

# LETTERS

## Eight Days of Chanukah

## Terroran?

Dear Editor:

Many Americans are looking for a way to express concern for their fellow citizens being held hostage in Iran that is consistent with this country's respect for law. As you know, the American Charge in Iran, Bruce Laingen, who is being held at the Foreign Ministry, has suggested that church bells be rung each noon until the hostages are released. Several members of Congress and the Attorney General also have suggested that Americans write the Iranian Mission at the United Nations to demand release of the hostages.

The President endorses these suggestions. It is of overriding importance that Iranian authorities understand that Americans are united in their determination not to yield to blackmail and in the demand for the safe return of the hostages. Your support for these two suggestions will help prevent any miscalculation of where Americans stand in this time of crisis.

Joseph L. Powell, Jr.  
Press Secretary to the President

To the Editor:

When Jimmy Carter was running for President he promised potential Jewish voters and contributors that if elected he would move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This would provide a legal recognition of Israel's right to that city. Jimmy Carter did not keep that promise. Also promised by the Georgia farmer was that "I would never lie to you." Was this just one more lie?

Sincerely,

David Grossack

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**HENRY WINKLER**

The Hebrew word Chanukah means dedication. It had its beginnings in ancient Jerusalem when the Jews of that city were forbidden on penalty of death to worship in their own temple.

However, the voice of the High Priest Mattathias arose, saying: "I and my five sons will not obey the king's command to depart from our religion."

One of those sons was the courageous leader Judah Maccabee. After three years of rebellion, Judah and his outnumbered army freed the defiled temple, provided it be rebuilt, cleansed, and its holy altar restored. Furthermore, it was ordained that a yearly eight-day festival be observed.

Today, the eight days of Chanukah still serve as a re-emphasis on Jewish tradition and as a reminder that freedom is secured only when we respect the beliefs and dignity of all people. I'm Henry Winkler. Have a great holiday.

BY RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

Perhaps the name of the capital of Iran should be re-spelled as Terroran.

The true nature of the Iman whose name sounds like Haman is now exposed for all to see.

What makes the hostage crisis doubly vexing is that the Khomeini is not giving Persia a bad name, but religion.

He poses as a religionist. But his fellow-Moslem, Sadat, has called him a lunatic.

He pretends that he is opposed to tyranny. He condemns the Shah for being cruel. But he is himself both despotic and barbaric.

And his religion is decidedly ersatz. No truly moral person would be guilty of the villainess he has displayed.

The grim crisis should teach the world another lesson: if you don't put a stop to barbarism when it rears its ugly visage, you will be overrun with barbarism.

The world's tolerance of the PLO is directly responsible for the hijacking of our Iran embassy. The first embassy to be seized by the Iman's followers was the Israeli one. The first hand shaken by the Persian guru was that of Arafat.

There is a direct line between the deference shown to the PLO killers and the vicious seizure of American embassies and the torment to which we in the U.S. have been subjected.

The crisis has done one thing: it has united Americans as never before. A surge of pro-American patriotism has been the by-product of the terrorism practised by the so-called students of "Terroran." May the unity remain, and may our hostages be freed!

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A study by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has found that the Ku Klux Klan is at its greatest strength in a decade and has become more willing to use violence. The study by Irwin Suall, director of the fact-finding department of the ADL's civil rights division, updates the last report by the ADL on the Klan in March, 1978. It shows that while the KKK now has a membership of some 10,000, it represents a small segment of American society but one that "is growing proportionally larger and more vocal."

### ISRAEL RETURNS OILFIELDS TO EGYPT

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel formally returned to Egypt the Alma oilfields on the Gulf of Suez, the last of the Sinai oilfields in Israel's hands. Under an agreement recently concluded between the two countries, Israel will continue to receive two million tons of Sinai oil annually from Egypt and will pay \$23.50 a barrel, the price set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), during the first year. The price of oil is subject to negotiations after that period. The Egyptians are expected to ask for \$32.50 a barrel, a price recently quoted on the Rotterdam spot market.

On January 25, 1980, it will relinquish a much larger area, including three strategic passes in central Sinai. The new demarcation line will run from El Arish on the Mediterranean coast to Ras Mohammed on the Red Sea.

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