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## UN A Dangerous Place

There was a time when people everywhere looked with hope to the beginning of another session of the United Nations General Assembly. But now as the 31st General Assembly has gotten underway the attitude is -- with apologies to Cole Porter -- just another opening, another charade.

But it is a deadly charade. The General Assembly, instead of being a forum for resolving the world's problems, has become, as a recent book said, "a dangerous place" where issues are exacerbated, not solved.

This is especially true where the Arab-Israeli conflict is concerned. Instead of helping the delicate Middle East negotiations, the automatic majority in support of the Arabs has done everything it could to wreck the chances of a negotiated settlement.

The General Assembly has become a platform where the Arabs and their supporters can indulge themselves in every type of anti-Israeli attack, no matter how untrue, and adopt every type of resolution against Israel, no matter how unjust. The low point of this assault was reached last year when the Assembly adopted the outrageous resolution linking Zionism with racism.

While this resolution caused a backlash, the current General Assembly is expected to continue using Israel as its favorite whipping boy. There will undoubtedly be more one-sided resolutions aimed at Israel -- and as the Zionism is racism resolution demonstrated, these resolutions are also aimed against the Jewish people everywhere.

This is why American Jews -- and Jews everywhere -- must take seriously the call by Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, that they should closely follow the proceedings at the UN and express their concern. Herzog believes that if diaspora Jewry shows its concern many countries will think twice about supporting anti-Israel measures. His suggestion should certainly be high on the Jewish agenda this fall to help forestall whatever nefarious surprises the Arabs may spring at this year's session.

## Behind The Scenes

### At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

### From Hate to Love

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Two very Rosh Hashana events transpired in metropolitan New York last week on the self-same day. In the afternoon of Tuesday, 21 September, the nations of the world assembled here at the UN for the ceremonial opening of the 31st session of the General Assembly which witnessed the election as its president of an anti-Israeli Ambassador, H. Shirley Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka.

Later, in the evening, your correspondent and others attending the session happily shuttled across town to the Pierre Hotel to attend the inaugural dinner of the American Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev held in tribute to the Association's president Aron



FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY-GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK JOINS MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH ATHLETIC CLUB OF BROOKLYN, STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWRY AND COMMITTEE FOR RESCUE OF SYRIAN JEWS, AS THEY BEGIN A THREE-DAY HUNGER STRIKE ON THE STEPS OF HISTORIC FEDERAL HALL IN MANHATTAN.

Chilewich.

What a relief for this writer -- and for the others including Ambassador Chaim Herzog -- escaping this "tower of Babel" into an atmosphere so vibrantly Israeli and Jewish. It was like taking a split-second flight from a "house of hate" to a hall exuding love and harmony. Herzog, in his brief remarks, put it this way: "The meaning of tonight's fete serves as an answer to our detractors." He had in mind, of course, the hostile delegations he had to face some hours previously in the Assembly.

It is always pleasant to see our good friend Yosef Tekoah again. Prior to the dinner the former dynamic UN Ambassador met privately with this writer and several other Jewish correspondents at his hotel suite. During our friendly and intimate talk it developed that the current President of the B. G. University is still very much active in the political life of Israel as a vital member of the Labor Party and your correspondent will be bold enough to predict that the name Tekoah will yet figure importantly in future Israeli governments.

The development of the Negev, with all its potential hidden wealth, holds out much hope for the welfare of Israel as a whole. And this Tekoah understands perhaps more than anyone else in the Jewish State. The Negev was Ben-Gurion's dream, hence his decision to settle at Sde Boker. As President of the B.G. University, Tekoah is fast implementing this dream.

"In the beginning there was a dream -- a dream of Jewish rebirth -- of restored statehood, of renewed creativity," Tekoah declared at the dinner. "The dream was fulfilled," he continued, "After less than three decades, and despite continuous trials and vicissitudes, the State of Israel has become the source of pride and inspiration to all who understand the full meaning of the Jewish people's saga.

