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Now is the Time

The hoopla is over. The Democratic and Republican parties have had their national convention. The two parties will get down to the serious business of campaigning for the Presidency around Labor Day.

For the Jewish voter this is the time to be alert. Both the Republicans and Democrats have adopted campaign platforms declaring their strong support for Israel and pledging the continuation of American military, political and economic aid to the Jewish State. Both President Ford and his Democratic opponent, Jimmy Carter, have voiced their strong support for Israel.

This is in keeping with the support Israel has traditionally received from whoever occupies the White House. As former Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco recently said, the "commitment to Israel transcends Administrations."

The Jewish voter does not make his choice on the issue of Israel alone. But he or she, just as any other American citizen, has the right to see that the problems that concern him or her get a hearing and are supported by the candidate of his or her choice.

Thus, it is the responsibility of American Jews to see to it that their candidate for President, be it Ford or Carter, as well as those running for the House and Senate, know that Jews want straight answers on how they stand on Israel, Soviet Jewry and other issues.

The next Administration is almost certain to launch a new peace initiative in the Middle East. American Jews must see to it that this initiative will not include steps that endanger the survival of the Jewish State. The time to do it is during the campaign, when the candidates can be put on the record. This type of pressure must also continue through inauguration day, next January 20, so that whoever is elected will follow through his words with deeds.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

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and Beirut, agreed with this writer's prognosis that King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, despite his apparent silence, has played a vital behind-the-scenes role all through the Lebanese crisis as a silent 'partner' of President Assad of Syria.

Assad's change of tactics vis-a-vis Yasir Arafat's PLO and his direct military intervention in Lebanon eventuated only after he had conferred with Hussein on several occasions prior to and during the civil war which has resulted in the decline if not in the collapse of the PLO.

It goes without saying that the British-educated King Hussein, during his several meetings with Assad, had exerted much influence upon him against the Palestine terrorists who, in their view, had gained more power than was for the good not only of the sovereignty of peaceful Lebanon but also of both Assad's and Jordan's regimes. The peril to them was real, especially in their full knowledge of the fact that Iraq -- Syria's avowed enemy -- and Libya were arming and financing the terrorists. Moreover, intelligence had reached Damascus to the effect that the PLO, instigated by Iraq, had maneuvered secretly within certain elements in Syria to break Assad's leadership.

It now becomes understandable why Assad had broken with his former bosom friend Arafat and why he had joined the Christian Phalangists in an all-out drive to destroy the power of the PLO. The Syrian President had also come to the full realization that King Hussein was not wrong when in 1970 he had ousted the PLO terrorists who, if not for this forced ouster, would have brought Jordan to the brink of disaster. "Black September 1970" took on a new meaning for him.

Driven from Hussein's domain -- and with Syrian support at the time -- the terrorists chose Lebanon as their new base and target. What they had failed to do in Jordan they hoped to accomplish in Lebanon. They almost succeeded. It was "rule or ruin" with them. Thanks to Syria's intervention, they failed to rule, so they chose ruin. They got their wish -- all Lebanon bleeds today.

The New York Times, in a recent editorial, summed up the situation as follows:

"In slow and painful steps these past months, two of the old constants in the dangerous Middle East equation have been reduced to nullity. The secular democratic state of Lebanon and the PLO are, as a practical matter, no longer functioning elements in world affairs...The PLO and its titular leader, Yasir Arafat, whose partisanship would have been well received by the Syrians when they entered Lebanon by force last June, instead threw in their lot with the leftist losers. The massive encampments which the Palestinians constructed in Southern Lebanon, ostensibly for launching attacks against the Israeli enemy, have been neutralized if not totally destroyed. The Palestinian base in exile, has been demolished in Lebanon in this summer of 1976 as thoroughly as it was in Jordan in the 'Black September' of 1970..."

In whatever way one may appraise the situation, the demise of the PLO has not only served the interest of Israel but also that of the Hashemite Kingdom whose young ruler's prestige has been greatly enhanced.

Indeed, King Hussein's behind-the-scenes role in the Lebanese crisis must be viewed in

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*"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"*

BY JACK TELL



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onus of boss, that they would rather be told what to do. This is no longer the case. The voter of today, knows full well that the future and well being of every living American depends on his choice at the polls. The very progress and development of his country is at stake.

That is why it is not up to the candidate to sway the voter, one way or another on the justification of these very important controversial issues of the day. The voter must determine for himself whether he is for or against Equal Rights, Capital Punishment, School Bussing, Drug Control, Right to Work, Abortion, or other matters that could become the law of the land. A candidate who promulgates one or another of these issues, may not be in keeping with the voters' choice on ALL the debatable positions.

That is why this new version of politics must be put into practice. ALL of the voters' wishes must be given credence. It can be done. It will be done.

The registered voters in the Fifth Assembly District have it within their grasp to take the bull by the horns and set the pattern for future elections at every level. They can set an example for all America to follow. They will show the world, that in our democratic society, the will of the individual is the determining factor.

The majority will rule, and that is how the vote will be cast on each and every important issue that comes before the State Assembly when it convenes in Carson City next January.

That is, if Jack Tell is elected in the Primary on September 14 and in the General Election on November 2.

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the context of his own aspirations as a direct participant in any future settlement of the Palestinian question. The happenings in Lebanon have placed a new posture to the entire Middle East picture, more especially as it affects the Palestinian issue. Certainly Arafat and his PLO have lost their former lustre in the eyes of many in the Arab world and their role in Mideast affairs can never be the same again. Lebanon has revealed their true sinister aims for the whole world to see.

The decision taken by the heads of Arab States at Rabat in choosing the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians will now certainly have to be reappraised by them as also by this world organization which to its shame had given legality to the terrorists.

King Hussein himself, having been confronted with the Rabat decision, had no alternative but to have accepted it at the time. But he never closed the door completely to his own readiness to represent all the Palestinians. Now, with the PLO decline and disgrace, he is emerging as the one stable factor to be reconciled with in any future talks -- whether Geneva or elsewhere -- relating to the Palestinians.

And this is consistent with the policy of Israel which has let the world know that Jerusalem will under no circumstances accept the PLO as a party to any negotiations.

In the meantime, the crisis in Lebanon is far from being over. It continues to be devil all the Arab States.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress called upon President Ford to break U.S. diplomatic relations with Libya and to urge other nations to "quarantine" the Libyan government. The AJCongress has asked the Republican National Convention in Kansas City to support such a move and has also asked the Democratic Presidential candidate, Jimmy Carter, for his public support. The Jewish organization also said it would seek to have a joint Senate - House resolution adopted calling for a diplomatic break with Libya.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Julio and Eduardo Budnik Schwartzman, two Chilean Jewish brothers who were reported missing by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, are now back in their Santiago homes.