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The Papal Visit



While Pope John Paul II's historic visit to the United States was mainly aimed at American Catholics, it did have an importance for non-Catholics, including Jews.

Particularly important was his speech to the United Nations General Assembly in which he reminded the representatives of the world's nations of Auschwitz and the Holocaust, something which most of them would rather not hear about. He also warned that "a continuation" of the Holocaust experience in different forms, namely the various kinds of torture and oppression, "either physical or moral, carried out under any system in any land" should not be tolerated. This, too, appeared to fall on deaf ears at the UN.

The Pope devoted an important part of his speech to the Middle East. He apparently tried to be even-handed, calling for a comprehensive Middle East settlement which includes a "just settlement of the Palestinian question." But as Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, pointed out this is what Israel is trying to do in the ongoing negotiations with Egypt and the United States and which all other Arab states have rejected.

While the Pope called for a "special statute" for the holy places in Jerusalem, he did not appear to be demanding internationalization of the city as the Vatican has done previously. Many Jewish leaders have correctly pointed out that never have the various faiths been so free to worship at their holy sites as they have since they came under Israeli control in 1967. It is hoped that the Pope will avail himself of the chance of seeing this for himself by visiting Israel soon.

Especially gratifying to Jews was the Pope's remarks addressed to us which came appropriately enough at Battery Park in lower Manhattan with the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in the background. There the Pope urged the U.S. to continue as a haven for the poor and the oppressed. Speaking to the Jewish community, he declared that Catholics and Jews throughout the world share "a common deter-



LIFE IN EXILE -- THIS RECENT PHOTO OF LOSIF BEGUN IS INDICATIVE OF LIFE IN EXILE IN THE SOVIET UNION. IN 1978, AFTER A TWO - YEAR SENTENCE OF INTERNAL EXILE, BEGUN HAD RETURNED TO MOSCOW AND MOVED INTO HIS WIFE, MARIA'S, PLACE OF RESIDENCE. SOON AFTER LEAVING THE TRIAL OF SOVIET DISSIDENT YURI ORLOV, HE WAS RE-ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH LIVING IN MOSCOW WITHOUT A RESIDENCY PERMIT. BEGUN WAS SENTENCED TO SPEND THREE YEARS IN EXILE, UNTIL MAY, 1981, FOR VIOLATING INTERNAL PASSPORT LAWS. (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY).

**Behind The Scenes
At The United Nations**

By DAVID HOROWITZ
A World-Union Press Feature

Hussein The Maniac

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- King Hussein, the desecrator of Jewish cemeteries, the man behind the bombing of the Holy City, the destroyer of ancient synagogues, who made his domain including the Old City Judenreim, was hailed by the assembled delegates who tendered him a thunderous standing ovation as he completed his forty - five - minute long anti-Israeli diatribe during the opening general debate.

If one could find a proper word in describing his speech it would be hutzpah. For this mini - king did have the hutzpah to pose as a moderate ruler, as a man of peace, as a victim of Jewish aggression and as one whose territory had been stolen from him. "Jordan," he told the Assembly, "stands for world peace, without which the world cannot hope for stability..."

Referring to his previous visit here and a speech he made on 26 June 1967 at which time, he said, "the Arab nation was tending its wounds and attempting to absorb the shock of the Israeli expansionist campaign," he bemoaned that at that time "the world had not yet experienced Israel's intransigence, its determination to block all avenue of a just peace, or its increasingly open declarations of its ambitions to annexation of occupied Arab lands."

Feeling himself fully on safe ground -- the forum which had equated Zionism with racism -- he felt impelled to say that "the world conscience had not yet been aroused then to the reality that Israel's Zionist racism was of the same coin as the racism of the minorities of southern Africa; nor had it realized that it belonged to the same stuff which made the colonial wars in Angola, Mozambique Guinea-Bissau and lies behind the present strife in Zimbabwe and Namibia."

mination to reject all forms of anti - Semitism and discrimination" and urged the continuation of dialogue between the two faiths in the U.S. and elsewhere.

"As one who in my homeland (Poland) has shared the suffering of your brethren, I greet you with the word taken from the Hebrew language: Shalom," the Pope said in conclusion. We reply Shalom and LeHitraot.

This is not Arafat speaking. It is the British - nurtured, U.S. - supported Hashemite King of Jordan.

