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Enough Is Enough

Has the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization decided to take the road of violence rather than the road toward negotiations and eventual peace in the Middle East? This was the question posed by the United States after the terrorist gun and grenade attack in West Jerusalem's busiest intersection last week in which 48 persons were wounded.

It is nearly impossible to read into the PLO's mindset. The organization is splintered since being ousted from its base in south Lebanon and also since Yasir Arafat was forced to leave north Lebanon last year when he and his loyalist forces fought a desperate battle against Syrian backed PLO rebels. But there has been a marked increase in terrorist outrages in Israel and PLO factions have taken responsibility. The worst was the bus bombing last December which killed four persons and wounded dozens of others.

But one thing is certain. The Syrian government has control over some PLO factions, including the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which claimed credit for the latest attack. Israel has warned the Syrians to keep its terrorist proxies in check and that it will not tolerate a war of attrition on its own soil.

Syria should heed the warnings of Israel and the PLO leadership should look around and determine whether its terrorist actions over the past years have brought the Palestine people any closer towards achieving their goals. Its up to the Palestine people to say enough is enough and decide that the road to peace is through negotiations, not violence.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World—Union Press Feature

**Hussein - Arafat - Mubarak —
 A Secret Deal?**

UNITED NATIONS, (WUP) — A vital question arises: Has King Hussein entered into a secret deal with Yasir Arafat and Hosni Mubarak?

In this connection, the following sequence of events are worth noting:

1. U.S. and French naval and marine forces extirpate a badly-defeated Yasir Arafat from the PLO-created quagmire of Lebanon as Israel is cautioned by Washington not to interfere.
2. The PLO terrorist is welcomed in Egypt and warmly embraced by Hosni Mubarak, the now-proud owner of the Sinai who not so long ago embarrassed President Reagan at a White House lawn ceremony where he urged full support for Arafat and the PLO.
3. Yasir Arafat meets with King Hussein on two occasions for lengthy talks.
4. The Hashemite King, soon after a friendly meeting with Reagan, took the occasion of a New York Times interview and a NBC network broad-

cast not only to dismiss the U.S. as a possible negotiating partner but also to attack Washington as being biased and one-sided.

To sum up, King Hussein rejected Camp David and the Reagan peace initiative of 1 September 1982 thus seemingly acquiescing to Arafat's standard PLO scheme calling for armed conflict with Israel as the sole solution to the Palestinian question.

Armed conflict? This brings us to another question: what secret talks went on between Hussein and Arafat and to what extent was Mubarak involved? We do know that the Egyptian strongly favored Jordanian-PLO talks.

Still another question: has Hussein, on the basis of his latest disturbing pronouncement revealing a bewildered soul, decided that the only way for him to get Jerusalem and Samaria and Judea back — regions he had taken by aggression and held illegally — is through armed conflict? And, if so, does he believe that Arafat with his diminished PLO army of terrorists along with the Jordanian Arab Legion could win a war with Israel? Perhaps so. Having dreamed for 'his' Jerusalem restored as a judenrein entity for the past nineteen years — having had the taste of 'ruling' over the historic old city which Jewish section he had razed and from which he barred both Jews and Christians — he still entertains hopes of reigning in the eternal city.

Thus, finding himself in a desperate mood so evident in the interview he gave, and banking on his friend Mubarak of Egypt finding some justification — peace treaty or no peace treaty — to stand by him in the event of a conflict with Israel, he may well be tempted to open his long borders with the Jewish State to the PLO terrorists in a war of attrition. It is still not known what pledges Mubarak made to Arafat and what foreknowledge the Egyptian leader had on King Hussein's surprising interview revelation.

Undoubtedly, this grandson of the late Emir Abdullah was also motivated to come out so strongly against the U.S. on the strength of an Arab League commitment to the PLO scheme. Indeed, the League's representative here at the UN, the shrewd and very articulate Clovis Maksoud, in commenting on the Hussein interview statement, "expressed both disappointment and disillusionment with the U.S. position in the Middle East" as "accurately reflecting the status of Arab-American relations because of the basic flaws in the American attitude."

Hussein's *hutzpah* in having made his anti-American statement may also have been motivated by Washington's apparent abandonment of Lebanon in the seemingly escapist manner in which it was abandoned. Perhaps he felt that the U.S. could not be trusted to protect small states. Hence he is back to his old threatening stance. He will not refuse arms from the Soviet Union. Mazal tov!

Whether or not the U.S. missed the bus in Lebanon during Israel's Peace for Galilee operation in 1982 remains a big question which we will take up next week. One thing is certain, and Hussein should know it, America is not withdrawing from the Mideast. In the meantime — it behooves Israel to look to her eastern defenses.

Passover: A Time For Israel

By Bettijane Eisenpreis

In the context of modern Israel, the ancient story of Passover takes on a number of new and important meanings.

The message of Passover is a message of hope, of triumph over adversity.

The story we read in our *Haggadah* tells of the escape of an oppressed people from slavery. We read that this people, despite seemingly insuperable odds, fled the bondage of Egypt and began its long journey to freedom in the land of Israel.

Within recent memory, the Jewish people endured another cataclysm even more horrible than the slavery of Egypt — the Holocaust. Following that nightmare came the rebirth of the State of Israel and its establishment — again, in the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties — as a free, independent nation.

The story of modern Israel, like the story of the Exodus, is punctuated with perils and studded with successes. But this is an ongoing story: neither the dangers nor the triumphs are a thing of the past. For the people of Israel and for Jews everywhere, Passover is a time to celebrate victories and a warning against complacency.

As Spring comes to Israel, its people are just emerging from the economic difficulties that came to the fore in the Autumn of 1983.

The Lebanon operation, which secured Israel's northern border, imposed a heavy economic burden on the people of Israel in the form of new taxes, fewer food subsidies and higher prices for commodities. The impact was felt in all sectors of the country.

In order to combat inflation and help turn the economy around, the Israel Government imposed severe austerity measures, including major budget cuts. The people of Israel accepted these belt-tightening measures to insure their country's economic future.

There are many indications — among them an improved import-export balance — that this austerity program is already bearing fruit. But Israel needs investment dollars to carry forward a number of development projects that will improve its economy and guard against future economic difficulties.

The Israel Bond Organization, which has provided more than \$6.5 billion since its founding to help develop every aspect of Israel's economy, is determined to assume a larger share of Israel's Development Budget than ever to demonstrate its support for Israel in these difficult times. Vital development projects must be continued; Israel's high-technology industries must receive research and development funds to continue improving the nation's exports; and the people of Israel must not bear the burden alone.

One of the major lessons we learn at Passover is the need for unity. When Moses went to Pharaoh, he did not ask that any one group — the young, the able-bodied men, the families — be given freedom. He said, "Let my people go."

And go they did — a people that through 400 years of slavery had kept the ideal of freedom alive. They marched ahead behind a leader they trusted; in unity they found strength.

This is a time when the Jewish people must again demonstrate its unity. The Israel Bond campaign provides an ideal vehicle.

The history of the Jewish people has been a recurrent cycle of disaster and redemption. Now that the State of Israel has existed for thirty-six years, a proud, free and independent nation, the means exists to alter this cycle. Through Israel, Jews can build continually toward greater prosperity and toward peace.

If all Jews work as one people, it can be done. Israel Bonds provides a way for Jews everywhere to continue the economic development of the State of Israel.

Passover is a time of growth and renewal. The Israel Bond Organization is committed to help Israel grow and prosper in the year to come and in the future as well.

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