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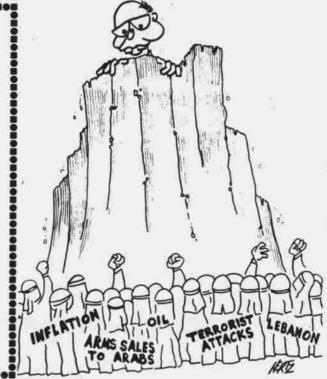
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Vatican- Jewish Meeting

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The speaker was Monsignor Pietro Rossano of Rome, the brilliant director of the Vatican Secretariat for Relations with Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and other non - Christians. He was speaking at the climax of three days of very good discussions between Vatican representatives and world Jewish leaders who met in London several weeks ago.

"The dialogue between the Vatican, the Catholic Church, and the Jewish people," Monsignor Rossano said, "is the most advanced dialogue in our Church today. It is true dialogue." While acknowledging their theological differences, the Vatican and Jewish leaders agreed that they share many essential things in common. As monotheists, they affirmed their shared belief in the rights of men, and the need to stand together in ethical, social and humanistic fields at a time of such vast dehumanization in the world.

In a separate action the Jewish leaders raised forcefully the issue of the recent meeting between the Vatican's Secretary of State with the PLO and the gun - runner Archbishop Capucci. A joint statement issued by world Jewish groups declared, that meeting with the PLO terrorists now threatens to undermine the credibility of every important statement by the Pope and the Vatican condemning violence and terrorism.

It was heartening to find that many Christian leaders shared the Jewish dismay over this incredible event in which they were not involved. Significantly, the Jewish spokesmen communicated their concern to Vatican authorities calling on them to undertake a series of actions to counter this moral absurdity. As those actions take place to put the PLO and Archbishop Capucci in their true light this commentator will be reporting on them to the readers of this column.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

U.S. - U.S.S.R Showdown

UNITED NATIONS -- (WUP) - All indications point to a United States - Soviet Union showdown in the Indian Ocean -- gateway to the world's richest oil deposits in the Persian Gulf region and to the strategic Red Sea link to the Suez Canal and the troublesome Mideast Crescent,

Strategically situated between the Gulf and the Red Sea stands the Saudi Arabian Peninsula jutting 'threateningly' into the Indian Ocean. With pro - Soviet little South Yemen at the eastern tip of the peninsula, where at Aden the Russians enjoy port facilities, one should not wonder so much over Washington's eagerness to ingratiate itself with the Saudi rulers with pledges of the most sophisticated Awacs planes to be operated by Americans.

Recognizing that a race is one between the two super powers for control of the strategic region, this world organization, at a meeting held during December of 1971, adopted a resolution declaring the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace. In successive years since, the General Assembly has reaffirmed its original resolution and on 12 December of last year the Assembly approved its latest resolution on the "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

The resolution expressed "deep concern at the recent ominous developments" in the Ocean and referred to "the continued danger posed by the military presence of the Great Powers in the

The growing danger of a confrontation between Moscow and Washington was pointed out in a series of articles published in The New York Times last week. Correspondent Michael T. Kaufman, reporting from Mauritius, warned that "the buildup of United States and Soviet naval forces in the Indian Ocean is causing growing concern among the 36 countries in the region.

He went on to report that "the new American base on the Island of Diego Garcia and the rapid increase of the Soviet and American armadas are becoming major factors in national politics, and the military weak countries feel menaced

from East and West, "Essentially," Kaufman adds, "they are polarizing into two groups. One clings to the hope that the ocean will be proclaimed a 'zone of peace, free from superpowers. The other seems resigned to the idea that the best that can be achieved realistically is a 'balanced presence' of foreign powers. 'Supporting such a balance presence, he notes, are Malaysia, Somalia, Mauritius and a number of Persian Gulf nations King of One Liners and he cites an official of Singapore as indicating support of the latter position. "We are realistic enough and pragmatic enough to realize this." the official told Kaufman, "so we would like to have a balanced situation with many major powers maintaining parity.

Explaining his Government's reason for having taken such a stand, the diplomat told Kaufman that recent actions by the Soviet Union had overtaken the plans for a peace zone. He referred to Soviet intervention in the Horn of Africa and Afghanistan, and instability in the Persian Gulf, as the key events that had put theoretical yearnings for a demilitarized ocean beyond reach.

Whatever may develop in the Indian Ocean in the showdown between Moscow and Washington, there's no justification for the Reagan Administration to supply Saudi Arabia, a feudal unstable kingdom, with the radar planes. The U.S. does not actually need the 'alliance' of an untrustworthy ally. America already possesses several stragetic bases in the Indian Ocean and, as for reliable allies, the Administration can cer-

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One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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the late Joseph Goldstein. She was my grandmother and also the grandmother of Bobby, Jay, Mike, Carol and Charlene. She left 7 great grandchildren.

She passed away during the month of Nisan which our "Talmud" considers an honor.
It's hard to describe the devotion of her

children to her. It was something to behold. Sy at her side constantly in Boca Raton, Fla., Dotty and Bill in Cliffside Park, N.J., and Bea and the late Jack Tell whenever she came for a stay in Las Vegas. Her closest companion was her son, the late Joseph Goldstein, who lived with her in her North Bergen residence until he passed away last April 26th.

Bessie was blessed with a loyalty from her children that we can only hope will be equaled by our own children.

She was layed to rest on Tuesday, April 14, at Fairview Cemetary alongside her husband Charles and son Joseph.

Rabbi Sidney Nissenbaum conducted the eulogy. The day was nasty and rainy but cleared just in time for the good Rabbi to say some kind words.

She lived a long and sometimes hard life but was blessed with much love and attention by her relatives. She was a legend to those who knew her. She was a grand lady who will never be forgotten.

tainly count on Israel and also Egypt.

In a leading editorial last week, under the heading "The Awacs Won't Fly," the Times declared, among other things, that "Congress is dubious about sending such a sophisticated secret weapon to a volitile region and is concerned for Israel's safety. It also feels betrayed by both the Carter and Reagan Administrations for furtive promises to Saudi Arabia that directly violated the conditions under which Congress agreed to the sale of 62 F-15s three years ago.

Following the news that the U.S. plans to go ahead with the Saudi deal, the Israeli Mission here issued a strong protest: "The Government of Israel expresses profound regret and unreserved opposition to the decision taken by the U.S. to sell sophisticated offensive weaponry and surveillance aircraft to Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia totally rejects the Camp David accords, peace with Israel and recognition of Israel ... It provides massive financial support to terrorist organizations and it is from that country that the call came for Jihad against Israel. The supply of sophisticated offensive weaponry to this country will undermine peace in the Middle East and create a grave danger to the security of Israel...

And let us add, to the eventual peril of and detriment to America's own security. The lesson of Iran must still be learned.



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