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Mass Rally at U.N.

The mass rally at the United Nations in New York was a vivid demonstration of the outrage felt by American Jews -- and indeed many non-Jews -- over the invitation by the United Nations General Assembly to the Palestine Liberation Organization to address the UN body. That the UN has seen fit to give legitimization to these terrorists and killers has angered and dismayed many who once considered the international organization the best hope for mankind.

This is why so many Jews came such a long distance to participate, why labor union members and political officials on the local, state and national level joined in the rally. Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the group that organized the event, called the response "fantastic." The outpouring of people may not change the action of the General Assembly but it puts the American government on notice that a sizeable body of opinion in this country is opposed to dealings with a group responsible for the death and injury of so many innocent persons throughout the world.

Agudath Israel, the ultra-Orthodox group which has usually refused to join in actions with other Jewish organizations because the Aguda does not recognize secular Judaism, joined this time in order to show "Jewish solidarity when Jewish life is threatened in the face of the solidarity of the nations of the world against Jews."

Blacks and Jews

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The alliance between Blacks and Jews that arose because of a common experience of discrimination is being jeopardized because of opposite views on quotas and preferential treatment, according to speakers at a luncheon session during the 61st annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League.

Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, associate professor of psychiatry at the Harvard University Medical School, who is Black, said Blacks and Jews "should help each other, not fight each other." But he defended "the modification of job and college admissions criteria" as "partly an attempt to be fair and objective" and "not necessarily preferential treatment."

Dore Schary, the ADL's honorary chairman, said the need was for extra preparation in primary schools, high schools and colleges so that more Blacks could find executive jobs; loosening the hardening resistance of certain labor organizations to Black aspiration, and the building of more schools and fewer bombs

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by the government. "Blacks must realize that Jews have been their strongest and most understanding companions against the waves of hatred," Schary said, listing various examples.

Maxwell Greenberg, a Los Angeles attorney who is vice-chairman of the ADL's national executive committee, said the ADL "advocates and supports" the elimination of non-job related tests and seeks affirmative action in the form of compensatory education, in-service training, retraining and counseling. But he stressed that in its long fight against religious and racial discrimination, the ADL has "insisted that individual ability must be the criterion." Dr. Poussaint said that the alliance between Blacks and Jews were "important to our mutual advancement..." and stressed that differences "must not destroy the potential for greater coalitions." But he said that "more than the removal of legal barriers is needed" to assure the entry of Blacks into the mainstream of society.

BOSTON (WNS) -- Mrs. Faye Schenk, the newly-elected president of the American Zionist Federation, has called on the U. S. government to continue its firm support of Israel.

A Boy Writes

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Mark David Wright is 11 years old. When his teacher, in a California public school, asked him to write an essay, Mark wrote about Haym Salomon.

The paper is a joy to read. Young Mark told about Salomon's coming from Poland 32 years before the Revolutionary War, how he loved this land, how he fought for it and was imprisoned, how he escaped and helped to underwrite the infant republic.

"He gave money to Congress," wrote the 11-year old "and also to any soldier in need." He stopped the holiday services in Philadelphia and raised money on the spot from the worshippers so that George Washington's Army could be paid.

"When he died in 1785," Mark wrote, "he had no money of his own. He had given it all to his country." He had little vigor left, either, because his strength had been sapped by his incarceration.

As we head for the Bicentennial, the Haym Salomon Foundation, headed by Emanuel Borden, of Alhambra, California, is asking you and me to write to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, U. S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C., to request that a stamp honoring Salomon be issued. I hope you will write such a letter.

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