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## Dealing a Double Hand

With thousands of Jewish Holocaust survivors gathered in the oval shaped Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland, the witnesses to one of the darkest period in Jewish history, President Reagan stepped to the podium and pledged "as a man whose heart is with you and as President of the people you are now so much a part of...the security of your safe havens here and in Israel will never be compromised. That pledge from the President of the United States was greeted with thunderous applause from the some 17,500 survivors and their children who attended the four - day American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Washington.

But despite his public pronouncements, Reagan gives the Jewish people reason to suspect he is dealing a double hand. On the one hand, he affirms the U.S. commitment to the security and safety of the Jewish state, saying that its qualitative and quantitative edge will never be compromised, that its borders are guaranteed by the U.S. Whenever he is questioned about his commitment and support for Israel, Reagan simply points to his public statements as a matter of record. His public statements appear as sincere and sensitive as any of his pre-

On the other hand, indications are that Reagan acts quite differently. He has supported the sale of military hardware to Saudi Arabia with his Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger acting as a military hardware salesman. Reagan suspended the memorandum of understanding between Israel and the U.S. for strategic cooperation. Then the war in Lebanon. An arms embargo. The resignation of Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Israel's only reliable friend in the upper echelons of the Administration. Then the months - long dispute over the sharing of military secrets learned through the war in Lebanon. The labeling of Israel as an occupying power, while refusing to acknowledge that the U.S. would have done likewise if it were threatened by its neighbors.

Then along comes an extraordinary article in the Wall Street Journal detailing the behindthe-scenes jockeying and maneuvering by President Reagan to get King Hussein to enter peace negotiations with Israel. It shows an American President desperately trying to coax bribe the Jordanian Monarch, only to be turned down in the end. But this portrait is revealing because it brings to light a different President before the public cameras than the one who acts when the lights and cameras have stopped rolling. It's a two faced portrait and a disturbing one at that.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- One hundred and one Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union in March, it was reported by the Soviet Jewry Research Bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The figure represents a 20 percent decline from the number of Jews permitted to leave the Soviet Union in February.



## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

## Blood Libel Again

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Here we have it again --- the blood libel!

This time, it's not Lebanon where a bloody affair involving Christians and Moslems was blamed on Jews. This time it's within the Israeli - administered territories, the same manner as in medieval days Jews were blamed for the poisoning of wells, for the Black Plaque and for using Christian blood for Passover.

There seems to be no end to the ancient

How convenient for the satanic - morivated spirits of the Arafats, the Khomeinis and their ilk, like Hitler seeking the demise of Israel, to invoke the blood libel -- anything to incite Islamic and Christian hate.

Yes, anything to attain their ugly ends -- the besmirching of the People of the Book before world public opinion. Such besmirching has found an easy entry into the halls of this international center notorious for its anti-Israeli outcries reaching its height of defamation in the pro - Arafat resolution equating Zionism with racism. The besmirchers succeeded in getting the 'mighty' Security Council to hold urgent consultations last week on what the President of the Council, in a brief statement, referred to as "cases of mass poisoning in the occupied

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Arab territories of the West Bank ... " An Arab League statement issued here referred to the 'illnesses' of the girls as "heinous crimes committed against unarmed youngsters with the aim of eliminating them and emptying Arab and Palestinian territories of their original Arab inhabitants." It called upon "the world community and world public opinion to condemn Israel....

Ever on the alert, Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum immediately rejected the statement issued by the Security Council President. He made it plain that "extensive clinical, laboratory and environmental analysis had yielded no traces whatsoever of poisoning," and he added that the "Council statement not only ignores my letter but also contains an absolutely unwarranted reference to cases of mass poisoning,'

In the view of this writer, it appears that, in a way, Israel itself had made it somewhat easier for its detractors to make their charges. While in the eyes of world public opinion it seemed real noble on the part of the Kahan Inquiry Commission to place "indirect responsibility" on the Jewish State for the killings perpetrated by others, Justice Kahan and nistwo aides never should have meted out punishments, as they did, on innocent Israeli patriots who had had no hand whatsoever in what happened in the camps. Their action emboldened Israel's enemies. It gave them new ammunition.

Readers of this column are by now familiar with the views expressed by the writer on what had actually occurred in the camps -- a battle between Christian Phalangists and PLO terrorists. It is good to know that others share his views. Now comes a most distinguished Rabbi, Emanuel Rackman, President of Israel's Bar Ilan University, and charges that "the three judges played the role of God.'

In a pronouncement published last week, Rackman states, among other things: "Labready expressed my opinion that it was wrong of them in the first place to investigate and decide where the political climate in the world resembles that of a mob hellbent on lynching. The world was thirsty for Jewish blood to atone for the blood of the Lebanese. And in such an atmosphere how could three men be expected to stand against

a truly volcanic hate? "But then," the noted rabbi adds, "they also invaded God's jurisdiction. According to Jewish law, men can punish other menfor being directly responsible for destructive acts while God punishes those indirectly responsible...What was done gives me no rest," he concludes, "I know that most of my colleagues are happy with the report. With due respect to them, I dissent. And God will have to judge whether the verdict was really just or 'indirectly' influenced by the political climate....'

**HENNY YOUNGMAN** .. Man of Many Talents.

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