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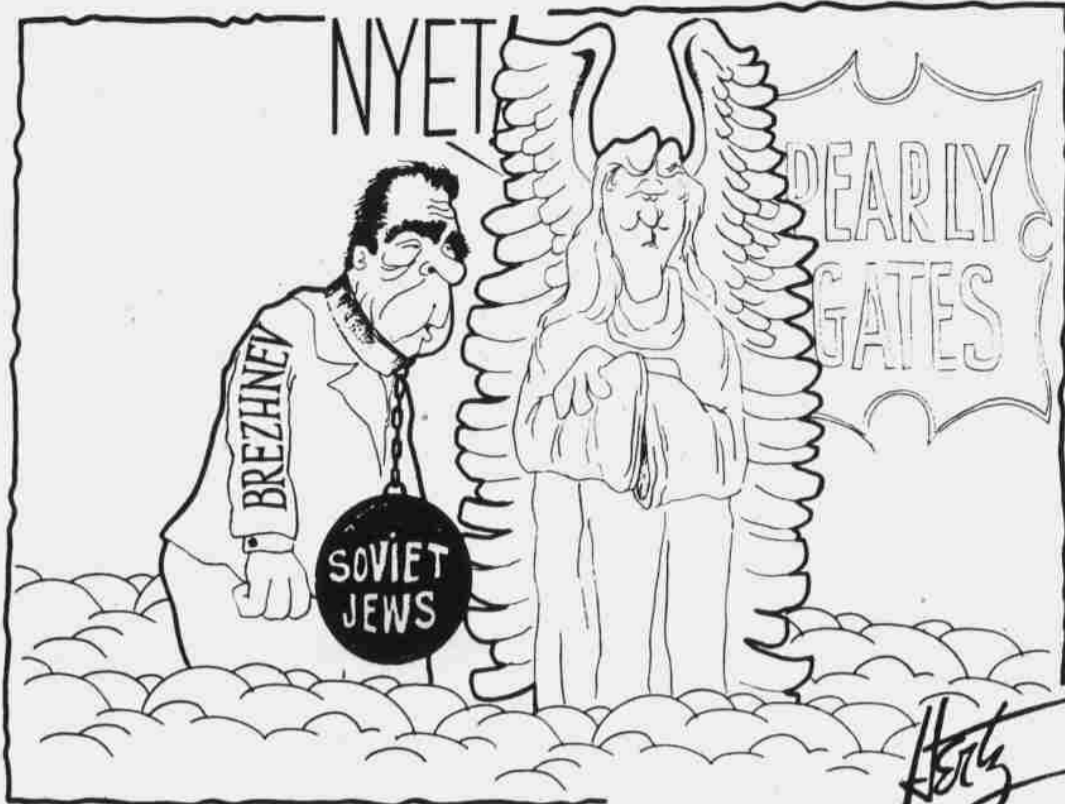
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A Test of Morality

BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

The full - scale public inquiry of the Palestinian massacre now going on in Israel proves the opposite of what anti - Israel propagandists and anti - Semites have been blathering for months. Even though the Christian Phalangists pulled the triggers and killed several hundred Palestinians, that did not stop the vicious condemnation of Israel as being allegedly Nazi-like, immoral, and what not.

But look how that so - called immoral government is behaving. A panel of two Supreme Court justices and a former general have summoned the highest officials of the government and army to give an account of what they knew and did to stop the massacre. No one in Israel who was in a decision-making position is exempt from public scrutiny.

Even the United States, one of the greatest democracies in human history, took years to overcome the obstacle to a Watergate inquiry. It took Israel but one week. During the inquiry on the MyLai massacre, not a single general was held accountable, although it was done by an American battalion.

It is a fantasy to insist that Israel must be perfect, must never do no wrong. No other state in the world is asked never to do wrong; no other state is asked to justify its existence by being morally superior.

The test of morality is not that you do not ever do wrong. The test of morality is the ability to correct and take responsibility for your actions. The people of Israel and the political process of the Jewish State are now making clear that their democracy is alive and well.

