

The Pot Boils Over

You take a map of the world and a large handful of pins, don a blindfold, affix the pins at random, and you trace the trail of current anti-Semitism with frightening near-accuracy.

The Russian government peddles it wholesale. The Palestine Liberation Organization greases its terror wheels with it. Supposedly-enlightened women attending a gathering in Copenhagen dip into the tar bucket and buy the Soviet-Arab canard that Zionism i.e. Judaism, is to be equated henceforth as racism. Go to religious services in the Rue Copernic synagogue in Paris and come away shaken by the realization that you, too, narrowly escaped death when the October 3, 1980-bombing hit the house of prayer.

In Italy 11 youths invade a basketball game between Israelis and Italian teams, some shouting "Jews to the ovens," others "Hitler taught us it's no crime to kill the Jews." In Greece and Rumania recently unabashed anti-Jewish diatribes have appeared in newspapers. In Bavaria, Shlomo Levin, chairman of the Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation, is shot to death at a time and in a way that lend credence to the theory that anti-Semitism guided the killer's hand.

And here in our own country, warning signs and danger signals come from sources not given to overstatement: The Anti-Defamation League, tracking incidents of arson, anti-Jewish graffiti, vandalism aimed at Jews and Jewish homes, businesses, cemeteries, report mounting numbers of such anti-Semitic manifestations. A spokesman for the American Jewish Committee brings to the public a similar appraisal and adds that anti-Semitic words and actions appear frequently these days on campuses where there are strong Arab student influences.

Perhaps most dismaying of all is the unholy concentration the unrelenting rat-a-tat-tat of harsh attacks on Israel in the forums of the United Nations, that parliament of mankind established not to feed the fires of hatred but to produce a consortium for peace and

mutual respect.

That barrage of anti-Jewish campaigning reached a shameful apex in mid-December, when for the fourth time in three years, the General Assembly approved a resolution calling on the Security Council to cut off trade with Israel.

The New Republic caught the forces of evil at work in the UN with the truthful editorial caption, "UN Protocols," bearing this indictment: "Last week for the first time since Hitler, naked Jew-hatred reappeared in a 'respectable' international forum. The stage for this odious spectacle... was the General Assembly of the United Nations."

Senator Daniel P. Moynihan of New York, whose own term of service for the United States in the UN afforded him opportunity to hear the hissing in the snake pit at close range, some time ago concluded that Moscow orchestrated the "Zionism-is-Racism" resolution.

And what of other sharp and experienced observers of modern world-wide anti-Jewish target practice? Henry Kissinger blames the oil crisis as it contributes to a worsening economic situation. The churning of such gigantic forces generates both anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism, in his view. And Moshe Dayan has concluded that there has now been mounted against Israel an international offensive that could lead to the end of the State of Israel.

Tracing the history of anti-Semitism with the skill and patience of true scholars, George E. Simpson and J. Milton Yinger concluded three decades ago that contempt for Jews the world over can be seen as the classic prejudice. Ranging all the way from polite social exclusion to vicious pogroms, it has given insecure persons convenient scapegoats.

"In almost every major economic or political conflict in the last several centuries, one of the opposing forces or both, has employed anti-Semitism as a weapon," they assert.

The aim of anti-Semites is to hold Jews in an inferior position and to limit their economic political and social rights. Harsh words are spoken against Jews, swastikas crayoned on their houses, bombs tossed at their syna-

gogues canards flung at them in the United Nations because (as Simpson and Yinger convincingly conclude) Jews "have become effective competitors for the values being pursued by the prejudiced person."

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