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## The Polish Crisis

If one were to sample Jewish folk opinion today about the present crisis in Poland, I would wager that a pollster would find a wave of deepest ambivalence coursing through the Jewish soul.

To most Jews, Poland is the land of Auschwitz. The diabolic resort to anti-Semitism on the part of the present Polish military government as a movement would also not surprise many Jews who are conscious of how deeply ingrained anti-Semitism has been for centuries in Polish culture and society.

Sharing completely those historic memories, Jewish leaders -- in particular those of my own group, the American Jewish Committee, have been actively developing a discerning strategy that takes into account other crucial realities. There is a growing recognition that world Jewry has a fundamental stake in upholding the human rights struggle in Poland for its success could positively affect the human rights of Jews and others in the Soviet Union and in other East European countries.

For that reason, AJC has played an active role during these past weeks not only in condemning the vicious anti-Semitism in Poland, but also in supporting Polish Americans in their defense of human rights and refugee relief.

During recent meetings with American Polish and Catholic leaders it has been heartening to find Polish Americans condemning the anti-Semitic campaigns in Poland and welcoming the solidarity of American Jews in our common struggle against the Soviet Union's repression of all human rights.

## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

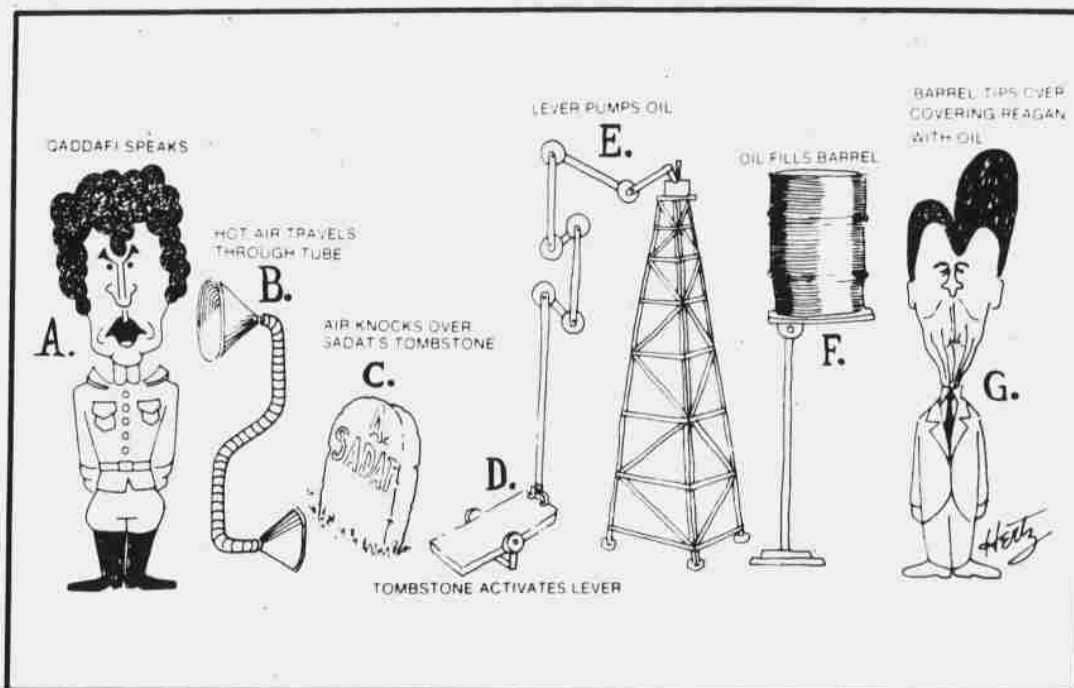
By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

## The New UN Chief

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- There can be no doubt that with his assumption of the high office of Secretary - General this week, Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru, will infuse a new spirit into this world headquarters which in the past decade has tolerated, even, in some cases, abetted one - sided actions versus the Jewish State and that applies not only to UN organs but also to the Secretariat as directed by the UN chief.

