

## Epidemic of Violence

A fanatic violence of Moslem mobs against American embassies and diplomatic personnel has agitated the attention of the world. It has been met with virtually universal outrage for such destructive violence, threatens to undermine the foundations of civilized world order, raising the specter of international anarchy and chaos typical of barbaric ages of the past.

While that melodramatic violence is of a high decibel magnitude it ought not to obscure altogether the fact that a great many Americans are increasingly concerned over the spread of an epidemic of violence at our own doorsteps. Crosses have been burned on the lawns of Black people, swastikas smeared on synagogue walls, churches and synagogues are being vandalized, innocent people are killed daily on our streets. Recently, a Brighton Beach synagogue and its sacred Torah scrolls were set on fire by an arsonist, sending a psychological shudder through the elderly Jewish congregants.

To their credit, Jewish and Christian leaders have met a few weeks ago to develop a joint strategy with the police department to counter this savage vandalism and crime. Congressman Stephen Solarz has introduced legislation that would make the destruction of churches and syna-

gogues a Federal crime.

All that's very important, but it does not touch the underlying issue - how do we contain the epidemic of violence and dehuminization and restore some conviction that all human life is precious. That moral reeducation ultimately is as critical to the future of Brighton Beach as it is in Iran.

## Behind The Scenes At The United Nations By DAVID HOROWITZ A World-Union From Footure

## Sour Note At U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- As the 34th session of the UN General Assembly opened in September on an anti - Israeli note with a pro-PLO statement by its Tanzanian President, so it closed this December with the adoption by the now known automatic majority of three condemnatory resolution aimed at the Jewish State.

At the same time, at the recommendation of the Sixth Legal Committee, the Assembly approved resolutions dealing with terrorism and hostages, the debate on which took on a special meaning in the light of the dark shadow which the Iranian 'kidnapping' of Americans has cast upon this international center. But here, too, Israel's enemies managed to inject themselves. The very title of the item on terrorism appears to exonerate the PLO terrorists. It reads:

"Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and -- take note -- study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL'S 1979 DAVID BEN-GURION AWARD IS PRESENTED TO JACOBO TIMERMAN, ARGENTINIAN JEWISH EDITOR RECENTLY FREED AFTER TWO AND A HALF YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT, BY UJA PRESI-DENT FRANK R. LAUTENBERG AT CONVO-CATION OF SOLIDARITY AT AVERY FISHER HALL, NEW YORK, AS UJA NATIONAL CHAIR-MAN IRWIN S. FIELD (BETWEEN THEM) AND FALASHA LIBERATION LEADER BARUCH TEGEGNE (NEXT TO TIMERMAN) LOOK ON. GROUP IS FLANKED BY ACTORS LOU JA-COBI (LEFT) AND JOSEPH WISEMAN, WHO READINGS OFFERED DRAMATIC CONVOCATION.

which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to affect radical changes."

Approximately a similar situation obtains with respect to the item relating to an "International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages."

Article 12 of this Convention, which was questioned sharply by Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne when the issue was discussed in the Sixth Committee, reads.

"In so far as the Geneva Convention of 1949 for the protection of war victims or the Additional Protocols to those Conventions are applicable to a particular act of hostage - taking, and in so far as States parties to this Convention

are bound under those conventions to prosecute or hand over the hostage-taker, the present convention shall not apply to an act of hostage-taking committed in the course of armed conflicts as defined in the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Protocols thereto, including armed conflicts mentioned in Article 1, paragraph 4, of Additional Protocol 1 of 1977, in which peoples are

fighting against colonial domination and alien occupation and against racist regimes in the exercise of their right of self - determination, as enshrined in the Charter of the UN and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among states in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."





"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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That beautiful synagogue was packed that wintry evening with some 2,500 people, Catholics and Jews. In his characteristic magnetic speaking style that had made him one of the most popular national television personalities, Archbishop Sheen delivered a 20 - minute address on his respect for Judaism as a living religion and his love for the Jewish people that was received by a standing ecumenical ovation,

He began his historic talk with a sparkling joke that seemed to take into account the suspicions of many Jews about his evangelical intentions. Referring to the fact that I was scheduled to leave that night for a meeting in Rome with the Vatican Secretariat on Catholic-Jewish relations, Archbishop Sheen kibitzed the audience with this opener:

"This is a very fitting evening in which to have a program of this kind because Rabbi Tanenbaum is leaving immediately afterwards for Rome. I tell you at the very beginning so that you will know that what I have to say has nothing to do with his decision to go to Rome." Sustained laughter.

Then he turned to his serious message about Catholic - Jewish relations. "I propose to try to educate our own people to deeper understanding of the mystery of our faith and how much we owe to the Jewish people." Archbishop Sheen said. "Our debt has to do with God's covenant with Israel which marks the history of the Jews from all other peoples of the world.... Even when one side of the covenant was not kept, the promise of future blessings still endured." That covenant continues, he added, "with the people that are involved in a synagogue like this."

Referring to the covenant between the Jewish people and the land of Israel, Archbishop Fulton Sheen then declared:

"God then made a covenant with Moses -God said he would be their God, they will be
My people - My people . . . God had promised
him a land, to turn again to a land from which
they had come, into which Abraham had led them.
And He also promised that they would be a
blessing to all peoples."

Turning to the theme of the bonds that link Christians to Jews, the diminutive but energetic archbishop called out, "I tell you Christian people that to deny this heritage and this background would be like denying your own parentage. And is this old covenant dead and buried? Neither the written word of the old covenant nor the written word of the new would dare allow us to say that. Isaiah the prophet put it this way - can a woman forget the child of her womb? Yet will I not forget thee.

BLAINES, Wash. (WNS) -- Some 200 British Colombian and Washington Jews met in a driving rainstorm at Peace Arc<sup>1</sup> Park on the border for the first international border rally for Soviet Jews.



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