

Iran and Iraq. A Mockery of Law

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"If we desire respect for the law, we must first make the law respectable." The great Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis spoke these insightful words about 70 years ago. They came back to me as I pondered with many of you the tragedy of the current conflict of Iraq and Iran and the role of the United Nations.

Here a major Arab nation launches an apparently unprovoked attack on a fellow Muslim nation, threatening in the process to destroy forty percent of the world's oil supply on which the economies of the entire industrialized world depends. That was a clear act of aggression which threatens the peace and security not only of the Middle East but of the international order.

The Iraqi attack violates the fundamental principles and resolutions of the United Nations. Yet look at the muted response of the U.N. Yes, a resolution was adopted calling for a cease - fire -- it was restrained, even gentle -- not a word of threat or sanctions.

Can you imagine what polemical upheaval and outrage the U.N. would have been seized with had Israel, not Iraq, fired a single shot at Iran? Even while Iraq and Iran were busily violating every principle the U.N. supposedly stands for, Syria - that other great law-abiding nation - has the audacity last week to call for the expulsion of Israel from the United Nations.

The American Constitution's greatness is distinguished by its insistence on equal protection of the laws, and the Bible - cherished by Muslims as by Jews and Christians - demands "one set of laws for the native and the stranger." As Justice Brandeis implied, if the U.N. desires respect for international law, it had better make that law respectable - by applying it equally to everyone including Arab states.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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Hatred at UN

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The attempts by the radical Arabs and their supporters here to suspend Israel from the Assembly has failed to the bitter dismay of the PLO spokesmen who stalk the UN corridors as shadowy ghosts.

When the Credentials Committee last week unanimously approved Israel's credentials,



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among others, Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum noted that "it is a measure of the decline of the United Nations that the question of Israel's credentials should have been raised at all. It is evident that the sponsors of this illegitimate move have also come to realize that it was doomed to fatture. If there is one lesson to be learned from this episode, it is that attempts at coercion and blackmail can be checked when confronted with firmness and determination."

When the two - week general debate came to a close, Ambassador Blum, having been forced to give ear to the vicious attacks launched against his nation several times each day of an opening period that serves as a 'prelude' to the work of the seven committees to which the varied agenda items are assigned, took the occasion of his right of reply to brand the Assembly as "a forum for the propagation of hatred and fanaticism under the guise of religion.

ten minutes, but in these ten minutes his voice struck hard at Israel's enemies. Let us put this voice on record:

"We have followed closely the general debate which has just been concluded. Many issues worthy of comment were raised. However, I should prefer to focus my remarks on one particularly disturbing phenomenon which was much in evidence in the course of this debate. We have witnessed the re-emergence of an ominous di-mension in the realm of international politics: namely, the abuse of religion to fan the flames of political hostility and warfare.

"We have witnessed moments when we were hard pressed to tell whether some of the participants still regarded the United Nations as an Organization of States or whether they saw in this Assembly a forum for the propagation of hatred and fanaticism under the guise of religion...What is most disturbing is the exploitation of religious fervour for sectarian political purposes; the invocation of the sacred for mundane and ignoble causes. One State even went so far in this debate as to call on both Christians and Moslems to conduct a jihad, or a holy war, against my country. In this Organization numerous religions and ideologies are represented. It is not for a member of one faith to make NOUCEMENT.

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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way said, its fallacy lies in the "absence of historical memory and in a misreading of the complexities of contemporary political reality. When this fallacy is coupled with an understanding of Judaism that allows Christians to separate Judaism as a fworld religion' from the lived life of the Jewish People, a formidable ideological foundation is laid for an insidious form of anti - Semitism, disguised as anti-Zionism.'

Another source of negative attitudes toward Israel, Rev. Brockway states, comes from representatives of third - world churches who tend to view Israel as a western nation and link it with the United States and Western Europe as a "colonial" power, the dominance of which must

be rejected and overcome.

"In the context of current international political rhetoric, it is all but impossible for third - world church representatives to comprehend Israel as a nation of refugees from all three worlds," Rev. Brockway said. The situation is complicated by the fact that these thirdworld churches are influenced by the Christian theology of 19th and 20th century missionaries, he added "so that a theological anti - Semitism lurks even farther beneath the conscious surface than is the case in Europe and North America.

Emphasizing that he was speaking for him-

self, Rev. Brockway concluded:

"I am deeply concerned that Christians support Israel and the Jewish People, not so much because I believe such support will enhance Judaism but because I believe that the vitality and validity of Christianity is at stake. The real test for Christianity lies, not in its specific answers to the question 'What do you say Israel is?' (though that question will continue to he addressed), as it does in whether it is willing and able to transcend that essential question to struggle faithfully with the existential question, 'How may we support Israel -- people, land, and state -- in assuming its God - given role in the lives of people and nations?' That is a goal in which Christians and Jews may join, though perhaps for different reasons.'

Founded in 1906, the American Jewish Committee is this country's pioneer human relations organization. It combats bigotry, protects the civil and religious rights of Jews at home and abroad, and seeks improved human relations

for all people everywhere.



HENNY YOUNGMAN ... Man of Many Talents.

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