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### Israel Abides by U.N.

Once again Israel has shown its willingness to abide by the United Nations charter and Security Council resolution 242 to maintain peace in the Middle East, and once again Egypt has shown its recalcitrance in thwarting any steps toward a peaceful settlement.

This was evident in the General Assembly debate on the Middle East when the Egyptian and Israeli representatives spoke -- ironically -- on the very day that 25 years ago marked the historic UN resolution partitioning Palestine.

The genuine tragedy, as Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah pointed out, is that the UN debates have become "a substitute for and an escape from the need for negotiations." He called this trend "ominous" and noted that Zionism "has been calumniated and abused" by Arab governments that are "backing terrorist organizations whose avowed objective is to eliminate Israel and uproot its people."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Dr. Mohamed H. el-Zayyat, meanwhile, asserted that the UN stop Israeli "aggression" and "psychological terrorism" and "establish peace by the force of law" -- including, if necessary, expulsion of Israel from the world body. He charged Israel with intending to keep "as much of the territories they conquered until now as they possibly can" and seek to "create at the end, the greater Israel which is the Zionists' dream."

Despite the barrage of verbal onslaught, military offenses, terrorism, and bombing of its border settlements, Israel stands ready to "negotiate peace without any preconditions," was prepared to engage in proximity talks on an agreement to reopen the Suez Canal" and has no "ultimate maps delineating the peace boundaries."

It appears, then, that the UN debate on the Middle East, will remain as Foreign Minister Abba Eban said when he refused to attend, "sterile" and "rancorous," with both sides maintaining their primary goal as peaceful settlement in the region, yet neither doing anything to break the continuing stalemate beyond attacks and counter attacks.

### Jewish-Gentile Relations

BY MORTON YARMON

HOLLYWOOD, FLA. -- The year-long evangelical campaign known as Key '73, which is scheduled to begin in January, "could well become an historic turning point in relations between Evangelical Christians and Jews of the magnitude of Vatican Council II, provided it is used as an opportunity to clarify Christian recognition of Jews and Judaism as valid sources of truth rather than as objects of con-

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version," Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Director of Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Committee, declared.

Key '73, he explained to the agency's top policy-making National Executive Council ending its annual meeting at the Diplomat Hotel here, has been planned as a nation-wide campaign involving more than 130 Evangelical, mainline Protestant, and Catholic denominations, church bodies, and para-ecclesiastical groups, using all forms of mass media as well as personal persuasion to "call the Continent to Christ."

Rabbi Tanenbaum characterized the movement as the latest evidence of a growing evangelistic thrust that has been taking place in the U. S. over the past few years, and that has been shown previously in such movements as Campus Crusade for Christ, Inter-Varsity Fellowship, Jesus Freaks, and Jews for Jesus.

Rabbi Tanenbaum made his remarks in the course of a panel discussion on the implications for American Jews and Judaism of the increasing momentum of evangelistic activity. Other members of the panel were Dr. Eric Meyers, Professor of Religion at Duke University, and Rabbi Steven Shaw, Director of the Hillel Foundation at Rutgers University.

All three scholars expressed concern that conversionary efforts were beginning to have an influence on Jewish youth, especially those on college campuses. They pointed out that these efforts appeared particularly threatening to the Jewish community because they had arisen at a time when American Jews and Jewish communal agencies were engaged in serious discussions about the implication of increasing rates of intermarriage, the need for a heightened sense of Jewish identity, and new ways to ensure Jewish continuity in a secular society. "We call on the Christian conscience to recognize that a Christian theology based on the negation of Judaism and that sees Christianity as a substitution for the Jewish faith will have the human effect of destroying the existence of the Jewish people," Rabbi Tanenbaum declared, and added:

"After the Nazi Holocaust, which destroyed one-third of the Jewish people, and in the face of Soviet threats to carry out a program of enforced cultural and religious assimilation, which could destroy another one-third of the Jewish people, the whole question of efforts to convert the Jewish people out of the religious existence becomes a morally unconscionable position."

