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Presenting Israel's Case

With Israel's withdrawal from Sinai imminent -- and every indication from the Israeli government is that it will be completed as scheduled on April 25 -- there exists a disturbing sense of frustration that the American Jewish community and the general population as a whole have failed to grasp an understanding and appreciation of the sacrifices Israel has incurred for peaceful relations with Egypt. It is for precisely this reason that the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organization has launched an important and timely series of meetings throughout the country.

The meetings, a number of which have been held in March and others which are scheduled for April, specifically draw attention to two issues; Israel's sacrifices for peace with Egypt and what the Conference views as a "drift" in U.S. policy away from Israel and toward the "moderate" Arab states.

Conference chairman Howard Squadron sees the drift as the continued efforts by the Reagan Administration to sell sophisticated weaponry to Israel's foes, notably Jordan and Saudi Arabia, the apparent willingness to allow the Palestine Liberation Organization to continue its military buildup in south Lebanon, and the Administration's flirtation with the Saudi "peace plan." Squadron pointed out conclusively that the two falacies in the Reagan approach to the Middle East are that the Saudis are the key to U.S. interests in the region and that military sales to Arab states are the key to winning friends for America.

Furthermore, Israel is relinquishing strategically important air bases and training centers and surrendering the traditional invasion route to Israel through the northern Sinai when the withdrawal is completed, Squadron said. Beyond this is the monetary cost of relocating settlers and building other air bases inside the Jewish State. And of course, as Squadron reflected, the years of pioneering by Israeli settlers who turned the sand dunes of Sinai and the Rafah salient into flourishing farms and towns and tourist attractions.

Israel's quest for peace was achieved through a great many concessions and it does remain one of the greatest accomplishments in the sphere of international diplomacy. The Israelis are riding fate on the word of the U.S. that it will continue to ensure the successful implementation of the peace process. But its actions cause much concern and it is that concern which has summoned the meeting by the Presidents Conference in the hope of alerting the Jewish community.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- Anti-Semitic incidents in California ranging from property vandalism to assaults, increased six fold last year, David Lehrer, an attorney for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith told a governor's task force, reported here. The task force is investigating reports of an upsurge of hostility against Blacks, Orientals and Jews in the state.



Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

A PLO Campaign

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- It is Pass-over 5742 and, as far as hatred for the children of Israel is concerned, the scenario has not changed much since the Exodus. Israel and Jewry are still threatened by enemies far and near and this threat is felt almost daily in this House of Contention where the counterparts of the ancient enemies -- the Philistines, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Syrians and the Edomites -- are rearing their ugly heads and spewing their poisonous venom at the Jewish people in what appears to be an orgy of hate.

And, in this orgy, they are joined by states, the USSR among them, which, in their innate nature, find it not too difficult to play Esau's, Ishmael's and Amalek's game.

However, this Passover 5742, there appears to be an added element to the scenario. To the dismay of these enemies, Israel stands reborn as a mighty sovereign nation well able to defend itself and the honor of world Jewry against these enemies. Also, the great nation of the United States has proclaimed itself an ally, a faithful ally, of Jerusalem. And of this pledge the writer does not doubt. Moreover, this Passover, Egypt, the main enemy of the Exodus, remains at peace with the Jewish people -- hopefully so for the future. At any rate, whatever develops, no power on earth can offset the decreed!

In the meantime, as we stated, the antagonists are spewing their venom in all and every UN debate whether or not the agenda item relates to Israel directly. Where it does not concern the Jewish State they manage somehow to concoct a reason to inject their hate-Israel motivations. It has become an obsession with them.

Judging by the day-to-day maneuvering behind the scenes here at the UN by Yasir Arafat's spokesman Zehdi Labib Terzi, it goes without saying that the PLO has been and is orchestration the vicious anti-Israel campaign in all UN chambers including the General Assembly and the Security Council. Actually, the PLO runs the show here as it has been and is running the 'show' in Lebanon and of late in Samaria, Judea and the Gaza Strip as also in parts of

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 "One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

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sentative Le Boutilliers excuse for such in-decorum was that the people who had sent him to Washington counted on him to reflect their anger.

In recent days the screeching has taken a nasty turn in comments such as the following by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger: "Those demonstrations (for universal disarmament) are made up of Greenpeace, be-careful-of-the-whales, environmental matters, gay rights -- there's just a whole raft of people, and I'm trying to get some kind of a common thread." This exclusionary approach to a very grave matter smears a growing army of critics of our rush to military supremacy. At the same time, it reveals a determination on the part of some of our leaders to misrepresent deliberately the ringing call -- not for unilateral disarmament -- but for a freeze on the nuclear arms race by both the Soviets and Americans.

A spin-off from the political arena occurred recently when the Moral Majority Report listed 119 members of Congress by name as "voters for sodomy." The Congressional vote in reality was on a District of Columbia home rule bill seeking permission to decriminalize certain sex acts between consenting adults. Congressman Arlen Erdah, a Minnesota Republican and the son of a minister, let Moral Majority people know once more that "slander is not Christ-like."

It may prove in the end that Moral Majority spokesmen were inspired by Andrew Bailey, acting chief of the Geological Survey's Conservation Division in the Department of the Interior. Mr. Bailey has demonstrated his lack of elegance by depicting members of the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth as "homosexuals and other ideological eunuchs opposed to developing mining resources." We must be free to commercialize our rich natural resources even if we besmirch the character of honorable conservationists while doing it.

There's ample room for varying views in political and economic matters in this lovely land. But in quarrelling over the issues, we should cut our way to State Secretary Hall's rhetoric and adopt his advice "to push this all to a lower decibel of public fixation."

Israel, especially in Galilee.

This ominous fact was brought home during last week's Security Council debate related to the eruptions in the territories and the West Bank in connection with Israel's expulsion of the three pro-PLO Arab Mayors. "Two countries tried to out-do each other in calling for this most urgent meeting," Ambassador Blum declared mockingly during one of the debates. "As a result," he added, "these two well-known

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