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The Olympic Games

Between the Democratic and Republican Party national conventions and shortly after Israel's July 23 Knesset elections, Americans and Israelis will gather in Los Angeles with numerous other nations for what is the highlight of international athletic competition, the Olympic Games.

Filled with its recent tradition of controversy, the Games nonetheless provide a unique forum for some 10,000 athletes from around the world to share and compete in the limelight of international cooperation and friendship.

This friendship extends through the summer games despite the decision by the Soviet Union to boycott the Games and the action by the Eastern Bloc nations to follow in the footsteps of the Soviet Union.

Israel's delegation, though small - 38 athletes who are joined by a group of assorted coaches and officials, does bring with it to Los Angeles that competitive spirit and drive for success and the desire to bring to Israel a top medal for the first time in more than a decade of competition. The teams will compete in sports such as Judo, yachting and boxing.

The weightlifting team will have but one competitor, Meir Daloya. It is the image of the Israeli weightlifting team which evokes memories of the horrible terrorist attack on the Israeli athletes at the 1972 Games in Munich.

Israel in the past four years leading to this summer's Olympic Games has invested about \$1 million in its Olympic program. They will not however field a team in the traditional American powerhouse sports of basketball and waterpolo. But it can be assured that the Israeli athletes, although small in number, will provide evidence that they retain a fierce competitive spirit and will perform admirably and proudly in Los Angeles.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Javier Perez de Cuellar - A Friend

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Unlike his four predecessors - Norwegian Trygve Lie, Swedish Dag Hammarskjold, Burmese U Thant and Austrian Kurt Waldheim - the current UN Chief Javier Perez de Cuellar, a Peruvian, neither aspired nor campaigned for the high office. His name emerged almost out of nowhere after the Security Council, following 16 hectic balloting, failed to elect either Waldheim for a third term or Salim Salim of Tanzania.

On 15 December 1981 the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the bewildered Security Council, approved his election unanimously.

But de Cuellar is unlike his predecessors in many other ways. Most important of all, he is peacefully quiet and unassuming yet stately and highly

dignified evoking immediate respect by all who come in contact with him. More, he is a person who places principle above expedience - a rarity in this UN complex - hence he is his own man beholden to no one.

When he first arrived here this writer noted that "there can be no doubt that with his assumption of the high office of Secretary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru of Inca fame will infuse a new spirit into this world organization which in the past decades has tolerated, even, in some cases, abetted one-sided actions versus the Jewish State..."

Today, following almost three years in office, your correspondent must admit that de Cuellar has injected a better spirit into the Organization by the very fact that, in the face of its many shortcomings, he has not hesitated to speak out boldly and criticize the world body for having failed to live up to the Charter principles.

While his main work remains unfinished, one must say that, on the basis of his record thus far, he stands vindicated. His task, however, is herculean. He is faced with some 160 'bosses' representing conflicting blocs and, as Secretary-General, he is duty-bound to execute mandates called for either by the Security Council or the General Assembly. He is thus put on the spot, a somewhat unpleasant situation.

The spirit of de Cuellar's independence was clearly brought out in his annual report to the 38th session of the General Assembly. It astounded both delegates and correspondents by its candid remarks and critical comments. In referring to the actions of the Security Council, he charged that "the actual developments of the past year have been far from encouraging. It seems to me," he said, "we are more than ever in need of a fresh collective look at some of the major problems of the world. Despite the efforts of many, 1983 has, so far, been a frustrating year for the search of peace, stability, justice and for those who believe that the UN is the best available international instrumentality to achieve these ends..."

His several meetings with Ambassador Blum and recently with Gerald Kraft, president of B'nai B'rith International, along with other Jewish leaders on the issue of anti-Semitism here have brought about promising reactions. Said Mr. Kraft after his friendly meeting with the UN Chief: "I came away encouraged that he is not unaware of our concern. I can be somewhat encouraged in terms of his leadership."

Last May de Cuellar appeared as the keynote speaker at the convention of the American Jewish Committee. In a lengthy address, he voiced views much similar to those he had made in his UN report. "I am well aware," he said, "of the fact that the United Nations is not, perhaps, your best loved organization these days. In certain instances," he noted, "the position taken by certain bodies of the UN have aroused misgivings and even resentment" - no doubt alluding to the vicious anti-Israeli, anti-Semitic diatribes by the Libyans, Iranians and others befouling the chambers here so often. "We are vividly aware that the problems of the Middle East...have, on occasion, affected the relationship

King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN

...Man of Many Talents.

My wife keeps imitating Teddy Roosevelt. She runs from store to store yelling, "Charge!"

of the UN and the U.S. and possibly even your long-standing support of the Organization."

He then pledged before the American Jewish Committee that "we must not flinch from such problems. In fact, one of my main reasons for coming here tonight is because I believe we must speak of such matters frankly and freely..." The UN will have to take note.

During his recent visit to the Middle East he undoubtedly chided Syria's Assad over the plight of the remaining Jews there. The first result was the exchange of prisoners with Israel. Let it be hoped that he will continue to press Damascus to permit all of Syria's Jews to emigrate to Israel.

Israel and Jewry can count on de Cuellar as a friend. His Yad Vashem visit undoubtedly left him with unforgettable thoughts.

WASHINGTON — B'nai B'rith International offered to convene a meeting with the Rev. Jesse Jackson "at the earliest possible date" to revitalize the coalition between Jews and Blacks.

Gerald Kraft, B'nai B'rith president, said in a telegram to the Democratic presidential candidate that the Jewish organization "is deeply gratified" by his "compelling pleas" for the revival of Jewish-Black unity.

"We agree that our history together has been blessed with a shared commitment to peace and justice and that we must dedicate ourselves to understanding and mending the hurt and disappointments each side has felt in recent days and years," Kraft said.

The B'nai B'rith leader told Jackson that many Jews "have been profoundly distressed" by the divisive events of the campaign. "But we welcome your speech as a first step in a necessary and promising process of reconciliation and healing," Kraft said.

"As Jews and Blacks, we must draw strength from our mutual history and dreams and move on, as you so eloquently said, to a higher ground."

Kraft added that this does not mean that Jews will agree on all issues that divide them from blacks, "but we must make every effort to understand and to learn from each other's hopes and experiences."

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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I want to help.

The one-page summary of his life has given me a skeletal history; yet, his purpose and determination far outweigh these facts and figures. Dr. Goldfand is a Soviet "refusenik" - a person who repeatedly has been refused permission to emigrate from Russia.

Recently, as a participant in the annual congressional fast and prayer service for Soviet Jewry, I had the privilege to re-familiarize myself with Dr. Goldfand because I was the only congressman to represent the same refusenik for two years. Wearing Goldfand's name again this year reinforced my awareness that the need to help others in their search for freedom remains constant.

Goldfand and other freedom-seeking Russian Jews are not only denied permission to leave their country, but cannot freely practice their cultural and religious beliefs. Those who choose to protest this policy are often imprisoned or exiled internally. Yet, they continue to fight for their faith...never abandoning it. In fact, it is this faith that fuels their determination to find freedom. We must be equally determined to help them in their search.

Having never been denied my own freedoms, it is difficult to imagine living in a country where an entire culture is suppressed. In Russia, exclusionary measures include: the closure of most synagogues and Jewish schools; the banning of Hebrew instruction; the destruction and prohibition of religious materials; the desecration of Jewish cemeteries; the discrimination in employment and professional advancement; and more.

These Russians have been fighting for religious and cultural freedom for much too long.

It is my greatest hope that next year I will NOT be standing on the Capitol steps as the proxy for a friend who is prohibited from standing for himself!