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Passover has always been celebrated by Jews as a festival of freedom, a holiday marking the birth of the Jewish people as a nation. Since the creation of the State of Israel, Passover has taken on additional significance, for once again there is a free and independent Jewish State.

In Israel this year the joy of the holiday will be tempered by the problems facing Israel. In Israel, as everywhere Jews live, Passover is a time - families come together and many Israeli seders will have participants missing who fell in four wars.

Israelis feel the threat of a new war with the simultaneous hope that a beginning can be made to find a way to peace in the Middle East. There is the crushing economic burden of enormously high taxes and rapidly increasing prices. There is the need to meet the problem of the deprived, the so-called "Second Israel" who come from Asian and African countries. There is the responsibility of absorbing new immigrants, particularly Soviet Jews who, it should be remembered, are also seeking a freedom.

But freedom always has to be won, it never comes easy. Even the Israelites under Moses had to trek through the desert for 40 years on their way to nationhood.

The Israelis with the help of world Jewry are willing and determined to meet the challenges before them. As Israeli President Ephraim Katzir said in Miami Beach "The spirit of Israel is high, despite the problems in our struggle for peace. We have survived before and we will survive again."

## Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ  
 A World-Union Press Feature

### Israel's Ancient Enemies

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The global maneuverings fast taking shape today in and around the Middle East with Israel as the focal point of contention only serves to confirm that the ancient struggle between the People of the Book and their age-long enemies is approaching a climactic stage so vividly depicted by the great Hebrew Prophets -- Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Zechariah, etc.

Let us make no mistake about it -- these Prophets clearly foresaw and foretold the present dilemma facing mankind and also recorded the final outcome of these maneuverings versus the Jewish State, an outcome so definitive as to

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give good reason for this writer to be optimistic.

Thus, during this Passover 5735 period let us not despair in the face of the multiple threats which the descendants of Esau-Edom, Amalek, the Syrians and the Philistines-PLO along with the modern counterparts of the Babylonians-Assyrians are making against us. They are only heading for their doom. Ezekiel in chapters 38-39, and Zechariah in chapter 14, have so decreed. And Isaiah in chapter 19 tells us the fate that awaits Egypt.

It is only through a true knowledge of the Biblical blueprint in its original Hebrew that we may understand the basic reasons why these 'modern' nations -- referred to by Ambassador John Scali after the Arafat performance as "the tyranny of the majority" -- aspire to destroy the Jewish peoples as they are represented in the reborn State of Israel.

And here an important question arises, a question your correspondent had raised some time ago in this column. Since the Jewish people today comprise two known tribes of Judah and Benjamin and a portion of Levi, what happened to the other ten tribes? No historian would be foolish enough to say that they vanished, that they disappeared completely. On the contrary, there is sufficient evidence that they exist in various parts of the world, some of them as powerful nations.

This writer, who has studied in depth the migrations of ancient peoples from the Middle East crescent into the European, African and American continents, is convinced that the so-called ten lost tribes exist and that they may be recognized today by their traditional friendly attitude towards the known tribes, the children of Judah and Benjamin representing the Jewish people. It is no secret -- we know which nations in the world have shown a strong affinity for the Jews. Conversely, we also know who have stood out and still stand out as enemies. They have shown it by word and deed.

The dramatic story of the Exodus, as it will be recounted at the Seder tables next week, should give us good reason to reflect deeply on our past biblical history as it relates to current events and take courage in the fact that history does repeat itself.

NEW YORK -- The administration of Barnard College, in New York City, has informed members of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry that Pepsi Cola will no longer be sold on the Barnard Campus.

NEW YORK (WUP) -- John M. Oesterreicher, a noted Catholic Monsignor associated with Seton College, New Jersey, has scored the UN Human Rights Commission for its recent action in charging Israel with the violation of human rights in the occupied areas.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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daughter, to grow up in the palace.

Moses, who never forgot he was a Jew, belted an anti-Semite and had to go into hiding. He married the daughter of a Priest and became a sheep grazer.

One day near Mt. Sinai, a voice from a burning bush commanded Moses to set the children of Israel free. Moses tried to reason with Pharaoh but it was no use. Strong measures were needed. A plague brought death to every first-born Egyptian. Pharaoh was glad then to get rid of the Hebrews, who took off in a hurry. Three days later, Pharaoh changed his mind and set out after the Jews with the Egyptian army. The Israelites practically had to eat on the march and as for prepared food didn't have time to let the dough rise, so the short-baked bread came out unleavened - now known as matzoths.

Then came the incident at the Red Sea where the waters parted to let the Hebrews across, only to come together again to drown the Egyptians. After 40 years of wandering, the Israelites settled in Canaan, the Promised Land beyond the Jordan River. But Moses never got there.

It was God's will that Moses should get a look at the Promised Land from Mt. Pisgah before he died of old age. Exactly when Moses received the Ten Commandments from God is not clearly identified. Our belief is that Moses was in constant touch with God and all liturgical law was promulgated through him. From the Ten Commandments came all accepted criminal codes and mandates of human ethics practiced in civilized countries.

Leo Tolstoi, the Russian novelist and philosopher who died in 1910, came up with several answers to the question: "What is a Jew?" Some of his responses are appropriately significant to the story of Passover.

He wrote: "Let us see what kind of peculiar creature the Jew is, which all the rulers and all nations have together and separately abused and molested, oppressed and persecuted, trampled and butchered, burned and hanged - and in spite of all this he is yet alive."

"The Jew is the religious source, spring and fountain out of which all the rest of the peoples have drawn their beliefs and their religions."

"The Jew is the pioneer of liberty. The Jew is the pioneer of civilization. Ignorance was condemned in olden Palestine more even than it is today in civilized Europe."

"The Jew is an emblem of civil and religious toleration," wrote Tolstoi, who went on to quote Moses in remote and savage times when the principal ambition of the nations consisted of crushing and enslaving one another: "Love the stranger, Moses commands, "Because you have been stranger in the land of Egypt."

"The Jew is the emblem of eternity," wrote Tolstoi, who continued, "He whom neither fire nor sword nor inquisition was able to wipe off from the face of the earth, he who was the first to produce the oracles of God, he who has been for long the guardian of prophesy, and who transmitted it to the rest of the world - such a nation cannot be destroyed. The Jew is everlasting as is eternity itself."

After reading the writings of Tolstoi, who authored "War and Peace," "Anna Karenina," and other monumental works, you kind of get the unequivocal, indisputable feeling that the Jewish religion is here to stay. Let's keep it that way no matter how you celebrate Passover. Incidentally, Tolstoi was not Jewish.

BEERSHEBA (WUP) -- Fast patrol boats are being built in this Negev capital for use by the Israeli navy as well as for export. To be armed with dual .50 caliber machine guns and 20 mm cannon, the boats are expected to play a major role in the defense of Israel's coastal waters.

NEW YORK -- Sixteen Jewish Community Center professionals will leave for Israel on April 9 for an intensive three-week seminar as participants in an international Jewish Program.