

# AJCongress Condemns Anti-Israel Resolution At U.N. Trade Meeting

The American Jewish Congress has condemned the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for passing a resolution that attacks Israel's policies toward Palestinians and sets up a special economic unit to monitor Israeli settlement policies. The UN trade conference is being held in Belgrade.

A statement released by Phil Baum, associate executive director of AJCongress, cited human rights violations by Iraq, Iran, Poland and Russia, noting that in spite of "outrageous assaults" in such countries, the UN body "could find no more compelling purpose than to launch still another attack on Israel."

The statement praised the United States and Israel for voting against the UNCTAD resolution, which was passed 84 to 2, with 20 abstentions. The statement said that the UNCTAD resolution is a "cause for special concern" because it represents a "further contamination" of UN bodies established to advance social, economic and humanitarian concerns.

The full AJCongress statement follows:

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Accordingly, it passed a resolution condemning Israel's policy toward the Palestinians and set up a special economic unit to monitor Israel's settlement policies in the territories.

There is nothing new in anti-Israel UN resolutions. The General Assembly adopted 44 last year alone. It routinely targeted Israel as the scapegoat for all the world's evils. UNCTAD's resolution, however, is a cause for special concern. It represents a further contamination of UN bodies originally dedicated to advancing the social, economic and humanitarian concerns of mankind. The vile anti-Israel politics that have become the preoccupation of many of these special bodies can only impede the attainment of their worthy objectives.

We deplore the latest shameful UNCTAD charade. But we note with pride and satisfaction that the United States, along with Israel, cast the only dissenting votes. We continue to believe that unwavering U.S. persistence in opposing the cynical manipulation of the UN body by the Arabs and their supporters can expose its utter futility and eventually reverse the murky tide of anti-Israel activity in the U.N.

## May The Shofar Be Heard Abroad

BY ROBERT E. SEGAL

Primarily, the shofar is sounded as a call for spiritual awakening and renewal. In this season of the Holy Days, it will occur to some that strong shofar blasts are in order to sound the need for assistance, compassion, and rescue in many parts of the world, but especially in the Soviet Union, Poland, and Ethiopia.

Scattered sections of the Soviet Union had a Jewish population of 2,850,000 before Hitler took aim at Mother Russia. It is estimated that 1,262,000 of our people perished because Hitler ordered it so.

Poland, this year so much in the news, once was home for 3,300,000 Jews. Nine in every 10 were lost to Hitler's cause.

Ethiopia, wherein Falashas who trace their origins back to Menelik, the son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, now offers a challenge of huge proportions for those who have in their hearts empathy for the starving in an impoverished land.

Moscow has apparently decided to limit exit visas for Jews to about 100 a month. Ironically, at the time of the Human Rights Conference in Madrid, word came through that a few dissidents will be permitted to emigrate soon. But these will not be Andre Sakharov, Anatoly B. Shcharansky, and Yuri F. Orlov, giants among the disenchanting whose clear call for a melting of governmental hearts brings no outstretched hand of help from Yuri V. Andropov. The distinguished heroes denied the right of exit are figuratively shofar sounders that move Soviet leaders to plot added schemes of punishment, deprivation, and suffering.

Moscow exhibits eight Soviet Jews who sound a trumpet of a different nature. Paced by Colonel General David A. Dragunsky, these were the Jews who must have been dragooned into suggesting the establishment of an "Anti-Zionist Committee of the Soviet Public." Experience with such a fanciful invention leads to the conclusion that this maneuver is the Kremlin's angry response to the electrifying success of the Third International Conference on Soviet Jews that brightened the skies of Jerusalem in March.

The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry has sharpened the point of the dilemma of the prisoners of conscience. That Manhattan shofar blast declares "Today three million Jews are trapped in a country that's impossible to live in and impossible to leave."

For that pitiful handful of surviving Polish Jews, we see some hope in the national willingness to rebel against Communist efforts to crush Solidarity. List the millions of marching, chanting Poles among the world's people with spunk, candidates for martyrdom, who may not know the meaning of High Holy days' shofar call but have the will and daring to fight for freedom so long denied in Poland.


A thousand years before the Common Era, a million Falashas knew the splendor of Jewish tradition. They were not in Jewry's mainstream; but they were proud of their ancestry. Today, the Jewish population of Marxist Ethiopia is around 20,000 in a nation wherein dwell some 33 million people.

It has been reported reliably that 50 children starv to death daily in Ethiopia. Drought, incessant internal wars, and bankrupt policies of a wayward government have produced misery, illness and death.

In this instance, the call of the shofar has impelled the Jewish leaders in many parts of the world to step up rescue efforts. It is indicated that lives can be saved and starvation obviated for many.

This is one signal of hope. It warms the hearts of those gifted with compassion and constitutes a Rosh Hashanah message that merits universal circulation.

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