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Jews Who Attack Israel

There is a growing uneasiness within the American Jewish community at the recent willingness of some American Jews to publicly criticize Israel. Some Jewish leaders have attacked the critics and urged them to be silent.

Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz said that while he supports a frank dialogue between American Jews and Israelis he does not believe the vehicle for it is the American news media. Rose Matzkin, president of Hadassah, lashed out "at Jewish personalities who have taken it upon themselves to publicly criticize certain policies of the State of Israel at this critical juncture." Both Mrs. Matzkin and Dinitz said the criticism provides ammunition for Israel's enemies.

This position is very disturbing. Many of the Jews who have criticized Israel have just as good Zionist and pro-Israel credentials as those who go down the line with the government, it should also be noted that the attack on critics of israel have come against those who oppose the Jewish settlements in occupied territories. Yet many Jewish and Zionist organizations have criticized Israel for not putting in more settlements and on such issues as the "Who is a Jew" issue. Why is the demand for silence aimed at only those on the left?

The Zionist movement has never been a monolithic force. Zionist have always expressed divergent views. Neither have Jews in the United States or Israel been of one mind. After all both live in democracies.

Israelis have also expressed the oneness of the Jewish people. What happens in Israel affects Jews everywhere. The ultimate decision on the territories will be made by the Israeli government through negotiations. But until that decision comes about Jews in the disspora as well as largel have the right to voice their opinions on this and other issues that concern Israel in a legitimate attempt to influence the decision.

Silencing criticism will not make the issues disappear. But it will do more harm than open discussion since it will force many persons out of the pro-lated cause, especially young people who need and want open discussion. In the long run those, who voice criticism -- In a responsible way, of course -- may be showing their love for the Jewish State even more than those who are allert those who are silent.

Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

UN Waste of Time

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Three weeks of intermittant Security Council debates aimed against Israel concluded here last week with a flery statement delivered by Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog who termed the whole sension "a futile waste of time."

Anticipating a U.S. veto, the hostile majority in the fifteen - member Council -- following a mries of heotic-consultations -- secided not-



BLANCHE ROSS, A LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER WORKER IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR NEW AMERICANS, ENGAGED IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF RUSSIAN JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IN THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK AREA.

to table a resolution but to have the President, the French Ambassador for the month of May read out a statement, which, in effect, called upon Israel "to comply strictly with the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War...and to refrain from and rescind any measure that would violate them..." The statement also "deplored" Israel's establishment of settlements in the territories.

Although U.S. Ambassador Scranton dis-associated himself from the statement, he told the Council that there was much in it with which he could agree, namely, the question of Israeli settlements which, he said, "are increas-ingly a matter of concern and distress to its friends throughout the world and are not helpful

to the process of peace."

Ambassador Chaim Herzog, who had stood forth
valfantly throughout the debate in rebutting the Arab and Soviet charges, took the occasion of the closing meeting to score the United Nations as a whole for its partiality and violation of the basic

principles of the Charter,
"The failure of the UN to understand the operation of the fundamental principles of natural law in the international scene," he de-clared "Is a tragedy of major international proportions portending as it does the decline of this Organization into an orgy of Orwellian cynicism. What an ominous tragedy this process augurs for mankind! For the issue is not Israel, the issue is international society as re-

flected in its behavior towards Israel."

On the issue of Israel's "security settlements" about which there has been so much criticism not only from the Arabs and their friends but also from Western states including the United States, Herzog reminded the Counthat "it is conveniently forgotten that the Arab States maintain that a state of war exists with Israel. Nevertheless, when we take steps such as these to ensure our security, they are

deplored.
"Why?" Herzog asked. "As long as our neighbors maintain that a state of war exists, are we not entitled to take all reasonable steps to protect our population? Is our Government not required by the very nature of its obliga-tions to take such steps?"

In simpler words, he let the Council know

that if the Arabs insist on being in a state of war with the Jewish State and applying all the rules appertaining thereto, then Israel must rules appertaining thereto, then Israel must accept it as such and maintain a similar stance; that is, the Israelis must be fully prepared so

long as a "state of war" exists.
"Let me make this crystal - clear," Mr
Herzog added in his scathing statement, "without face to face negotiations based on mutual re-cognition and respect conducted in a civilized manner, there will be no advance toward any accommodation.

lsrael, he stated, will never "return to the situation of 1967." That, he emphasized, "is totally unacceptable."

Concluding his masterful address, the son of the late chief Rabbi of Israel came to the main point. "The obstacle to peace," he charged, "is the constant flow of barren diatribe

Constitutes A Majority

BY JACK TELL



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As we said at the outset there are many dedicated Americans including Hospital on Mt. Scopus. How do you like that? dedicated Americans including non-Jews sympathetic to Israel, plus, of course, Ameri-can Jews, who see the handwriting on the wall from Ford. Last week, when Kissinger made his initial appearance at a synagogue since becoming Secretary of State, there were hundreds of demonstrators outside, demanding he ease up on

Those people, looking for assurances from

Reagan, now receive them.

In an exclusive interview with the former governor of California, the man seeking the Republican nomination for President, told the LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE "Israel is not expendable.

Reagan further stated he would never recognize the P.L.O. unless the terrorist group amends its practices and recognizes the right of

Israel to exist as a nation.

There you have it and, at this time, we hope the registered Republicans of California, Ohio, and New Jersey, respond, with primary elections set for June 8.

There is one parting comment. Never before, now, nor in the future, had, does or will, Israel expect American armed forces to inter-vene on her behalf. Israel does not need man-power. The Israeli soldier, to secure his life, his family, his home, his country, is the most dedicated and determined fighter in the world, The Jewish State needs arms, supplies, equipment, not the risking of lives.

We hope America will never let Israel down.



By Rabbi Samuel Silver

In these days of widespread political corruption. the recollected image of Fiorella La Guardia brings a surge of nostalgia to the

La Guardia is now graphically biographized in a new book by William Manners. Entitled "Patience and Fortitude: Fiorello La Guardia" (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$12.95) the book traces the life of the one time Reform mayor of New York.

His battles with his conscience, with his political foes, with criminality in low and high places, are stirringly chronicled.

The book is as exciting as one can be, de-tailing Fiorello's relationship with Bob Moses, FDR, Harold Ickes, Judge Justine Polier (daugh-ter of Stephen Wise) etc.

Mr. Manners is the son of a rabbi. His book, "Father and the Angels," is still one of the finest descriptions of the daily life of a Jewish clergyman that we have. Another book by Manners, "TR and Will" records the life of another volatile public official, Teddy Roosevelt and his link-up with "Will," William Howard Taft. Howard Taft.

The dedication of the new Manners volume is brief but telling. "To Ande." is a reference to Mr. Manners' late wife, Ande Manners, who gloriously described Jewish immigration to the U.S. in a book which compares favorably with the best - selling "World of Our Fathers" by Irving Howe. Ande Manners called her book, "Poor Cousins."

which we hear from the Arab delegates. obstacle to peace lies in the failute of the Council to require both sides to sit and negotiate. The obstacle to peace lies in the Council's encouragement of Arab intransigence. The obstacle to peace is the innate obsession of the Arab governments with their own self-destruction as demonstrated today in the Lebanon These are the obstacles to peace and any attempt to point a finger at Israel's actions and to characterize them as obstacles to peace is nothing but a cynical falsification of history."