

# ABOUT TERRORISM

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The basic flaw in the thinking of a number of religious and academic organizations and individuals about Terrorism is this: they fail to perceive that terrorist movements are engaged in war against the society they are attacking. The terrorists themselves are clear-headed enough. Their teaching is a declaration of war. Their actions fall within the parameters of modern war, in which the targets are not so much military as total populations. They boldly proclaim their declarations of war, their intention to destroy the republic or parliamentary regime which they are attempting to de-stabilize. The fuzzy-headedness is found not among the terrorists but among those who have taken office with the promise to defend the constitution of their land against its enemies, both foreign and domestic.

Many terrorist movements in fact owe their loyalty and derive their training and logistical support from foreign governments. This was true of terrorist movements of both "left" and "right" in many past situations, and it is true today. The Communist Party in Germany during the weakening and destruction of the Weimar Republic was steered by Soviet Russia. The Nazi Party was indigenous. But both had declared war against the republic and were carrying on actions which they intended to destroy it. The same is true of the PLO today, which receives training and equipment and financial largesse from declared enemies of both Israel and the USA.

Seantor Joseph McCarthy helped communism and the various communist sects more than most Americans. What he did is by careless demagoguery: by wild sweeps of oratory against all kinds of liberals, socialists and communists he immunized a good many Americans to any serious consideration of infiltration and 5th column activity from the left-wing. Yet any careful student of American unions, organiza-

tions in peace and civil liberties and racial justice - not to mention certain religious offices - knows that groups which put the interests of certain communist dictatorships ahead of America are still hard at work. They are especially conspicuous, to those whose eyes have not been blinded by memories of "McCarthyism," in organized campaigns against Israel and other legitimate governments suffering from terrorist attacks.

Indigenous movements which have declared war against the American republic, and which intend to destroy it if they can, frequently wrap themselves in the American flag. Just as the Nazis were ostensibly champions of Germanism and Greater Germany, so fascist groups in the USA claim to be authentic champions of Americanism. But the KKK and the Minutemen and the other groups of the Radical Right - carefully to be distinguished from genuine conservatism - are not champions of the American republic. They leave no doubt that they intend to change the Constitution fundamentally and to eliminate basic liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights of our present Constitution.

As "Skokie" and other public displays make clear, a number of well-meaning organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union and even some of the Jewish defense organizations simply have failed to perceive that war has been declared against the republic and against the lives and liberties of loyal citizens.

They still talk as though a public discussion were being held, with rational solutions to be found and agreed upon by fellow-citizens. But the terrorists are not fellow-citizens. They have declared themselves out of the public debate, by both theory and action. The reasonableness of the ACLU and the ADL, for instance, is misplaced. What is needed is some thinking about how a republic and its loyal citizens can defend itself in a state of war.

The Israelis, all but a tiny minority of whom have had to face terrorism realistically, have handled it with more intelligence than those who still live in the 19th century political world - the world before the Holocaust. They treat the PLO as it deserves: as an enemy at war. And they manage actions against the PLO

and its allied terrorist governments - at Entebbe, in the strike against the Iraqi bomb factory, in action against PLO military bases - with the intelligence and care that a ruthless enemy has earned.

In America, relatively untouched by terrorism and relatively unmoved by the plight of our allies in Europe and the Near East, one still hears flip criticisms of actions taken by Egypt, Turkey and Israel against those who are trying to destroy their governments and institute terrorist governments. The sterile sloganeering about "freedom of speech" with which self-styled "liberals" excuse the Nazi and KKK threats to America is of a piece. Marching in para-military units, drilling private armies, threatening loyal citizens - these are not "free speech." They are precisely what the words mean: marching, drilling, threatening. As a man with common sense said in "Skokie," the question is not "how many lawyers can dance on the point of a pin." The question is how to get through the legal dogmatism to a little elemental justice for decent people, who have the right to expect that their governments will protect their lives and liberties and privacy.

The terrorists are at war with Israel and America, and if they have their way they will destroy civil liberties and institute terrorist governments. The terrorists know it; they say so and act accordingly. How long will the appeasement experts have center stage?

of understanding' to be signed following his talks with Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. When asked if the talks could result in the stockpiling of arms in Israel, Weinberger replied that he did not know whether the talks would get into that. However, he specifically stated that the talks would include the need for having hospital and medical supplies available in Israel should a conflict in the Mideast break out.

Meanwhile, Haig, appearing on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," noted that when he outlined the cooperation agreement at the end of Begin's visit to Washington, he specifically mentioned the stockpiling of some medical supplies in Israel a possible joint U.S. - Israeli naval maneuver in the eastern Mediterranean and joint planning against threats to the Middle East from outside the region.

But the Israelis reportedly want the U.S. to stockpile weapons

in Israel and want a satellite so they can monitor activities of Arab countries themselves. They now obtain information from U.S. satellites. But Haig declared, "We've got to deal with the realities of what American strategic plans in the area require." He continued, "We've got to deal with the political constraints associated with our relationship with Israel and the maintenance of good relations with a number of moderate Arab regimes."

Dealing with another issue, Haig reiterated what he said was the President's position on Jerusalem. "The future of Jerusalem is to be decided by the parties," he said. He said the President also believed it should have a "united regime in which all the holy places would be available." According to Haig and the State Department, Reagan's statement before a meeting of B'nai B'rith International on Sep. 3, 1980 was the official policy line.

## HOW FAR CAN ISRAEL GO?

WASH. (WNS) -- The United States is not prepared to go beyond the storing of medical supplies in Israel and joint planning in implementing the strategic cooperation agreement worked out by President Reagan and Premier Menachem Begin last September, according to Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in two separate interviews on television news programs.

Weinberger, appearing on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" program said that he expects a "memorandum

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