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Answer to Terrorism

Israel's sensational daring rescue of 102 hostages at a Ugandan airport not only electrified Israel and the Jewish world but captured the imagination of people everywhere. While such countries as Britain and France expressed guarded comments and United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim worried over a violation of Ugandan sovereignty, most newspapers and people in the western world expressed their delight and joy over the rescue.

It was not only the excitement over a heroic deed in a world that has been generally victimized by terrorists that caused the expression of approval. Perhaps, even more, it is that people everywhere felt that continued capitulation to terrorist demands and the supine attitude of most governments only served to endanger the lives of innocent people throughout the world.

Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt expressed the view of many when he said the Israeli operation "will go down in history as an important date in the struggle against international terrorism."

But Brandt's prediction will only come true, if the international community is ready to deal with terrorism. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has reiterated the American government's position that the United Nations must adopt an international convention which would bar landing places to terrorists and provide for their immediate jailing.

Unfortunately up to now the UN has postponed any action at the behest of the Arabs and their supporters. The United States could begin by taking Rep. Bella Abzug's suggestion and urge a Security Council investigation of Ugandan President Idi Amin's collaboration with the hijackers of the Air France plane, a collaboration which is becoming more evident.

Or if it is too utopian to expect any UN action then the U.S. could follow the suggestion of Daniel P. Moynihan, the former U.S. Ambassador to the UN and refuse to allow American planes to land at any airport in countries that help sky-jackers. If the other countries with major commercial airlines join in this practice it could effectively end the horrible practice of hijacking airlines.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Heroic Israeli Rescue Causes U.N. Switch

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Israel's heroic operation in rescuing and liberating the hijacked passengers of the Air France plane in Uganda, hailed almost globally as an unprecedented feat of valor, has posed a challenge to the entire civilized world to do something about international terrorism -- a matter which it has shunned up until now despite the series of continuous hijackings and murderous assaults by the Arab and other terrorists.

Incredible as it may seem, it is Idi Amin's



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Uganda, which gave succor to the terrorists and abetted their action at the Entebbe airfield, that requested the Organization of African Unity to call for an urgent Security Council meeting against what it termed "the invasion of Uganda by Israeli commandos...constituting a danger to international peace and security..."

It is incredible because of the fact that it is the abettor of the latest hi-jacking that should now be the initiator of a Security Council meeting during which, it is certain, all the evils of terrorism will be bared for the whole world to see and at which, undoubtedly, some move will be made to resurrect a standing U.S.-proposed agenda item, entitled "Measures to Prevent International Terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or Jeopardizes Fundamental Freedoms..."

This item, although listed for adjudication at every session of the General Assembly during the past several years, has conveniently been shelved through Arab and Soviet pressures. It is doubtful that now, after the Uganda operation, they will be able to muster the necessary votes to shelve it again.

And so Idi Amin got his wish. The Security Council convened again late last week as its fifteen members took their seats somewhat reluctantly in the full realization that Uganda and the OAU had no basic ground for the condemnation of an act against terrorism which had been hailed by the President of the United States and the heads of several other governments whose representatives were now sitting around the horseshoe table here.

This time, of course, Israel did not boycott the session of the Council as it had done the previous session that took up the biased report of the anti-Israeli committee of 20. Ambassador Chaim Herzog was very much present and he had much to say. In essence, he reiterated some points raised by Prime Minister Rabin in the Knesset on July 4.

Among these was the fact that "in the hijacking of the Air France plane to Entebbe, all indications were that the President of Uganda cooperated with the terrorists under a cloak of deception and false pretenses... The release of the Non-Israeli passengers blatantly exposed the sinister conspiracy against Israeli citizens. Political efforts bore no fruit. The sand in the hourglass was about to run out..."

In the beginning it appeared that there was "no possibility for an independent rescue effort." Time was running out, as Rabin had stated, and he and his Cabinet agreed to negotiate. But then a circumstance arose in which the terrorists, believing they had won their case, postponed their deadline for blowing up the plane and killing the hostages. It was then that Rabin and his Cabinet decided to put into operation the well-planned Israeli scheme to foil the murderers. It was a scheme formulated with lightning speed.

And the Security Council heard the words of Rabin through Ambassador Herzog:

"This rescue operation is an achievement of great importance in the struggle against terrorism. It is Israel's contribution to humanity's struggle against international terrorism, but it should not be viewed as the final chapter. It

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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Again, on July 4, the London Sunday Times under a headline: "Collaboration With The Hijackers" the following story ran:

There is overwhelming evidence based on newspaper and wire service reports and on eye witness testimony from released hostages that the Ugandan government consistently aided and abetted the PLO hijackers of the Air France jetliner from the moment it landed at Entebbe Airport, near the Ugandan capital of Kampala:

1. According to Associated Press reports, the London Observer and the Sunday Times several of the released hostages were quoted as saying that there was full collaboration between Uganda's President Idi Amin and his men and the hijackers --

a. When Amin arrived on the scene he and the leader of the terrorists embraced. Amin also shook hands with some of the other hijackers.

b. The Sunday Times (July 4) wrote that "the Ugandans supplied additional weapons to the hijackers," and that "Palestinians living in Uganda also joined the hijackers at the airport."

c. Ugandan soldiers intermittently took over the hijackers' guard functions, so that the terrorists were able to rest up and come back in the morning refreshed.

2. The same source cites reports from diplomatic sources in Kampala that the hijackers were calm throughout, and appeared confident that the Ugandan troops would not intervene against them (as indeed they did not).

3. Released hostages told a reporter at the London Observer, according to Reuters (July 3) that Ugandan soldiers under direct orders from Amin, supervised the separation of the Jewish from the Gentile passengers.

On July 5, the New York Times stated: "Every witness spoke of Idi Amin arriving at Entebbe and embracing the leader of the gang that had hijacked the French airbus over Greece."

Need we say more?

Past acts of friendship and cooperation between Uganda and the PLO are in the public record. We know that Palestinian Arabs are pilots in the Ugandan Air Force and that suicide squadrons were training in Southern Uganda. But holding American, French and British along with Israeli citizens for ransom, was something else. It was a throwback to barbarian savages of the uncivilized era.

We call attention to the dispatch that pointed out that among the demands of the hijackers for release of PLO prisoners in Israel and Europe was a list of five Ugandans held in Kenya.

Nuff said.

will give us encouragement as we continue our efforts, but the struggle is not over: new efforts, new methods and unremitting sophistication will be required. Terrorism will find us neither immobilized nor hidebound by routine."

Before the Council meeting convened, the United States let it be known that this time the debate cannot be one-sided, that it will have to encompass the whole spectrum of hijacking and terrorism lest the UN be placed in the degrading position of being an accomplice in acts of terrorism. And there can be no doubt that all the Western members of the Council -- France, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Italy, whose Ambassador Vinci serves as President for the month of July -- will stand solidly behind the U.S....Should Japan and Panama join them, the U.S. will have gained a majority of eight against the minority of seven: Benin, Guyana, Libya, Pakistan, Rumania, the USSR and Tanzania, and Ambassador Scranton will not have to invoke the veto.

One thing is certain: Idi Amin, termed a "racist murderer" by former U.S. Ambassador Moynihan, is now in the doghouse out of which he will find it difficult to extricate himself.

NEW YORK -- Joseph H. (Buddy) Strelitz of Norfolk, Virginia was installed as President of American Friends of Tel Aviv University Inc.