

**Zionism, Racism, Ignorance**

By Robert E. Segal

Long before the "racist murderer," President Idi Amin of Uganda, tried to equate Zionism with racism, President Nasser of Egypt had a go at the same kind of acrobatics. Nasser went at it, not with a meat cleaver and a sledge hammer as Amin is now doing, with a scapel. His policy was to insist that he was not opposed to Jews, only to Zionists and Zionism.

In the present hour of surrender to all claim of moral authority by leaders of those 70 governments voting for the infamous anti-Zionist resolution in the Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee of the UN General Assembly, it should prove helpful to recall that some American Christian clergymen were quick to torpedo Nasser's efforts to poison world opinion against Israel and Zionism by the sly disclaimer that he was not anti-Semitic.

Dr. A. Roy Eckardt, professor of religion at Lehigh University struck out at Nasser and those clergymen who endorsed his anti-Zionist mumbo, jumbo, with these memorial words:

"Christian anti-Zionism is the new Christian anti-Semitism... In principle, there is little reason to expect that Christians' denigration and persecution of Jews over so long a history should not be revived on Christian policies and behavior regarding the Zionist ideal and the establishment of the State of Israel-- in the Holy Land of all places! The anti-Zionist stance of many nations and peoples appears

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inexplicable apart from the age-old influence of anti-Judaism and anti-Semitism within Western and Eastern Christendom."

This was back at the time of the Six-Day War when one widely known American Christian theologian outrageously paralleled Nazi treatment of Jews with Israel's defense against Arabs, and a fellow leader of Christian thought spoke up from a prestigious seminary, comparing Israel's military successes in 1967 with Hitler's blitzkrieg across Western Europe "aiming not at victory but at annihilation."

We have come then to that tragic day when only 45 of the 138 nations banded together in the UN have the courage and integrity to vote against a resolution branded by Leonard Garment for the United States as an obscene act.

In the course of that disgraceful session of the UN General Assembly, Waldo E. Waldron-Ramsey, representing the Barbados, distinguished himself by calling the resolution perverse, declaring: "As a black man, one understands what racism is," and asserting that no evidence had been brought forward to prove Zionism a form of racism.


In juggling the term, "apartheid," "racial discrimination," and "Zionism" in the air like children tossing baseballs up for grabs, the Arab plotters and the clique of African representatives now under General Amin's influence reveal they are neither bright politicians nor perceptive students of anthropology.

Their politics will undoubtedly prove a setback for the blacks of South Africa and Rhodesia who have been making considerable progress in their fight to stamp out the poison of apartheid. Treatment of these blacks by the minority white overlords offers a sharp contrast to treatment

of Arabs within Israel by the Israelis. Their understanding of anthropology is defective because they fail to realize that concepts of race popularized by cheerleaders for Hitler's version of Aryan supremacy went down the drain with the collapse of the Nazi madness. By simply brushing up on the history of the Third Reich, they could have prevented this present display of ignorance and prejudice.

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