbi. When the manufacturer paid Jacobs for the labeling, they also received a free advert. In Jewish Newspapers. The racket became so big that rabbinical organizations took it over and made it a national racket. There are over 700 companies, today, paying this blackmail, and the number is increasing every month. On the label you will find a **K** or an encircled **U**. Occasionally the **K** is also en-circled as with Hunt's Tomato Catsup. Do not confuse this with an encircled **R** or **C**, which stands for registered and copyrighted respectively.

Mrs. Trude Weiss-Rosman, editor of the Jewish Spectator, a fanatical hater of Christianity and Christians, has attacked this racket in her publication and in lectures to Jewish groups. Not that she is really against extorting money from non-Jews; it is just that she is a little smarter than these Rabbis and realizes that they have gone too far. When the public becomes, aware of how the Jews have been stealing their food money over the years, the entire Jewish population in this country is going to have some problems they may not be able to cope with.

### **Attention: Animal Lovers**

It is necessary that all animals killed for human food should be thoroughly well bled. This is done by cutting the throat so that the heart, itself, pumps the blood from the animal before it stops beating. Christians always stunned cattle first so they would not feel the horrible pain and anguish of the cut and the awful struggle against death which follows it.

The Jews maintain that the slaughter of animals is a religious rite which does not allow the humane process of making the animal unconscious before its throat is cut. Most countries have very strict laws regarding this but the Jews are exempted.

The Jewish method of slaughtering animals is called "she-chita". The method is quite simple; cut the throat from ear to ear, without previous

stunning, and let the animal bleed to death. Before the throat-cutting can be done the animal has to be thrown to the floor. The usual method is to rope the feet together, pass the end of the rope through a ring in the wall, and pull the rope until the animal falls. This process is called "casting". In England a Jew named Weinberg, adapted the invention of a surgeon for painless casting. This was known as the "Weinberg Pen". The animal is driven into it, tied down securely, then the pen, like an operating table for horses is inverted, so the animal is upside down and ready for the cut. The B'nai B'rith in Leeds, England, re-peating on this invention, stated that it was never used unless visitors were expected.

When the throat is cut the wound in an ordinary bullock is twelve inches long and gapes ten to twelve inches wide when the head is forced back to speed up the bleeding. Arnold Leese summed it up very nicely by stating:

1. If it is not painful, why is it necessary to throw the animal down before slicing its throat?
2. If it is not painful, why are not criminals executed that way, instead of by hanging, which breaks the neck causing immediate death?
3. The Jews claim if it was painful, the animals would cry out! Could you cry out if your throat was cut?

Dr. Klein, Director of the Abattoir at Lennep, Germany, made some experiments in the presence of nine Veterinary surgeons, on several animals which had their throats cut by the Jewish method. He cut the ropes binding the animals legs immediately after the cut was made. The animals then rose to their feet, staggered about fully conscious, then sank to their knees and finally collapsed. Klein found that consciousness remained for fully forty seconds after the cut. His conclusion, and that of the nine veterinary surgeons, was that the Jewish method must be forbidden in every civilized country. Is America a civilized country?

**Companies Evade Questions!  
Companies Reply  
To Our Inquiry**

Our readers have sent us many letters they have received from some of the nation's largest companies who have silently submitted to this Jewish blackmail. In other words they had rather pay-off than stand up for their rights and reveal the inner workings of this gigantic fraud upon the American consumer. We must pay even higher food bills in part caused by the needless secret Jewish tax. We say that it is --secret" on firm grounds because none of these companies will tell us the exact amount the Jews forcibly extract from them each year.

Foods such as Chinese Chow Mein are now Kosher and pay for the rabbi's label. Before her death, columnist Dorothy Kilgallen revealed that the U.S. Post Office changed the makeup of the glue on the back of postage stamps from a pork-fat based glue to a vegetable derivative that had kosher approval. Another rip-off of the tax-payers just so Jews do not have to lick stamps that are a pork by-product.

Along that same line is the Jewish forcing of federal penitentiaries and the U.S. military to buy kosher food for Jews who are prisoners or in the service. Nothing has been said about this interference by the Jews with government programs. Again, there is not a single word of protest over the unending application of the kosher tax. Over and over again, the Jews are found to be in direct violation of "Separation of Church and State." It only applies when Christians want to practice their religion. The Jews are immune from such legal enforcement and no political leader, civic leader or unending application of the kosher tax. Over and over again, the Jews are found to be in direct violation of "Separation of Church and State." It only applies when Christians want to practice their religion. The Jews are immune from such legal enforcement and no political leader, civic leader or minister darn to challenge the Jews on this question!

### **How Much Do They Pay?**

Following are excerpts of replies to our readers' inquiries about the kosher tax. General Foods representative Robert O. Carboni wrote that "highly respected rabbis visit the plant ..they are paid a nominal fee ... " Mueller's Spaghetti, Mrs. Agnes Stiles, Director writes; "We pay a nominal fee for periodic inspection." Delmonico Foods, Joseph P. Vivia-

no, "The 'U' means we have passed the Rabbinical investigation." Hunt-Wesson Foods, Inc. W. R. Kittredge, Manager Technical Services: "We permit inspection visits ,... there is a minor cost associated with this." Procter and Gamble Co., W. S. Carter, Public Relations, "this is a way of helping observant Jewish shopper without adding significantly to cost." General Foods Kitchens, Katherine C. Egan, 'It is not the policy of this corporation to reveal the cost." Morton Salt Co., Ray W. McDonald, Advertising and promotion manager, "We must have a designated Rabbi inspect our plant and make certain that they meet. the requirements for u to receive the symbol " The Nestle Co., Helen J. Britt, Director Home Economics, `there is no premium price exacted for a pro-duct so identified." Lever Brothers Co., Therese Bergstrom, Consumer Service Dept., "The cast of this certification is minimal and infinitesimal

### **But How Much Do We Pay?**

Above you have read the evasive answers our readers received in answer to a very simple question. We have the right to know the EXACT amount each company pays to the Jews. This could be revealed in a one line reply. In fact the two Jewish organizations which level the secret tax should have to reveal to the American people exactly how much they take in annually and how much each company is charged. It is understood that the more successful and popular a product, the more the Jews extract from the company. It has become a "GRADUATED TAX" that goes to Jewish organizations and we Christians pay the bill!

