

## Alarms Ring in Baghdad

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Dropping 2000 bomb pounds on Saddam Hussein's nuclear plant took only two minutes for Israel's skyfighters; but the political and moralistic fall - out promises to stretch into time without end.

Where, then, should the world's focus be now?

This observer sees two prime areas for great concern: 1 - the Parliament of Humankind had better tackle the problem of nuclear proliferation with fiery determination in search for a firm brake on that madness; 2 - the world Jewish community and its friends must open the eyes of millions to the perfidy of those who rule Iraq and like - minded oppressors everywhere.

As for the nuclear race, it becomes clear that the International Atomic Energy Agency, as presently constituted, is bungling its job. Suppliers and recipients of enriched uranium and technological know - how for the development of potentially destructive nuclear power may be expected to live by their own rules until an alarmed world tightens the screws of control. Italy and France may enter great disclaimers of responsibility now for helping Iraq to construct what Menachem Begin felt sure was a monstrous weapon intended for the destruction of Israel; but trade in nuclear ingredients is highly profitable and the thirst for Arab oil is insatiable.

The United States, a front runner among the world's leading nations, has a special need to shape up fast on an approach to the problem of the accelerating production of nuclear wea-

### BETWEEN THE LINES

A careful reading between the lines should be undertaken before a consensus of opinion is reached on the Israeli attack of the nuclear reactor in Baghdad, Iraq. While Iraq is the signator of the nuclear non - proliferation treaty, it makes little sense to settle back and ascertain that this is adequate protection against a nuclear development program by Iraq with the purpose of using a weapon, like that dropped on Hiroshima, on the State of Israel.

The international community, being sure to side with the oil rich bloc in the United Nations, has participated in a verbal assault of the Israeli attack. The circus performance inside the Security Council has led Israeli Ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum to declare: "It is impossible to expect from this Council and indeed this world organization a fair hearing." Blum went on to say that none of the speakers in the Council answered Israel's questions such as why did Iraq insist on receiving a 70 mega-watt reactor which is of no use as an energy source and which is far too large for purposes of the peaceful kind. Or the fact that Iraq insisted on receiving weapons' grade fuel rather than the alternative of "Caramel" fuel.

The United Nations as a world organization, supposedly representing diverse interests and goals, has failed to answer significant questions in light of the attack. Furthermore, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in releasing a statement condemning the Israel action set the tone for the Security Council debate by condemning the attack from his "impartial" viewpoint in Tokyo, where he was at the time of the attack.

He apparently seemed in a position to pre-judge a matter of extreme complexity.

Blum recalled that Waldheim failed to condemn the Iraqi invasion of Iran last year and did not denounce the repeated calls for a jihad (holy war) against Israel made by Saudi Arabia and other Arab and non - Arab members of the United Nations. Waldheim also attended the summit of the Islamic conference held in Taif last January in full knowledge that that call would be repeated and endorsed by those participating.

Israel will bear the condemnation of the United Nations when the Security Council adopts its final resolution. But all members of the United Nations will remember a bold and decisive Israel that saw fit to be the first to say that nuclear proliferation that does threaten her survival and very existence will not be accepted. It is better to remember the attack than to remember the millions of lives lost.

pons. Shortly after inauguration, President Reagan said that he didn't think the manufacture of nuclear engines of destructions by other nations was any of our business. The strike by Israel against Baghdad, however it is judged in the market of world opinion, will certainly serve the good cause of arousing American leaders from such somnolence.

As to our second concern -- who knows what about Iraq and its treatment of Jews and other human targets of its wrath -- information must be broadcast once more that before 1948 the 2700 - year - old Jewish community of Iraq numbered 125,000 far and away the largest Jewish population in any Arab state. By 1979 there remained in Iraq 300 Jews, practically all too aged to muster strength to attempt leaving.

Turn next to the Near East Report of a Baghdad day etched in the records of infamy: "Baghdad Radio, Jan. 27, 1969, called upon Iraqis to 'come and enjoy the feast.' Some 500,000 men, women and children paraded and danced past the scaffolds where the grotesque bodies of the hanged Jews swung; the mob rhythmically chanted 'Death to Israel' and 'death to all traitors'."

Hanged in Baghdad's public square! An off-repeated report. And this was one of the few times that anyone in Iraq's government circles would even think of the Jewish state as an entity. When Iraq's President Hussein made it clear that any nuclear explosives he might come to possess would be used not against Iran but against the target to the south of Iraq, he built upon his myth that there was no State of Israel -- only a gang of Zionist murderers and expansionists.

From the days of 807 the Common Era, when Caliph Haroun al Rashid fastened the yellow badge of shame upon Baghdad's Jews down through the 1940s when the pro - Nazi heads of state in Iraq inspired rioting against the Jews of Iraq and initiated anti - Jewish laws modeled after the Nuremberg code and on into our own times under Hussein's fanatical leadership, Jews have suffered humiliation and persecution beyond belief in Iraq. Destruction of Jewish cemeteries and tombstones, expropriation of property, forcible expulsion all are woven into Iraq's brutal record.

And now the United Nations want Israel to pay for damage done to the Osirak nuclear reactor; the Third World bloc in the UN asked for sanctions to be imposed on Israel; Saddam Hussein represented himself as an injured hero. Where are the twins -- understanding and justice -- hiding?

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Air France, the French airline, has reached a secret seven-figure out-of - court settlement with the 67 Israelis held hostage in the hijacking of one of its aircraft by Arab and German terrorists to Entebbe in 1976 and the relatives of those killed. According to a Jerusalem Post report, the settlement is in U.S. dollars. The airline stipulated that the agreement remain a secret to avoid influencing outstanding foreign claims still being negotiated.

## NAZI GETS LIFE SENTENCE

BONN (WNS) -- Her-mind Braunsteinger Ryan, the first and to date the only Nazi war criminal to be stripped of U.S. citizenship and extradited, was sentenced to life imprisonment in Duesseldorf June 30 ending West Germany's longest war crimes trial.

Ryan, a former New York housewife, was convicted of the murders of over 1,100 prisoners while serving as a guard at the Maidanek death camp in Poland from 1942 to 1944 and of complicity in the killing of more than 700 others. Seven of her co - defendants were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 3 to 12 years. One was acquitted.

The 5-1/2 year - old trial was hampered by legal disputes in mustering evidence concerning events that occurred over 30 years earlier. But a parade of Jewish and non - Jewish Maidanek survivors provided devastating testimony to Ryan's brutal treatment of campmates. Some 250,000 died in Maidanek's gas chambers or were beaten or shot to death.

The others sentenced included a twelve year term for Hildegard Laechert, 61, who was known

to Maidanek inmates as "Bloody Brigitta." Also Hermann Hackmann, 67, the former deputy camp commandant got ten years; former SS Corp Emil Laurch, eight years; Heinz Villain, six years; former SS Sgt. Fritz Petrick, four years; former Lt. Arnold Atrippe, three and a half years, and Thomas Ellwanger, three years. Defendant Heinrich Groffmann was acquitted.

In a related item reported, the Public Prosecutor in Amsterdam has demanded a four year prison sentence for Jan Bulder, a Dutch Nazi collaborator, for his role in the deportation of at least 20 Jews from Holland in 1944, all of whom perished at Auschwitz. Bulder, 67, first denied the charges but later confessed that he tracked down and arrested Jews in hiding and handed them over to the Germans. He admitted that he worked for the so - called "Judenreferat 4 - B" in the Hague during the Nazi occupation of Holland.

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