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### Israel Hits Colonialism

Israel made a historic contribution to the struggle against colonialism when its Ambassador to the United Nations, Ovadia Soffer, reaffirmed in the General Assembly that the Jewish State will give "all support for the accomplishment of the legitimate aspirations of the people of Africa to attain political liberty and human dignity."

The historic fact is, he observed, that "the persistence of colonialism constitutes an anachronism and affront to Africa and to the spirit of our times." Soffer's statement, during a discussion of a draft resolution on granting independence to colonial countries and peoples, was a declaration of principle which, since the days of Theodor Herzl, has been the guideline of Zionism and since 1948 a basic ingredient of Israel's foreign policy.

For the record, Soffer quoted from Herzl's "Altneuland" where the founder of modern Zionism observed that "there is still one problem of racial misfortune unsolved . . . I refer to the African problem. . . Now that I have lived to see the restoration of the Jews I should like to pave the way for the restoration of the Black People."

For the record, too, Nachman Syrkin, the father of Poale Zionism, wrote in 1898 that Jews in Palestine should form an "alliance with other oppressed nationalities in the Turkish empire" and "support revolutionary elements" fighting against Turkish rule. And also for the record, it was the Zionist workers in Palestine in the 1920's and early 1930's who helped organize the Arab masses against the British and the Arab effendis.

During a debate on Rhodesia in 1966 in the UN, Israel reaffirmed its opposition to the racist regime there and declared: "We believe in the right of self-determination and the independence of all peoples."

To characterize Israel as a friend of colonialism, as its enemies do, is calumny. Soffer's principle declaration put the record straight. It should be publicized far and wide.

### Soviet Banditry

BY ROBERT E. SEGAL

"Given the existence of six, or four, or even two scales of values, there can be no one world, no single humanity." Aleksander I. Solzhenitsyn of the USSR declared in his brilliant lecture as Nobel Prize winner. "We will be torn apart by this difference in rhythm, this difference in oscillation. We will not survive on one earth, just as no man can survive with two hearts."

Less discerning Russians in the Kremlin who have been demanding heavy ransom for Jews

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BARRY ZAGDANSKI AND HIS DAD, HENRY, OF TORONTO, AT THE WESTERN WALL, JERUSALEM, AFTER BAR MITZVAH CEREMONY. IT WAS REQUESTED ALL GIFTS BE MADE TO SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL, WHICH HELPED WITH ARRANGEMENTS.

desiring to emigrate may not have read Solzhenitsyn's warning. Surely, they did not heed it. And having perversely, greedily, and cynically saddled a tax of \$25,000 and up on valiant Jews seeking exit, they now face the possibility of strong American economic sanctions at a time when hotly-courted trade relations with the U.S. are close to reality.

Moscow journalist Vladimir Katin contends that the effort to force Russia to lift from the emigration process the Jewish brains-for-sale restriction is "nothing else than another anti-Soviet action by pro-Zionist circles." This makes three-fourths of the U.S. Senate pro-Zionist. For it is nearly all the Senators of the U.S., paced by Scoop Jackson of Washington, who are applying economic pincers on the Kremlin.

It is not a wistful and wishful resolution from a Zionist convention that confronts Moscow; it is a bona fide Senate proposal designed to deny the USSR the most favored nation privileges so greatly coveted unless the nation that would make 20th Century serfs of its Jews decides to knock it off.

Keep that obnoxious and exorbitant price tag on Jewish intellectuals in effect, say the Senators and you will lose out on that billion dollar plus grain deal now in your grasp. This capitalistic nation indeed has the hard currency you are panting after but it also has a hard line on its determination to persevere human rights of Russian Jewish emigres.

You may want us to regard the new Jewish ransom tax as Russia's own internal affair; but if so, forget about trade benefits from the U.S.

A put-down for Russia, that. A put-down for Russia also by the U.S. Senate. And a put-down for Russia by those 21 Nobel Laureates who have publicly and dramatically demanded that Moscow end cruel financial demands on educated emigres. The Nobel laureates echo Solzhenitsyn's sharp reminder that insistence on multiple scales of values in an age of instant communication threatens global survival.

