

Carter And The UN Vote

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When Jimmy Carter ran in the primaries in 1970 for the Presidency, Jewish leaders were in the forefront of defending him against charges of bigotry and parochialism based on his evangelical Baptist religion and his cul-

tural origins in Plains, Georgia.

One of the most devastating theological and psychological attacks on President Carter was written then by Dr. Roger Shull, a Protestant liberation theologian, in the liberal Evangelical journal, Sojourners. Dr. Shull then charged in an elaborate religious analysis, that Jimmy Carter's fundamentalist upbringing would lead him to see the world as if it were a Bible class peopled in a scenario of angels and devils. Such a mentality would also be convinced that, like the President, Leonid Brezhnev, Fidel Castro, Yasir Arafat, Ayatollah Khomeini could all be born again.

Dr. Shull argued that a pious and apocalyptic mentality was incapable of coping adequately with power and aggression and naked evil, and could in fact by naive fumbling invite Soviet blackmail and even precipitate World War

The incredible vote by the Carter administration supporting the most extreme PLO position on Jerusalem and the West Bank - and contradicting the Camp David peace agreement - lead many to wonder whether Protestant Roger Shull was not more insightful and realistic than were Jewish leaders. Before the New York primary, President Carter will have to make a convincing and not a cosmetic case that such dangerous fumbling is far more accidental than integral to his Presidency.

Behind The Scenes At The United Nations By DAVID HOROWITZ

Major Haddad's Christians

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- While this organization continues to be preoccupied with the bedeviling Iranian situation in what appears to be a deadend street -- for nothing basically hopeful developed here last week during the Vance - Waldheim - Commission talks -- little attention is being paid to the ongoing crisis in Lebanon where the only stable element happens to be Major Sa'ad Haddad's Free Christian Forces which include many Shiite Moslems, Druzes as well as Christians.

During a recent two - week visit to Israel, this writer -- accompanied by his wife Nan -was driven by the very amiable and informative Israeli Government Press Office guide Samuel Becker to Lebanon. Starting off in the world's most unique and beautiful City,

Jerusalem -- there's no place on the globe like this truly heavenly City -- we drove via north Tel Aviv to Haifa where we were the guests of the veteran Israeli Jule Amster, heroic commander of the lower-city of Haifa during the War of Independence -- whose activities and problems warrant retelling in a book, Joining us for a most delicious fish luncheon at Chana and Moshe Shitr -- it's Misadag restaurant fronting Haifa Bay was Avraham ben-Schachar, lecturer and author whose books include a volume on the "Folklore of the Arabs" penned in his own Hebrew script.

From Haifa Sam Becker drove us via Acco to the town of Beria adjacent to historic Safad where we met with Esther Tritto and family -her husband Eliezer was in Safad attending to his prosperous Falafel Restaurant business. The Trittos, close friends of this writer for some thirty years, represent a group of Italian Catholics who emigrated from the south Italian town of San Nicandro over three decades ago and settled in Israel. Having converted to Judaism, they have surprised their fellow-Israelis by their strict observance to orthodox Judaism. The Trittos, having risen from poverty to prosperity, have built their own villa next to an original house

The next morning we drove on to Metulla. Here at the Hotel Arazim, an Israeli Lieutenant, Ze'ev Pilpel - a Tel Aviv attorney on reserve duty -- rifle on his shoulder was awaiting to escort us into South Lebanon. He warned us that we were taking a risk by going into Lebanon and we were asked to sign a document that we were going on our own responsibility. He said that on the previous day, there had been shelling by the PLO from the nearby Beaufort Castle, a terrorist nest situated a mile or so above the road we were to travel on.

The Free Christian Lebanon -- a Providential buffer between Israel and the PLO -- represents the one hope for reconstituting the nation

as a democratic State.



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IN LAS VEGAS, A GUY RUNNING UP AND DOWN PUTTING MONEY IN PARKING METERS, HE SAYS, "I LOVE THIS OUTDOOR HE SAYS, GAMBLING!"

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Jewish male babies cast into the Nile. That's when Moses was set adrift in a waterproof basket and was rescued by the Pharaoh's daughter, to grow up in the palace.

Moses, who never forgot he was a Jew, belted an anti-Semite and had to go into hiding. He married the daughter of a Priest and be-

came a sheep grazer.

One day near Mt. Sinai, a voice from a burning bush commanded Moses to set the children of Israel free. Moses tried to reason with Pharaoh but it was no use. Strong measures were needed. A plague brought death to every first-born Egyptian. Pharaoh was glad then to get rid of the Hebrews, who took off in a hurry. Three days later, Pharaoh changed his mind and set out after the Jews with the Egyptian army. The Israelites practically had to eat on the march and as for prepared food didn't have time to let the dough rise, so the shortbaked bread came out unleavened - now known as matzoths.

Then came the incident at the Red Sea where the waters parted to let the Hebrews across, only to come together again to drown the Egyptians. After 40 years of wandering, the Israelites settled in Canaan, the Promised Land beyond the Jordan River. But Moses never

got there.

It was God's will that Moses should get a look at the Promised Land from Mt. Pisgah before he died of old age. Exactly when Moses received the Ten Commandments from God is not clearly identified. Our belief is that Moses was in constant touch with God and all liturgical law was promulgated through him. From the Ten Commandments came all accepted criminal codes and mandates of human ethics practiced in civilized countries.

Leo Tolstoi, the Russian novelist and philosopher who died in 1910, came up with several answers to the question: "What is a Jew?" Some of his responses are appropriately significant to the story of Passover.

He wrote: "Let us see what kind of peculiar creature the Jew is, which all the rulers and all nations have together and separately abused and molested, oppressed and persecuted, trampled and butchered, burned and hanged - and in spite of all this he is yet alive.

"The Jew is the religious source, spring and fountain out of which all the rest of the peoples have drawn their beliefs and their

religions.

"The Jew is the pioneer of liberty. The Jew is the pioneer of civilization. Ignorance was condemned in olden Palestine more even than it is today in civilized Europe.

"The Jew is an emblem of civil and religious leration," wrote Tolstoi, who went on to quote Moses in remote and savage times when the principal ambition of the nations consisted of crushing and enslaving one another: "Love the stranger, Moses commands, "Because you have been stranger in the land of Egypt."

"The Jew is the emblem of eternity," wrote Tolstoi, who continued, "He whom neither fire nor sword nor inquisition was able to wipe off from the face of the earth, he who was the first to produce the oracles of God, he who has been for long the guardian of prophesy, and who transmitted it to the rest of the world such a nation cannot be destroyed. The Jew is everlasting as is eternity itself."

After reading the writings of Tolstoi, who authored "War and Peace," "Anna Karenina," and other monumental works, you kind of get the unequivical, indisputable feeling that the Jewish religion is here to stay. Let's keep it that way no matter how you celebrate Passover.

Incidentally, Tolstoi was not Jewish.

PARIS (WNS) -- An agreement in principle has been reached between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Greek government to establish a PLO office in Athens, it was learned here.