In the belief that he has regained the friendship of the PLO -- whose terrorists he had once expelled from his kingdom -- and in the hope that he had now been 'accepted' as a 'nice fellow' by both the radical and so - called moderate Arab leaders, the inheritor of the British illegally created Transjordan -- which region was originally adjudicated by the League of Nations as being part and parcel of the National Jewish Home -- was emboldened to pose as the champion of all Palestinians, as a man who cherishes peace above all else.

Hussein had been further encouraged by what he termed "Western Europe's overcoming the effects of Zionist control both in the media and in national parliaments."

Continuing to play the role of 'nice fellow' before his new Arab partners, the PLO and the anti - Camp David coalition, the King had to say something about the Egyptian - Israeli treaty. The Accords signed in Washington, he complained "went contrary to our national interests, to the interests of the Palestinian people and the Arab world....We were deeply hurt," he said, "to see the leadership of Egypt ---a country which we love and cherish -- fall into the Israeli trap aimed at fragmenting the the united Arab front.."

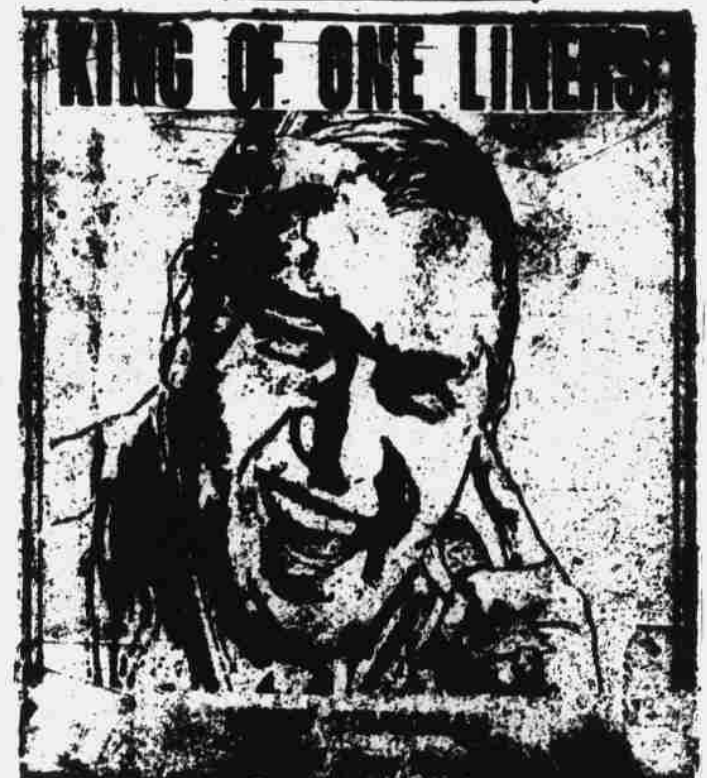
Not a word about the fact that for the first time in thirty years peace had been achieved between the leading Arab state and Israel. No, he had to bemoan this historic peace development which, if emulated, might have been the salvation of Jordan.

Poor Hussein, once again Providence had forced him to lose a real opportunity for genuine co-existence with Israel. Yes, poor Hussein, he cried about being "deeply hurt to see Egypt fall into the Israeli trap aimed at fragmenting the united Arab front."

Actually, this was a 'trap,' if such a term can be used, 'set' by his Allah, the Shomer of Israel, to frustrate the evil devices of the 'united Arab front,' nay, to 'fragment' this front, as the king himself put it. There can be no other explanation to the world - shaking Sadat visit to Jerusalem of November 1977.

Perhaps one day King Hussein along with all enemies of the children of Israel will awaken to the fact that "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform." Already the rebirth of Israel -- following a 2,000 - year exile -- and four abortive attempts to destroy her ought to convince even the skeptic that the Bible does not lie and that the Watchman of Israel is watching over His word to fulfill it.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The international Monetary Fund (IMF) has rejected the application of the Palestine Liberation Organization for observer status. Voting power in the IMF is weighted by size of the national economy and 60 percent of the votes were against the PLO when the U.S., Great Britain, Germany, France, Holland, Canada, Italy and Australia rejected the observer status for the PLO. The PLO was supported by Spain, Iran, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Libya and Saudi Arabia.



THIS MORNING MY WIFE RAN AFTER THE GARBAGE MAN. SHE YELLED, "AM I TOO LATE FOR THE GARBAGE?" HE SAID, "NO, JUMP IN."