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Time for Recommitment

Yom Kippur has always been the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar, even for non-observant Jews. Since 1973 the Day of Atonement has taken on even more meaning for it was on this religious holiday that Arab nations decided to attack Israel.

The State of Israel emerged victorious from the Yom Kippur War but the cost was heavy especially in the large number of lives lost. Israel today is stronger militarily than it was before the 1973 war. The people of Israel were said to have lost their self-confidence after the war but it has been regained even though the difficulties faced by the Jewish State at home and abroad are many.

Probably the most important result of the Yom Kippur War is that the people of Israel found that their only real ally is the Jewish people. The Sabra -- the native-born Israeli -- for the first time felt a unity with Jews everywhere.

For Jews in the United States as in other diaspora countries the Yom Kippur War had a major traumatic effect. American Jews faced the real fear that Israel could be destroyed and vowed they would do everything in their power to prevent this from happening. This was displayed both economically by contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and the purchase of Israel Bonds and politically by pressure on Washington.

This traumatic feeling has remained with American Jewry. It has united as never before in support of Israel. It has stressed, as the Israelis have stressed, that diaspora Jewry and Israel must maintain a partnership working together for the benefit of the Jewish people in Israel and elsewhere.

This sense of purpose will be tested even more in the year ahead. Premier Menachem Begin has called on diaspora Jewry to increase their gifts to UJA and purchases of Israel Bonds in order to help eradicate poverty in Israel as part of the observance of Israel's 30th anniversary. This is an imperative goal.

Equally important is that the political skills of American Jews will be called upon as the next few weeks bring about an intensification of diplomatic efforts in the Middle East. The American Jewish community is of course not part of the negotiating team for a Mideast peace settlement. But it can see to it that Washington does not put undue pressure on Israel to accept a settlement that endangers Israel's security.

The 1973 Yom Kippur War demonstrated that American Jewry will not allow Israel to be destroyed. This Yom Kippur we renew that pledge.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Arabs Gang up
All-Out Onslaught

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- All indications here now point to an all-out Arab-Soviet anti-Israeli onslaught to be launched during the 32nd



MORE THAN 54,000 CRUISE-PASSENGERS VISITED ISRAEL DURING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1977, MANY LANDING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN PORT - CITY OF HAIFA (SHOWN ABOVE), WHICH IS ONLY A FEW HOURS DRIVE FROM JERUSALEM OR THE SEA OF GALILEE.

session of the General Assembly opening on Tuesday the 20th.

In this onslaught, the Arabs plan to exploit not only all the pending resolutions aimed against the Jewish State but also a new item which the Egyptians have requested to be included on the agenda. This item, submitted by Sadat's Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, is captioned "Recent illegal Israeli measures in the occupied Arab territories designed to change the legal status, geographical nature and demographic composition of those territories in contravention of the principles of the Charter of the UN..."

Despite pronouncements to the contrary by Egypt and the other so-called moderates -- Jordan and Saudi Arabia -- their ultimate goal does not differ much from that of the radical states -- Libya, Iraq and Syria -- and the PLO. They all aspire to see the elimination of Israel.

The one point of difference between the radicals and the so-called moderates appears to be the question of timing. The moderates, banking on UN support and hoping to bear influence on Washington to exert pressures on Israel, have chosen a gradual, step-by-step procedure in attaining their ultimate aim, while the radicals, fearing that time is on Israel's side, want an immediate military confrontation.

However, based upon the decisions taken at the recent Cairo meeting of the Arab League Foreign Minister, they have all agreed on one common move here at the UN, and that is to seek Assembly approval for the most drastic action this world organization can take against any state, namely, apply Article 41 and 42 of Chapter VII of the UN Charter which reads:

41: The Security Council may decide what measures not involving the use of armed force to be employed to give effect to its decisions, and it may call upon its Members of the UN to apply such measures. These may include complete or partial interruption of economic relations and of rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, radio, and other means of communication, and the severance of diplomatic relations.

42: Should the Security Council consider that measures provided for in Article 41 would be inadequate or have proved to be inadequate, it may take such action by air, sea, or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security. Such action may include demonstrations, blockade, and other operations by air, sea, or land forces of Members of the UN.

Of course, only the Security Council can invoke these Articles and it goes without saying that the United States, with its veto power, would never approve of such drastic measures. Nevertheless, the Arabs and their many friends here may decide to act on their own.

That the Arabs have never given up their original dream of destroying the Jewish State was recently borne out by a former U.S. Air Force intelligence officer. In an interview with the Washington correspondent of the Jerusalem Post, Wolf Blitzer, Major-General George J. Keegan said that he was not convinced that the Arabs are ready to live at peace with Israel.

Having made an intensive on-the-spot study of the Middle East, General Keegan, who currently serves as executive vice president

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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and complete understanding for the request of the applicant.

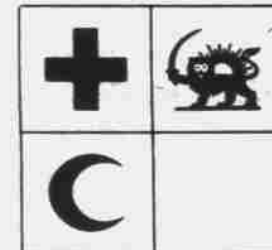
"Already in 1929, the Islamic countries decided, because of their feelings about the cross and their Muslim faith, to adopt the "Red Crescent" for the health organizations of Islamic countries; the same applies to the "Red Lion" for Iran.

"We understand that it is impossible to foist the "Red Cross" on the Israeli health services, which in the main for us Christians is the Christian symbol for service to your neighbors. For that reason, rooted in religion, could the "Red Crescent" be applied.

"As much as we, as bishops, welcome the use of the cross as a symbol for the worldwide service to war victims, injured and sufferers of all kinds, thus, we understand that in countries, whose culture is neither Christian nor Islamic, the respective symbols may be rejected.

"In the service of those in need and requiring assistance, we urge you to consider favorably the question of official recognition of the "Star of David," and, in the interest of the cause, to arrive at an early and positive decision."

A Magen David Adom "Recognition Kit" is available if you write Rabbi Dobin, International Headquarters, Operation Recognition, 124 Richmond Pl., Lawrence, N.Y. 11559.



SYMBOLS RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

Let us hope that by the middle of next month the lower right hand corner of this square will be filled by the Star of David.

of the U.S. Strategic Institute told Blitzer that, although he doesn't "for the moment want to be critical of the statesmanship that has been shown particularly by Sadat, in some areas by Assad, and certainly by the new Saudi leadership," he nevertheless expressed skepticism about "the real intentions of the Arab leadership" and thus had "come to the inescapable conclusion that the messianic dream is there" for the elimination of Israel.

Putting further stress on this point, Keegan declared: "I have seen intelligence, which few Americans have had access to, that persuades me that the first element of a profound change in Arab strategy is that the feudal leaderships in the Arab world strikingly remain committed, messianically, to the extermination of Israel as a nation and as a people. What has changed about that messianic determination on the part of those feudal leaders...is the apparent realization that after four futile wars, the direct approach now appears to be of such high risk that they are beginning to use the strategy of the indirect approach..."

And let there be no mistake about the meaning of this "strategy of the indirect approach." Its ultimate aim is embodied in the PLO national covenant which decrees that "the establishment of Israel is fundamentally null and void."

Thus, not until this world organization reverses its decision on the legalization of the PLO can there be any hope of a peaceful settlement of the Mideast conflict.

SILVER SPRING, Md. -- B'nai B'rith last Sunday broke ground here for its ninth low-rent housing project for elderly persons.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee congratulated President Carter on the upcoming signing of the Panama Canal treaty, and urged Congress to ratify it.