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Justice, Not Revenge

There is great satisfaction in the appearance, at U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service hearings of three persons accused of war crimes in the Nazi-occupied Baltic countries during World War II. They face deportation on the charge that they lied about their participation in atrocities when they entered the United States.

Boleslavs Maikovskis, 75, of Mineola, Long Island; Karlis Destlavs, 65, of Baltimore, and Bronius Kaminskas, 73, of Hartford, are all charged with the murders of Jews and non-Jews in Latvia and Lithuania. While the hearings on their cases have been postponed until January or February and long legal battles are expected, the INS has finally taken the stand that the "murderers among us" cannot continue to be immune to punishment.

The INS action, which came after INS investigators went to Israel to interview witnesses, is the first time the government has acted on its own initiative to try to deport persons accused of war crimes. But the INS should not be given too much credit since it had to be prodded and pushed for years by congressmen and others to act.

However, the satisfaction that these three and other war criminals may yet be brought to justice is lessened by the shocking fact that many Americans, including some Jews, believe that no action should be taken against these war criminals, that it all happened more than 30 years ago and should now be forgotten.

This was revealed most starkly in a segment on the CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" on Maikovskis. His neighbors in Mineola were interviewed and they felt that Maikovskis should be left alone, that he is an old man and that what he did was a long time ago and he should not have to pay for it at this late date.

True, all three now facing hearings are old men as are the others who will also be charged by the INS in upcoming cases. But they and the others were responsible for the deaths of other old men and women who never had a chance to live their lives out in peace, of others who never had a chance to grow old and of children who were not allowed to grow to adulthood. It would be a desecration of the memory of the murdered if their murderers are allowed to go unpunished.

Perhaps even more important American youth, especially Jews but also others, must be made aware of the Holocaust so that they can remember it and strive to see that it never happens again.

Tuvia Friedman, the Nazi hunter, and the man who uncovered Maikovskis, put it succinctly, when he told newsmen in New York that the Jewish people are not seeking revenge "but justice."

ROME (WNS) -- Some 250 Jewish demonstrators, led by Rome's Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff, marched to the Areatine Caves on the southern outskirts of Rome November 14 to protest the decision by a military tribunal to release a Nazi war criminal serving a life sentence for ordering the massacre of 335 civilian hostages in March 1944. The caves were the scene of the massacre ordered in reprisal for attacks by partisans on an SS squad.



THE HANUKKA COIN, TO BE ISSUED BY ISRAEL IN DECEMBER, 1976, FEATURES AN EARLY AMERICAN LAMP. THIS PORTABLE MENO-RAH IS ON DISPLAY AT THE JEWISH MUSEUM IN NEW YORK.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Phoney Arab Peace

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- All this talk of a so-called Arab "peace offensive" as linked to unconfirmed reports that the PLO has softened its position vis-a-vis Israel does not tally in any way with the vicious attacks which are being waged here against the Jewish State almost daily in a number of UN organs.

The Arab-Soviet tune has not changed. Israel is still the 'culprit', the 'aggressor' and the 'violinist' of human rights. The 'tyranny of the majority' here still wants to set up a PLO 'fifth column' in the heart of historic Israel despite Arafat's murderous role in Lebanon.

Yet, notwithstanding these onslaughts, the United States along with some Western states appear to have been taken in by the 'peace' propaganda emanating from Cairo completely disregarding the anti-Israeli initiatives taken here by Sadat's Ambassador.

This writer would caution Washington to beware of tricks! History has a way of repeating itself. Let's take a look.

Nine devastating plagues, each in succession having softened and then hardened the heart of the ancient Pharaoh, failed to convince him that his threat of enslaving Israel was of no avail.

It had to come to the tenth deadly scourge to prove to him that no power on earth could prevent the Mosaic-guided movement towards freedom and liberty -- the first such movement in history. Let the world recognize this fact!

One cannot fail to note an uncanny analogy between this ancient life-and-death struggle and the conflict we are now witnessing in our very day between the modern counterparts of Israel's biblical enemies and the descendants of the Exodus now resurrected in their ancient homeland.

