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There has been an increasing realization among American Jews of the importance of Jewish education. Practically every Jewish leader in Israel and the United States has stressed the need to provide every Jewish child with such an education. Yet Jewish day schools, afternoon classes and Sunday schools throughout the country are in financial trouble.

At the convention several months ago of the Rabbinical Assembly, the rabbinic branch of Conservative Judaism, it was suggested that community federations and welfare funds should assume the responsibility for all "programs, services or institutions which meet a specifically Jewish need," primarily Jewish education. Rabbi Saul Teplitz, of Woodmere, N.Y. and Rabbi Samuel H. Dresner, of Highland Park, Ill., suggested that Jewish education be funded on a per capita basis or voucher system in which each child would receive an amount in accordance with the type of school attended. They said Jewish education should be decentralized and federation support should not mean uniformity but accepting different intellectual and philosophical viewpoints.

The suggestion deserves serious consideration. It is therefore heartening that a special survey by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reports that federation allocations to Jewish Education in 93 United States and Canadian cities "more than doubled" in the past half dozen years.

At the same time many groups that operate day schools, particularly Orthodox organizations such as Agudath Israel of America and Torah Umesorah, have been seeking Federal and State aid for day schools. They have come in conflict with other Jewish organizations particularly those who are in the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL). Many Jews are opposed to any state or federal aid to non-public education as a principle of the separation of church and state which has guaranteed religious freedom in the United States. It should be the responsibility of Jews who feel this way to lead the efforts to have the Jewish community support Jewish education. For without either community support or government aid the schools cannot survive.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Israel and the U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The Arab and so-called non-aligned states' behind-the-scenes campaign to equate Israel with South Africa in a sinister maneuver to call for the ouster of the Jewish State from the General Assembly when it opens its 30th session on September 16 is meeting with strong opposition from the Western and the majority of Latin delegations here.

Least concerned about the vicious move by Israel's enemies here is the Israeli delegation itself which to date has not had much nachas from this ever-increasing one-sided organiza-



JOSEPH H. HIRSHHORN (RIGHT) AND HIS WIFE, OLGA, PRESENTED THIS STERLING SILVER AND MARBLE SCULPTURE "SEDER PLATE" BY DESIGNER RICHARD FISHMAN TO THE KLUTZNICK EXHIBIT HALL IN B'NAI B'RITH'S INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. RABBI BENJAMIN M. KAHN, B'NAI B'RITH EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, IS SHOWN ACCEPTING THE GIFT.

tion, whose major bodies -- including some of the Specialized Agencies -- have succumbed to the propaganda of the Arab-Soviet-Third World blocs.

Asked to comment on the growing talk here about this campaign, Britain's Ambassador Ivor Richards -- appearing as the guest of a UN Correspondents Association luncheon last week -- stated that he will strenuously oppose any move of suspension in both the Security Council and the Assembly.

He stated further that if the Arabs succeed in the Assembly as they did last year in legitimatizing Yassir Arafat and his PLO and if the United States withdraws its financial support of the UN as a result -- as was clearly hinted at by Washington's newly-appointed Ambassador, Daniel P. Moynihan, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee -- that would spell the end of the United Nations and the Soviet Union, the champion of the Arabs, would be desperately sorry.

Consequently, the Russian representatives here have been quietly urging their Arab friends not to disrupt the equilibrium of the forthcoming Assembly by pressing for Israel's suspension in fear that such a proposal would serve as a great blow to 'detente' -- a one-sided advantage to Moscow's global interests.

However, it is generally held by many observers here at the UN that should Mr. Kissinger fail again in bringing about another Egyptian-Israeli agreement in the Sinai -- UNEF's mandate in the Sinai expires in late July -- and should a Geneva conference not come about or, if convened, fail, then the Arabs will fulfill their threat in demanding the suspension of Israel from the Assembly.

This threat was openly made by several Arab Ambassadors who met here at the UN last week at a luncheon given by Amin Hilmy, spokesman for the Arab League. They made it clear that the move for suspension will depend entirely on Israel's attitude. That is, Jerusalem will have to accept all UN resolutions, meaning the return to the pre-1967 borders and the relinquishment of the Old City as well as the acceptance of terrorist Arafat as the head of a new Palestinian state in the West Bank.

The Arabs know full well that Israel will never return to the pre-1967 suicidal borders -- even, as they hope, under American pressures. Hence, with USSR aid, they are preparing for war while at the same time playing a game with the United States.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin, in his recent meetings with both Ford and Kissinger, made it quite clear where Israel stands: there can be no return to the 1967 borders; Jerusalem is not negotiable; Syria must never be allowed to fortify the Golan Heights again, and as for Arafat -- there can be no dealings with a murderer of innocents.

An understanding with Egypt? Yes! The issue of Sinai can be negotiated -- but not under the terms offered by Sadat.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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economic crisis and the RISK of a U.S.-Soviet confrontation. All this because Israel refuses to comply 100% with Arab demands. It's a wonder Kissinger didn't add: "If the cat had kittens."

The sum and substance of Kissinger's speech amounted to the first step in the Ford Administration's direct approach to the American public in the hopes of offsetting support for Israel in Congress. That's how far Ford and Kissinger will go to bring Israel to her knees. We doubt whether the American public will ever fall for that baloney.

We've got news for Ford and Kissinger, and history will bear out our contention.

First, and make no mistake about it, a U.S.-Russian conflict will come only when the Russians are ready for it and want it, and all the appeasements in the world will not deter the Soviets.

Second, no matter what Israel does will in any way affect American interests in Arab lands or the Arab determination to keep forcing up the price of oil until it reaches the breaking point.

Third, if the U.S. forsakes Israel, and Israel is forced to go it alone, the U.S. will lose its only foothold in the Mideast, when the Russo-Arab combine causes the roof to fall in.

We're talking as a full-blooded American citizen more concerned with the interests of Americans in America than the interests of Americans in Arab lands. Remember, there were American interests in Cuba before Castro, and there were American interests in Vietnam and Cambodia. They all went and to Hell with them.

The courageous and generous offer by Israel to withdraw from the Gidi and Mitla passes and return of the Abu Rodeis oil fields, and the actual withdrawal of troops from the Suez Canal --- fell on deaf ears as far as Ford and Kissinger are concerned.

They insist on all or nothing for the Arabs, who have not yielded a single point in the negotiations.

The irony of Egypt's strong and stubborn stand against Israel, aided and abetted by the U.S., is that Egypt is "approaching collapse" financially and socially, according to an article in the N.Y. Times. There is nothing more that the average Egyptian wants right now, than a settlement with Israel, according to the Times story.

The key to peace is a strong effort by Kissinger and Ford to make Egypt see the light.

Once and for all, the interests of Israel and the interests of the United States are one and the same, and never forget it.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Budget cuts and the sharp decline in aliya from the United States has resulted in a reduction in the number of Israeli "schlichim" (representatives) in the U.S. as well as the closing of some offices throughout the country.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet has approved an IL 550 million budget cut in Israel's IL 56.3 billion budget which is needed because of the expected tax revenue losses which will result from the proposed new tax reforms.

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