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## Terror Hits Home

During Golda Meir's December tour of the United States, the former Israeli Premier constantly pointed out that the Jewish condition provides a barometer for a country's well-being. She noted that wherever a government begins mistreating Jews this is an indication of what will soon be in store for the rest of its citizens.

The same is true on a global scale, as indicated by the recent terrorist attack on the headquarters of the Organization of Oil-Producing Countries (OPEC) in Vienna. When the world closed its eyes to the Arab terrorist attacks on Israel, the Israeli government repeatedly warned that unless this terrorism was stopped others would suffer from it too.

Now terrorists, who shot up the OPEC offices and held Arab oil ministers as hostages, used the same weapons of violence against the very countries that have applauded their use against Israel. Their most important hostage was Sheikh Ahmed Zaid Yamani, the oil Minister of Saudi Arabia, the country that has been a financial backer of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But even this attack has not taught the world that terrorism must be fought by a strong stand. Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky gave in to the terrorist demands for safe passage out of the country as he did when Arab terrorists captured Soviet Jews in Austria shortly before the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Kreisky ought to have looked to the recent example in Britain and Holland where the authorities did not yield to terrorist demands, resulting in their surrender.

Perhaps the attack on OPEC will bring the world around to what Israel, the United States and some West European countries have long urged, that the United Nations take action against terrorism. But the UN, chiefly through Arab opposition, has failed to act. Perhaps now that terrorism has hit home the Arabs will support UN action to deny terrorists sanctuary and to ensure that they are brought to justice.

## Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ  
A World-Union Press Feature

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Monday, January 12, will be a day of decision for Israel.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, faced with pressures not only from the State Department but also from some of his own Cabinet Ministers not to boycott the scheduled Security Council meeting, must now decide whether or not he will give the go-ahead sign to his UN delegation to attend the session as the PLO is to be seated.

Judging by Rabin's firm and consistent stand to date on the issue of the PLO, it is doubtful that he will bend to any of the pressures Kissinger and the Ford Administration are exerting upon him to participate in the debate. Despite the "doves" in his Government, he knows that he has the backing of the greater majority of Israelis whose memories of the Olympic massacre in Munich, of Ma'alot and Kiryat Shimonah still linger strongly. How can he even think of allowing his delegation here to sit



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at one table with the murderers of innocent Israeli men, women and children, with blood-thirsty guerrillas whose avowed aim is the destruction of the Jewish State.

And what about the Security Council itself? Of its fifteen members only one, the United States can be counted as a real friend. This was proved all through the 30th session which witnessed Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan stand forth as a mighty champion of Israel against her many enemies who exploited every opportunity to besmirch and malign the Jewish state, terming their acts as "abominations" and as being "obscene." He also invoked the veto against the majority in the Council which tried to maneuver through the one-sided anti-Israeli resolution over Jerusalem's defensive action upon the PLO strongholds in Lebanon.

Of the five newly-elected non-permanent members of Security Council, three were among the 72 that voted for anti-Semitic resolution equating Zionism with racism -- Dahomey, Libya and Pakistan. Rumania absented herself, and Panama voted against the draft. Two of the remaining five non-permanent delegations, Guyana and Tanzania, were also among the pro-Arab 72, while Japan abstained. Italy voted against the resolution as did Sweden which, to the shock and dismay of the U.S., later became the decisive ninth vote that carried through the December 4th resolution inviting the PLO to participate in the Security Council debate on the Middle East.

As for the five permanent veto-empowered members, the USSR and China, of course, always support the Arabs, while France and the United Kingdom, although they voted against the resolution on Zionism, find it expedient in most cases to back Israel's enemies. It must be noted, however, that on the invitation of the PLO, Britain joined the U.S. and Costa Rica in opposing the resolution, whereas France joined Italy and Japan in abstaining.

From this breakdown of the composition of the Security Council it becomes clear that the only reliable friend Israel can really count on among the fifteen is the United States. But even this reliable friend, faced with the dilemma of a January 12 Council meeting minus one of the

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Resolution 242, which is the basis for the present Mideast negotiations, to include the recent resolution adopted by the General Assembly calling for the right of self determination and national independence for the Palestinians. Even The New York Times recently supported this move.

At the Security Council meeting, Israel can defend its own interests. It could adopt the suggestion by the United States that, whenever the PLO representative speaks the Israeli delegation walk out. But only by being at the Council can it prevent the session from being a purely pro-PLO, anti-Zionist forum.

The LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE has this to say about any matter concerning the affairs of the State of Israel:

THE JEWISH LEADERS in Israel so far have pulled the new, little country through crisis after crisis; five wars, innumerable terrorist attacks, billion dollar propaganda campaigns, pressures from trusted allies, and countless other emergency junctures. They have a pretty good bargaining average so far. They know the score. We have every confidence they will maintain the momentum. We go along with whatever they decide for themselves.

AFTER ALL, THEIR DECISIONS RESOLVE THEIR DESTINY, MAY GOD BE WITH THEM.

## How Jewish U.S.A.?

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

The U.S. is sometimes called a Christian nation. That's understandable, since the largest segment of the population is Christian.

But our land can also be called Jewish, since the colonists, of whom we're reading so much during these bicentennial days, were strongly motivated by Hebraic ideals.

The Pilgrims saw themselves as the successors of the ancient Israelites. Their motivation in leaving England came from the Jewish Bible. They saw King George as Pharaoh, and this continent as the promised land.

Though at first the early settlers were not too friendly towards Jews, they were most hospitable to Jewish ideals. They implanted in our nation the precepts which they borrowed from the Jewish "testament" to a greater extent than from the "new" one. They even gave their children names from the Jewish bible.

As a consequence, what distinguished the U.S. from so many other nations in adherence to that cluster of values -- equality, the sacredness of each individual, the need for purposefulness in this life (not another one) -- which can be termed Jewish.

And certainly no nation in history has elevated the Jew to a higher status than this one. Hence patriots can correctly refer to our "Judeo-Christian" ideals. Some people don't care for that term, but no one can deny its accuracy in the sense that Mosaic and prophetic precepts form a fundamental part of the spiritual fabric of our land.

And let me add a piquant footnote. The year 1976 marks the U.S.' 200th birthday, but not the beginning of our present form of government. When, in 1776, we proclaimed our freedom, we fought a war, created the Articles of Federation, sweated out a Constitutional convention, and finally, in 1789, our first real president, George Washington, was inaugurated.

Which means what. Which means that our country really didn't get going until it was bar-mitzvahed. Mazal tov!

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has appointed a General from an African state as Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO). He is Major-General Emmanuel Alexander Erskine of Ghana, one of the many African countries that maintains no diplomatic relations with Israel.