Four times in our era, these malcontent counterparts, in the spirit of their ancestors, have desperately tried to destroy the reborn Hebraic Commonwealth with overwhelming arms and each time, coming within a hairline of succeeding, the tables were turned against them.

And now, emboldened by the power of their petro-dollars and with the full support of mighty Russia, they have forgotten the previous four 'plagues'; their hearts are hardened again as they prepare for a fifth in their belief that, with all the problems Israel is facing today, they will succeed in fulfilling what they failed to achieve during their first four attempts.

Evidence attesting to the fact that the Arabs, the so-called moderates as well as the radicals, are aspiring to attain their avowed aim of eliminating the Jewish State we can deduce from all the debates during this 31st session of the General Assembly dealing with the Middle East situation. They still consider Israel a "foreign body" in their midst.

Recognizing, however, that at the present moment they are not yet in a position to launch a military attack -- Lebanon being one of the reasons -- they are pressing through a UN document which, if implemented (they hope), will eventually open the door to them for the demise of the Jewish State by stages.

This document, formulated by the anti-Israeli Committee of 20 on the "Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People," was debated in the full plenary session of the

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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First of all, Carter said the PLO, which is an alliance of guerilla organizations, is unrepresentative of the Palestinian problem and should not participate in any negotiations. He continued: "The PLO should not participate in any resumed Geneva peace conference because the PLO's stated aims are diametrically opposed to a peace which envisions the continued existence of Israel."

(It should be noted: The resolution against Israel, which was supported by the U.S., was initiated at a Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People. This committee was established by the PLO and although the PLO was not a member, the terror group participated and controlled every stage of the deliberations.)

Carter also stated: "While there must also be a humane settlement of the Palestinian situation, the Arabs and the world must understand that the Israelis did not cause the Palestinian problem." Carter went on, "Any territories ceded to the Palestinians should be part of Jordan and be administered by Jordan."

Here's a final note on Ford's doublecross of his promises to Israel and American Jews. On November 12, the U.S. at the U.N. supported a Security Council resolution condemning Israel for alleged "repressiveness" in supervision of the administered territories and East Jerusalem.

The facts are that when Israel took over, after the Six Day War in 1967, the Arab inhabitants were living in squalor in shanty shacks. The majority of the population were confined to the lowest level of ghetto existence.

It is firmly established that under Israel's administration the standard of living, health, and education has been greatly improved.

We can understand the Arabs going to extremes as they have in the past, to falsify claims that will vilify Israel. But it is beyond comprehension that the U.S. would allow such an unmitigated smear.

The only answer is a disgusted and disgruntled loser of the election, who is determined to strike back at any and all who caused his defeat. Integrity, honesty, honor, are all swept away by a vanquished leader still able to deal some death blows.

Now we know the true colors of the man in the highest office of our land.

All we can say is "Good Riddance."

Assembly all through this past week, and the Arabs had a field day. It was not until the closing days of the debate that the voice of Israel thundered forth in no uncertain terms spelling out exactly what Israel's enemies had in mind in their feverish attempt to have this vicious document adopted.

"For the first time in UN history," Ambassador Herzog charged, "a committee has adopted recommendations that amount to nothing less than a prescription for the dismemberment of a Member State of the UN... It is ironical and tragic," he added, "that the UN, which arose as a monument over the ashes of amongst others over six million kith and kin of ours who were annihilated by the Nazis in Europe, should even be considering recommendations by one of its committees which in fact spell out the destruction of the Jewish State by stages."

In his lengthy speech, replete with historic data, Ambassador Herzog turned to the years 1947-1948 and reminded the Assembly that "there would not have been a single Arab refugee had the Arab states not chosen to defy the UN resolution with the declared aim to destroy the newly-born State of Israel," an aim towards which they have persisted to this day and which is inherent in the PLO-inspired document now before the Assembly.

The recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of 20, he continued, "are designed to implement the political objectives of the PLO as enunciated in its Covenant and political program. Israel," he

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