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Poor Judgment By Malaysia

The New York Philharmonic last week dropped its planned concerts in Malaysia. The government there objected to one of the scores scheduled in the program because it claimed to contain "Jewish elements." The piece is titled "Schelomo, a Hebrew Rhapsody for Cello and Orchestra," composed by the well-known Swiss Jewish composer, Ernest Bloch. After first hedging on indecision, then scratching the piece from the program, the New York Philharmonic finally decided to cancel the two concerts in Kuala Lumpur from its Asian tour. The Philharmonic should be commended for not bowing to cultural blackmail.

The flat over the Bloch piece surfaced just shortly before the Orchestra was preparing to begin its tour. The Malaysian government had known about the pieces scheduled for the performance for some six months. Even after lodging the complaint about the Bloch piece, there was no objection to the works of other Jewish composers -- Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, and George Gershwin -- all of which were to be performed in Malaysia. The Malaysian government is said to have objected to the word "Hebrew" contained in the score's title. It maintains a policy which forbids the "screening, portrayal or musical presentation of works of Jewish origin."

One report said the decision by Malaysia, a predominantly Moslem nation, may have been to provide evidence that it is indeed a solid member of the Arab fold, rejecting anything relating to Israel, Judaism or Zionism. It is suggested that the government wishes to prove also that it is committed to the Palestinian cause and, in addition, wants to show hardliners opposed to the present government that it is more radical than they are, even though they happen to be Islamic fundamentalists.

Malaysia may have succeeded in demonstrating how tough it can be when it comes to dealing with the Philharmonic. But it also proves it has neither class nor culture by singling out the Bloch piece and thus letting an appearance by the New York Philharmonic in that country just slip away.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations
 By David Horowitz
 A World-Union Press Feature

U.S. Turns Other Cheek To Syria

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Having apparently forgotten the Damascus-sanctioned massacre of our Marines in Beirut, the U.S. has now unashamedly turned the other cheek to Syria under whose direct control the fanatic Iranian unit along with the terrorist PLO went amuck in their murderous onslaughts on American, British, French, Israelis and even Lebanese during the 1982 debacle.

Surely, both the White House and the State Department have not been ignorant of the Soviet-Syrian connection in the Near East and of the peril that this connection poses to the entire region, especially to America's interests there, the danger to Israel, the West's one and only reliable ally in the area.

Two hundred and forty-one Marines were massacred and the United States, without an effort to apprehend the guilty, withdrew to the consternation of many small states who had placed their trust in Washington's protection. "The U.S. failed to punish Syria for its part in the truck bombing of our embassy in Beirut," complained Edward W. Luttwak in a recent Times article captioned "Inviting Terror."

This senior fellow of Georgetown University's Center of Strategic and International Studies goes on to charge that "this abdication of responsibility was poorly concealed by the hollow pretense that we did not know who did it -- as if it mattered whether it was Abdul Mohammed or Mohammed Abdul who drove the truck, when the Syrian Minister of Defense General Mustafa Tlas publicly celebrated the deed and threatened further attacks."

Take note Washington: Assad's Minister of Defense not only celebrated the massacre of Americans but also warned of further attacks.

Other leaders have spoken out against Washington's new attitude toward Syria. The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, in its latest Middle East Memo, declared that "the most recent about face" exhibited by the State Department was disclosed in a statement by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Richard W. Murphy. In it he noted that Syria is playing a "helpful role" in restoring "stability" in Lebanon.

Imagine, Syria which has kept its remaining Jewish citizens in prison-like quarters, tortured many of them; which is still arming the PLO terrorists for attacks against Israel and which is dictating Soviet-inspired policy to the fragmented Gemayel regime, imagine -- this Syria, in Murphy's eyes, is playing a "helpful" role in restoring "stability" to Lebanon.

The Memo goes on to tell us that "Mr. Murphy's remark was not an off-the-cuff comment or blooper forced out of him by some hectoring journalist. It was contained in his prepared testimony before the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on the Middle East and Europe. The praise for Syria's actions seemed to stun the members of the subcommittee, who sharply questioned Mr. Murphy about the apparent switch in Administration polemics about Syria.

"State's new line is both astonishing and depressing," the Memo charges. "It is astonishing because the despotic Syrian regime, by its support of terrorism and its sabotaging of the U.S.-sponsored Israel-Lebanon troop withdrawal agreement, has made no secret of its hostility and contempt for our country. Indeed, not long ago

King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN
 ...Man of Many Talents.

My best friend ran away with my wife, and, let me tell you, I miss him.

Secretary of State Shultz himself called Syria 'the center of the problem in Lebanon.' Only last month the Secretary of State, recalling Syria's role in the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut that killed the servicemen, branded Syria, Iran and Libya members of 'a league of terror.' Now the Assistant Secretary calls Syria 'helpful'."

"The seeming reversal of U.S. attitude toward Syria," the Conference of Presidents' Memo concludes, "is depressing because it appears to denote American acceptance of Syria's success in turning the Gemayel Government into a puppet state," in a sense a satellite of Moscow via Damascus. "There is no independent or sovereign Lebanon today, because Damascus destroyed whatever chance there was of it. There is, however, stability -- the stability of Syrian control. That control was demonstrated for all to see on the very day that Mr. Murphy was defending the new State Department line of Syria. That morning the puppet Lebanese Government forced Israel to close its liaison office in Beirut, the last trace of Israeli presence in the Lebanese capital and the last vestige of the Israel-Lebanon withdrawal agreement of 17 May 1983.

But Syria better beware. There are elements in Lebanon unhappy with a weak Gemayel, a puppet. Damascus must still contend with the powerful and very independent Druze.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (WNS) — The Birmingham Festival of Arts will salute the culture and arts of Israel next year from April 25 to May 5, it was announced here. Founded in 1951, the Festival of Arts is the oldest continuing arts festival in the world today. Recently the Birmingham Jewish Federation made it possible for a group of festival officials to travel to Israel to make preparations and contacts for the 35th annual event.

TELL TALES
 "One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

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A graduate of the University of Miami, Florida, the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the American Friends of the Hebrew University Program, Jerusalem, Israel, Rabbi Hecht has lived and studied in Germany, Israel, and America. He has served congregations in Mississippi, Michigan, Kentucky and Florida. He is married to Micki D. Hecht of Pennsylvania. Rabbi Hecht's commitment to the service of people and community is exemplified by his establishment of Foster Care, Child Abuse programs, the Golden Chai Senior Citizens organization, youth group and camp experiences, Outreach (Conversion) programs. He has been involved as a board member and participant in the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Nathan Adelson Hospice, Humana Hospital Chaplaincy Advisory Committee, Clark County School Advisory Committee, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Community Relations Committee, and the District 5 State of Florida Mental Health Board.

Temple Beth Am's membership already exceeds 100 families. The Temple is pleased to announce that both its High Holy Day and Sabbath Services will be held at the Dunes Hotel and Country Club. Rosh Hashanah Eve services begin at 8 P.M., September 26th. Friday night services begin with Sabbath Shuvah, at 8 P.M., September 28th. Services will be open to the public and reservations must be made by calling 645-6624.

Under the leadership of Rabbi Hecht, the new Reform congregation is introducing many innovative features and programs which include Hebrew and Religious schools conducted on Sunday so as not to interfere with children's extracurricular mid-counseling and referral; congregational bowling league; "Maccabia" game competition for Jewish Youth at the L.V. Sporting House; Jewish "Marriage Encounter;" couples and singles weekend retreats; senior citizen and social issue programs - to name only a few.

For further information and membership, call 645-6624.