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## Ethiopia's Falashas

World Jewry has been sharply reminded in recent weeks of the plight of a remnant of the Jewish people that has been ignored for too long -- that of the Falashas, the Black Jews of Ethiopia.

The Falashas have long been in Ethiopia, not second class citizens, but third class. Their centuries of poverty and discrimination has intensified since Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed in 1974 as they have been caught up in the midst of the internal strife that has been going on in Ethiopia. Reports from that country are that hundreds, if not thousands, of Falashas have been killed. They have been subjected to rape, pillage and torture. Many have been sold into slavery.

Israel's long failure to act was basically due to the close relationship between Jerusalem and Haile Selassie, the "Lion of Judah" who considered himself a descendent of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. The Israeli government apparently did not want to endanger this relationship despite the reports from Ethiopia that the Falashas, especially the young people, wanted desperately to emigrate to Israel.

World Jewish organizations also failed to help the Falashas immigrate to Israel although in recent years there has been some education and other programs by various Jewish organizations. Nor should it be forgotten that the rabbinate in Israel did not officially recognize the Falashas as Jews until 1975.

Jews in Israel and throughout the world owe it to the Falashas, who have maintained their Judaism over the centuries despite countless odds, to make urgent efforts to bring the Falashas out of Ethiopia before they are exterminated. American Jews should ask the State Department to use its influence. Jews in other countries should also petition their governments for help.

As Dr. Graenym Berger, a leader of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, recently said, the Falashas "wait for Israel and world Jewry to rescue them with 'wings of eagles' as the Yemenite Jews were rescued in 1948." The "eagles" must not delay too long in making this flight.

## Behind The Scenes

### At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

## To Strangle U.S.?

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Is there a global anti-American conspiracy to dwarf, nay, strangle, the United States economically as well as politically?

It has been this writer's view for some time now that such a conspiracy not only exists but is gaining momentum from year to year.

Both the covert and overt doings here at the UN afford us a good picture of what is actually happening around the world. And it is no secret that the Soviets, as reflected by their domination of so many Member states



**JERUSALEM 1000 BCE REVISITED: THE OLD CITY WALLS OVERLOOK THE EXCAVATIONS AT THE CITY OF DAVID (LOWER LEFT). SURROUNDING THE EXCAVATIONS IS THE VILLAGE OF SILWAN, IN ANCIENT TIMES CALLED SHILOAH OR THE CITY OF DAVID.**

including the PLO, are the master-minds in this conspiracy while Washington, in its lethargy, ruminates on the hopes of 'detente' and SALT not realizing that its policy makers are being taken.

Must America always have to experience a "Pearl Harbor" to fully awaken to the peril that threatens her?

Let this correspondent sound a timely warning -- take note President Carter et al -- "Look to your defenses, America!" Time is short. And not all your NATO allies can be fully trusted. There will be sell-outs by some of your 'best' friends. Are you prepared for such a contingency?

That Arafat and his PLO terrorists are involved in this anti-American conspiracy to the extent that the Cubans are goes without saying. Arafat spent some time in Moscow early last year and one need not have too much imagination to put together the 'conversations' that had taken place between the chief of the PLO assassins and Leonid Brezhnev and company on problems affecting spheres of influence, especially in the Middle East.

What did Arafat promise Brezhnev in return for a Soviet pledge of support for the PLO? He pledged to serve Kremlin interests not only in Arab states but everywhere around the globe where his henchmen have established missions and cells. And there can be no doubt that his terrorists have been among those who stirred up the riots in Iran. This has now become the pattern for regimes to topple.

It appears clear, then, that Moscow, by way of PLO terrorists serving as 'agents' has entrenched itself in every part of the world in readiness for 'Der Tag.' In the meantime, thanks to 'detente,' 'Helsinki' and SALT, it is enjoying a 'conquest' without having to wage an actual war.

