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USSR Jews Must Still Be Allowed to Leave

The announcement that the Soviet Union had repudiated the trade agreement with the United States sent shock waves through the Jewish community in the United States and abroad. But wisely American Jewish leaders as well as United States and Israeli officials have been cautious in their comments. What is at stake is not only the future of detente but the safety of the Soviet Jewish community. Caution is also called for because there is no clear idea why the Soviets abrogated the treaty. Jewish leaders as well as Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger believe that it was not the emigration issue but rather the limit Congress put on the amount of credit the Soviet Union could receive from the Export-Import Bank. There has also been some speculation that the act was part of a power struggle now going on within the Kremlin. Regardless of the reasons the American Jewish community must stand firm behind Soviet Jewry in their struggle to emigrate. This is a right Jews and others have and the Soviet Union must not be permitted to deny them that right. There should be no letup on the publicity and pressure to help Soviet Jews gain their freedom.

Letter to Editor

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Have you noticed that a lot of letters to the editors of your local papers are anti-Semitic and pro-Arab? There seems to be a rising tide of anti-Semitism, as indicated by such communications. Well, it might not necessarily reflect increased anti-Semitism. It might just prove that the enemy is more methodical than we are. Letters-to-the-editor are widely read. The pro-Arab and anti-Jewish groups are smart enough to know that they can engender their hatred by using this conspicuous device to drive their hostility into many minds. Down in Houston, Texas, Rabbi Jack Segal, of Cong. Beth Yeshurun, wrote a plea to his people to mount a counter-attack. He urged them to write to their papers often when Jews or Israel are attacked. The letters, he wrote, need not be long. Staccato statements are more readily printed and more readily absorbed. But it is incumbent on all lovers of the truth to be vigilant and active in scorching the falsehoods that are often hurled at us. A splendid example of an epistolary counter-attack was a strong letter written recently to the New Republic magazine by Rabbi Arthur

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DETAINED TWO YEARS BEFORE HIS TRIAL IN DECEMBER 1974, 56-YEAR OLD MIKHAIL LEVIEV OF MOSCOW, WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH ON CHARGES OF "SWINDLING." THE RUSSIAN AND ALL-UNION SUPREME COURTS HAVE DENIED HIS APPEALS. LEVIEV, A FORMER STORE MANAGER, APPLIED TO EMIGRATE WITH HIS FAMILY IN 1972.

Hertzberg, the famed New Jersey rabbi who heads up the American Jewish Congress. A columnist asserted that the Jews had "ousted" the Arabs from Palestine. Hertzberg deftly responded with the fact that the Israelis begged the Arabs to stay in 1948. Those who left did so because of broadcasts by Arab leaders urging them to get out for the nonce until the Jews would be defeated.

You can get the thrill of doing your part in the contest between good and evil by manning your pens and typewriters producing Letters to the Editor. You can right wrongs by writing letters. Write right away.

Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ
A World-Union Press Feature

Hussein's Great Chance

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The youthful British-educated King Hussein has a great chance today to show himself as a true statesman by asserting himself definitely on the Palestinian question and thereby win the respect and admiration of the majority of nations around the world and at the same time release President Sadat of Egypt from the heavy burden imposed upon him by the PLO.

All he has to do is to accept the Israeli bid to enter into negotiations with the Israeli leaders on all pending Jordanian-Israeli-Palestinian issues and by doing so snatch away the initiative from Yasir Arafat and the PLO. Indeed, with good will shown by both sides, there is no reason whatsoever why the two contiguous nations cannot find common interests for a mutually-satisfactory settlement.

Such a move on the part of the Hashemite ruler could break the deadlock now besetting the Palestinians, the majority of whom are within the Jordanian domain and the West Bank. The Arabs themselves claim that the Palestinian problem represents the root cause of the Middle East conflict.

Despite all the bluster of the PLO leaders and the belligerent pronouncements by the radical Arabs as to who really represents the legitimate Palestinians, King Hussein alone, in the view of this writer, holds the key to whatever settlement may eventually be reached with the Israelis on the entire Palestinian problem.

Whatever may develop from either Henry Kissinger's step-by-step approach or from the dubious Geneva talks, one thing stands out clear -- regardless of the Rabat decision and the subsequent UN endorsement of Arafat and the PLO -- King Hussein still figures importantly and his role cannot be dismissed so easily. Let's make no mistake about it, Amman remains a vital factor to reckon with in any future adjudication of the Middle East dilemma.

That King Hussein has not yet closed the door to his active participation in future discussions on the fate of the Palestinians has been borne out by several statements he has

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"
BY JACK TELL

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grabbed all we could of it because it won't last too much longer. We know.

It's not that our other two granddaughters do not love us with all their hearts and souls, but when they start growing up, their interests become diversified. Bonnie, who'll be twelve in March, is a very busy young lady, what with her bowling, her Pep Club activities at K.O. Knutson Jr. High and the U.S.Y. Talent Night February 12 at the Temple. Michele, who'll be eight in February, is involved with music, dance lessons and the Academically Talented Program in the 2nd grade at Will Beckley Elementary School. Busy little bees, whose quick hello and peck on the cheek is hardly an interruption to the activity engaged in at the moment.

We do not love them any the less, because that's life and we understand, Tempus fugit.

So, a wily old grandpa, who knows what side his bread is buttered, takes all he can get from Robyn, while it lasts, hoping another will come along to keep the flow.

There is nothing, absolutely nothing, more gratifying in the whole wide world for a grandpa to have the complete, undivided attention of a grandchild. Robyn sensed it and she played it to the hilt.

"Grandpa, how is your foot?" she asked, referring to an incident of a year ago. We grimaced. She questioned, "It still hurts?" We replied "only when you remind me of it." The baby howled with glee.

When she curled up alongside us on the couch, we whispered, "Why do I love you?" Her instant reply, "Because I love you." Then came story time and we had to remember the sounds of every animal.

We stopped talking while grandma Bea answered the phone, explaining to Robyn we could not interrupt the phone conversation. Robyn waited a few moments, then turned to us with, "Grandpa go on with the story, but whisper."

The weekend, hectic in its duration, ended all too soon. The boo-hoo we put on because Robyn was leaving us to go back to California, had the tot consoling us with assurance she'll be coming back real soon.

It can't be soon enough for us, made in recent days to which must be added a friendly response his Royal Palace has given to a letter your correspondent recently wrote to the King on the question of Jordanian-Israeli relations.

In that letter the writer referred to some lengthy correspondence he had had with Hussein's late grandfather, Abdullah Ibn ElHussein. This correspondence, kept up for several years after World War II, dealt in detail with the common heritage shared by both peoples based upon the Bible and the Koran. Copies of some of this correspondence were included in your correspondent's letter which stated, in part:

"I hold the strong view that Allah-Jehovah would surely want you to assert yourself, that is, not to stand on the sidelines, but to seek a common understanding for a settlement on the whole Palestinian question with the children of Jacob-Israel."

The date of this letter was 29 November 1974. In less than two weeks the writer received the following reply dated 11 December 1974 and written on the Royal stationery:

"Dear Mr. Horowitz:
"Upon personal instruction from His Majesty King Hussein I, I have the honor to write to you conveying a message of thanks and gratification for your thoughtfulness and sincerity shown to His Majesty in your letter of November 29, 1974.

"Your genuine concern for peace and justice is very much shared by His Majesty, and under his leadership Jordan continues to strive towards that goal."

Yours Sincerely,
(signed) Larwan Kasim
Secretary-General of the
Royal Hashemite Court