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INDEPENDENCE DAY, MAY 2

Israel will be celebrating its Independence Day May 2 in an atmosphere completely different from that which previously marked this day. For the first time in its 31 - year history, the State of Israel has a peace treaty with one of its Arab neighbors, Egypt.

Independence Day will indeed mark the beginning of a month of momentous events which will be highlighted by meetings between Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at Beersheba and El Arish. This month also marks the opening of the borders between Israel and Egypt, an event that may result in benefits yet unforeseen.

Israel will not forget the price in lives it has paid to reach this point. In fact, the day before Independence Day is always observed as Memorial Day to pay tribute to Israel's fallen soldiers.

Nor will Israel forget that the other Arab states have still refused to join Egypt in the peacemaking efforts. Israel must continue to remain on guard against terrorism and the threat of heavily - armed Arab forces.

But as Israel enters its 32nd year that threat has lessened somewhat in that the largest and most important of the Arab countries has agreed to live in peace with the Jewish State despite the differences between them. This situation means that Israel can and must give more attention to its domestic problems, particularly that of the "other Israel," the large segment of the population that is mired in poverty and lags behind in education, jobs and other areas. This is something that Begin has promised to do.

The American Jewish community is also dedicated to this effort through the United Jewish Appeal's "Project Renewal," the joint program of the Israeli government and world Jewry to eliminate Israel's slum neighborhoods, and through other fund - raising efforts.

American Jewry, as well as Jewry throughout the rest of the world, has played a vital part in helping to bring the State of Israel into existence and of assuring its continuation and well - being during its 31 years of existence. This dedication by diaspora Jewry bodes well for Israel's continuing growth and safety. Israel's anniversary is a propitious time for American Jewry to make its partnership with Israel even more binding in the future.

Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feeture

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Sen. Javitz on Peace

"The turn of events in Iran --- has netted out as a strategic reversal for the U.S.....The situation in neighboring Turkey is ominous. A collapse in Turkey would be an even greater strategic disaster for the West than the collapse of Iran.

"The forces of chaos and disintegration in the Mideast have gained momentum. Unless



JERUSALEM, ISRAEL: - THE INTRICATE SCALE MODEL OF JERUSALEM AT THE TIME OF THE SECOND TEMPLE IS A UNIQUE VISUAL AID TO THE TOURIST'S COMPREHENSION OF THE CITY'S HISTORY, ESPECIALLY AT THE TIME OF JESUS AND THE ROMAN OCCUPATION.

the U.S. is willing to defend its interests, we may yet see realized the ancient Czarist dream of Russian hegemony over the warm waters and hot lands to the south.

"Against this momentum of chaos and disintegration there is pitted the momentum of peace embodied in the Egyptian - Israeli peace treaty. The U.S. is playing for the highest stakes in backing the momentum of peace and stability -- our only choice....

"We are not without assets in the region. The two greatest military powers of the Mideast are Israel and Egypt. Freed from their bilateral quarrel, they represent, individually and collectively, indigenous capabilities of significant magnitude. For one, there is no combination of other forces in the region which can challenge them with impunity on the battlefield.

"Egypt, once its forces are redeployed and re-equipped, will have a capability and an incentive to play a peace keeping role in regional hotspots as they develop. And, the Israel Defense Forces with their great and proven prowess, represent a deterrent force of great strategic significance.

"Just as Egypt's military power may now be aligned to face radical Arab Libya on the northwest and the Soviet 'advisers' and the Cubans in Ethiopia on the southeast, so Israel's military power may now be deployed to face radical Iraq and doubtful Syria on the northeast and to show Israel's concern for the Arabian peninsula and waterways on its southeast."

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But Javits concludes, "the big challenges ahead will be political and diplomatic rather than military. The enormous effort which was required to bring about the signing of the Egyptian - Israeli peace treaty removes any complacency we might have about the diplomatic difficulties which lie ahead. But, the success of the first effort should give us our second wind to enter the next phase undaunted.

"Diplomatically, we are now faced with the heart of the political problem as regards the thirty years of war and enmity between Israel and its Arab neighbors -- the Palestinian problem. A framework for dealing with that problem was agreed upon at Camp David but it would be foolish to discount the explosiveness of the negotiations which lie ahead. Courage and vision of the magnitude displayed by Sadat, Begin and Jimmy Carter in achieving the peace treaty will again have to be summoned up and I believe that such statesmanship can be repeated...."

LETTERS

Dear Friend:

April 15, 1979

Mazel-Tov. My heart is full of gratitude as I reflect upon your 15th anniversary. May God bless you in all that you do and may you know only joy and pride in the publication of the LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE. May the year 1979 bring the fulfillment of all your dreams.

Shalom, Rabbi Joseph Levine Texarkana, Texas



"One Man Plus The Trut Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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That's not good enouch for us. We wish a spirited citizen, armed with where-with-all, would start a citizen's committee to raise funds to fight the gas companies. In numbers there is strength and something is bound to happen. Our donation is itching in the pocket waiting to do what good may be accomplished. All we need is a responsible party to get the ball rolling.

When and if this comes about and we are successful, provision should be made, it will never take place again. This can be accomplished only by law, even a Constitutional amendment.

Meanwhile, again we urge So. Californians coming to Vegas to check Baker, Barstow, San Bernardino and Los Angeles to find that gas is plentiful, although at slighter higher premiums. Come on in. Enjoy yourself. Life is shorter than you think.

By Rabbi Samuel M. Silver

. So the Pope is going back to his native Poland!

John Paul II has a host of tasks to perform when he returns to the land of his birth.

He will probably ponder again why a nation that is 95% Roman Catholic permits itself to be ruled by professed atheists.

He will test the impact of his conservative ideas upon his "landsleit."

Do the run-of-the-mill Catholics agree that celibacy for priests and avoidance of contraception for married couples are still warranted in the twentieth century?

If the pontiff has time he might look into another matter.

Recently a shocking report out of Poland was relayed to the readers of the Jewish Daily Forward by L. Leneman, its correspondent in Paris.

A group of French Jewish visitors to Maidenek, the Nazi concentration camp near Lublin, heard something they found hard to believe.

The guide there described in detail the grisly happenings which used to occur in that death camp.

And the guide included in her spiel these words: "The luckiest victims of the Nazis were the Jews because they had money and they were able to bribe the keepers of the camp to let them have the best jobs there."

The visitors were appalled.

Apparently, writes Leneman in the Yiddish daily, that is the official line. Many Poles were done to death in the concentration camp, but the Jews got off almost scot-free.



HENNY YOUNGMANMan Of Maps Talente

A WOMAN WRAPPED IN SARAN WRAP TO TAKE WEIGHT OFF.

HER HUSBAND COMES HOME, SEES HER AND SAYS "LEFT-OVERS AGAIN!"