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Arab 'Money War'

The efforts by the Arabs exclude Jewish-owned or controlled banks from lending syndicates is being viewed as the beginning of a new "money war" against Israel. The boycott which was first reported in Paris and London now has reached the American firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. A Kuwaiti investment firm withdrew from two international lending syndicates headed by Merrill Lynch because one of the participants was the banking firm Lazard Freres & Co, which is on the Arab boycott.

The Arabs have long boycotted companies which do business with Israel. But now with billions of oil dollars at their disposal, money which industrial nations need to finance projects, the Arabs are seeking to widen their isolation of Jewish-owned banks and eventually other businesses from their non-Jewish colleagues. It appears that they hope to force Jews in banking and finance and in business to sever their connections with Israel.

Added to this is a report by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, that when Arab nations deal with American firms they cause the firms to fire Jewish employees.

All this should give the U. S. Administration and Congress a reason for carefully watching the attempts by Arabs to take over American companies and especially banks. Would an Arab takeover mean the firing of Jewish employees and discrimination against hiring Jews? Would Arab controlled banks refuse to lend money to Jewish businesses or firms doing business with Israel?

This new Arab "money war" may be one of the most dangerous attacks ever launched not only against the State of Israel and the Jewish people but against the American economy as well.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Israel's Experience

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- "The world has much to learn from the experience of Israel."

Thus declared the young, charming and dynamic Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman in a challenging statement made before the Histadrut National Committee for Labor Israel's mid-winter conference.

Referring to the common destiny which has linked the United States to Israel, Miss

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Holtzman told the delegates that she "does not believe that the American people can be bullied into a rejection of the only country in the Middle East and one of the few in the whole world that embodies our precious values of freedom and justice. But, as an American," she stated, "I am disturbed to see this Administration arming the Arabs and espousing policies of realpolitik," having in mind Henry Kissinger's latest shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East.

However, she made it a point to precede this charge with the statement that "it is no accident that the U.S. has been a strong supporter of Israel from the very inception of the Jewish State. The American people," she emphasized, "have always understood the deep affinity between the Jewish dream and the American dream. It is not simply that we admire a vallant, gutsy people. Rather, we recognize the similarity between those who sought to find freedom in the U.S. and those who still seek refuge from oppression in Israel. We recognize the ties between our country's constitutional commitment to respect individual dignity and the moral strength of the Israeli democracy.

"If in fact our common human survival depends on the world's following the example of Israel's ethical humanitarianism," she asked, "how is it that Israel's very existence is at stake now? To me, at least," she stated, "it is clear that the dream of Israel and the dream of Histadrut pose a fundamental threat to those Arab countries which now train their missiles and planes and guns at Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. For, if these countries were to accept the principle of democracy, then every single Arab government would have to crumble."

Viewing the hostility shown by the recent session of the United Nations which embraced a terrorist as an equal among the delegations, Miss Holtzman expressed shock at the fact that "almost every country in the world, including the so-called advanced countries -- France, Italy, Japan, England -- has allowed itself to be blackmailed by the Arab governments that have shown such utter contempt for fundamental values of human dignity and justice.

"It is important to remind the world,"

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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ing and possibly profitable reading.

A previous book by Friedman, pocket size, called "Casino Games," is the biggest selling book on gambling. It is carried by agents of the Gaming Control Board of Nevada, to settle all player complaints about handling wagers and payoffs.

Invitation to Worship

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

You know there's a David Susskind on the media and in show business, but down in Western Florida folks know a Rabbi David Susskind, who spiritually leads Temple Beth El in St. Petersburg, Florida.

At the temple there's a lady named Mrs. Essy Friedberg and she's eager for more people to come into the orbit of Dr. Susskind. Hence, she wrote the following poem for the bulletin. It's a fine lyrical plea for people to come to temple, and I'm glad to reprint her creation called "Invitation to Worship":

We would like you to join us in worship.
 After all, we're fellow-Jews.
 The rabbis give much time and effort,
 And it's our job to fill the pews.

We are here to give consolation
 To the bereaved and weary of heart.
 But it'd be gratifying to see
 The untroubled inclined to take part.
 'Twould be uplifting to notice among us,
 Happy faces as well as the tearful,
 To show that the Lord's not forgotten,
 When horizons are sunny and cheerful.

We are not a small congregation,
 And there can be little denying.
 When the attendance gets poor,
 We wonder why we are trying.

Though it is sometimes depressing,
 We realize that we must survive.
 And worship's the best way for us
 To keep our precious faith alive.

Our ancestors looked toward the Sabbath;
 In the synagogue they found delight.
 They studied God's laws and revered them;
 They had faith the Lord's message was right.
 You may feel you're too busy, too modern,
 That religion is passe and antiquated.
 But the Lord is past, present and future;
 Time's end will not find Him dated.

Make it a point to remember the Sabbath;
 Spare a little time for the Lord.
 For this your forefathers struggled and died.
 Your attendance would be their reward!

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Rep. Joshua Eilberg, (D. Pa.) has asked the State Department to expedite the entry into the United States of approximately 2000 Soviet Jews now in Rome.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- While Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was conducting diplomatic talks here, his wife, Nancy, was being treated for an ear ailment at Hadassah Hospital.

Miss Holtzman added, "that not all the oil billions in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Libya have made their deserts bloom. Without a dream they remain arid wastes. It is important also to remind the world that our dream has existed since before the time history was recorded and cannot be destroyed. We Jews who live in this generation will not and indeed cannot relinquish that dream.

"It is this dream," she stressed, "that has wrought the modern State of Israel -- a society which is democratic, equalitarian and vital; a society in which there is a new-found respect for manual labor and in which every Israeli can feel a real and equal stake in the growth of the country. It is these qualities that made it possible for the desert to bloom."