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Remember Holocaust

As Jews throughout the world participate in Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremonies this weekend it should not be forgotten that Nazism has not been completely eradicated 32 years after the end of World War II.

Former SS members hold reunions in West Germany. Nazi parties spring up in many countries including Britain, Argentina, and throughout the United States. Many Nazi war criminals have still not been brought to trial in West Germany and Austria.

In the United States, the Immigration and Naturalization Service after three decades of inaction has finally begun to move slowly against Nazi war criminals who lied their way into this country and in many cases into American citizenship.

Perhaps the most galling development to appear lately is the spate of books denying the truth of the Holocaust. The most recent example was the book "The Fabrication of a Hoax" by a Northwestern University professor, Arthur Butz, which claimed that the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis was a hoax.

This is why the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day is important. Thirty-two years after World War II the Holocaust is a dim memory to many. A generation has grown up that has not lived through the Holocaust. A recent study in West Germany found that many youngsters know nothing about the Holocaust and have only a dim view of who Hitler was. The situation is not much better in the United States.

Holocaust Remembrance Day serves to remind people of the Nazi horror. Even more important is to encourage education about the Holocaust in schools, something which have been growing in the last few years.

This is also why Nazi war criminals must continue to be brought to trial in Europe and the United States. The importance of the trials is not revenge but to educate the public to the crimes they committed.

Continued education about the Holocaust is the best living memorial to the six million dead. It is the only way to assure that it will never happen again.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

USSR Rebuffed Vance

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Less than a week after Jimmy Carter delivered his famous Human Rights speech here at the UN and prior to Cyrus Vance's Moscow visit, Leonid I. Brezhnev addressed the Communist Labor Congress in a lengthy speech in which he angrily declared that "Washington's claims to teach others how to live cannot be accepted by any sovereign state... We will not tolerate interference in our internal affairs by anyone and under any pretext. A normal development of relations on such a basis is, of course, unthinkable."

This statement can be taken in one way only: it's the Kremlin's answer to President Carter's UN address, more particularly to the following passage which struck Moscow like a



ELSIE GOLDRING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF NEVADA, IS SHOWN ACCEPTING A CHECK FROM FRANK LARSEN, LEFT, AND LEON BUSCH, RIGHT, REPRESENTING THE DELTA AIR LINES EMPLOYEES OF LAS VEGAS.

thunderbolt:

"All signatories to the UN Charter have pledged themselves to observe and respect basic human rights. Thus, no member of the United Nations can claim that mistreatment of its citizens is solely its own business..."

What perhaps irritated the Kremlin leaders more than this obvious reference to them was the personal letter that Carter had sent to dissident Andrei D. Sakharov. 'How dared he link himself with a man whom we view as a traitor' -- they protested.

It thus becomes clear that the Kremlin leaders, in a mood of vengeance, had made up their minds in advance to turn down whatever proposals Vance would set forth on the issue of SALT so as to deliberately embarrass the Secretary of State and the whole Carter Administration.

President Carter's strong emphasis on human rights, so forthrightly put before all the UN Member States and so widely publicized, came as a reminder and served notice to the violators of those rights that the U.S. under the new Administration considers "the solemn commitments of the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Accords... just as seriously as commercial or security agreements."

A great many within the "tyranny of the majority" here had felt the sting of this reminder and thus did not take it too kindly. The reasons, of course, are obvious.

In light of the above facts, the 'failure' of Mr. Vance's Moscow mission must be attributed directly to the Soviets' deliberate and pre-determined scheme to sabotage the talks and not to the 'rejected' proposals placed before them by the Secretary of State and his aides, as some critics in this country have been charging.

In an editorial that was somewhat sarcastic in tone and captioned "Chewing and Choking Over Moscow," The New York Times took some of those critics to task with these words: "There seems no end to the hand-wringing and second-guessing over the Carter Administration's first mission to Moscow and its public rebuff after three days of discussion of future arms-control agreements... They (of the Carter Administration) bit off too much. They prepared too little. They talked prematurely. They agonized unnecessarily. They were naive..." The American carping seems destined to cause more damage than the Soviet crabbi-ness...

Commenting on the USSR rejection of the U.S. SALT proposals, Senator Jacob K. Javits correctly noted that "there is no reason for any alarm over this entirely predictable reaction of the Kremlin. It only emphasized the critical importance of human rights as an issue, and of the implementation of the Helsinki Declaration."

Jimmy Carter's adamant stand on human rights has a special meaning for the Jewish people who have been in the forefront in a continuous campaign to unmask Soviet discrimination and oppression. No doubt the Kremlin bosses saw in the President's tough position a justification of this Jewish campaign and for them this is an unpardonable sin.

It is gratifying to know, Moscow or no Moscow, that the President remains firm on his human rights program.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



PROUD ZIONIST

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Perlmutter, who knew more about crime than most criminals. He covered Brooklyn. We were known as the three Jew bums of the N.Y. Times.

Spiegel and his adorable Vera visited us in Vegas not too long ago after he had covered a Hadassah convention in Denver. Spizzy appeared spry enough, for all his years, a bit bent over, apparently from stooping for discarded mutual tickets.

Now we learn he has completed half a century at the newspaper that prints "all the news that will cause a fit."

In honor of the occasion, a half dozen old timers wrote reflecting snatches of a personal experience with Spizzy for the house organ, Times Talk. We have one, too, but first, here's what Manny wrote:

Manny Perlmutter, on Spiegel the Sportsman

When I started as a night office boy at The Times, young Spiegel was already showing other copy boys how to make the tough points on dice—10 and 4. He was the best craps shooter on the night shift. When he went out to cover police districts a few years later, the cops who wandered into the West Side, East Side and Centre Street Headquarters' reporters shacks were just as easy marks.

Over the years, he managed to get to the dice tables at Las Vegas—but with indifferent success against the pros. Occasionally he got some support from Jack Tell, a former caption writer on The Times picture desk who now puts out an English-Jewish publication in Vegas.

Irving and I are grateful to Jack Tell. When Jack was on The Times, he was a friend of Joe Russell, a talent scout of chorines for the Copacabana and Latin Quarter. Sometimes, when I finished the late-night shift on rewrite, Irving would join me and Jack and we would meet Russell at burlesque publicist Eddie Jaffe's pad next to movie publicist's Irving Kaufman on West 48th Street for a beer and dialogue with some chorus recruit. It was educational.

Spizzy was a frequent companion with us, covering night clubs and vaudeville in the years we were doubling for Billboard, the theatrical weekly. One night, on the way to a Village joint to see what was new in talent, acts and routines, we stopped at Manhattan Center, where Spizzy had been assigned to cover an annual union dinner.

It was one of those affairs where every soup and fish probably was rented and you had to look hard for a straight nose. Spizzy spoke to the boss men on the dais, phoned in his story and off we went, before the dinner ended, to witness some of the reasons that killed vaudeville.

On the way out of the club two hours later Spizzy stepped into a phone booth to check whether his story in the Times was okay. We can't repeat what the city editor apparently called Spizzy because this is a family newspaper. But from the look on his face he could have joined the Klu Klux Klan without a sheet.

"What happened?" we asked. "It was just a routine dinner affair."

Spizzy gulped, "after we left that 'routine affair' two waterfront union delegates were shot dead at a ringside table."

Spizzy survived that one with a two-week enforced vacation, but for years after, any function he covered he left with the sweepers.

Now "Spizzy" is gone, and with him goes an era in American journalism. He was a flamboyant, happy-go-lucky, down-to-earth, warm human being. He was a crackerjack newspaperman, a devoted husband and father, an honest Jew and most of all, a "MENCH."

May he rest in peace.