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Discordant Toon

Malcolm Toon, who has been nominated as Ambassador to Israel to replace the late Kenneth Keating, sounded some sour notes in his first public statements on the Middle East. His remarks, to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee may be evidence that the Ford Administration is still taking a harsh line with Israel.

Even before Toon's nomination was publicly announced, the State Department leaked that he was a hard line career diplomat who had no ties to either side in the Israeli-Arab dispute. In fact, almost his entire diplomatic career has been in the Soviet Union and other East European countries.

Testifying before the Senate committee, Toon first proceeded to misquote the Vladivostok communique to President Ford and Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev last November. He said the communique had provided for "the legitimate interest and aspirations of the Palestinian people" even though the word "aspirations" has not been used. Toon then volunteered to oppose earlier testimony by Daniel P. Moynihan, the new U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, who had said the U.S. should take a strong public stand against any Arab attempt to expel Israel from the UN General Assembly. Toon, like his boss, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, prefers light diplomacy.

Finally and most astonishingly Toon refused to answer a question in the presence of the "Israeli press."

It may be correct to send an ambassador to an area that he knows nothing about. But Toon obviously needs some quick education, something he will probably receive when he finally meets the Israeli press in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Reliving the Holocaust

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- My blood boils! Judging by the recent anti-Israeli-Jewish actions taken by the various bodies of this world organization--the Human Rights Com-

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mission, UNESCO, the Security Council and the General Assembly which had so enthusiastically welcomed Yassir Arafat at the last session -- it appears clear to me that the nations in their great majority have forgotten the murderous Hitlerian atrocities of world war II which took the lives of six million innocent children of Israel.

A 'dead end,' yes, for six million to the shame of a so-called Christian civilization.

I am at Auschwitz, that is, my blood that boils. I am dazed, I am stunned, I am cold as ice. My heart is stone, my soul imprisoned within a skeleton covered thinly with bare skin and lean flesh. I am a golem without words. What can I say to my sisters and brothers who, like me, stare and look and remain silent.

'Death, where is thy sting' Yes, the living envied the dead.

All my feelings have left me. I am paralyzed. It's the end of the world. Perhaps. Will redemption come at such a late stage? Possibly. But I am weeping within me for my brothers and sisters, my blood. Oh, no! There, sitting by a gray stone wall is a half-naked father, his ribs protruding, a half skeleton bent over somewhat in tragic contemplation, thinking of what? A dead end! Sitting close to him at his right, is what appears as a daughter, arms folded, and thinking, thinking, thinking. At his right, a toothpick-like body, naked, hands clasped between the bony legs, his wife, thinking, thinking, thinking. A family -- united.

Over there -- the ovens, and nearby heaps of corpses to be cremated. The barracks, the bunkers, the stenching air, the cold wind, no blankets, no heavy clothing, the congestion; the beastly SS keeping guard over death. At Buchenwald, Maidanek, Auschwitz... Treblinka ... Bergen Belsen ...

I am emerging from the unspeakable scenes to which my soul had taken me during this period marking the 30th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust which took the lives of one third of our people and I find myself here at this world center of nations which not so long ago honored and paid high tribute to a modern little Hitler, Arafat, who, had he been given his way and the necessary power, would have tried to do what the Nazi devil failed to do -- destroy all Jews, certainly all Israelis. Thirty years after -- a short span of time -- and the world has forgotten. Once again the enemies of the people of the Holocaust, are joining forces with the view to dwarf Israel into a non-entity. It is Hitlerism in a new garb.

But this is not the 30's or the 40's. We are in the 70's and there is an Israel, a small but mighty sovereign Jewish State which emerged out of the ashes of the Holocaust. And there is also an America, which, let it be clearly stated, will assuredly stand by the Jewish State--come what may!

The Holocaust must never be forgotten. Certainly Israel and America will not forget. Recently, the American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims,

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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Howard Hughes in Las Vegas," is the story of a cheating gambler, who finally sees the light, and exposes corruption and cheating while employed as a casino shill. The author turns to religion and in preaching gospel, says he's happy.

Efraim Sevela's "Legends from Invalid Street," is a series of Sholem Aleichem Anecdotes of Jews in Vilno. Written by a former mascot of a Russian Army regiment, and translated by Anthony Kahn, "Legends from Invalid Street" could be a road to happiness for many who lived under Soviet domination.

Prof. Seymour B. Liebman's "The Middle East, A Return to Facts," is a compilation of facts explaining the basic and complex problems of the Arab - Israeli conflict, which the author describes as resembling no other conflict in the world.

Norman M. Goldberg's "Patrick J. McGillicuddy and The Rabbi," is the story of a rabbi who is up bright and early, ready to outwit his congregation. Members, active in synagogue business will howl at the stories written by a man who pulls no punches.

Inc., sponsored an Israeli-produced film entitled "The 81st Blow." Televised by the Public Broadcasting Service, it was filmed by the Kibbutz of the Fighters of the Ghettos. The dramatic two-hour production resurrected all the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis. Commenting on the unique production, retiring New York Israel Consul General David Rivlin had this to say:

"Thirty years later -- we remember and wish all others not to forget! We still live with the shock of that horrifying experience, the awesome tragedy and the greatest Jewish catastrophe in the 4,000 years of our people's history. Let us then remember and let us not allow the world ever to forget."

Tornado in Omaha

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

With all the turbulence in the world, who pays attention to a tornado in Omaha?

The headline in May might have been fleeting, but the devastation was severe. The tornado covered an area larger than any in history!

One synagogue, Temple Israel, was shattered. Its rabbi, Dr. Sidney Brooks, describes, in a circular letter, what happened.

The Confirmation class was rehearsing. Rabbi Brooks and his assistant, Rabbi Barry Weinstein, and the temple staff were in the building, when a siren sounded.

Dr. Brooks tells what followed: "All of us lay on the floor, glasses off, with heads covered and interlocked with one another as tightly as possible. The tornado struck furiously and in an instant, glass, doors, furniture and anything movable flew with a fury that could not be imagined. Even concrete fire doors were blown apart like paper. It is still miraculous to all of us that anyone could walk out alive from our building...All cars parked in our lot were carried away and destroyed.

"Five of our young people were injured by flying glass but none seriously...our door had to be opened from the outside to permit us to get out of the building."

The temple was only one of the structures struck by the tornado. But casualties were mercifully few.

Temple Israel will not be in use for a long time. In the meantime, people the country over are sending contributions to help rebuild the synagogue.

NEW YORK -- A unique interreligious 2-week tour of Israel, July 1-15, with emphasis on the archeological evidence of Biblical history, is being offered to members of the clergy, interested laymen, teachers and mature students by the American Jewish Committee's Inter-religious and Ecumenical VIP Tours program. Write L. Gibel, Interreligious and Ecumenical VIP Tours, American Jewish Committee, 165 East 56 Street, New York, N. Y. 10022.