In the first eight months of 1972, some 20,000 Jews departed Russia, according to reliable reports. This flow must continue. The free world demands it. There must be an end to the Kremlin's tax-on-brains proposal, trenchantly and accurately described by Golda Meir as a device "drawn from the arsenal of punishments appropriate to the dark period of history on the Soviet Union."

It is healthy for the world that brave Soviet Jews themselves have risked their necks by protesting the outrage. And it is most heartening to behold U.S. Senators broaden the base of the cry for justice.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A Leningrad Jew has received a pacemaker from the Heart Institute at Tel Hashomer Hospital's Sheba Medical Center, according to Prof. Henri Neufeld, head of the institute. The 53 year old man whose family name is Gurewitz had written to Prof. Neufeld describing his illness and asking for suggestions. Prof. Neufeld made the diagnosis with which Soviet physicians apparently concurred, and then sent the pacemaker.

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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principles, it is with Bob Reid presiding. The Justice of Peace court of Clark County is not the U.S. Supreme Court, obviously. Neither is an acorn a giant oak tree. But everything living must start somewhere.

With all being equal, in years to come, there is every indication Justice Reid will bring honor and distinction to the State of Nevada. We are not clairvoyant and cannot predict how luck and the course of human events will determine the future fate of Bob Reid. But from his present and past performance, the outlook is extremely hopeful.

All who support his re-election as Justice of the peace will have the satisfaction of furthering the career of a legal brain and temperament capable of rendering massive and lasting opinions. These are not just idle words.

Here is what we have observed in Reid's courtroom during the past two years: The dignity of even the lowliest human being is never minimized. Prostitutes, drug pushers, murderers, no matter what the charge, all receive their day in court. There are no exceptions. Prosecuting attorneys and defense counsel are lawyers trying a case and treated as equals from Reid's bench.

He will recess a trial and visit a site with all interested parties to determine the truth or falsity of conflicting testimony. He will not allow a witness to put himself in jeopardy without complete understanding of the consequences.

Reid rules with an iron hand but tempers his judgment with mercy. If an offense charged is bailable, he will set a practical figure. "otherwise," reasons Reid, "change the law to so state."

Sound judgment is his stock in trade. He will not be swayed by mob emotions. Neither will he allow his decisions to be determined by the newspapers.

One columnist describes Reid as "an Emperor." Another, on a rival newspaper, said "Reid thinks he is in the U.S. Supreme Court." The two, who should be competing for news, have apparently agreed on a mutual vendetta to discredit Reid. What were intended to be defamatory criticisms, along with a host of unsavory statements, mostly exaggerations and deliberate falsehoods, we interpret as highly complimentary. That's why we once labeled the two newspapermen (seen in a whispering huddle) "Bird brains of a feather."

Reid's courage and fortitude as a jurist was demonstrated in the Sailor Ryan Case, which we surveyed in detail last week. The hearing came to Justice of Peace court just prior to the Primaries, in which Reid was an overwhelming favorite for re-election. Bob could have rested on his laurels by refusing to hear the action on the grounds of improper jurisdiction. Such action could be brought in Justice Court by the Attorney General's office, according to Reid, only when it has first been refused by the local district attorney, or if there is a conflict of interest. Since the issue was not raised by defense council, Reid did not bring it up.

Reid could have simply disqualified himself as jurist in the case and remained free and clear. But he remembered the advice given by Federal Judge Roger Foley on being sworn as the first Black man to practice law in the State of Nevada: "Never pass the buck."

Reid voluntarily put himself in the same position as the Les Miserables fiction character found himself in, when the little boy was trapped under the heavy cart. If Jean Val Jean were to lift the heavy weight, he would save the boy's life. The display of strength, however, would also disclose his identity and send him back to jail. Jean Val Jean chose to save the boy. It was the right choice.

Bob Reid demonstrated his responsibility as a public servant by presiding at the Ryan hearing. His conscience could not have dictated otherwise. He rendered his decision according to the law of the land. He put righteousness ahead of personal popularity.

Our community should be proud to have a man of Reid's calibre to render justice in our courts. That is why we endorse, without qualification, Robert Reid for Justice of the Peace.