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Conference on Aging

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"Ageism" - that may well be the latest in a series of prejudices that the American people will now be summoned to confront and combat. "Ageism" has been defined as "the negative attitude of the young toward the old, or the old toward the young."

Uprooting that ancient, divisive prejudice and creating an age - integrated society - one in which all age groups share equitably in the goods and services of the society - will be one of the primary goals of the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

Last week I attended two technical committee meetings in Washington, D.C., preparing for the potentially important conference. One was devoted to the role of religion, the other on the media.

As chairman of the media committee, as a member of the religion group, we sought to face two vital American problems: the attitude of society to the old and old age, and the attitude of the old toward being old. America is quickly becoming an aging society. Today, the nation's elderly population exceeds 24 million; by the year 2030, it is estimated that the elderly population will total 155 million, more than twice the number of our present older citizens.

What is the effect on the society of this shift? How is the changing age distribution affecting the lives of everybody, young and old, in the family, education, economics, politics, religion, health care, social service, legal systems? How do we work against age stereotypes? How do we encourage the view that the older people are a resource and a major source of pride to society? We will be examining crucial questions such as these in the months ahead.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Israel's Enemies Fail

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The six-day "Emergency Special Session" of the General Assembly, orchestrated and long-anticipated by Israel's enemies here as a confab that would bring the whole world against the Jewish State, wound up last week as a 'failure' on the part of the initiators who took leave of the meeting somewhat dejected.

Even some Moslems among the 112 delegates who had voted for the resolution -- recognizing that this number was five below a similar draft on Palestinian statehood adopted last November and confronted by the fact that the European Nine were among the 24 that refused to vote for the resolution by abstaining and, moreover,



faced with six states -- the U.S., Australia, Canada, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Norway -- had to concede that the session did not serve the Palestinian cause, that, in a sense, it turned out to be a fiasco.

In his address prior to the vote, Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum -- ever on the watch as a guardian of Israel -- made it clear that from the very outset, "this session had been illegal and preposterous," that "it had violated the rules of procedure and made a mockery not only of them, but also of the Assembly itself. If nothing else," he stated, "the way this event was rigged to coincide with a pre-meditated and non-existent 'emergency,' has made a farce of its proceedings."

After noting how the initiators of the special session had perverted the rules of procedure relating to the Assembly resolution known as the "Uniting for Peace" draft now invoked for this latest anti-Israeli onslaught, Prof. Blum went on to say that "the world is in a sorry state. There are countless wars, some of them of major proportions," he said. "International tensions run high and one superpower continues to demonstrate that it is prepared to use naked force to occupy and suppress formerly independent states...The international community is frustrated. But it will serve no useful purpose for it to vent its frustrations on Israel. It will now solve the problems by indulging in an obsession with Israel. There is no panacea in the world's ills to be found in adopting endless, one-sided, hostile and biased resolutions against my country."

"I would like to challenge every representative in this Assembly," Blum stated in sharp terms, "and ask how they would react to similar resolutions aimed at the dismantlement of the states which they represent." Scoring those who have sacrificed principle for expediency, he said that "this session may have given some satisfaction to those who wish to exacerbate tension and friction in the Middle East, with the view of obstructing the on-going peace efforts. It may also have been convenient for a number of States which seek to take advantage of occasions such as this for reasons of political expediency and of their own self-interest, without reference to the issues being discussed, and still less to the draft resolutions before them. It certainly may have been convenient for the Soviet Union as a diversionary tactic to draw attention away from the major offensive it has just launched in Afghanistan."

Prof. Blum went on to say that Israel is "well aware that others in this Assembly have adopted positions with a view to appeasing the Arab petro-hegemonists, in the vain belief that the oil gods can be supplicated and the oil blackmailers can be bought off. Whatever the dubious results of capitulating to such pressures may be, their effect in their present context is to add a further taint to such resolutions as may be adopted here, since it is patently clear that they will be adopted in no small part under duress and as a result of coercion."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- An official of HIAS went to Miami at the request of the Cuban community there to advise it on resettling the thousands of Cuban refugees that have been coming to Florida since April 18, the organization's president Ed Shapiro announced here.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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The tourists came in droves to see corporate minds provide the best entertainment in the world, to gamble and have fun in the Vegas sun. Happy days were here again in the 70's. The building never stopped. Hotel additions of 1000 rooms and more were in style. There was no end in sight to the crush of tourists who were coming into Vegas. We were "recession proof" said the experts.

But the end of the 70's brought to us the ugliness of high oil prices, 18 per cent interest rates and double digit inflation. Gas zoomed to \$1.40 a gallon. Airline ticket prices were out of reach to the common man. The cost of food and entertainment prevented the tourist from having too much fun in the casinos. Trouble city. The town that was in its own bubble for a decade now started looking at the future economic outlook. And it was bleak. Room occupancy was very low, casino drop was down and panic set in.

Layoffs were common throughout the industry. Belt tightening time was here. Casinos like the Aladdin, Nevada Palace and Jolly Trolley closed their doors. The future looked bleak, dim.

But out of the blue with the sound of trumpets blaring and in a modern Ben Hur atmosphere, the people that make Caesars Palace the most exclusive hotel and casino in the world came out recently with a mind - staggering promotion.

The Ali - Holmes fight October 2nd. This is a one - in - a million type event that will make Vegas healthy once again.

Caesars will spend up to \$1,000,000 just to erect a temporary 25,000 seat arena on its grounds to stage the contest. Cities all over the world will have closed - circuit theatre showings. The fight could gross \$50,000,000.

Thirty days before the fight, fans and curiosity seekers will flock to Caesars Palace to watch the gladiators train for the main - mainevent. Hotel and motel rooms will be booked solid. Fans will come, see and spend money.

Most will come to the fight to see the big mouth of Muhammad Ali silenced by the slick champ, Larry Holmes. But we will never underestimate Ali. He came up with the Ali shuffle and the Rope - A - Dope to beat the likes of Liston, Frazier and Foreman.

He talks with his mouth and usually backs it up in the ring. Remember he used to predict the round his opponent would fall in the early days.

The mouth of Ali, combined with the dramatic co - promotion by Don King and Caesars Palace, promises to bring the most exciting one-night event in the history of Las Vegas.

All hail great Caesar, you may have bailed out Las Vegas.

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