BEGIN SAYS HE DID NOT SUSPECT ATROCITIES IN BEIRUT

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he had no cause for concern over the Phalangists' conduct when he and his fellow ministers learned on the evening of Thursday, September 16 that Defense Minister Ariel Sharon had given them permission to enter the camps.

Begin said his own consultations with Sharon and Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan earlier that day concerned the Israel Defense Force's entry into west Beirut and no mention was made of any role for the Phalangists. He defended the Cabinet decision, made retroactively, to allow the Phalangists into the refugee camps because "according to authoritative information in our possession" about 2,000 armed terrorists were hiding in the camps.

Begin's letter stated further that the Phalangists had conducted military operations in the course of Israel's "Peace for Galilee" campaign in Lebanon, without perpetrating "horrors or slaughter." Therefore, he said, he "did not at all imagine the the Phalangists, a trained and organized military force, facing the task of hard fighting in difficult conditions, would want or would be able to perpetrate a massacre."

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Holocaust Survivors Dedicate Lives for Jewry

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Time and again for many years now Israeli spokesmen here, in the face of the continuous venomous Arab-Soviet Third World onslaughts against Israel, have reminded the delegations of the fact that this Organization came into existence, was born out of the Hitlerian holocaust, wherefore it was motivated to adopt the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the important Convention against Genocide inspired by the late Polish Jew Raphael Lemkin.

Only last week Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne, Israel's veteran diplomat assigned to the Law of the Sea conference, in addressing the Sixth Legal Committee on the item entitled "Draft Code of Offences Against the Peace and Security of Mankind," made reference to the Holocaust and the Six Million. "My delegation, like others," he declared, "cannot forget the sacrifices of the Jewish people for the Allied victory in the Second World War. We cannot forget the murderous onslaught of Kristalnacht on 10 November 1938.... We cannot forget our Six Million dead of the Holocaust.

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IF, AS THE SCIENTISTS SAY, SEX IS SUCH A DRIVING FORCE, WHY IS SO MUCH OF IT NOWADAYS FOUND PARKED?

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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All of the world Jewry will suffer unless truth is properly presented. We must not permit the Jewish persona to be dragged into the long feud between the Muslims and Christians of Lebanon. Their religious battles are described amply in the history of the Crusaders. Shame on us if we permit the terrible scenario of the past few months to become a Jewish problem.

The Diaspora must speak out with every media tool available. This outreach, already overdue, is vital -- for there is no doubt that bigots are being provided with the most dangerous material to create further attacks on all Jewish people.

Israel's lack of a good P.R. does not make her guilty. It does, however, indicate a failure to understand the importance of "good press" to strengthen both today's efforts and tomorrow's directions. But the faulty use of the media does not rest solely with Israel.

Is not the American Jewish community -- so well settled, so comfortably assimilated to be faulted for turning away from obvious misrepresentations in their nation's press; for not utilizing their unique communicative skills to actively disengage the worst threat to Judaism, to their existence, since the Holocaust?

The threat to Jews in America is not guns -- yet. It is a misleading media -- often well financed by hostile outside sources and supported by some Jews in media who turn their backs to prove their "lack of bias." These are the threats that demand serious consideration and thoughtful action NOW.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Pentagon notified Congress December 6 of new military sales to Saudi Arabia totaling \$1.2 billion. The sales include \$700 million for the construction and design of a new airfield for the Saudi air force, a \$408 million addition to communications facilities for its navy, \$113 million for the purchase of spares and supplies to support the previous aircraft and arms purchases from the U.S. Congress will have 30 days to veto the \$1.2 billion sales package.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- An Israeli soldier was injured when unidentified attackers ambushed an Israel army vehicle with bazooka fire east of the Lebanese village of Doha between Beirut and Damour, the army spokesman said. In another incident bazooka and light arms fire were directed at an Israel army roadblock near the village of Sil, south of Beirut. There were no casualties.