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## Jewish Survival

Jewish leaders are expressing with ever increasing frequency concern that Jewish survival is endangered more by assimilation and intermarriage than by physical threats from their enemies. This was demonstrated recently when Israeli President Ephraim Katzir suggested that the interpretation of Zionism should include not only aliya but a more meaningful Jewish life everywhere. Katzir's remarks are instructive because Zionists, and especially Israeli Zionists, have always maintained that a meaningful Jewish life can only be had in Israel.

The Israeli President's statement comes only a few weeks after Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, speaking in Jerusalem at his organization's "American-Israel Dialogue," declared: "At this moment the prime task of Zionism in the diaspora is to mount a rescue operation to give every Jewish child some kind of Jewish education, some direct experience of Israel early in his life, so that he is challenged with a policy of opting himself for aliya."

The need for providing Jewish education for youngsters is becoming increasingly apparent to American Jewish leaders. During the past few years more money has been allocated for education, although perhaps still not enough. In fact, many Jewish leaders and others involved in Jewish life are also seeking to educate themselves in Jewish religion, culture and history.

Many of them are now saying that although aliya is a top priority item on the agenda for Jewish survival -- especially for Israel -- there will be no aliya unless Jews have a strong Jewish identification.

## Behind The Scenes

### At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

## Kenya Urges African States Resume Relations With Israel

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Turmoil in the Arab world, the decline of Idi Amin's stature following the Entebbe operation but more importantly, the time has come for the Arab world to resume relations with Israel.

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pecially the devastating effect the oil embargo has had upon the economies of most of the emerging countries in Africa -- all these factors have changed the mood of many black African delegates here at the UN who are beginning more and more to lean toward the position taken by Kenya which was made crystal-clear in a leading editorial that appeared in a recent issue of Nairobi's "Daily Nation."

This editorial, entitled "Arabs, Jews and Africans" and which is not taken lightly by the Africans here at the UN, "is worth taking note of as the world organization prepares itself for its 31st session to open on September 21."

It reads: "When Arab nations surprised the world with an oil embargo, they made promises to the Organization of African Unity in this connection. The first was that Africans were, of course, brothers, and that arrangements would be made for the African continent to receive oil from the Arabs..."

"Now, what did Africa get in return? An Agreement was signed between the Secretary-General of the OAU and a company called the London and Rhodesia Company to the effect that it would act as a middle agent and supply all African's needs. After considerable argument, the agreement was abrogated for very good reasons -- a strategic material such as oil could not be left in the hands of one foreign company.

"After that, African nations were to experience a high rate of inflation caused by the oil embargo in the way of costly imported raw and finished materials -- and yet the Arab nations did neither increase their volume of trade or aid to compensate Africans for the oil price rise induced inflation. Instead, most of the Arab aid has been going to Islamic nations and into the Jihad fund administered by Libya's Col. Waddafi.

"Central to this deception was the proposition that the problem of South Africa as it concerns the rest of Africa is identical with the problem of Israel as that State concerns the Arab world. You scratch our backs, so spake the Arabs, and we'll scratch yours. In other words, give us support against Israel, and we will give you support against South Africa.

"In the first place, this equation, again, does not hold. Left to themselves, Africans and South Africans can settle their own problems. After all, Africans acknowledge the right of White South Africans to live in peace, and accept a constitutional settlement to the color bar there.

"In contradistinction to this stance by Africa, the Arabs do not accept the right of Israel to exist. The final solution to the Israeli question, they say, is the dismemberment of Israel and dispersion of the Jews. The least one can say of this sorry scheme of things is that the Israeli - Arab quarrel is not an African issue -- and Africa should be kept out of it. The most that one can say about it is that Israel as a Nation State has the right to exist, and Africans must not be a party to a complicity to destroy a people. That is against natural justice.

"Since the breaking of relations with Israel was based on falsehood, deception and chicanery,

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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whether the person elected will keep his promise to the voter. This fear would be dispelled by a signed, sworn, sealed affidavit, duly notarized, It would be a binding contract, subject to legal process if violated.

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and time has proved this point, is it not time that African States resumed relations with Israel, with the resolution that never again will they be deceived into precipitate action based on whims and emotions.

"Resumption of relations with Israel by African nations will at least restore some confidence which has been shattered by such erratic statements as the ones which have spewed forth from President Amin's mouth -- utterances which are as incoherent and execrable as the very sight of the River Nile after massacres in Uganda and a great overflowing."

Here we have the true voice of Africa! Take note OAU, and let the Arabs beware.

## Reign in Spain

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

The recent change of the reign in Spain brought me a flashback of one of the most remarkable couples in American Jewish history. I refer to the late Rabbi and Mrs. Lee Levinger.

Rabbi Levinger, who occupied pulpits in Wilmington, Del. and Paducah, Ky., before becoming Hillel director at Ohio State University, had been a chaplain in World War I, and later he chronicled the Jewish chaplaincy of World War II.

A pacific person, mild and simpatico, Rabbi Levinger was greatly beloved by all who knew him. His wife's fame was even greater. A native of Chicago, Elma Ehrlich Levinger was the chief textbook writer for religious schools for several decades. Her creations formed more than half the curricula of many a Sunday school.

One of the three Levinger children was Sammy, a sweet and lovable youngster. When Franco upset the Spanish republic, Sam wanted to join the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. He was one of many young men with that idea. It is ironic that just as youngsters recently refused to fight a war (in Indochina) out of idealism, in those days many of them volunteered to fight in a war, out of idealism.

When Sam announced his intention, Rabbi and Mrs. Levinger were distressed. I remember visiting the Levingers in Columbus when Sam had already shipped out and I asked Rabbi Levinger why he had let Sam go.

He replied: "I told him he had my permission but not my approval."

Alas, shortly after he hit the soil of Spain Sam's life was snuffed out.

I saw a notice of a forthcoming fortieth anniversary reunion of the Lincoln Brigade.

That too triggered reminiscences about Sam Levinger and his extraordinary parents. Perhaps the Levinger dream of a democratic Spain will, at long last, be realized.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Defending his right to criticize Israel, former Vice President Spiro Agnew denied he was anti-Semitic. "I'm entitled to my opinion without being followed around by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and being accused of being a bigot."

PHILADELPHIA (WNS) -- Some 200 teenagers, members of various Jewish youth groups in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton area, will be tested to determine if they are carriers of Tay-Sachs disease, a fatal genetic illness which strikes infants, primarily of Eastern European Jewish heritage.