

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Israel's Capital

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There is a teaching in ancient Rabbinic Judaism which states that the coming of the Messiah will be preceded by a world that has become topsy - turvy. In that condition of turmoil, arrogance will reign and truth will nowhere be found.

If one studies the resolutions adopted by the United Nations during the past five months ritualistically attacking Israel - especially the last resolution on Jerusalem as Israel's capital - truth is so turned on its head at the UN, that the Messiah could well be forced to come before his appointed time.

Any reasonably cultured person who has a* decent understanding of Biblical and post-Biblical history clearly knows that it was through the actions of King David thar Jerusalem was transformed for the first time in its history into the capital of the Jewish nation.

Before King David, every reliable historian testifies, Jerusalem was a foreign cult place and had no role whatsoever as a religious and national center for any people. By transferring the Ark of the Covenant from Shiloh to Jerusalem, and by laying the foundations in Jerusalem for the Temple dedicated to God, David made Jerusalem the religious and political center unifying the Israelite peoples. The concept of Jerusalem as the "Holy City" and as the capital of the Jewish people in fact dates from this time.

During the 3,000 years since David, Judaism kept alive the sanctity and unity of the Holy City as has no other people. It is an established fact that Jerusalem was never the capital of any Arab Kingdom.

But perhaps only the coming of the Messiah can possibly restore respect for historic truth amidst this topsy - turvy madness.

Behind The Scenes At The United Nations By DAVID HOROWITZ

General Assembly Opens

A World-Union Press Foot

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Once again the General Assembly opens its annual session during our High Holy Day season, to be precise, on Tuesday after Rosh Hashana. It will be the 35th year in the UN's complex history and, in the spirit of what has now become a perennial 'hate fest' gleefully celebrated by the PLO-Soviet - Arab - third world combine, some of the major items on the voluminous agenda, as in previous sessions, are being directed against

The one difference at this Assembly will be in the Presidency. While last year's session was headed by the pro - Arab Ambassador Salim -A. Salim of Tanzania, the President of the present session will undoubtedly be West Germany's



Ambassador Rudiger von Wechmer who is being challenged by Spain's Ambassader Don Jaime de Pinies for the West European region post due at this time. The consensus here is that von Wechmer will be elected.

Heading the Israeli Mission during the opening General debate will be Israel's dynamic new Foreign Minister Moshe Shamire and it is expected that he will speak out bluntly in thunderous tones. But it will fall to the militant task of Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum to face this ugly and vicious UN 'Goliath' during the series of bitter debates to ensure throughout the session and, as this writer can testify, he has his 'Davidic slingshot' all ready. It is bound to strike hard.

During this solemn season of the year, your correspondent is moved to cite from one of the most eloquent and brilliant speeches ever delivered by anyone all through UN's history. It is a speech that will undoubtedly be recorded as one of the most significant and powerful defenses of Jewry's legal rights in the historic State of Israel, especially in Jerusalem.

The speech, worth repeating and repeating, constituted a highlight address of the Seventh Emergency Session on Jerusalem held here in July of this year, and it was delivered by Yehuda Blum in rebuttal to the anti - Israeli onslaught by the PLO - Soviet - Arab third world combine which, in the face of a rare U.S. veto cast in April against a pro - PLO resolution on Palestinian rights invoked the 'Uniting for Peace' resolution.

Following are some of the highlights of that

historic Blum address:

There is a world of reality, and there is the world of the United Nations. There is the UN Charter, and there is its persistent violation by the majority within this Organization. There are the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and there are the arbitrary procedures applied to every aspect of the Arab-Israel

"Anyone reviewing the business of the UN since the beginning of this year would be bound to conclude that there are hardly any international crisis or threats to peace and security in the world other than the Arab - Israel conflict. The Soviet Union has withdrawn from Afghanistan. Its troops have stopped slaughtering thousands of ordinary Afghans. Sweetness and light radiate from Southeast Asia. There are no threats to the sovereignty, national independence and territorial integrity of States in that region. The huge flow of refugees from Viet Nam and Cambodia has ceased. A hundred and twenty thousand individuals were not driven out in recent months from Cuba and turned into refugees. All has been and remains quiet in Africa, from the top to the bottom of that continent, including the Sahara, the Maghreb and the Horn of Africa.

"In the Middle East there are no tensions between Iran and Iraq. The two Yemens have been acting as model neighbors. The Syrian army of occupation has pulled back from Lebanon. Stability and tranquillity reign in the north of that war - torn country. International terrorism, with its concomitant features of indiscriminate murder and the taking of hostages, has been brought under control. Apparently, were it not for Israel, international harmony would reign all over, and it is only Israel that prevents the advent of the Messianic

"Indeed, from the apparent dearth of emergencies throughout the world, the outside observer might even conclude that the human condition is a happy one. But, as we all know, nothing could be further from the truth. When

One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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termining their future." Along the way, the Republicans warn of radical Palestinian goals and their relationship to Soviet ambitions. The Republicans want direct negotiations among the states involved by way of taking a leap beyond the Israel - Egyptian negotiations. Camp David gains, the Republicans direct fire at "the Carter Administration's involvement with the PLO" while pledging to reject any call for involvement of that circle of troublemakers.

On Jerusalem, the Democrats declare the U.S. Embassy should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem (one wonders when?) and supports the established status of the ancient Jewish city as the capital of Israel "with free access to all its holy places provided to all faiths." The Republican platform is not committed to a view of Jerusalem as Israel's capital but does approve of the understanding that Jerusalem is to remain an undivided city with "free and unimpeded access to all holy places by people of all faiths.'

The Democratic platform states flatly "We oppose creation of an independent Palestinian state" (no doubt aware of the fact that Jordan constitutes one today if only the Arabs would acknowledge that reality). The Republican platform seems more willing to stop short at saying the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank is a no - no. Frequent reference in the GOP plank to the ominous thought of Soviet penetration of the area seems to place that factor far ahead of any worry about the emergence of a Palestinian state anywhere.

The Democrats are strong for an end of terrorism and violence in the Middle East. No doubt the Republicans are, too; but the heavier platform underlining is more on the danger of Soviet sorties. The Republican hope seems high also for more American trade in the area with caveats on Arab boycotts and more particularly on an Arab oil embargo.

In trying to decide where to put that vital "X" on the presidential ballot, American citizens now have before them the full story of Carter promises, actions, and mishaps in connection with the Middle East but are left to rely on Reagan pledges, with no way to tell for certain how he might perform if and when he gets into office.

one looks at the vast assembly of nations pathered here and tries to compute the sum total of human misery that most of them represent, one is forced to quite a different conclusion.



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A WOMAN CALLED THE POLICE DEPART-MENT AND SAID, "I HAVE A SEX MANIAC IN MY APARTMENT. PICK HIM UP IN THE MORNING."