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## Irresponsible Journalism

There is an alarming trend growing in many of the leading newspapers in the United States to play up stories putting Israel in a bad light. This includes distorted headlines reflecting an anti - Jewish bias.

The latest example is the shameful sensational manner in which many newspapers treated the State Department's report on human rights in Israel. Large headlines proclaimed that the State Department had accused Israel of violations. Yet the stories under the headlines and the report itself did no such thing. Unfortunately many people read only the headlines.

These newspapers were following a story in the Washington Post which charged "systematic torture" of Palestinian prisoners by Israel. The charge was based on two cables by a junior foreign officer in the U.S. consulate in East Jerusalem who has since been "selected out" of the foreign service.

Yet, though the State Department strongly denied the Washington Post story and its report showed no basic criticism of Israel's treatment of Palestinian Arabs, irresponsible headlines still proclaimed that Israel had mistreated Palestinian Arabs.

What the report does say is that "Israel is a full fledged democracy with extremely high standards of justice and human rights" but that in the occupied territories "certain of the normal human rights guarantees that are taken for granted in Israel proper have been suspended on security grounds." However, the report stressed that "torture is prohibited by Law in Israel, and is virtually unheard of." It rejects charges of "cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment" against Arab prisoners.

The charges have been made against Israel by some of the prisoners who had been arrested for terrorism. But these charges are self-serving by people who want the world to forget the crimes for which they were arrested. In fact, the most potentially damaging of such charges was made by Sami Esmail, an American citizen who was held by the Israelis. But the Department report notes that, "We asked the Israelis to investigate these charges, looked into them ourselves and could find no corroborating evidence to substantiate them."

The State Department report points out that the International Red Cross is allowed to visit a prisoner within 14 days of his arrest and can have him examined without any Israeli witnesses. In fact, what can be seen from the State Department report is a much more humane policy by Israel than any other government has shown to people who are perpetrating acts of terrorism and other subversive acts against that country.

## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

## Camp David Snags

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Four recent developments undoubtedly will have a vital



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effect on whether or not an Egyptian-Israeli 'peace' will be concluded in the near future. Interrelated, they have injected snags into the whole Camp David process.

And here at the UN the Middle East experts, fully alerted to what's going on, remain both confused and uncertain as to the outcome.

First is the crisis in Iran, exacerbated by the dramatic return of Ayatollah Khomeini and a lurking Soviet tenacle 'meandering' in the direction of the Gulf. Here is incumbent upon the West to take a new look, a good look, and 'appraise' its 'friends' in the entire Near East Region.

Next is the new posture President Anwar el - Sadat has assumed with respect to the already signed and sealed Camp David Treaty, a posture which points to a change of attitude--undoubtedly emboldened by the known Arabists in the State Department. Sadat now demands what he terms 'minor' changes in Article IV and VI of the Treaty. Although the U.S. also considers them as 'minor,' to Israel they are 'major,' since these changes if adopted would directly affect Israel's future security. Article IV, which provides for the stationing of UN forces in the Sinai to guarantee Israel's security, notes that such a provision "may" be reviewed at either side's request. Sadat wants the word "shall" instead of "may" and that the review be held within five years.

The Egyptian President's bickering over Article VI is more serious. While the Treaty calls for priority over any other military pacts that either party may have entered into, Sadat has second thoughts and now wants to be free to join any of the other Arab states, Syria, Jordan, or Lebanon, if they become embroiled in a clash with Israel. This creates an entirely new situation and, despite U.S. prodding, Prime Minister Menachem Begin remains adamant in refusing to accept any so - called 'amendments' to the Treaty.

The third development involves the intensified PLO terrorist attacks in Israel proper and pro - PLO eruptions in the West Bank and Gaza. The fourth, linked directly to these attacks, is an 'ultimatum' Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has served all the Palestinians generally. Fully supported by General Ezer Weisman, Dayan, undoubtedly one of the best friends the Arabs have, shocked the yishuv in Israel when, in reply to the latest terrorist bombings against innocent civilians, he warned that the Arabs residing in Israel as well as those in the West Bank and Gaza risked expulsion if they were caught actively siding with the PLO.

This warning from the Defense Minister, a man long respected by the Arabs, came as a long overdue ultimatum. Dayan, speaking before an American and Canadian visiting delegation in Jerusalem, spoke out bluntly. He reminded his Arab friends in Israel and in the territories of what a tragic fate had befallen the Arab people in the 1948 Israeli War of Independence. "They had a chance to live with us in peace, not to have a war," he declared. "So they find themselves now as refugees in Lebanon. And that should serve as a lesson!"

Dayan was especially incensed at "the voices we are hearing now, even coming from Arab

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"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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They called the proprietor. How come you have a Chinese waiter who takes the order in Yiddish? The owner made sure no one was listening. "He thinks he's learning English."

students studying at the Hebrew Universities and from some Arab circles and leaders here. If they will not be satisfied and if they don't want to live together with us," he warned, "then they will have to pay for it dearly."

Indeed, this is the only language the Arabs understand. Israel has given them a goodly slice, but they are demanding the whole cake. Apparently, the traditional Jewish rachmones, merciful beneficence, shown the Arab cousins, has been mistaken by them as weakness and as possible fear. Dayan has now rectified this misconception and let it be hoped that they will understand that the modern Gibeons, Joshuas and Maccabeans, while fully embracing the untold thousands of peaceful Arabs within Greater Israel as genuine cousins of Abrahamic stock, will never tolerate the presence in their midst of any pro - PLO murderers or Arafatian sympathizers. These, as Dayan clearly stated, have no place in Israel and cannot share any of the benefits the State offers in whatever field it be.

Prime Minister Begin's autonomy plan, originally termed "constructive" by Carter but which was opposed by some of Begin's own Herut colleagues, such as Shmuel Katz and Geula Cohen, appeared to be an acceptable plan which, in a measure, was referred to in the Camp David framework for peace. Although the two Treaties as agreed to and signed in Washington by all the parties had been approved by the Israeli Cabinet, Sadat's later bickerings over the working in Articles IV and VI, his demand to have his way, led to what we see now as a stalemate and the position of the Israeli Government has become well - known.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his coalition partners, true to their Hebraic tradition, are fulfilling the biblical injunction respecting peoples and nations they have to contend with in matters of war and peace. By agreeing with the Camp David accords, they have made a call for peace. However, if this call is turned down, the way the ancient Amalekites turned down the call of Moses, then the enemies will have to face the consequences, as they did in biblical times as also in 1948, 1956, 1967 and in 1973. Amen.

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