

Passion Explodes In Hebron

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Killing, pillage, violence are continuing chapters of the history of Hebron on the Judean Hills. Nearly four millenia of recorded history have seen the community, reverently associated with the names of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, destroyed by the Romans, conquered by the Arabs, taken by Crusaders, ruled by the Ottoman Empire and obtained by Jordan through League of Nations Mandate and by Jordan's hunt for the spoils of the 1948 war with Israel.

Back in 1929, Arab rioters killed 67 Hebron Jews while the British chose not to intercede. In 1936, more riots befell the city. In 1947, only one Jew lived in troubled Hebron.

Now the slaying of Aharon Gross, a Yeshiva student, by Arabs has impelled Israel to remove both Mayor Mustafa Natshe and the entire municipal council.

With these ominous current developments and with Israel's determination to expand its program of structuring Jewish settlements in the old Jewish quarter of Hebron — thickly populated in contrast to rural Jewish settlements — the hot issue of shaping West Bank and Gaza policy provides lively debate.

Washington is dead set against the proliferation of the Jewish settlements. Some Israelis and a number of Jews in the U. S. are counselling a halt to the movement. Blame is saddled on Menachem Begin while many forget it was the Labor Party that originated the policy.

It takes no great imagination to understand the military importance of present Israel policy. Without Judea and Samaria the state of Israel would be 10 miles wide at its center. Backing away from the disputed territory might well tempt Soviet incursion. And if the PLO could emerge with new vigor from the fuming and fighting within its ranks, then manage to regroup on the hills with Jordan's blessing, Israel's troubles with guerrillas from new PLO strongholds would likely involve the Jewish State in yet another war.

Critics of Jerusalem's hold-tight West Bank policy carp about Israel's intrusion on "occupied territory." If it was all right for Jordan to move into these ancient provinces in 1947 and destroy synagogues and desecrate Jewish cemeteries, why does Israel, after regaining the area in battle in 1967, have to apologize to its detractors for bringing economic and educational advantages to hundreds of thousands of Arabs in this disputed zone?

The legality of Israel's stance has been well pointed up by Georgetown University Professor William V.O'Brien. Reasonable people can differ over the prudential judgments relating to the expansion or termination of the Jewish West Bank settlements, he has said, adding: "But these debates are only obscured by unfounded claims that Israel's West Bank policies are contrary to international law...Israel has maintained an occupation...that is fully consonant with the principles of international law and natural justice."

There is always the fear, of course, that indefinite occupation by Israel will result in formidable problems because of the high Arab birthrate.

The guidelines were laid down in the Camp David accords in 1978. Many who now point the finger of scorn at Israel forget that UN Security

Laxalt Says Nevadans Will Pay Less Income Tax Next Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.) said that Nevadans will save approximately \$135 million in fiscal year 1984 as a result of President Reagan's 10 percent income tax cut which went into effect July 1. (Fiscal year 1984 begins on October 1, 1983 and runs through September 30, 1984.)

In addition, Laxalt said, the tax cuts will save Nevada citizens about \$800 million over the next four fiscal years. (Each Nevadan will save about \$160 in fiscal year 1984.)

The Nevada Senator said, "These figures are extremely encouraging. Indeed, they clearly indicate that the President's fiscal goal — that is placing money in the hands of our private citizens for savings and investment — is being realized."

Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation reported earlier this year that the American people would save

\$30.2 billion in fiscal year 1984 and \$177.6 billion through fiscal year 1988.

The Tax Foundation, Inc., a Washington, D.C. based group which studies the impact of fiscal policies emanating from the various levels of government, provided the formula for determining Nevada's tax savings. The Foundation Determined the nationwide savings from the tax cuts and then divided each State's average share of federal taxes into that total. Nevada receives .45 percent of the national total from individual income taxes.

Laxalt, who recently voted against an attempt to "cap" the third year of the President's tax cut program, said, "We have yet to see the true impact of the tax cuts. Indeed, I am confident that we are in a long and sustained economic recovery, to a large extent, due to the across-the-board income tax reductions."

Council Resolution 242 on which the agreements at Camp David were based in part referred to a just solution for the refugee problem, not a solution to the problems of the Palestine People.

It is not easy, so very easy, for critics to forget that Jews in Arab lands, not to mention central Europe, have had a refugee problem of their own.

The three-step plan delineated in the Camp David accords dealt with the modalities for establishing the elected, self-governing authority in the West Bank and Gaza. It was agreed also that Israel would retain certain "security locations" in the area.

The step-by-step prescription seemed reasonable enough. Even today a plan embracing autonomy for the inhabitants but not for the disputed territory has merit. But time refuses to stop; Jordan continues bashful about, if not intransigent, against, the Camp David program in which it was invited to participate. And violence returns to Hebron.

Action Urged On Dutch Nazi War Criminals

LOS ANGELES (WNS) — The Simon Wiesenthal Center here has asked the Netherlands government to submit a new request to Canada for the extradition of convicted Dutch Nazi war criminal Jacob Luitjens, presently a lecturer of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper, Dean and Associate Dean, respectively, of the Holocaust Study Center, made their request after being informed by Canadian Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan that The Canadian Federal Department of Justice, which examined the extradition request, concluded that the offense for which this person (Luitjens) was found guilty was not extraditable under the existing extradition treaty between Canada

and The Netherlands." The Wiesenthal Center immediately contacted the Dutch Ambassador to Canada, N. Van Diji, asking that his government submit "a revised request for this murderer's extradition."

Luitjens, 64, was convicted by a Dutch court in 1948 for his activities in the Nazi auxiliary police force the "Quisling Militia," which rounded up anti-Nazis for deportation. He was personally involved in the murder of resistance fighters. He fled Europe after World War II, reportedly to South America from where he immigrated to Canada. He has been a member of the botany department at the University of British Columbia for more than 20 years. The Dutch government first sought his extradition in 1981.

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