That there will be a basic change in the direction and conduct of Secretariat activities goes without saying. Surely the Israeli delegation here feels more comfortable now. First of all, the new Secretary - General's country, Peru, maintains friendly relations with Israel with full diplomatic exchanges. In commenting upon Mr



de Cuellar, a leading Latin - American Ambassador, in an interview with this writer last week, expressed the highest hopes for his leadership and noted that he will endeavor to rectify some of the unfair practices affecting Israel within the Administration.

"Could he possibly be of Marrano descent, since the name Perez has often been linked to the Marranos?" your correspondent queried. "Possibly" the Latin Ambassador responded. "Hundreds of thousands of Catholics in the Latin states are known to be escapees of the Spanish Inquisition."

Whether or not de Cuellar is a Marrano makes no difference. He is a man of great principle and integrity and the fact that, unlike the other candidates, he did not press his candidacy for the office, gives him a certain independence which the others could not claim. He will be his own man beholden to no one. All this bodes well for the future of the Secretariat.

The official biography of Javier Perez de Cuellar as released here notes that he is a lawyer and career diplomat who has served as his country's Ambassador to Venezuela, the Soviet Union, Poland and Switzerland. He served as a member of Peru's delegation to the UN during its first session in 1946 and later in its missions to the 25th through the 30th sessions. In 1971, he was appointed permanent Representative and headed Peru's delegations to all sessions of the General Assembly through 1975. In 1973 and 1974, he was his country's representative on the Security Council serving as President of the Council during the Cyprus crisis in 1974. On 18 September 1975, he was appointed Special Representative of the Secretary - General in Cyprus, a post he held until December 1977.

In 1979, after serving as Ambassador to Venezuela, he was appointed UN Under-Secretary - General for Special Political Affairs and in 1981, in this post, he served as the personal

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## King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN

...Man of Many Talents.

JUST HEARD ABOUT THE GIRL WHO WAS PICKED UP SO OFTEN SHE BEGAN TO GROW HANDLES.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"

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War I to fix the fate of this launching pad of destruction, gave the formidable peak east of the Sea of Galilee to Syria.

This card in the hands of Syria, Israel's most uncompromising foe has put tens of thousands of Israeli fisherman and farmers at the mercy of Syria for two decades. No visitor to the land below can have failed to be touched by the fact that Jewish children had to sleep in bomb shelters below Golan Heights for nights stretching into years.

Nor can it be forgotten that if Syria had carried out its threat to concretize an expensive scheme to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River up over the Golan Heights southward to Jordan Israel would today be a desert.

And now, with the Camp David accord's frozen, with the current Administration actually giving serious consideration to Prince Fahd's ill-named peace plan that downgrades Israel, and with new hope for the final elimination of Israel kindled in Arab breasts by the UN Security Council's action against Jerusalem (backed by the U.S.), defensive moves by Israel are inevitable and certain to invite dispute and condemnation. Hence, all the greater reason to posit the problems on a frame of reference reaching far back into history.

Mr. Begin's lightning move on the Golan Heights has the support of his coalition government. His action does not constitute annexation of the Golan Heights, as so many have assumed. Israel is simply applying its civilian law to an occupied area which has been under Israeli military regulation for 14 years.

And Washington's reprisal action, described by State Secretary Alexander Haig as "suspending" the strategic co-operation arrangement so recently fashioned by the U.S. and Israel, encourages Arab diehards while raising justified doubts in the minds of Israelis about relying on Washington's pledges.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Rumania's Jewish community is disappearing with almost no marriages or births and more deaths every day, according to Raphael Kotlowitz, head of the Jewish Agency's aliya department. Speaking to reporters upon his return from a visit to Rumania, Kotlowitz quoted Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen as saying the community now numbered only 33,000 -- less than usually thought. Kotlowitz said that most Rumanian Jews were now elderly and many are living on welfare.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel's former police representative in the U.S., Deputy Inspector Michael Bochner, who has recently returned after four years service in America, said that "only" 230 Israelis had been apprehended in the U.S. for crimes committed there.