

Qaddafi, Diary Of A Madman

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Colonel Muammar Qaddafi, whose blood and thunder tactics have again shocked the world, seems to harbor an embassy complex. In December, 1979, his mob of 2000 attacked the U.S. embassy in Tripoli. In February, 1984, his rioters in Tripoli destroyed the Jordanian embassy. Two months later, machine gun fire emanating from the Libyan embassy in London killed a British policewoman, wounded 10 Libyan exiles, and put Scotland Yard to one of its severest tests.

Meddling into the affairs of some 40 or 50 nations, hounding anti-Qaddafi Libyans throughout the world, fawning on Iran's Ayatolla Khomeini and aping his methods, he has earned the contempt of statesmen most everywhere. President Gaafar Nimeiri of Sudan brands him an evil man; in the late Anwar Sadat's opinion, he is a lunatic; State Secretary George P. Shultz says Qaddafi and his countrymen are "the troublemakers of the world."

Born in a nomad's desert tent in 1938, he and his fellow military machismos toppled King Idris in

1969. Once oil wealth started to flow into his banks, he boasted he would establish a pan-Arab nation stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Persian Gulf. His present domain he refers to as a republic of the masses. His concept of promoting democracy is to outlaw all political parties, to declare membership in certain Libyan organizations punishable by death, to dispatch hundreds of his soldiers to rescue Idi Amin, the butcher of Uganda, and to give shelter to Carlos, a skilled practitioner of the art of universal terrorism.

Today, the neo-Nazi philosophy motivating Qaddafi has rendered Libya practically Judenrein. A millenium past, many Jews found a degree of toleration in the land that the United Nations shaped in modern days as the Libya we know now. But if we go back only as far as 1941, when Italy ruled Tripoli, pogroms and the looting of Jewish stores reflected the atmosphere of Holocaust. In 1945, Muslim rioting in Tripoli reduced synagogues to ashes, and there was a Jewish exodus to Israel.

Given this sorry record of Tripoli's past, Qaddafi

fanned the flames of anti-Semitism in characteristic style. The Jews, he asserted, committed genocide. He excused his mounting acts of subversion, kidnapping, and hijacking by pointing to "Jewish imperialism, Zionism, and racialism." He bankrolled Yasir Arafat. Investigators contend that it was Libya's National Youth For the Liberation of Palestine that killed five and wounded 54 passengers in the Athens airport in 1973.

When 11 Israeli participants in the 1972 Olympic gamers in Munich were murdered, it was indicated Qaddafi master-minded that massacre.

Bold type speaking up in a full-page advertisement in The New York Times, Oct. 26, 1980 gave President Carter and Candidate Reagan this stark warning: "If the U.S. government continues with its aggression against the Arab homeland...it will be the U.S. and Zionist ambitions that will be responsible for a new World War...If a new World War destroys a major part of human civilization, it will be the result of a biased American stand in the Arab-Israel conflict." This bit of revved hypocrisy was signed by The People's Bureau of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Few voters were moved by such madness; but some Americans may have recalled that ad in December, 1981, when news was flashed that Qaddafi had dispatched a hit squad to Washington to try to kill Mr. Reagan. Two notable actions that followed merit recording: the President asked the 1500 Americans then living in Libya to come home, and he had the word go out that in his judgment the ruler was both a liar and a coward.

Telethon Preparation Gears Up



Bonnie Bryan (Governor's wife) along with Marla Renee (Letizia) are shown in the photograph during a press conference which outlined the format for the 2nd annual Children's Miracle Network, a 21 hour telethon which will be broadcast for the first time in Las Vegas on June 2nd and 3rd on KVBC TV 3. Bonnie Bryan is the honorary telethon chairman and Marla Renee is the telethon hostess.

House Resolution Urges U. S. To Seek Ways To Help Falashas

WASH. (WNS) — A resolution of concern for Ethiopian Jews, urging the United States government to seek ways to help them emigrate, was approved unanimously by the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Human Rights. The non-binding resolution was introduced by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D. NY). The resolution now goes to the full committee for action.

The resolution called on the government to "express to relevant foreign governments the United States concern for the welfare of Ethiopian Jews, in particular their right to emigrate." The resolution stated that the Ethiopian Jewish community is one of the oldest in existence, with a history of 3,000 years.

It said the community once numbered several hundred thousand persons but has been

reduced to 25,000 because of "wars, pestilence, persecution and famine." The resolution said the U.S. government "should seek ways to assist Ethiopian Jews through every available means so they may be able to emigrate freely."

BONN (WNS) — The small community of Hofgeismar near the town of Kassel in Hesse has opened a Jewish department in a local museum which largely concentrates on documenting the history of the area. Jews lived in Hofgeismar and in neighboring communities from 1356 and 1933. Today, there are no Jews known to live in this remote, mainly agricultural area.

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