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## Visit Israel

"If the Egyptian Minister of Tourism will recommend the holy places in Israel, I will recommend the Pyramids." These remarks by Israeli Tourism Minister Moshe Kol at a recent press conference were made only half in jest. The Israeli official believes that if there was a free exchange of tourists throughout the Middle East it would go a long way to bringing peace between Israel and the Arab states.

Nevertheless, an estimated 135,000 to 140,000 Arabs from every Arab state will have visited Israel this year. The Israeli government believes that the "open bridges" policy is important because it allows Arabs to see the real Israel other than the country depicted by Arab hate propaganda.

Kol would also like to see Arab tourists come not only across the Jordan River bridges but also across the Suez Canal. Until then, Israel is intent on encouraging tourists from outside the Middle East and has set a goal of one million for 1976. The record high so far is 726,000 tourists in 1972.

But Kol has stressed that the million figure will not be reached unless American tourism, which reached 200,000 this year is doubled. Tourism from the U.S. was the only one to decline in 1975.

Kol and other Israeli officials feel that more Jews will visit Israel next year to show their solidarity with the Jewish State in the wake of the anti-Zionist and other anti-Israeli resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. The recent Jerusalem Conference of Jewish Solidarity urged increased tourism to Israel and was immediately answered with the announcement that several American Jewish organizations will hold their meetings next year in Jerusalem.

The Israel Ministry of Tourism is also making a concerted effort to have more American Christians visit Israel to see their holy places. The more of all kinds, the better.

## Behind The Scenes

### At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

### True Blue Moynihan

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Daniel Patrick Moynihan did it again!

Opposed by the full majority of Security Council -- including all its Western states, France, Britain, Italy and Sweden, who to their shame had joined Israel's enemies in approving the seating of the PLO representative in this 15-member body decrying Israel's defensive measures against the guerrilla strongholds in Lebanon -- the forthright Irish-American spokesman struck by his guns and struck the Council with a veto invalidating the vicious one-sided anti-Israeli resolution to the dismay of the majority.

Moynihan was all alone in this his courageous action. There was some consolation, however, in the abstention cast by Costa Rica.

One of the most fitting appraisals of the immortal Council procedure came from a leading



THE HON. EPHRAIM KATZIR, PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL, PRESENTING THE 1975 ANNUAL AWARD OF THE ISRAEL VOLUNTARY SERVICE ORGANIZATION TO DR. JOSEPH KOTT, PRESIDENT OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM, ISRAEL'S NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY.

daily in Britain. Said the London Daily Telegraph: "The British and French votes were shabby because they were based on expediency, in the knowledge that America would carry the can of using the veto. France, of course," the Telegraph added, "has always been slightly ahead of Britain in currying favor with the Arabs...but Britain has no excuse and should at the very least have abstained, on the grounds that the resolution was one-sided and did not condemn terrorism. But there it is, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Callaghan spend much time these days dreaming about joining OPEC..."

Later in the week, during the Assembly debate on the trouble in Angola, Moynihan again took the occasion to lash into Israel's and America's enemies directing his main criticism against the Soviet Union for its military intervention in the strife-torn former colony now on the road to independence.

In an obvious reference to the previous 'big lie' vote equating Zionism with facism, the modern fearless Daniel warned the Assembly that "the UN is approaching another moment of truth, a test of our capacity to meet the obligations which the Charter imposes on us -- whether faced with this moment of truth the General Assembly of the UN settles for a big lie, the big lie that intervention in the country of Angola is that of one nation only (South Africa) in the face of the enormous fact that this is not true..."

Reminding the Assembly of the fact that "the European colonizers...have now left Africa and most of them in good repute and with good and strong and friendly feelings and ties that endure with the areas," he charged that "at just the moment when these European colonizers have departed, a new European colonizing, colonial imperial nation (the Soviet Union) appears on the continent of Africa, armed, aggressive, involved in the direct assault upon the lands of the people of Africa." This "European colonial power," he emphasized, "is back, a new colonial power, more mighty than any of that which ever preceded it. It has come with its arms, with its armies, with its technology, with its ideology and recolonization of Africa commences..."

Going back to the day Moynihan cast his veto against the anti-Israeli resolution, it must be noted that he had given the Council the full chance

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## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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creative imagination, the thought was derived from and patterned after a real, historical person. During the 4th century, Nicholas, an eight year old orphan, but independently wealthy, spent his life being kind and generous to the less fortunate in his native town in Asia Minor. He was elevated to Bishop of Myra and in the 9th century was canonized. His Dutch name was Santa Claus.

The furthest reference to a Christmas tree is a legendary story of a wounded Swedish officer being cared for by the people of Leipsig during the 30 Years War in the 17th century. As an offer of gratitude he set up a lighted tree in a church on Christmas Day.

The Christmas tree was introduced to America in 1747 by Germans settling in Pennsylvania. Five years later the Moravian sect decorated their trees with lighted candles. Catholic and Protestant colonists from Holland introduced the annual St. Nicholas visitation to America.

Early colonists were divided in the recognition of December 25th. Members of Church of England, Dutch Reformed, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian and certain German sects honored the holiday. Quakers, Baptists, Presbyterians and Puritans ignored the date. It was on the night of December 25, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware River to defeat the Hessians celebrating Christmas at Trenton.

Fantasy had Santa arriving in a cart, a wagon, on mule, drawn by goats and other means of transportation until Clement Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas" in 1822, and thereafter the popular conception was a sled drawn by reindeer. In 1847, the first classroom Christmas tree was decorated in a New York City Episcopalian Sunday School.

The individual states commenced declaring Christmas a legal holiday. Alabama, which, like all southern states celebrated Dec. 25 with fireworks a la Fourth of July, was the first, in 1836, and the rest followed suit; California, 1851; Nevada, 1861; Utah, 1882, etc., with Oklahoma being last in 1890.

As late as 1855, all religions were still not in accord in their tolerance of the holiday. The Dec. 26 edition of the year's New York Times stated: Churches of Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists were not open yesterday. They do not accept the day as a Holy one, but Episcopalian, Catholic and German churches were open. Inside they were decked with evergreens. However, by 1880, all evangelical churches were accepting Christmas.

Passing of Christmas gifts in those days was not emphasized, except the wealthy were expected to be generous to the poor. In the middle of the 19th century, due to the influence of Charles Dickens' writings, singing of Christmas carols became prevalent, and the sending of cards began in 1875.

The classic editorial which began, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," in response to a child's query, was written by Francis Church for the New York Sun of Dec. 21st, 1897.

In recent years Santa Claus has become to be known as a communal folk figure. A Pennsylvania judge ruled in 1936, that any doubters of Santa Claus who appeared before him would be held in contempt of court. The court citation read: Santa is not a figment of the imagination but an actuality. He is the symbol of kindness, a token smiling charity and a badge of all that is cheerfully benevolent.

Commercial exploitation of Christmas has become systematic and thorough, impelling Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Episcopalians and Jews, to band together in Milwaukee in 1949 and decree to put Christ back into Christmas.

Meanwhile millions of non-Christian homes in scores of non-Christian countries, including Japan and India, have taken unto their own the kindness and charity and cheer of Christmas and proudly display decorated and lit trees on December 25th.

All this proves the true sense of Christmas has not waned -- its just that the Spirit of Christmas has overwhelmed and is about to inundate all humans in the four corners of the earth.