Rabbi Tanenbaum pointed out that many Christian scholars and several Christian denominations had gone on record as opposing the attempts at mass conversions represented by Key '73 and other evangelical movements. He cited specifically a resolution adopted last month by a colloquium, held at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., which "deplored tendencies of certain proselytizing movements which do not adequately respect the integrity of diverse religious and cultural groups and which manifest inadequate respect for personhood." Declaring that "acceptance of religious pluralism" and "the right of every group to preserve its religious integrity" were intrinsic to the American way of life, the Southern Baptist group "affirmed the right of every group to proclaim its truth."

"Christian leaders, including Evangelical leaders, have a valid theological alternative, which has already been accepted by substantial numbers of recognized Catholic and Protestant theologians and biblical scholars," Rabbi Tanenbaum maintained, "namely, that the Covenant of Sinai is permanent, and that Christianity must see itself not in terms of substitution, but rather

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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ity of Chile's remaining 24,000 Jews belong." Lachman said the Jews' situation is "very insecure," and most have made arrangements to leave Chile, "if and when necessary. . . Yet, if the economic pressures can be alleviated, they would prefer to remain."

Dr. Lachman said there has always been more latent anti-Semitism in Argentina than in Chile, and recently there have been a number of overt anti-Semitic acts, including swastikas on walls in many public places, and the bombing of synagogues. He said the internal situation in the Argentine Jewish community is critical with only 13 rabbis for the country's 550,000 Jews, massive assimilation and intermarriage and little Jewish leadership. In Brazil, he said, the booming economy makes for a better situation for Brazilian Jews, but there is considerable assimilation. Dr. Lachman said "none of the Jewish communities is expected to remain viable in the absence of a drastic change in their structure."

He observed that Mexico's proximity to the United States and the government's generally positive attitude have created a better situation for the Jews, although some Mexican newspapers recently have printed articles asking "Are the Jews Mexicans or Just Jews?"

in terms of being a complimentary Covenant to the Covenant of Israel."

Addressing himself specifically to the problems created by evangelistic activities on college campuses, Professor Meyers declared that such activities, "which enforce ideas upon another person, have little place at all in academic institutions, where free exchange of ideas is at the very heart of the learning process."

### Preacher

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

One of the most forceful preachers in America is the editorial page of the New York Times.

In hard-hitting statements the Times pleads with the nation to cling to propriety.

Totally cognizant of the odiousness of the Communists, the Times nevertheless calls upon this nation to operate on higher levels of humanness than the totalitarians.

Almost every day the New York Times holds current events up to the light of righteousness and evaluated political happenings and events by that light.

The Times, because of its prominence, is often the target of attacks. Politicos try to find flaws with the paper, and letterwriters frequently complain that they can't break into print in the conspicuous pages of the great paper.

But, by and large, the Times moves ahead on a lofty level and it is time that more people appreciate the valor of this great journalistic organization. The Times is not the best paper in the U. S. It really is the only one. (of its kind).

Not so long ago an editorial in the paper added up the pluses and minuses in the Vietnam situation. Then, recoiling as it often has from the relentless bombing by American planes, the editorial moaned: "The greatest loss is the moral one."

This world of ours urgently needs the admonitions which ancient Israel got from its prophets. The Times, albeit a secular organ, comes pretty close to playing Isaiah to the conscience of this nation. Bravo.

HOLLYWOOD, FLA.--The return of Juan Peron to Argentina, and increasing economic and political instability in Chile, are among current events in Latin America that are arousing uncertainty and even fear among the 800,000 Jews south of the border, the American Jewish Committee's National Council was told.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Norman D. Tilles, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, warned that the impending energy crisis facing the United States must not be used as a weapon over Israel's head to force an unfavorable peace settlement with the Arabs.