"Then there was the dream of erasing the desolation of the Holy Land, capturing its wilderness, harnessing its forces of nature, and especially converting the Negev, more than half of Israel's land mass, into a crucible of life and strength and a guarantee of the State's future.

"Then came the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev to turn the dream into reality. David Ben-Gurion demanded its establishment. Golda Meir gave it her blessing. The late Pinhas Sapir said in his last speech: "...if you ask me to define the miracle of Israel's development, I shall answer -- The University in Beer-sheva."

President Tekoah, in the eloquence of which he is renowned, went on to say that "the beginnings of the University campuses in Beer-sheva and Sde Boker, like living rocks rising from the desert, have become a symbol of Israel's vision, pioneering, drive and determination to forge ahead, always, notwithstanding obstacles, notwithstanding pressures and momentary disappointments... The Ben-Gurion University, established in 1969, was never meant to be another University. Israel already has some of the finest institutions of higher learning in the world... Its distinction lies in its

## TELL TALBS

"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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starts Sunday night at sundown and lasts until sundown on Monday."

The youngster digested all his mother told him. Then he spoke.

"If grandpa comes before Yom Kippur I will run to him and hug him tight and kiss him with all my might. I really love him, Mommy."

"He loves you, too, doll."

uniqueness, in serving at all times, in all fields, as a gigantic force for state and nation-building."

He went on to point out that his Faculty of Medicine is in charge of the public health system of the entire Negev, from Ashkelon to Rafiah, from Kiryat Gat to Eilat and Sharm-el-Sheikh, overseeing the operation of hospitals and clinics, providing doctors and nurses for development towns and frontier villages where, unlike Israel's big centers, the scarcity of medical personnel is of utmost gravity.

Tekoah revealed that the University's "Desert Research Institute and Research and Development Authority are engaged in a constant quest for new ways of arid-zone agriculture. They have already proved that crops and fruits and vegetables can be grown with salty water. The immediate result -- a plan to establish 150 new agricultural localities between Beersheva and the Sinai border."

He laid great stress on the University's Faculty of Humanities which, he said, "in addition to devoting itself to the study and preservation of the spiritual heritage of the Jewish people and the world at large, is concentrating on graduating personnel in two professions vital for the country and the Negev -- teachers and social workers. Even above these momentous tasks," he added, "stands out the University's role in coping with the greatest of Israel's internal challenges -- dispersal of the population, absorption of immigration and bringing the educational, social and economic gap between Israelis of Oriental and Occidental origin. In all these realms the University's responsibilities and achievements have been magnificent."

He then disclosed that the University "has attracted to the Negev thousands of academicians, scholars, scientists and administrators" and that "it has turned Beer-sheva into one of the great centers of settlement of new Olim from the Soviet Union, Latin America and the Western countries. A quarter of the University's staff are new immigrants and, most important of all, the B.G. University has the highest percentage, in the whole country, of students whose families hail from the Islamic world, constituting one third of the student body."

When Yosef Tekoah assumed the duties as President of the University he made a pledge that he would do all in his power to contribute to moulding Israel's different communities "not merely into one people but into one, great and close-knit family." He is well on the way in accomplishing this vital task through the multiple activities of the University.

In concluding his brilliant address, he spoke of Israel's current financial tribulations which "have drastically reduced the Government's ability to support the country's Universities. Yet, we must go on," he stated. "We shall go on because we have faith... It is this faith that preserves our hope in eventual peace with our neighbors." But, he stressed, "it is this faith that makes us tenacious in our refusal to dissipate the advantages we hold today and to yield territory controlled by us except in return for concrete steps towards peace. It is this faith that fills us with the conviction that we shall be able to face up to any attempt in the future to weaken Israel's search for a final settlement of the Middle East conflict. It is also this faith that causes us to believe that our friends will understand that Israel must pursue its present course if it is not to betray the trust of history, if it is not to shirk our responsibility to future generations not to squander the hope and opportunity for genuine, lasting peace."