Several times this year, as readers of this column are aware, your correspondent has touched upon this issue and sounded warnings as to the dangers facing the United States, and in November of 1977, the month President Sadat visited Jerusalem, the writer noted the following on the question of PLO - USSR collusion:

"The Soviets' support of the Palestinian terrorists must be understood in the light of the Kremlin's aspiration to communize the world, and it is basically in this context that Moscow is pushing for the establishment of an Arafatian state on the West Bank with the view to turning it into a USSR puppet, another Cuba.

"The Kremlin's all-out backing of the PLO must be taken in its wider implication. It not only poses a danger to Israel. It's not only a threat to Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia as well as the Gulf states. It is primarily a threat to the West. A Soviet-supported Arafatian state will of a certainty assure Moscow of a base in the world's most strategic region -- a Near East bridge connecting Europe with Africa, the Indian Ocean and the oil fields.

"To the Soviets, the PLO, as a so-called liberation movement, symbolizes global terrorism as directed in the main against the Western states whose capitalist system they hope to see one day demolished. Thus, all terrorists, whether they be German, Arab or Japanese, fit into the Soviet scheme in that they

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*"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"*

BY JACK TELL



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tution of the Jewish people), GOD commanded Abraham: "And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you" (Genesis 17:12). And the Torah further confirms that "Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as GOD had commanded him" (Genesis 21:4). The time-honored commandment to circumcise every eight day old son of Israel is therefore ancient and sacred to the Jewish people -- though other religions as well observe the practice. So sacred, in fact, that whenever Jews were forbidden to observe this Biblical commandment, they have actually waged war to defend their practice -- believing firmly that it was instituted by GOD himself.

At 7:00 a.m., on Cory Matthew Berger's eighth day of life, the tiny Jewish community of Lake Havasu assembled in the Berger home. With Rabbi Weisberg on the telephone, Bob and Donna Berger and their friends joined in the appropriate prayers and welcomed little Cory into the Household of Israel and the Faith of Judaism.

Rabbi Weisberg chanted: BARUCH HA-BA, "Blessed are you who approach in the Name of the Lord!" And Cory's parents responded: "Behold, O Lord, we are ready to fulfill Your commandment of circumcision, as now we bring our son into the Covenant of Abraham." Then all the friends joined with Rabbi Weisberg and the parents: "As Cory Matthew has entered the Covenant of Abraham this day, so may he enter the marriage canopy, the study of Torah, and a life of good deeds." Then, with the 4000 year old ceremony now nearly complete, Cory's Hebrew name was pronounced for the first time, and all joined in the blessing over wine: "Praised are You, O Lord, for creating the fruit of the vine." Little Cory's lips were then dabbed with a few drops of wine amidst shouts of MAZAL TOV ("Good Luck") and L'HAYYIM ("Long Life")!

Rabbi Weisberg concluded the long-distance circumcision ceremony with the Priestly Blessing: "May the Lord bless and protect you... and grant you peace." Replete with the Rabbi's blessings and his parents' rejoicing, for little Cory Matthew Berger -- GOD willing -- a long, healthy and happy life had just begun.

And we add, Amen to a job well done.

are upsetting the equilibrium of the NATO countries by creating constant fear and turmoil among the people of those nations...It now becomes understandable why the Japanese, the German and other terrorists -- all claiming a link to the PLO -- continually boast that their aim is world revolution."

It is ironic that America's economic woes, loss in the value of the dollar and trade deficits, are due to a great extent to the industrial pressures of two of her World - War II enemies, West Germany and Japan, both of whom owed their resurrection to the benevolence of Washington. Is it possible that Tokyo and Bonn, remembering the havoc wrought over their nations by the U.S. - led allies are 'silently' gloating over the present fate that has befallen their former conquerors?

One thing is certain the Administration has yet to learn that America's first line of defense against Soviet encroachment in the Middle East is a strong and secure Israel. President Carter may continue to flirt with Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iran and Egypt in his hope to thwart Communist penetration. But, in the light of the current happenings in Iran, there's no telling how reliable they will be and to what extent the U.S. could count on them in a critical showdown. He must know that the history of the Arabs has shown that they can change their loyalties with every wind.

Wake up, America, to the peril of the global sonsspiracy!

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The new year arrived in Israel with an announcement by the government that there would be a 10 percent increase in the price of many basic foods.