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BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

"This is the day of the creation of the world. This is the day on which all creatures of the earth stand under judgment."

These are phrases from the mahzor -- the Hebrew prayer - book that is used for the services of the Jewish people on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which begins at sundown, Friday evening, September 17th.

The High Holidays of Rosh Hashanan, climaxed by Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, are solemn days that express the universal human need for self - correction, for taking inventory of one's life, and then seeking through fasting and repentance to change one's individual and group existence for the better.

More so than perhaps in other years Rosh Hashanah enables us to confront honestly the corruptions, bigotry, greed and selfishness, and makes us highly conscious that the ideas of moral judgment, confession for wrong - doing, and determination to change for the better are more than simple religious pieties. These spiritual disciplines are the very pivot of a just and civil society.

The Jewish holy days underscore how precarious human existence is. "Who shall live and who shall die" are recurring themes in the Jewish prayers, and this year again they take on compelling meaning. For human life continues to be expendable through nuclear proliferation, oppression and tragic conflicts in Lebanon, Ireland, Afghanistan, Iran, Poland, the Soviet Union, and elsewhere.

In the face of such widespread human suffering, Rosh Hashanah encourages us to do whatever we can to help redeem and heal an anguished world through acts of moral courage, decency, kindness and caring for human lives. May all our readers be inscribed for a good, and above all, a peaceful New Year.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

The PLO on TV

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The world was treated to an unbelievable scene last month.

The defeated PLO terrorists were shown on TV screens around the world departing from their entrapped hell - holes of Beirut in a triumphant victorious mood giving the impression that they had won a great victory over Israel.

In a sense their military defeat may have turned into a 'political victory.'

Their loyal friends, the French legionnaires along with some of the Moslem Lebanese troops,

guided them out of their predicament unto what Arafat's murderers had been made to believe was the open sesame to a Palestinian state.

The question arises: What secret promises were made to the PLO by the French as also possibly by some U.S. spokesmen via the pro-PLO Moslem Prime Minister of Lebanon, Shafik al - Wazzan, promises going beyond the 22 clauses of the mutually - accepted Agreement ending the crisis in Lebanon, clauses 17 and 18 of which both the French and the PLO have already violated. Clause 17 allows "the PLO personnel to carry with them only one individual side weapon and ammunition"; Clause 18 calls upon the PLO to "turn over to the Lebanese Armed Forces as gifts all remaining weaponry in their possession, including heavy, crew - served, and spare weaponry and equipment, along with all munitions left behind in the Beirut area..."

On the very first day of departure, Israel was forced to halt a ship which carried equipment and ammunition the Agreement had prohibited. Thanks to the Israeli intervention, the illegally - taken weaponry was unloaded in Cyprus. There's no telling what other tricks the PLO and their French friends are up to.

Now what could these pro - PLO promises have been?

First of all, the friends of the PLO, headed by the French and Egyptians -- citing the various UN resolutions condemning Israel and calling for Palestinian self - determination adopted recently by the Security Council and the Special Emergency Session of the General Assembly -- assured Arafat and his gangsters that, in leaving Lebanon and thus preventing Beirut from being totally destroyed, they would gain much politically and that a number of Western states would add their voices in bringing pressure upon the United States to bear in-

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"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

THE GOAL IS PEACE

BY SEN. HOWARD CANNON

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cade of mini - wars and killings by the terrorists all over the world and along Israel's border.

I pledged my support to the dismantling of the Palestine Liberation Organization last June 12 in a letter to President Reagan which was signed by 15 other senators.

"The removal of the PLO's ability to conduct military and terrorist activities against Israel" was one of the important provisions of that letter. I also asked for the re - establishment of full control and sovereignty of the central government of Lebanon through free and open elections.

I am also at odds with the administration over the sale of AWACs to Saudi Arabia. I opposed this sale, and I still oppose the delivery of these aircraft to the Saudis because I do not feel that they are needed. Israel has posed no threat to its peaceful neighbors, and I think that the presence of these planes creates an air of resentment and suspicion to the Israelis.

President Reagan was extremely anxious to get this aircraft sale to the Saudis approved by the Congress. I was asked to visit the President at the White House and was urged to change my position, which I did not.

The ultimate goal for the Middle East is a long - range and negotiated settlement of the Lebanon crisis. Without an agreement in that area, the region will continue to be plagued by the kind of instability which has precipitated the crisis which has extended through most of the summer.

When all other military units have pulled out of Lebanon, I am sure that the Israeli forces will withdraw. That should provide the basis for peace. I know that the Israelis have no territorial designs on their neighbors.

My position as a longstanding - friend of Israel has been seriously distorted by my primary election opponent, as he has too many issues in this campaign. I have provided you with the facts on a subject I feel has been a long - standing commitment. An aspirant for political office who would distort the facts about Israel would not hesitate to mislead you about other important issues of national concern.

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