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## The Leaders Lagged

When Israel Ambassador Chaim Herzog recently criticized American Jews for being "comparatively passive" on the issue of the United Nations anti-Zionist draft resolution, he was immediately rebuffed in no uncertain terms. Not so, Jewish leaders exclaimed during a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations where the envoy offered his observation. He was read the riot act and informed that the American Jewish community had been alert to the dangers of the UN measure and that the Jewish community's "indignation" had been made known in "public statements and private representation."

Herzog, however, did not seem to have in mind "public statements" -- reams and reams of press releases or vocal comments at inner circle meetings of Jewish organizations -- and not "private representations" -- Jewish leaders huddled in conference with Congressional and White House officials but not with the Jewish community at large which is ostensibly the constituency.

The Israeli envoy asked pointedly: "where were the Jewish people? I felt that an outcry before the vote might be of help. Do you really believe that the reaction in this greatest Jewish center in the world (New York) answers the requirement of the hour?" Herzog may have been too direct, too undiplomatic, perhaps even brusque. But he touched a raw nerve with this statement and his further observation that "what happened in the Jewish world, or did not happen, is what must exercise every thinking member of the Jewish community today."

In this case, exercise was too mild a term. Every thinking Jew should have been agitated. Jewish leaders said correctly, as did many non-Jews, that the UN draft resolution was Nazi-like in the lie that Zionism is a form of racism. But nothing viable was done to combat this scourge with anti-Nazi-like action. There were no reports, no evidence, that appropriate public actions -- informational as well as meetings and rallies on a large-scale, in every city, town, village and hamlet where Jews reside -- took place before the vote in the UN Third Committee.

In fact, the first Jewish public rally took place November 9 in Boston and was followed by rallies in several cities November 11. Yet, the vote on the draft had taken place October 17 and was preceded by almost a week of debate in the Third Committee and a blistering diatribe by Uganda's President Idi Amin in the General

Assembly where he called for the extermination of Israel as a state.

True, President Ford, Henry Kissinger, Daniel Moynihan, Leonard Garment, Clarence Mitchell Jr., and various Congressmen issued ringing declarations against the UN draft -- all of them good and to the point. Many Jewish leaders undoubtedly felt that others were doing the necessary job. No doubt, too, these declarations were music in the ears of many Jews. But no one ever stopped Nazis -- like or real -- by declarations or in ads in newspapers.

The rallies that eventually took place to try to persuade the General Assembly plenary not to vote for the draft, was rather belated and bore the mark of a Jewish leadership that had to be goaded into this by the Jewish community that finally realized that too much time had been lost in "public statements" and "private consultations." The argument that these actions had spurred Congress to denounce the draft ignored the fact that the mobilization of the Jewish community -- the first line of defense of Israel and the Jewish people, both of which were under attack in the draft -- was ignored or minimized.

Chanukah, which means dedication, celebrates the festival of lights and the victories of the Maccabees, which represented the triumph of the Jewish people some 2000 years ago over all the tendencies of dissolution and decay. These tendencies are again asserting themselves, especially in the UN. But where are the Maccabees of today? Perhaps Herzog, by posing his questions, also provided the answer.

## Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ  
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### Resolution Backfires

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Although the concentrated PLO - inspired Arab onslaught launched against Israel and Jewry in the Third Committee on October 17 -- which attack hit the peak of satanism in the General Assembly on November 10 with the adoption of the anti-Zionist resolution -- and although this assault continued last week in the Special Political Committee debating UNRWA, the consensus here among many delegations and Secretariat officials is that the whole vicious PLO maneuver is backfiring in an aftermath that has injected gloom and dejection into this world organization.

Many of the states that went along with the Arabs in the manner and for the reasons they did are having second thoughts. Some of their representatives are not hiding their remorse over their submission to Arab pressures in voting for a resolution which they knew only too well constituted an outright lie. Expediency, not justice or truth, was the motivation for their vote. All this is now hitting home with many Ambassadors who had bent to the will of Israel's enemies.

