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On Wallenberg's 71st Birthday

In the past couple of years, Raoul Wallenberg's name and his endeavors on behalf of Hungarian Jewry have become known the world over. Sent to Hungary during World War II under the directive of the United States War Refugee Board, the Swedish-born diplomat has been credited with saving the lives of tens of thousands of Jews who would have otherwise perished in the Nazi death camps. But while his name and his actions have received attention, the cloud over Wallenberg's post war plight has never been lifted.

Wallenberg would have been 71-years-old August 4, assuming he is still alive in a Soviet Gulag. Many reports in the past decade have given credence to the theory that despite Soviet claims, Wallenberg did not die of heart failure in the 1950s. The Soviets have stonewalled international efforts to obtain verification of Wallenberg's fate, leading many to believe he is alive in the USSR.

A new effort to ascertain the truth of his fate has now begun. Beyond the many Wallenberg committees in the U.S. and around the world, there is an effort underway in the U.S. courts which deserve special attention. The strategy centers around Morris Wolff, a professor of International Law at the Delaware Law School, who has been asked by the Wallenberg family to file suit on Wallenberg's behalf in U. S. Federal Court.

The logic behind this strategy is that Wallenberg was sent to Hungary by the U.S. government and was therefore under the laws of diplomatic immunity and international protection when he was arrested by the Red Army when it invaded Budapest in 1945. Wolff told a House subcommittee of his efforts and asked for Congressional support for getting to the bottom of the mystery of Wallenberg, who in 1981 became only the second man to be granted honorary U.S. citizenship.

Wolff's efforts mark a new strategy that, coupled with continued international endeavors spearheaded by the U.S., may one day help in finding out the fate of the diplomat who has become known to many as "The Righteous Gentleman."

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Why Begin Cancelled His Trip

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Although some delegates here at the UN thought Prime Minister Menachem Begin made a mistake in turning down President Reagan's invitation to meet with

him on the Lebanese crisis, it is the view of this writer that Mr. Begin acted wisely in refusing to come to Washington at this time "for personal reasons."

These "personal reasons" have nothing to do with his health. The Prime Minister of Israel, while still somewhat in mourning over the loss of his beloved Aliza, his life-long partner, he is as alert as ever and certainly healthier and more vigorous than the gentleman of his age in The White House.

First of all, Mr. Begin was not all-too-pleased with the doings in the U.S. capital during Amir Gemayel's visit with the President and Secretary Shultz. This Gemayel, unlike his late assassinated brother, is no friend of Israel. On several occasions he has blamed the Jewish State for the massacre at Sabra and Shatila -- an act perpetrated by his own people. Moreover, due to pressures from his pro-PLO Prime Minister, El Wazzan, he is leaning more and more to the anti-Israel stance of the Arab world.

Thus it is not too difficult to guess what this Gemayel had to say to a condensing Ronald Reagan. Prime Minister Begin, fully aware of the tricks politicians play, especially Levantine politicians, realized that by coming to Washington following the Gemayel performance in the White House, he might fall into a sort of 'trap' out of which he may have found it difficult to extricate himself. At any rate, nothing much could have been accomplished from a meeting at this time. It is certain that Mr. Begin would not have acquiesced to White House demands on the question of a "time-table" for withdrawal.

Jerusalem has its own set plans on the issue of withdrawal and they are not secret; namely, the PLO and the Syrians must withdraw simultaneously with Israel. There can be no other withdrawal -- only a token withdrawal by Israel from the Shouf mountains some 17 miles south of Beirut so as to safeguard Israeli troops from being trapped in any crossfire between the battling Druze and the Lebanese Christians.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, a rare Jewish soul possessing a deep sense of pride in his Hebraic heritage while also exhibiting a meekness and humility in his everyday dealings with the common people, may well have had another "personal reason" for not meeting with the President at this time. Namely, he recalled a previous time not so long ago when Mr. Reagan himself had hesitated to meet with him because of an Israeli policy not acceptable to the President.

Piqued over the apparent rebuff, Reagan immediately summoned Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens to the capital and these two tough men "took" whatever the President dished out to them, and without being moved and without any embarrassment they no doubt 'dished' back the set and definitive position of Begin and the Israeli Cabinet. The President heard an earful! Arens and Shamir make a powerful pair.

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"It is time for Mr. Reagan and Secretary of State Shultz to turn their back to the 'sky-writers,' the letters of whose advise disappear in air even as they are written," the Jewish Advocate of Boston declared editorially on the Gemayel visit... "President Reagan spoke in practical terms when he was a candidate; it is time for him now to return to his just and sensible approach which he had advocated before he entered the wilderness of diplomatic chicanery..."

"Amir Gemayel should be told that his Lebanon is about to test its ability to assert sovereignty on the ground. Even as the U.S. will continue in every way possible to try to move Syria and the PLO from their recalcitrant positions of opposing withdrawal, Lebanon must show now, what it will do what it receives of its soil. As the Israelis redeploy their troops to what they conceive as defensible positions, the new Lebanese Army...should move into these areas as an assertion of both ownership and the ability to hold on to what is theirs..."

Israel remains faithful to the U.S.- Israeli-Lebanese Agreement which proved a great victory for Mr. Begin. May the U.S. and Lebanon stand as firm.

Menachem Begin at 70

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The Prime Minister of Israel, Menachem Begin, celebrated his 70th birthday on Shabbat Nachmu (Saturday, July 23). In Jewish tradition it is a very special distinction for a man to attain the Biblical "threescore and ten years" and therefore, ordinarily, this event would have been a festive public celebration. But, in view of the continuing serious situation in the north and the Prime Minister's deep personal grief at the death of his wife last November, the milestone was observed within the family circle only.

Predictably this drew comment from Begin watchers who study his every mood and action and the multitude of long distance diagnosticians who constantly pronounce judgement on

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