

Reason and Unreason

Ugandan President Idi Amin's shocking, hate filled address to the United National General Assembly was a disgrace for the world organization. Amin stood up before an organization pledged to seek world harmony and called for the expulsion of Israel from the UN and "the extinction of Israel as a state."

American Jews should take particular note of Amin's daring to come to the United States and telling the American people "to rid their society of the Zionists" while claiming that Zionists control American society. This was the most virulent anti-Semitic speech to be heard on an international level since the Nazi era.

Perhaps those African states who argue that allowing Amin to assume the chairmanship this year of the Organization of African United will serve to moderate him, will now have second thoughts. To allow him to be the spokesman for Africa will do nothing but harm that already troubled continent.

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Contrast Amin's speech to that of Israeli Foreign Minister, Yigal Allon, who offered a reasoned approach to the Middle East conflict, Allon said Israel was "ready and willing" to negotiate with all its neighbors, including Syria. He called for an end to the Mideast arms race and offered to reach an agreement with the Arab states to make the region a nuclear-free zone. He also stated that a genuine peace must take into account the Palestinians although he rejected the Palestinian Liberation Organization as the spokesman for the Palestinians.

Even more distribing than Amin's speech was the way the major New York newspapers played it up while barely noting Allon's talk. Perhaps a Hitler-like speech is considered more newsworthy than a reasoned call for peace. If so - it is another sad commentary.

Behind The Scenes At The United Nations By DAVID HOROWITZ A World-Union Press Factors

Egypt, Syria at Odds

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The day Yigal Allon delivered Israel's foreign policy speech in the Assembly last week -- a masterful presentation covering every aspect of

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AT AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY DINNER, YIDDISH AUTHOR ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER, SECOND FROM RIGHT, RECEIVES S.Y. AGNON GOLD MEDAL FROM ISRAEL AMBASSADOR SIMCHA DINITZ, LEFT, AND AVRAHAM HAPMAN, PRESIDENT OF HEBREW U.

Jerusalem's current stand -- saw something unique in UN history: Syria and Egypt devoted the greater part of the morning and afternoon sessions in a bitter verbal exchange on the issue of the Sinai agreement.

The other Arab delegations in the Assembly, deeply disturbed over what they heard, were stunned

It all started in the morning session of September 30 when Syria's Foreign Minister, Abdul Halim Khaddam, in his long-awaited foreign policy speech, attacked Kissinger's step-by-step approach as "being fraught with danger." Coming directly to the point, he declared that "we reject the recently signed Egyptian-Israeli agreement as moving us further from the road to peace...Irrespective of the circumstances," he added, "we shall not fall into the trap of the Sinai agreement... It is a move to drag our people into surrender to the will of the aggressor..."

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Thus Mr. Khaddam, who is also Damascus' Deputy Prime Minister, went on time and again in attacking Egypt for having signed the agreement.

Egypt's Ambassador Abdel Meguid, fuming over the Syrian attack and demanding his right of reply, took the occasion to criticize Khaddam personally by charging that he does not actually represent the people of Syria but only the Baathist party. "We are not here revealing a secret or making false pretenses," he declared, "when we say that the speaker, by his attack on Egypt's policy and on the interim agreement is putting himself into a position outside the official context of Syria...Syria, as everybody knows, is on its way to negotiating a second disengagement agreement. But the Baathist party wanted that disengagement to take place on both sides at the same time..."

Castigating the Syrian, Meguid went on to note that "what is truly laughable is Mr. Khaddam's insistence on describing the Sinai agreement as being outside the framework of the UN, whereas the very text and terms of the agreement confirm that it is a positive step towards implementing Security Council resolution 338 (1973)..."

Enraged at the Egyptian statement, Khaddam asked the president of the Assembly for a right of reply at the afternoon meeting whose second speaker listed was Yigal Allon.

But when the time came for the reply, another Syrian appeared on the rostrum, a Mouaffak Allaf who is the director of International Organizations in the Foreign Ministry -- an apparent move to show the Egyptians that the Syrians are of one mind.

Speaking in Arabic, Mr. Allaf opened his diatribe with a triple attack on Egypt, Israel and the United States. "We should have liked to answer the deplorable statement made by the representative of Egypt immediately after he made it," he said. "However, we chose to wait and to hear the representative of the other regime (Israel) that participated in this ill-fated agreement, because we were confident that they would play the same tune, since they are actually playing under one conductor (Kissinger). We

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the car and use his powers of persuasion on the man, who meekly surrendered the rifle and was led away by the police. Later Hank explained. The man told him he had lost \$1,000 and wanted to kill himself. Hank promised faithfully, to give the man a grand. The man believed Hank. "It was a cheap price to pay for a human life, any human life," Greenspun reasoned.

The irony of the story is that it took place after the last edition of the Sun and consequently the Review-Journal had a scoop for the next

How could you find fault with a guy like Greenspun? Our esteem for him had no brother.

So you see, I.E.F., when you put a man away up high on a pedestal, while you may be blinded by a minor infraction here and there, you expect continued noble traits from your champion. Imagine the let down when you are confronted with your hero turning into a bum with one stinking deal after another, and no let up. What a come down!

Years ago there was a brilliant, liberal sports writer on the N.Y. Times. Every column he wrote was a gem. Then he became the top syndicated columnist for Hearst's International News Service. His income rose tenfold. Suddenly, the liberal became an arch-conservative, Heywood Brown summed it up: "Westbrook Pegler was bitten by the income tax bug"

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It's a funny thing, I.E.F., how money suddenly, a bunch of it, can bring complete about face to a man's personality. When it no longer becomes necessary to fight the bank every day, apparently the next most important step is to accumulate more and more, regardless of morals, ethics or principles. Chalk it up to the evil of temptation.

In 1967, Howard Hughes came to town. Overnight good things began to happen in Las Vegas. A falling economy moved up rapidly. More than 7,500 vacant apartments and thousands of abandoned homes became occupied with the influx of newcomers to our community. The government moratorium on new building was lifted.

Moreover, the hoodlum association with gambling disappeared. Hotels in Nevada became legitimate business. New investment poured in

And, believe it or not, Hank Greenspun played an important role in paving the way for Hughes to set up shop

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Wasn't that a nice gesture on the part of publisher Greenspun in behalf of his community?

After four years, and a \$300,000,000 investment at stake, Hughes decided to fire his Nevada chief of operations, Robert Maheu. Greenspun saw red. We did not know why at the time, but it was evident that Hank became almost maniacal in his denunciation of the billionaire and anyone associated with him.

It took time, and we still do not know all the sordid details, but as one nefarious transaction after another was revealed, some disclosed by us, we began to open our eyes as to the true character of Greenspun. All those nice things he played a part in bringing about, were not for the benefit of you, I.E.F., or us, or the general community. Each step, every secret move he made was to line the pockets of H.M.G. So far we know of about \$10,000,000 Greenspun acquired from Hughes all via Maheu.

Every deal was under the counter and each with a cloud attached. What's more, in retrospect we learned that for every "public service" performed by Greenspun, Hughes had

service" performed by Greenspun, Hughes had to pay through the nose.

While we did not approve and certainly would not sanction such performance by a newspaper publisher, the profession we honor and love, after all, what was the big deal about a billionaire being taken over?

It was only when Greenspun commenced and prevailed in the most victous, vilest, malicious, assault ever to appear in newspaper print, against the owner of six casinos, the largest employer in the state, that we began to object. Greenspun was abandoning reason and jeopardizing the

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