

THUNDER ON TIMERMAN'S RIGHT

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Attacks upon the credibility of Jacobo Timerman, who came to freedom and Israel, after 29 months of arrest and torture on ill-defined and unsubstantiated charges, have worked their ways out of the Jewish press into the public domain. One may assume that practically everyone reading this opinion piece is conversant now with Timerman's loss of his newspaper, "La Opinion"; his harassment by Argentina's military cadre; publication of his book, "Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number"; and his impact upon Washington during Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on Ernest Lefever's appointment as the Administration's key functionary for human rights.

One may assume also that thousands know that much of the criticism fired at him has come from old line conservatives including William F. Buckley and neo-conservatives, including Irving Kristol and Norman Podhoretz. Mr. Kristol, who swooped down on Mr. Timerman from his editorial post in the Wall Street Journal, is a senior fellow of the American Enterprise Institute and a former editor of Commentary, influential journal identified with the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Podhoretz, current editor of Commentary is one of the fastest pace setters of the neo-conservative caravan.

Many thoughtful people in the Jewish community have rallied to Mr. Timerman's side. But their concern goes beyond natural compulsion to befriend a fellow who has been through hell: they are dismayed by the claims by some of Mr. Timerman's foes that he has overstated the case against the government of Argentina. Explicitly wrapped into this disquiet is the tendency of Mr. Timerman's denigrators to claim that the man they are attacking is yelling too much about anti-Semitism

in Argentina.

Inasmuch as voices in the Commentary classroom have been raised against Jacobo Timerman, it seems reasonable to examine what another publication of The American Jewish Committee -- the invaluable American Jewish Year Book -- has to say about anti-Semitism in Argentina.

Read in the 1973 Yearbook, for example: "There can be no doubt that anti-Semitism remained an important problem for Argentine Jewry." Digest the book's account of the spread on propaganda, possibly inspired by the Arab League, referring to "the machination of world Zionists to invade national territory." Note wide distribution of a pamphlet warning the public of "the danger of 60,000 Sephardim in this country." Having tested the anti-Jewish water, you may understand why DAIA (Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas) protested so vigorously to the government. Were they out to put Jewish lives in jeopardy?

Turn to the 1974 - 75 American Jewish Committee Yearbook for new developments, concluding: "All these were indications that anti-Semitic sentiment, publications, and activity were on the rise.

The Yearbook for 1979 describes Mr. Timerman as "perhaps Argentina's foremost journalist." No longer a prisoner in Argentina, he undoubtedly will prove in 1981 that he can hold

his own against the fire of American Jewish journalists.

There is a pressing need to dig much deeper into the harsh truths about Argentina's modern record of disdain for Jews. Are we actually asked to believe that the influx of old Nazis into Buenos Aires, the prominence there of Arabs, the government's courtship of Libya for oil while accepting Libya strictures against Argentine Jews as truth must be forgotten lest we endanger the welfare of the 300,000 or more Jews in that country? Shall we remain indifferent to anti-Jewish screams of Argentina's quasi-fascist Tacuara? Do we ignore the impact of Father Julio Mienville's preaching that "Jews are the children of the devil."

Amnesty International reasons 15,000 to 16,000 Argentinians are cases of "unexplained disappearances." The UN's Human Rights panel stated in February that Argentina alone accounts for more than 50% of the 11,000 to 13,000 persons the world over reported missing and assumed victims of political terrorism. With the U.S. State Department's Human Rights office estimating there are 5000 to 6000 terrorists groups backed by 15,000 sympathizers in Argentina, are we still to conclude that the Jews of that nation have small cause for concern.

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