Let us take, for example, Indonesia. The Deputy Ambassador of this nation -- which regime is suppressing some three million non-Moslem South Moluccans who are seeking to regain their independence -- when asked by a correspondent of his own country why his government had voted for an obviously anti-Semitic draft opposed by so many countries, including Africans and Asians, replied to the effect that the Assembly resolution was but a piece of paper destined for the wastepaper basket.

The Turks, too, who maintain good trade relations with Israel but nonetheless voted for the draft, are now bitterly disappointed over the wavering stand the Arabs had taken on the question of Cyprus. Egypt's Ambassador Meguid, the first Arab to speak up on the Cyprus debate, came out in support of Makarios versus Turkey. "The Arabs better take heed," one of the Turks here angrily exclaimed following the Egyptian speech, clearly inferring thereby that in return for its vote against Zionism Ankara had expected all-out Arab backing on the Cyprus issue.

Thus many of the Ambassadors who had voted for the 'big lie' resolution now stalk the corridors here in a spirit of guilt and shame, especially in light of the fact that both Secretary-General Waldheim and Assembly President Gaston Thorn had issued warnings as to the "adverse consequences" that will result from their "historically and philosophically

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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the Arab nations, and the PLO, know full well, down deep in their hearts that Israel is here to stay. All their maneuvers, all their schemes, all their plots, are for diplomatic and political consequences. Russia to ease the U.S. out of the Mideast. Saudi Arabia does not want to lose its grip controlling the world's oil. Egypt's main problem is to save itself from financial disaster. Jordan fears takeover by the PLO. Syria's main peg in the game is to grab as much as it can from the Soviets before the well runs dry.

All of them are combined in the harassment of Israel. They keep pecking away to undermine the Jewish State. It comes from all sides. Billions for propaganda in the Free World. Indiscriminate control of the majority vote at the U.N. Threats at American firms that recognize Israel.

But the big problem is the Palestinians.

When Sadat aborts a "good will" visit to the U.S. by attempting to get recognition for the PLO, what exactly is in the back of his mind? His crocodile tears for the PLO are fake. If Sadat wants a homeland for the Palestinians, why doesn't he set aside some of the millions of square desert miles in Egypt? Let the Arabs cultivate the soil, commence industry, build up trade and organize the fundamentals of an independent nation, like the Jews did in Israel. We would guarantee that every other decent nation in the world would pitch in to help the new state get started. Especially Israel. They'd send tools, talent, manpower, merchandise and know how.

But it will never be because the Arab leaders and Russia would never let it come to pass. They would not allow any possibility of a new, independent country, probably a democracy, that could rise to prominence, even domination, of the Arab nations.

Instead, the present Arab leaders (and Russia) prefer to encourage and support the PLO in its harassment of Israel while maintaining disruption and unrest in the Mideast.

If the PLO should ever emerge as a strong force, knowing it can never overwhelm Israel, sooner or later will turn on its own Arab benefactors. We shudder to think of the blood-thirsty consequences if that should come about.

What fools we mortals be? Arabs are mortal, aren't they?

false" action.

What has further come as a hard blow to the abettors of the anti-Zionist resolution are the world-wide protests and outcry against the infamous vote voiced by some of the leading newspapers around the globe and by some of the most renowned and respected international organizations in every continent. And as for the Soviets, they had to swallow the bitter pill emanating from Italy and France where the Communist parties issued official statements vehemently scoring the Assembly 'big lie' resolution, the adoption of which Moscow gleefully hailed as a great victory.

Summing up the November 10 infamy, TIME Magazine had this to say:

"Some of the nations that voted for the Zionism resolution were scarcely qualified to cast the first stone. Idi Amin's Uganda is a notorious example: Asian citizens were summarily expelled and at least 50,000 Ugandans of various tribes have been murdered...."

"The blatant cynicism of the vote not only corroded the moral authority of the General Assembly but gravely undermined a very real racism issue important to some nations that voted for the resolution. Apartheid in South Africa was the real target of the UN's Decade of Action to Combat Racism, but that campaign has not been yoked with the bogus condemnation of Zionism. The U.S. and other Western governments are now expected at least to withhold financial support from the program. Apparently, realizing that, five African states voted against the resolution and eleven others abstained -- a sign that the week's work may yet backfire against its perpetrators."

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