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Jerusalem Day 1979

Jews in 205 cities throughout the world will join Israelis in celebrating Jerusalem Day May 25. Twelve years after the city was re-united in the Six Day War the observance of that glorious event takes on added importance since the status of Jerusalem is expected to be a major issue in the upcoming negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

It is inconceivable that anyone can consider dividing that city again. The Arabs, of course, are pushing for the return of East Jerusalem to Arab occupation. This is part of their political struggle against Israel. But there are some in the United States and West Europe who support the move. The reason could be long-held Christian opposition to having Jewish control of Jerusalem or it could be ignorance.

It cannot be based on history or facts. Anyone who sees Jerusalem today as a growing city in which Jews, Christians and Moslems all live peacefully together with open access and respect for all religious holy places can only contrast it with the 19 years of Jordanian rule. Under Jordan Jews were forbidden access to the Western Wall, cemeteries were destroyed and desecrated.

History also upholds the Jewish claim for Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the Jewish people. Jews have always lived in the city and have been the largest group there since 1870. While Christians and Moslems consider Jerusalem a holy city, Rome is more important for Christians, and Mecca and Medina are more important for Moslems. For Jews, Jerusalem has been the most important city. For 2000 years Jews have turned three times a day in the direction of Jerusalem as they prayed. Jerusalem is not just important to Judaism -- it is the central focus of Jews, and has shaped the totality of Jewish life.

Since 1967, every Israeli government has declared that Jerusalem shall remain united. In this, the government has the support of all Israelis and all Jews, no matter what their differences on other issues. The traditional vow, "If I forget Thee, Oh Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget its cunning," never had more meaning than now.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

For the Record

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- A significant 382-page volume entitled "The Life and Times of Menachem Begin, Rebel and Statesman," reached the desk of your correspondent here at the UN this week.

Written by the well-known veteran foreign correspondent and author, Frank Gervasi, and published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, this work, in the view of the writer, clears up -- apparently for the first time with facts and figures -- the many misconceptions which the Jewish world as well as the public at large have held on some of the most controversial Israeli issues in-



LT. GENERAL ANDREW J. GOODPASTER, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, AT WEST POINT, LEFT, STANDING; READS A PRAYER FROM THE HAGGADAH AS RABBI AVRAHAM SOLTES, RIGHT, AND SEVERAL HUNDRED WEST POINT JEWISH CADETS, OFFICERS AND GUESTS WHO ATTENDED THE PASSOVER SEDER AT THE THAYER HOTEL, LISTEN.

volving the three - decade struggle between Begin and Ben - Gurion; between Labor and Herut, now the Likud; between Mapam and Mapai, and between the National Religious Party and all the others.

While this historic work revolves around the life of Menachem Begin from his earliest boyhood days to his emergence as Prime Minister of Israel, in actuality it constitutes a history of the Jewish people's struggle for statehood and Gervasi, in his brilliant and masterful style, delves deep into both the inter-party conflict within the land and the struggle involving external elements.

Author Gervasi does not overlook the role of the United Nations prior to, during and after the November 29, 1947 vote to establish a Jewish State in a zigzagged slice of Palestine. The picture is not a pretty one. British perfidy stands out in all its horror. "The partition of the territory was to have been a matter between the Palestine Arab community and Palestine Jewry," Gervasi notes. "The Arab states had no claim to even an inch of the land involved, but forty - eight hours after the General Assembly had acted, the Arabs moved to frustrate its decision. Convinced that the British armed forces were on their side, 800 Arabs from Syria invaded Palestine and attacked Jewish settlements in the north. Another force...crossed from Transjordan and encamped in Samaria...Subsequently, Egyptian troops occupied Gaza? Britain did nothing to stop the incursions or to expel the invaders." The name Bevin was equated with Haman.

Three basically disturbing factors in the history of Israel reborn that have been most vexatious to world Jewry no doubt involved the Ben-Gurion - Begin feud, the Altalena tragedy and the Deir Yassin charges. Even to this day, bad feelings still rankle among many of the old time Mapai and Mapam party members and surely some of the Herut pioneers have not completely forgotten the events.

"For years students of the Arab-Israeli conflict, myself included," Frank Gervasi admits, "were gulled by 'official' Zionism's propagandists into believing that the Haganah had no hand in the unhappy affair, that Deir Yassin had no strategic value and that, broadly speaking, the attack on the 'innocent village' was a dark episode unworthy of Jewish valor which would not have occurred if a Jewish state had been in being and capable of exercising effective control over all armed forces operating in the area.

"But time is truth's best friend. Gradually, the facts about Deir Yassin have emerged. The outcome of the battle was not, perhaps, the 'brilliant victory' the Irgunists have claimed. But war being the ugly business we all know it to be, neither was it the heinous crime depicted by Ben - Gurion at the time in an obsequiously apologetic letter to his neighbor King Abdullah."

Based on reliable information, Gervasi proceeds to show that "Deir Yassin was a transit depot for Arab forces...and not the 'innocent village' it was painted to be." It was well-

defended by many soldiers including Iraqi and the attack "was actually a part of the Haganah's overall plan for the relief of besieged Jerusalem in an operation code - named Nahshon -- in honor of the first Jew who walked into the Red Sea when Moses ordered the parting of the waters."

In the Epilogue to his book, the author opens with a hopeful yet cautious note:

By the time this reaches readers early in 1979, they and the world will have witnessed yet another stirring episode in the great Middle East peace-making drama which began unfolding back in November 1977 when Sadat visited Jerusalem: the conclusion of a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. Of course, nothing is ever certain in the Middle East, an area renowned for political instability, hence the precautionary adverb. Only someone possessing the prophetic vision of Jeremiah would dare forecast with total assurance the course of events in a region historically given to internecine quarrels, intramural struggles and fratricidal wars."

A New Hero

By Rabbi Samuel M. Silver

My newest hero is a Republican Congressman from Missouri, Rep. John Danforth.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency informs me that Cong. Danforth, an Episcopalian minister, gave the sermon on Holocaust Remembrance Day in the Episcopalian Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

On that occasion the priest-congressman did what we Jews do on Yom Kippur: acknowledge faults.

The fault acknowledged by Rep. Danforth is that of much of the Christian world in remaining silent when Hitlerism launched its grisly program.

When the Nazis did their dirty work, the shriek of the innocent evoked only the shrug of the indifferent.

The words spoken by Father Danforth were memorable. Some of them:

"The murder of six million Jews was accomplished by people, who, while having reverted to a paganism, had been raised in the Christian faith. Their ideology...sprang, somehow from traditions of Christianity, in a contorted, grotesque shape."

Elsewhere, in his discourse in the Cathedral (whose onetime dean, Father Francis Sayre, a grandson of Woodrow Wilson, has been uncommonly simpatico to Arab killers), Rep. Danforth said, "Brutally anti - Semitic activity, perpetrated by persons thoroughly familiar with Christianity, or even worse, in the name of Christianity, is...not of recent origin. Its roots have been traced to the time of the early church."

I've sent for the entire Danforth talk. You might want to also. His address is just House of Representatives Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Candor and humility of the Danforth kind can help purge the world of hostility. I salute the Rev. Congressman!

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THE DOCTOR OPENED THE WINDOW WIDE. HE SAID "STICK YOUR TONGUE OUT THE WINDOW." I SAID "WHAT FOR?" HE SAID, "I'M MAD AT MY NEIGHBORS."