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DR. ROBERT SHOR, RIGHT OF LOS ANGELES, NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF U.S.A., IS BEING CONGRATULATED BY JUDGE PAUL RIBNER, OF PHILADELPHIA, WHO JUST COMPLETED AN UNPRECEDENTED TWO YEAR TERM AS NATIONAL COMMANDER.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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was assigned to visit Sister Mary at the Monastery.

Sister Mary turned out to be a cloistered nun. There was some consternation about an appointment but it was finally arranged in a darkened room with high, black, steel doors. Sister Mary appeared, diminutive, smiling, nervous.

She had come from Ireland at the age of 16. She had been in the monastery for 55 years. She had not been in the room or had contact with the outside world for a half a century. She had granted the meeting so that she could participate in a lasting act of charity. Apologetically, she whispered in slight Irish brogue that "so much has to be done," \$10,000 was the figure.

A short time later, 1,300 assembled at a testimonial dinner for circulation director Nat Goldstein on his 40th year with the N.Y. Times. Of the receipts Nat requested \$500 be sent to his synagogue and \$500 to the little church in Ireland. This was the beginning. In time Nat and his friends raised more than \$30,000 for the church.

The story is a beautiful Irish fairy tale. The church, once a Dominican Abbey, was destroyed by Cromwell invaders 600 years ago. Sister Mary was born near there in the very poorest and coldest part of Western Ireland. Extremely poor farmers had to walk seven miles to worship. The church is called ORLAR, and is located in a section of Kilkelly called Kilmonee, Ballaghaderreen County Roscommon. Canon James Hunt and Father Higgins were intent on building the new church near the ruins of the old abbey.

Sister Mary's second letter said:
No group would have given such a prompt, gracious and generous response to my appeal as did the New York Times. For this, we will be eternally grateful.

She continued: Mr. Goldstein is a Jew, but after all, are we not all descendants of the "chosen people?" We were very pleased to see the pictures. Mr. Goldstein looked so much like our dear Sister Mary Agnes Goldstein, a convert, who entered the Monastery about 1930, died 1951.

Blessed Trinity bless each and all your loved ones, too.

Gratefully,
Sister Mary of the Blessed Trinity

The punch line to the story was the surprise and the delight of the two priests in Ireland. When the Times executives Nat Goldstein and Irv Taubkin, and their wives, with then N.Y.C. Police Commissioner Howard Leary and his wife, made the trip to help dedicate the church in 1969. It's a good world.

or credibility of the General Assembly." His inference here was clear. No one could misunderstand what he had in mind.

On the issue of international terrorism Waldheim was clear and forthright. He reminded the UN that as far back as four years ago, he had "urged the Assembly to develop measures" to combat this evil. His action was prompted by the Massacre of the Israeli athletes at Munich and at that time both the Security Council and the Assembly adopted resolutions stressing "the necessity of devising measures to put an end to acts of international terrorism." But the UN soon forgot the problem or sidetracked it through the maneuvering of the Arab states.

"The time has come," Waldheim stated in his Report, "for a new and determined approach by the international community to a problem which is now generally recognized as a threat to the fabric of organized society and a potential danger to all governments and peoples...."

NEW YORK -- Jewish education must become the chief domestic priority of the American Jewish community, according to participants of the first national conference for Jewish teachers since World War II, the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, planned and sponsored by the North American Jewish Students' Network, held on the campus of Brown University in Providence.

Fed. Boycott Legislation

The report by a House Subcommittee that the U.S. Department of Commerce "actually serves to encourage" the Arab boycott practices against American companies trading with Israel should not be too surprising. The knuckling under by the Commerce Department and the American business community to Arab boycott demands has been a shameful blight on this country's reputation.

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce studied the Department's record for the years 1974 and 1975. It found that American exporters "complied with at least 90 percent" of all boycott requests. More important is the charge by the Subcommittee that the Commerce Department encouraged the boycott "implicitly by condoning activity declared against national policy or simply by looking the other way while these practices grew."

This "record of 10 years of shame," as one Congressman put it, should be proof that Administration spokesmen are wrong when they argue that existing laws can end the boycott. American firms have demonstrated, with some exceptions, that they lack the backbone to resist Arab boycott demands. Strong federal legislation is needed to prevent their compliance.

Such laws are now working their way through the Congressional legislative machinery. One would deny tax benefits to companies that comply with foreign boycott requests. Another would compel public disclosure of all Arab boycott demands on American companies and impose fines of up to \$10,000 for each failure to do so.

But as the Subcommittee report has shown, putting a law on the books is not enough. It must be vigorously enforced.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

UN Charter Principles

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, to the surprise of many delegations here, has strongly criticized the world organization which he administers for its failure to live up to Charter principles.

The UN chief's criticism, directed against

both the Security Council and the General Assembly, was contained in his Introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization released this week for consideration of the 31st session of the Assembly opening on Tuesday of next week.

"The Charter concept of world order," he declared, "is based on respect for the decisions of the principal organs of the UN. If these are ignored," he complained, "the system of the Charter for maintaining international peace and security, born of the agonies of the Second World War, will eventually become a hollow shell which will have little utility when it is needed most -- when world peace is seriously threatened."

In reading the text of his Report, one could get the impression that it was a draft of a speech to be delivered by an Israeli spokesman.

Undoubtedly having in mind recent circus-like sessions of the Assembly and the Security Council -- the 'tyranny of the majority' in the former and the one-sided resolutions in the latter -- Waldheim charged that such developments, "if allowed to continue, will sooner or later once again put in jeopardy the security of the world community as a whole....I speak with strong feelings on this matter," he added, "because the Secretary - General is in a sense the custodian of the decisions of the United Nations. All too often he is called upon to implement them only to find himself with the most limited possibilities of doing so effectively."

The Secretary - General devoted only a brief paragraph to "the Palestinian dimension of the Middle East problem" which, he said, "has gained increasing attention in efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace in that region." However, he laid great stress on the civil war in Lebanon which has "brought tragedy and destruction to that country" and which has a "relationship to the Middle East problem as a whole."

He said that despite the many attempts to bring about a cease - fire by the various factions in the dispute and in recent months "by the Arab League of States, the Lebanese tragedy continues in all its horror and violence, and the best efforts and intentions of the leaders concerned and of the international community appear unavailing in the face of the violent passions involved...."

The entire report, in the view of this writer, appears as a challenge, a warning to all the Member UN States to put a stop to their bickerings and unending squabbles. "I believe that it would be a step in the wrong direction if the General Assembly were to become an arena for continuous confrontation," he declared.

"After five years as Secretary General -- his term of office expires at the end of this year when the Assembly must either reelect him or elect a new UN chief -- I am more than ever convinced of the usefulness, indeed of the necessity, of the United Nations. But," he added, "I am more than ever worried at the reluctance or half - heartedness sometimes shown in making use of the Organization or developing it...Member States should consider very carefully any tendencies which dilute the prestige, authority

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