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Israel Exonerated

With all the events and developments in the Middle East, and particularly those on the West Bank, subject to the scrutiny of the international community and media, it was gratifying to learn that Israel has been exonerated from any foul play involving the mysterious illness which broke out among more than 600 Arab school girls on the West Bank last month.

After the Israel Health Ministry studied the incident and concluded that the school girls suffered from what one official described as "mass hysteria," and also realizing that the Arabs would use the incident as a method to discredit the Jewish State by claiming that it had poisoned young girls, the government wisely decided to call in an independent team of experts from the United States.

Dr. Bess Miller and Philip Landrigan of the Atlanta - based Center for Diseases Control concluded in their report issued by the State Department after several weeks of tests and numerous interviews that "this epidemic of acute illness was induced by anxiety. It may have been triggered initially either by psychological factors or by subtoxic exposure to hydrogen sulfide. Its subsequent spread was mediated by psychogenic factors. Newspaper and radio reports may have contributed to the spread. The epidemic ended after West Bank schools were closed."

As problematic as the West Bank situation is, with its many Palestinian and Jewish inhabitants, the libelous charge that Israelis would have poisoned school girls in an outrage. Let it be noted pointedly that the charge came from Arab leaders more concerned with politicizing the event than working toward resolution of a conflict. The United Nations is expecting another report on the "ailment" which afflicted West Bank school girls, this one issued by the World Health Organization. It will be of interest to observe whether the UN because of its past anti-Israel stance, is capable of putting politics aside and stating publicly, too, that Israel had nothing to do with the mysterious illness.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

**A PLO RECORD
 REAGAN, SHULTZ MUST SEE**

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- "Now the Story Can Be Told" is the title of a 12-by-9-inch booklet in jet black covers whose inside and back are blood-red. Page 1, also red, is emblazoned with the letters P.L.O. in black.

The 80-page work constitutes a post - "Peace for Galilee" operation account recording with multiple illustrations and in minute detail the bloody history of the murderous PLO. The publication of PLO terrorist activities did not

have to await the military defeat of the PLO, although the defeat did reveal much that was not known before.

The booklet represents a remarkable record which, for the first time, fully exposes the true nature of the PLO and which at last gives Israel and Jewry something to counter the vicious Arab propaganda continually fed to the media and which in turn reaches the inner circles of the Administration in Washington.

Here we have a record baring the true nature of the PLO which ought to get into the hands of both President Reagan and Secretary Shultz, both of whom have been dreaming of the day when Arafat, the enemy of both the U.S. and Israel, will at last publicly avow that he "recognizes the right of Israel to exist." (Who needs it? Certainly not Israel).

If after reading this booklet, the President and Secretary Shultz still aspire to curry the favor of Arafat and the PLO, then it must be said that there's something wrong with them -- so powerful and convincing is the case against the PLO as put in the booklet.

This writer would advise that the Israel Mission to the UN not only see to it that the President and his aides receive copies as well as all Members of Congress but also the Secretary-General of the UN and all the 157 delegations here, pro-or-con. It may well serve to offset the continuous Arab - PLO propaganda being circulated on an almost day - to - day basis within this complex.

There has been much talk about the lack of sufficient hasbara, public relations, in Israel's behalf here in the U.S. Not so long ago, even Chaim Herzog, Israel's President-elect made such a charge. It is the view of this writer that this booklet, published by the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem, makes up somewhat for this lack. Whether the Israeli Embassy and its Consulates, the Israeli Mission to the UN and the major American Jewish Organizations will exploit it to the full remains to be seen.

As this vital booklet reached your correspondent's desk here at the UN, another booklet, also in black covers but smaller in size, 9 by 6, came to mind. It's been in the writer's file for some fifty years. Titled "Jerusalem" and dated 29 August 1929, it has served as a reminder never to forget what the earlier Arab terrorists did to the Jewish pioneers of the then Palestine in the late 1920s. The entire issue of the little independent weekly is devoted to the horrors perpetrated by the Mufti-inspired murderers during the "Week of Blood-letting in Jerusalem and Eretz Israel 17-22 AV, Tarpit." The 69 pages, written in Hebrew and edited by Eliyahu Blank, recounts the gruesome story of the then murderous assaults upon innocent men, women and children in all parts of the country and concludes with the heart-rending account of the cold-blooded massacre of Yeshiva students in Hebron.

It was there and then, under the vicious Mufti, and later in 1947 and 1948 when the Palestinians had the offer for a State under the Partition vote, that the pace was set for the present - day PLO terrorists. It's Esau and Jacob all over again; Ishmael versus Isaac. There are "Homelands" for all of the children of Abraham. The borders have been laid down ages ago.

King of One Liners



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

I JUST HAD MY DENTURES TIGHTENED SO I CAN PUT A BETTER BITE ON MY FRIENDS.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

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lady who was the first black to be named a permanent member of the Metropolitan Opera Company. In 1963 she was awarded the President's Medal of Freedom.

At the Lincoln Memorial, Marian Anderson sang "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen."

That brings us back to Secretary Watt. His troubles do not stop with his wrong dope sheet on the Beach Boys. Indeed, grievances registered against the current Interior Secretary remind one of the roll of complaints raised against King George II in the Declaration of Independence which, after all, inspired our first July 4th celebration.

Why are so many upset with Mr. Watt who has in his pocket the key to the Independence Day event on the Washington Mall?

We have a little list:
 Both Republican Senator John H. Chafee and President Reagan's assistant for political affairs, Edward J. Rollins, have referred to him as a political liability.

He has stated that the real motive of zealous environmentalists is to weaken America. Yet when he served professionally with the Mountain States Legal Foundation, made up in part of ranchers and miners, he fought in courtrooms against the very purposes for which the Interior Department was established.

Leaders of nine major environmental groups claim the anti-environmental bias in Washington extends into every power center in the executive branch. Behold the wreck at the Environmental Protection Agency for example.

He's something of a scold: Last summer he made the amazing statement that if liberals among American Jews oppose his efforts to reduce U.S. dependency on foreign crude oil, Washington might stop befriending Israel. He has called the Washington bureau of The Los Angeles Times a den of thieves. He has said there are only two kinds of people in this nation -- liberals and Americans.

The list can be extended. Whimsically, it ends here with his comment that he has never been criticized by anyone he respects. Three of his critics during the Beach Boy uprising were Ronald Reagan, Nancy Reagan, and George Bush. Poor Ronald, Nancy, and George -- from Jimmy Watt they "get no respect."

**Chicago: It's
 That Kind of Town**

BY ROBERT E. SEGAL

"Gigantic, wilful, young,
 Chicago sitteth at the northwest gates,
 With restless, violent hands and casual tongue,
 Molding her mighty fates."

So sang William Vaughn Moody at the turn of the century.

The restless, violent hands did considerable mischief with the issue of bigotry in Chicago's mayoralty election. Hatred crackled and boiled near St. Pasca! Church when 150 political hecklers made it dangerous for Harold Washington, the eventual Democratic victor, to try to enter the church along with Walter Mondale.

For Father Francis Ciezadlo, who had invited both Washington and his Republican opponent, Bernard Epton, to come to the church that fateful day, the shouted obscenities and racist mud - slinging was a shameful demonstration of hate. "In 36 years in the priesthood, I haven't taught people how to love," he said, "and that makes me sad."

That tragic scene recalls a cartoon of the 1960's, depicting a black, broom in hand, appearing on the steps of a lily - white church in the middle of the week and being greeted by a vestryman with the warning: "It's alright for you to go inside and sweep but don't let me catch you praying in there."

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