

**Chanukah Message**

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Chanukah this year finds Israel with uncertainties and peace is still far from around the corner.

After the UN vote equating Zionism with racism, Israel is in no mood to make concessions respecting the Golan Heights. Besides she has already made many sacrifices for the

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disengagement with Egypt and no doubt wants to see how they will work out. How can we expect more than a stalemate while the US follows her zig-zag policy favoring the Arabs at the moment more than her ally, Israel? That the U.S. is favoring the Arabs is evident from the promises of Dr. Kissinger to supply American war material and economic aid to Syria and Egypt.

Since the purpose of this policy is said to keep the peace at least until the election, why isn't the U.S. helping Lebanon in order to maintain peace there? Is it because we fear Russia will make of Lebanon another Vietnam? Shouldn't we have some influence over the Soviet Union since we are now her breadbasket? And why are newspapers so reluctant to publish the truth that it is Soviet backing of the three extreme communist parties in Lebanon under Habash, Hawatmeh and Jibreel that is causing the trouble there? Russia feels she will have an open hand to take over most of the Middle East by conquering Lebanon first. And according to reliable authority the Soviet Union gets Libya to finance the battles there. "The Philadelphia Inquirer" is one paper that was brave enough to publish my story about communist desire to take over Lebanon.

Another important consideration respecting the UN vote equating Zionism with racism is the fact that in spite of Dr. Kissinger saying in Pittsburgh after the UN vote that there may be some reaction against the UN by the US, a few days later he cooled off and said the resolution will be considered as a piece of paper and he encouraged Congress not to hold back any funds from nations because of their votes. And some Congressmen visiting the UN Secretary General were of the opinion we should cool off. But fortunately Senator Henry M. Jackson said, "Many in Congress and others will never forget that resolution." And he predicted that many will come to us for foreign aid and find "that foreign aid will cause them to reconsider their decision."

There is no doubt the remarks of Ambassador Moynihan and his staff in the UN US Mission were effective, and also the US backed proposal to postpone consideration of the resolution. But it was the nine European common market nations who sent strong warnings to 65 capitals saying the resolution endangered the future of the UN. The Swedes and other Scandinavians lobbied strongly in selected capitals where their influence is greatest. And they sent emissaries. However, everywhere they went, the Arabs had been there before. They got responses like, "This is what they offered us for our vote, what will you offer?" The Libyans were particularly active to offer cash for votes.

During all this the State Department was relatively inactive, much to the annoyance of some Americans involved in the effort. And the State Department considered the resolution merely anti-Zionist and mere rhetoric, and said, "It doesn't get priority." This was a remark

made by an official.

Many Jewish people in the U.S. who are planning trips abroad have asked their travel agents to omit from their itinerary countries that voted in favor of that infamous resolution. And three major faiths joined hands to sponsor seminars, the distribution of literature and use of 16 mm films to promote a deeper understanding of Judaism, the Jewish people and a need of closer Jewish-Christian relationship. The material will be distributed through priests, ministers, rabbis, also sisters and religious educators as well as lay leaders and voluntary agencies. Copies of the brochures are available at the offices of the American Jewish Committee at 165 East 56th Street, Manhattan.

MEXICO CITY (WNS) -- Mexico's vote in favor of the anti-Zionist resolution in the United Nations General Assembly does not reflect a hostile attitude toward Israel or the Jewish people, former President Miguel Aleman told a Jewish delegation.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Followers of the Orthodox Gush Emunim movement were forcibly removed by Israeli soldiers after they once again set up an illegal encampment near Sebastia in the Samaria district of the West Bank.

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