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Zionism and Israel Unify American Jewry

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, has recently pointed out that Zionism and support of Israel have become the "religion" of American Jewry. He told the 50th anniversary convocation of the United Israel Appeal that "Zionism has acted to make Jews more comfortable and a greater force within the American society."

In fact, Hertzberg noted that being an anti-Zionist Jew is almost an excommunicable offense in the American Jewish community. "You can eat chazir on Yom Kippur, but you can be excommunicated in any small Jewish community for not giving to the UJA," he quipped.

There is some truth in the last facetious remark. While the majority of American Jews may be lacking in the knowledge of Zionist ideology purists demand, there is no question of the support for the State of Israel.

The fear some Jews had that they might be accused of dual loyalty has almost disappeared from the American scene. Since the Six Day War, and especially since the Yom Kippur War, most Jews -- including many who had not much connection with the Jewish Community -- have realized how much the survival of the State of Israel means to them. The attacks on Israel in international forums and the United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism were seen by many Jews not only as an attack on Israel but as a personal attack on themselves.

Support for Israel is the largest single unifying force in the American Jewish community despite the various ideological and political differences within that community. That support has not only served to unify the Jewish community but also to strengthen ties with Israel and with Jewish communities throughout the world.

Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ
A World-Union Press Feature

Arabs Still at It

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Once again, just as they had managed to downgrade the

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CHAIM HERZOG, LEFT, ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. AND HIGH PATRON OF THE ANNUAL MAGEN DAVID ADOM STAR GALA, GREETING MR. & MRS. NATHAN GOLDMAN, CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE AMERICAN RED MAGEN DAVID FOR ISRAEL, NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BUILD THE PROJECTED NEW MDA BLOOD CENTER IN TEL AVIV.

high status of UNESCO, ILO, WHO and the FAO, so the Arabs and their UN co-conspirators succeeded in ruining one of the latest and most promising endeavors instituted by the world organization -- the comprehensive Habitat program to improve global human settlements.

This time the evil was perpetrated in Vancouver, Canada, where the UN Habitat Conference on Human Settlements met in a two-week session and adopted a Declaration into which Israel's enemies managed through various maneuvers to inject a reference to the General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Even Canada, the host country, found it necessary for this reason to vote against the whole Declaration.

Explaining his vote, Canada's Ron Basford expressed deep regret that his Government had not been able to vote in favor of the Declaration. Canada, he said, would have voted for it had it not been for paragraph 4, Part II, which contained the reference to Zionism as racism as based upon Assembly resolution 3379. His country, he declared, could not accept the view that Zionism was a form of racism. The greater part of the Declaration, he added, would have been an inspiration to all men.

The Declaration itself, consisting of a 55-paragraph statement setting forth international standards of behavior and responsibility to improve conditions in places where people live around the globe, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 89 in favor to 15 against with 10 abstentions.

For the record, it is worth noting who the states were that voted against the poisonous-infected draft: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, United Kingdom and the United States.

The 10 who abstained included Austria, Columbia, Fiji, Honduras, Japan, Paraguay, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

In another move at the Conference, Egypt and Algeria had injected through Committee I a resolution entitled "Living conditions of the Palestinians in occupied territories" under which the Conference would recommend that the Assembly at its next session request the Secretary General to prepare and submit a report to the 32nd session on the living conditions of the Palestinians.

Although this obvious Egyptian-Algerian, irrelevant maneuver at a session dealing with Habitat was seen through for its sham by most of the members present, the draft was nevertheless adopted by 73 in favor to 3 against with 42 -- note the large number -- abstentions. Only Israel, Paraguay and the U.S. voted against it.

Mexico and Panama were the only Latin-states that voted for the draft.

Stanley Schiff, explaining his vote on behalf of the United States, said that his delegation had voted against the resolution because the issue involved was irrelevant to the central purpose of the Conference.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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do your feel? Do you need anything? That is why, since the moment we met them, the Lambs have captured ALL of our admiration. They are good people.

A balloxed column last week needs clarification. The State Supreme Court ruled the Consolidation law as unconstitutional and it was the District Court that determined the legislation redistricting voters brought about an illegal election of County Commissioners. That is that.

What's all the puzzle about the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Syrians fighting Lebanon? Five years ago we pointed out the biggest headache for all the Arab nations was going to be the PLO.

Its been happening since the beginning of history. Anytime you arm and train terrorists and gangsters, sooner or later they turn on their benefactors for their own purposes.

The Arab nations insisted on keeping the Palestinians in barbed wire camps, not permitting them to intermingle and become part of the other Arab countries. They were kept confined. As a consequence, the next generation of grown-ups became an embittered, acrimonious horde, easily led by an ambitious zealot with promises of deliverance from misery.

The Arabs were hoping to make Israel the goat. And it almost worked. But the worm has turned.

U.S., ISRAEL NIX UN'S DECADE

UNITED NATIONS do not exist in (WNS) -- The United States and Israel have both stressed that they cannot participate in the United Nations' Decade for Action to Combat Facism and Racial Discrimination because of its linkage to anti-Zionism.

Addressing the Economic and Social Council, American Ambassador William Scranton said the U.S. "will never accept" last November's General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. "Zionism is not racism" Scranton said. "It is not racial discrimination. It is a justifiable and understandable manifestation of a national feeling on the part of a people entitled to a homeland, whose claim to a homeland was recognized by the United Nations almost 30 years ago."

Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador said that Israel "regretfully" cannot support the Decade until it is cleansed of all links, no matter how remote, to the anti-Zionist resolution. He stressed that Israel supports "all moves to eliminate racism in the world." He declared that racism and racial discrimination do not exist in Israel. Referring to accusations during the ESOSOC debate by Syria and others that the recent visit to Israel by South African Prime Minister John Vorster was proof of collaboration between the two countries. Herzog said he rejected this "out of hand." He said the Vorster visit began as a pilgrimage to Holy Places for Easter and noted that Israel "has invariably refrained from commenting on whom other countries receive as visitors."

Meanwhile, an eight-member committee has recommended to the Committee for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People that it recommend to the Security Council that all Palestinians be allowed "to return to their homes, lands and property" and that a Palestinian state be created. Israel has boycotted the 20-nation Palestinian Rights Committee, which was created by the General Assembly last year, and has said it will not abide by its decisions. The Committee is chiefly made up of Third World countries which have no diplomatic relations with Israel.