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ALRIGHT.... WILL YOU PLAY IF I GIVE YOU TH' STEEL AGGIE, TH' GREEN CATS EYE, AND A SQUADRON OF F-16'S ?



TELL TALES
"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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most electrifying level of tennis one can ever see.

We happened to catch Vitas Gerulaitis beating Adrian Panatta in a fine preliminary match. We couldn't believe some of the shots that were made. For example, Vitas would smash a cannon ball shot to Panatta's backhand. Panatta would reply by a beautifully placed power hit past Vita's reach.

The service shots, the lobs and the volleying in general is beyond imagination. These are the best of the best. A level of the game that must be seen.

The folks at Caesars Palace sure know how to treat their customers for a day. The outdoor center court action is easy to follow in the stands. Each seat is a winner.

Then for food or drink, Caesars has a beautiful buffet set up for the public and the press. It's an exciting event, one that will be seen by millions all over the country on television.

But to be there and watch the super stars of tennis is powerful medicine. The classic is absolutely one of Las Vegas' finest sports events.

I wish all of you could have taken in at least one of the matches. Maybe next year you'll plan to be there. If so, come over and say hello to me.

Israel is 32

Israel celebrated its Independence Day, which this year was on April 21, the day after the nation observes a Memorial Day for its war dead. The juxtaposition of the two days reminds Israelis of the large price they have had to pay for their independence. Nearly 14,000 Israelis died in four wars and a War of Attrition. Thousands of other men, women and children were killed or wounded by terrorists. This explains Israel's "obsession" with security, something which seems hard for some quarters in the United States and West Europe to understand.

But Israel celebrates its 32nd anniversary at peace for the first time with its most important neighbor, Egypt. At the same time, there is little hope at the present that a similar agreement can be reached with other Arab countries thus ending the years of senseless bloodshed. Terrorism is also an ever present threat, as witness the latest such act of violence at Kibbutz Misgav Am, near the Lebanon border, where the death toll included a 2 - 1/2 year-old child, the kibbutz secretary and an Israeli soldier as well as the five terrorists.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt decided to make peace with Israel when he realized he had to deal with his nation's problems and not try to obscure them by stirring up hatred for Israel. The other Arab leaders still prefer ignoring domestic difficulties by turning their peoples' attention against Israel.

The Palestinian problem was caused by the invading Arab states in 1948 encouraging Arabs to leave what was then Palestine. The Arab states then kept the Palestinians in refugee camps in order to use them as political weapons against Israel. Now that the Palestinians have dismembered Lebanon and are a threat to the stability of the feudal and oil - rich regimes in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf, the Arabs want to appease them by making Israel pay the price. Unfortunately, some in the U. S. government and West Europe also take this view.

While the 22 Arab states had no room for the Palestinian refugees, tiny Israel opened its doors not only to the survivors of Hitler's death camps but also to some 500,000 Jews forced to flee from Arab countries. Thus at 32 Israel can be proud of its accomplishments in absorbing people from all over the world, although it still has to deal with the problem of the so - called "second Israel" by improving the conditions of its poorest and least-educated citizens. But Israel can also be proud of its other accomplishments: developing a once arid land, building up industry and science, providing a fine educational system and health care, and above all, remaining a democratic and free nation despite external threats and serious domestic problems.

These problems remain. Israel is still virtually isolated in the world. A comprehensive peace settlement is still a dream although the agreement with Egypt hopefully will lead the way. But it is important to remember that Israel has shown a determination to meet these challenges.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Pro-PLO Allies

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- It is finally unfortunately happening to the dismay of the Administration -- a cowardly retreat by some of America's most 'trusted' allies.

Readers of this column should not be so surprised that these allies are hesitating to respond in a positive way to the recent appeal President Carter had made to them for joint action on the Iranian question.

A little over a year ago, your correspondent warned: "Take note, President Carter et al, look to your defenses, America! Time is short. Not all your NATO allies can be trusted. There will be sell - outs by some of your 'best' friends. Are you prepared for such a contingency?"

Of course, there hasn't been a sell - out yet, but it is known that France, Austria, Britain, West Germany and even Japan, in a spirit bordering very much on appeasement, have not only been flirting with the Arab world for obvious reasons. They have also succumbed to pressures from the Kremlin.

In this connection, it is worth noting what Times correspondent R. W. Apple, Jr., cabled from London a few days ago. "Across Western Europe," he stated, "politicians and commentators are using the world 'crisis' to describe the gulf that has opened between the United States and its principle allies over the best way to deal with the turmoil in the Middle East...While no substantive rupture of the Atlantic alliance seems imminent," he stressed, "the tensions between the United States and Western Europe are likely to intensify in the weeks ahead, making a concerted allied policy impossible. Few Europeans expect President Carter's impassioned appeal to the allies to rally behind the U.S. broadcast in Britain, France, West Germany and Italy, to alter the picture noticeably..."

In addition to the perplexing question of the Middle East, over which the allies and the United States are somewhat divided, especially on issues relating to the PLO, autonomy, etc., other basic differences trouble them on matters affecting approaches to Iran and Afghanistan.

The heads of state of the Common Market are scheduled to meet on 27 - 28 April to discuss these matters in connection with Carter's plea, namely, to what an extent they may go along with the U.S.

In this regard, the non too optimistic Apple, Jr., quotes the Guardian of London: "Too much shuffling in Europe and Japan risks miserable consequences, for the United States as well as

everybody else. But, Mr. Carter should pause and listen as well as warn. Pause and wonder, first of all, the way his Administration does things -- distressingly like amateur night at the Palace in most European eyes. Those (like this paper) who feel keen anger at the plight of the hostages wait dolefully for the next rush of measures to the mouth."

It appears clear to this writer, as the global events are reflected here in this international center plagued with intrigues and one-sided resolutions, that those who may benefit mostly by the timidity of America's European allies and by their wavering role in the current crisis, will be first of all the Soviet Union and next, their 'agents', the PLO terrorists who, like the Cubans, are doing the bidding of Moscow in almost every region of the globe. The Kremlin could not have wished for better 'surrogates.'

And the question arises: Are America's so - called 'trusted' allies, foremost among them Bruno Kreisky's Austria and Valery Giscard d'Estaing's France, any better? Are they much different from their new PLO bedfellows whose genocidal - prone cause versus Israel they appear to be espousing to the glee of the Soviet leaders and the Arabian potentates? Menachem Begin gave the answer -- "Whoever recognizes the PLO recognizes genocide!"

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