### **Important Tax Angle**

American taxpayers are hit two ways by this vicious blackmail racket. We must pay higher food prices so that the Jewish tax can be paid. Then the company writes it off as a business expense and thusly lowers its own tax — WHICH WE MUST MAKE UP. Then the Jewish organizations collect the total huge revenue and do not have to pay a tax because they are "religious." How they spend the money is another mystery.

**Extortion Only - Reason For Kosher Food Tax  
PROOF KOSHER LABELING IS A RACKET**

"The Chicago Sun-Times" of March 24, 1975 had a very short article on the kosher food racket that most people missed. It briefly stated that General Foods came out with a Jell-O product which two rabbis quickly gave the "K" stamp of approval as soon as they were paid. Then the other group which issues the "U" stamp refused to go along — stating it was not kosher (they didn't get paid).

"The Union of Orthodox Rabbis" said there was something wrong with the process and urged Jews not to buy this brand of Jell-O. For this reason you will often see both the "K" and the "U" imprint on the same product. This means that the manufacturer gave in to both Orthodox groups and paid DOUBLE blackmail to the Jews. This naturally results in double tax on you the consumer!

(Note: The "R" symbol on products means "Registered Trademark" and "C" stands for copyright. They have nothing to do with the "K" and "U" Kosher labels.)

Left-wing political activity can get into this Kosher food racket. Last year the rabbinical board in Boston stated that it was "declassifying any lettuce or table grapes not picked by the United Farm Workers Union." They forbade 120 Jewish congregations in Massachusetts from buying said products.

Thus they supported communistic Cezar Chavez's union in its fight with the Teamsters over organizational rights. What has this to do with whether or not the product is actually kosher!

Another interesting case developed over the scandal in which General Mills of Minneapolis, Minn., designated the breakfast cereal "Lucky Charms" as Kosher after paying the rabbis their fee. Clearly marked on the package was the wording that the product contained gelatin. The use of gelatin is strictly forbidden by kosher rules. Evidently the investigating rabbis did not do much of a job in this instance.

**Food Inspector  
Exposes  
"Kosher" Food  
Letter received by the CDL on April 27, 1986**

Dear Sirs:

When I was a Federal Meat Inspector on duty in Baltimore Md. Jews that we called "Schechters" would kill the animals that were sold to Orthodox Jews as "Kosher," or ritually clean and fit to eat.

The animals instead of being stunned were hoisted alive and kicking by the hind legs and their throat cut by the "Schechter." He was supposed to do this with one stroke.

During the slaughter they would check the lungs for adhesions. If they found no adhesions they would put their brand on the fore quarters of the carcass as being "Kosher." Even a slight adhesion of no importance whatever would cause them to not put the "Kosher" brand on. However, we would wait until the "Schechter" had passed on the animal then we would perform our regular inspection. After condemning an animal, because of tuberculosis or other disease after it had been stamped "Kosher", we had to lock up abscessed beef livers which we had condemned for tankrage to keep them from swiping them while we were off the kill floor eating lunch and hadn't yet put the "condemned" on the tank to make into tankage and fertilizer.

The "Kosher" brand was put on with Gov't. approval vegetable ink. One day I asked what the mark was and was told it was the date and the Schechter's signature or initials. The meat was only "Kosher" for 3 days but could be restamped up to 12 days. As meat especially beef, should cure for 2 weeks or more to get its full flavor and tenderness I don't envy the Jews their "Kosher" meat.

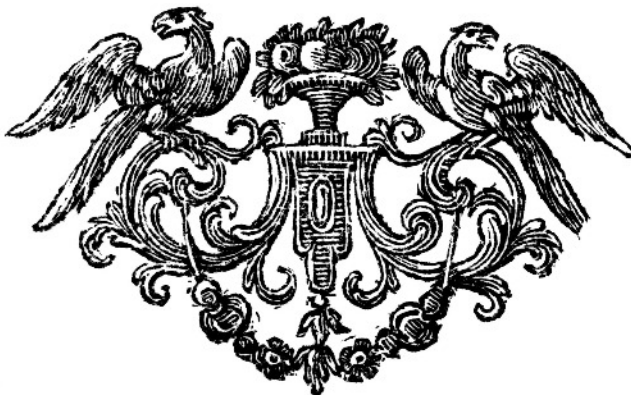
One day no "Schechter" showed up so one of the butchers unjointed a lamb front leg at the first joint (comparative to a person's wrist joint) and used it to brand with. I couldn't tell it from the "Schechter's" "Kosher" brand and

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he said not one Jew in a hundred can read Jewish writing, so they'll think it's "Kosher". Must have worked, there were no kick backs.

One day a "Schechter" from Washington, DC came over to do the "Koshering", as he only charged the packer one half as much per animal, the Baltimore "Schechters" pulled him out of his car and beat him up.

**C.C. Kentucky**  
**(Letter on file at CDL office)**



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