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Jackson And The Jews

Whether the Rev. Jesse Jackson's remarks referring to Jews as "Hymies" and New York City as "Hymietown" were off the record, or as he says, "off color," they were disgraceful and surely distasteful to have been uttered from the civil rights activist who has spent his life crusading for equality and the betterment of the Black Community in the United States.

The remarks received considerable media attention and shadowed Jackson's campaign as it entered the New Hampshire primary election. He asked for an opportunity to set the record straight. Addressing a Jewish audience in a synagogue in Manchester, New Hampshire, Jackson said his remarks were "insensitive and wrong" and then insisted that neither he nor his remarks could be "remotely construed as being anti-Semitic or anti-Israel."

But Jackson's efforts to clear the air with the Jewish community comes a little too late. His past record of actions and statements involving Jews, Israel, Zionism, and the Holocaust contribute to a catalogue of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel remarks that he should have addressed long ago. Instead, Jackson decides to remain steadfast in his beliefs and refuses to acknowledge he is wrong on certain issues and downright disparaging on others.

As an intelligent individual, Jackson should understand that the wounds he inflicts between him and the Jewish community are all self-inflicted. The mainstream Jewish community has remained aloof from his campaign throughout the past months. But Jackson's continued remarks always seem to get back to the issue of "the Jews." He alone is helping kindle the flames of incitement between the two communities in this country, of which neither has what Jackson once termed of the Jews, "a monopoly on suffering." Both Blacks and Jews are integral elements of American society, both of which understand the meaning and consequences of suffering. It is therefore surprising that a civil activist doesn't understand the sensitivity of the Jewish community and the distasteful remarks he utters.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Lebanon Crisis — Kirkpatrick Charges Assad Deceived World

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — In a detailed analysis touching upon the current crisis in Lebanon, the dynamic and forthright Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick charged that President Assad of Syria had deceived the world

on his intentions with regard to that troublesome country.

Her historic analysis -- which rebutted those in the media and others who have been prone to picture the Lebanese quagmire as an 'American debacle,' etc -- took the form of an address delivered before the 76th annual Bnai Zion Dinner held at New York's Hilton Sunday, February 19. The occasion marked the presentation of the 1984 America-Israel Friendship Award to the American Ambassador and the Harris J. Levine Memorial Medal to the Hon. Herbert Tenzer, H.E. Meir Rosenne brought the audience up-to-date on the latest developments in the Mideast as they affect Israel.

Ms. Kirkpatrick was emphatic in pointing out that the Multi-national "peace-keeping venture in Lebanon" provided "a kind of security shield behind which the authority of the Government of Lebanon might be consolidated while foreign troops were withdrawn," that it "would have been a reasonable plan had events developed as we expected" and had not Assad reneged on his pledge. "We expected," she noted, "on a good many assurances provided by many, presumably, authoritative sources, that the troops of Syria would indeed withdraw; that the Government of Syria would be willing to enter into negotiations for withdrawal..."

"We were assured," she emphasized, "that the Government of Syria could be relied upon to expedite and facilitate the establishment of an independent, sovereign, democratic Lebanon. The fact is that the plan would have worked well if Syria had behaved as we had so many assurances that Syria would behave. Syria has proved instead of tractable, intractable; instead of helping, unhelpful, instead of ready to withdraw, determined, apparently, to continue its presence until the hegemony of Syria is established in all of Lebanon and the dream of a greater Syria were realized..."

A flash rushes through the mind of the writer at this moment: why, America, put so much trust in deceitful both feudal and dictatorial leaders? Why arm them in the knowledge of their unreliability based upon their past actions. To what extent, Mr. President, have the Saudis repaid you for the arms favors you extended to them? Don't we have a doublecross here? And even Mubarak of Egypt -- how did he dare in your presence at The White House embarrass you with an arrogant plug for the terrorist Arafat? And why did your intelligence people fail to warn you about Assad's satanic intentions in Lebanon? Why did America allow itself to be taken in? And has King Hussein of Jordan had a change of heart? These are questions worth pondering.

Mr. President, look to your one reliable ally in the region, and recall what you avowed not so long ago: "I am pleased to announce that we have agreed to establish a joint political military group to examine ways in which we can enhance Israeli-American cooperation. This group will

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give priority attention to the threat to our mutual interests, posed by increased Soviet involvement in the Middle East." Take advantage, Mr. President, of this "joint military group" now before Lebanon falls into the Syrian-USSR orbit. It's not too late.

Comparing the current situation in Lebanon with that of 1958 when President Eisenhower sent in the Marines at the request of the then President Chamoun -- at which time Robert Murphy was his envoy -- Ambassador Kirkpatrick noted: "It is, in some way, startling, to read and reflect on the similarities in the situation in Lebanon in 1958 and Lebanon today. There are many elements of commonality. Lebanon was rent, the rebels received outside help, the situation was bleak. In that Lebanon, however, there was no massive, heavily armed, external presence. Today, there are well over 50,000 Syrians in Lebanon. There are several thousands of Iranians and several thousand Palestinians. There are also, it is said, a certain number of Russians accompanying the Syrians who are present in Lebanon. And there are also Israelis.

"There is, of course," she pointed out, "despite all rumors to the contrary, a very significant difference between the Israeli presence in Lebanon and the Syrian presence...The Syrians say they were invited in and the Israelis were not. They overlook the fact that they have also been invited out, and the Israelis have not been by the Government of Lebanon. There's another difference and the difference is that the Israeli Government has agreed to withdraw...The Syrian Government has refused even to discuss the question..."

Ms. Kirkpatrick concluded her masterful ad-

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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enlist the aid of the unsuspecting king Ahasuerus. Since Haman was a very superstitious person, he had lots cast to determine on which day he should approach the king. The word for lots is "purim," and from it we get the name of the holiday (Esther 3:7; 9:26).

The king, who trusted Haman, agreed to his plan to murder the Jews. For Haman had told him that the Jews were "scattered abroad in all the provinces," and that "their laws are different from those of every people." To this, Haman added the following lie: "that the Jews do not keep the king's law" (Esther 3:8). Haman's speech to the king is the archetype of antisemitic speeches.

Letters, written by Haman and signed by the king, were sent out throughout all the provinces, commanding all persons "to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish all the Jews" (Esther 3:13). The Jews would have been massacred, had it not been for Esther, Mordecai's beautiful cousin and adopted daughter, who had just recently been chosen as queen. Queen Esther was able to intercede at the last moment, and save the Jewish community from genocide.

On the gallows which Haman had prepared for Mordecai, he himself was hanged. The Jews of Persia were spared, and judgments were executed on their enemies.

Mordechai thereupon sent letters to all the Jews, calling upon them to observe the fourteenth and the fifteenth day of the month of Adar, "the days wherein the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions (mishloach manot) one to another, and gifts to the poor (mattanot la-eyyonim)" (Esther 9:22).

Purim today remains a day of gift-giving, feasting, and merriment.