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Jewish Youth Education

Speakers at the recent Sixth Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) in Jerusalem warned that one of the major threats to Jewish survival is assimilation. Several suggested that assimilation is no longer a conscious act but due to neglect and ignorance of Judaism, Jewish history and Jewish values.

The answer for this is to provide Jewish youth in the United States and elsewhere with an adequate Jewish education. Pinhas Sapir, the chairman of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency Executives, believe that the question of Jewish education is the most important facing the Jewish people today and has been hammering away at this theme wherever he goes. Sapir told the WJC meeting that unless Jewish youths are given "a Jewish-Zionist education" with emphasis on aliya, diaspora Jewry is doomed to "self-liquidation" through assimilation. We in the diaspora might also add that Israeli youth also need a better grounding in Zionism and understanding of their relationship to Jews abroad.

Nevertheless there is no denial that most Jewish youth in the United States and other diaspora countries receive either none or an inadequate Jewish education. Perhaps the answer may be the one suggested by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, who suggested the WJC should take the lead in formulating programs aimed at a universal free education for Jewish youth in diaspora countries. Perhaps each Jewish community will have to find its own solution.

The answer of course comes down to whether Jews are willing to pay for it. Sapir, in stressing that this was an emergency situation, recently declared that world Jewry would have to get used to the fact that education costs money, just as it was now well understood that the defense of Israel costs money.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ
 A World-Union Press Feature

US, USSR Colliding

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- No matter how one looks at the world scene today -- detente notwithstanding -- the United States and the Soviet Union are on a collision course. And the ultimate arena of clash in this course will undoubtedly be the most strategic region of the world, the very site where human conflict began ages ago, namely, the biblical crescent encompassing the eastern Mediterranean

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states -- Turkey down through Syria, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the Yemens and Egypt.

The adjacent waters of contention, where the two super powers maintain their opposing massive fleets and where they have set up bases, include the "troublesome sea", better known as the Mediterranean, the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. A close look at the map will show how perilously close the Soviet and the U.S. - British installations are situated in the region, the Indian Ocean, main gateways to the richest oil deposits on the globe.

And it is this question of oil, and not so much the issue of Israel, that has locked Washington and Moscow in a diplomatic struggle over who may gain more influence upon the states in the area, states that are taking full advantage of the situation by playing a game with both sides at the expense of the Jewish State.

Whatever will be the outcome of Henry Kissinger's efforts in his step-by-step approach with Egypt, Syria and Jordan and regardless of what may develop from possible Geneva talks, it appears clear to your correspondent -- and he has often noted this fact before -- that there is only one country in the entire region upon which the United States can place her full trust and upon whom Washington can fully depend in any contingency, and that is Israel.

Unfortunately, Washington has taken this fact for granted, perhaps too much so, and the Administration is thus turning its main attention to the Arab countries going out of its way to woo and cajole them with all kinds of offers of both economic and military aid.

Recognizing America's precarious global position in the world today in maintaining a balance with the Soviet Union, defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger confronted the Congress last week with an appeal for an increased military budget. In his statement, he termed the Middle East especially as "extremely volatile."

Fearing the worst, he told Congress that "we may be facing a situation where the Middle East is a potential tinderbox that the Balkans actually were in 1914, and where our international economic problems bear some resemblance to the 1930's, when international financial institutions and economic structures deteriorated and the Western powers turned inward and became weaker."

It appears clear, then, that both the President and his defense Secretary recognize only too well the peril which the Soviet Union poses for the United States -- and surely Henry Kissinger is not unaware of this fact -- in the Middle East crescent. But neither they nor the Congress are politically astute enough to proceed on a course that would serve the best interests of the United States. A secure and strong Israel is the only answer to such a course.

TELL TALBS

"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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dualist, a kind and thoughtful man and a genius in aeronautics.

Four persons, who knew Hughes, either socially or had business dealings with him, spoke of the billionaire only in terms of highest respect and endearment. Film clips showed him receiving ticker-tape accord by multitudes after establishing a new around-the-world record in his own plane. He was also shown before a Congressional Committee stating he had spent more than \$7,000,000 of his own money to build a plane to carry 800 armed troops. But these were part of the known record on Howard Hughes.

Of most interest to viewers of the show were the intimate details in the life of a man who has since chosen to live in isolation. Here for the first time was revealed by actress Terry Moore was that Hughes was a reserved, even polite man with a marvelous sense of humor. She described him as a man, "who could charm the birds out of the trees." Syndicated columnist Jim Bacon called Hughes a genius. "At one time," said Bacon, "there was not a plane flying anywhere in the world that did not carry a part turned out by Hughes."

Producer director Howard Hawks, who became associated with Hughes during the billionaire's fling as a movie maker, said he was a rugged individualist who knew what he wanted and would not settle for anything less. Actor Pat O'Brien, who was brought from Broadway to Hollywood by Hughes for the role of Hildy Johnson in "The Front Page," said Hughes was a kind and thoughtful man.

Here we have four persons, known and respected for their accomplishments, who had personal dealings with Howard Hughes. It was probably the most revealing portrayal of the most phenomenal personality of our time ever shown on television and witnessed by the American public.

Why, we ask, under any circumstances or stretch of the imagination, was Hank Greenspun asked to participate in this particular show? Or, perhaps he was not asked, but interjected himself, as he did on so many other occasions. But, no matter, why Greenspun, of all people?

Greenspun never met or knew Hughes, nor did he have any direct dealings with him. Anything Greenspun could say of value, was a matter of public record that could be related by anyone. Anything else had to be rumor or innuendo. There was not a single fact that Greenspun could have unfolded that has not been reported and recorded over and over again through the years.

On a local television news program which naturally followed Greenspun's jeremaid (a denunciatory complaint) about being deleted, the publisher was asked the most devastating thing he had to say about Hughes in the interview. Greenspun answered, "the amount of money he gave politicians COULD ALMOST be considered a bribe."

We hope you understand the "world-shattering" effect of Greenspun's contention, "Could almost," was the contribution of a newspaper publisher. Not one iota of fact, not a single infinitesimal of statistic, nothing specific. Only something in Greenspun's warped mind that "could almost be considered."

Now, in the same vein, we will relate facts, actual testimony that also could almost be considered a bribe. It was the \$50,000 that Greenspun "loaned" Robert Maheu the day after the Hughes Nevada Chief at the time arranged a \$4,000,000 loan from the billionaire to Greenspun at three percent interest. The \$50,000 "loan" has never been returned and Greenspun admitted he never asked for it back, because, he said Maheu was broke. Funny thing, but Maheu was earning \$10,000 a week at the time. Think it over.

Incidentally, along with Greenspun's lament about being Xed out of the TV script, the Sun story mentioned that he was involved in litigation against Hughes regarding clear title to land on the outskirts of Las Vegas. What the

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