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## 'No' To Soviet Sponsored Mideast Peace Confab

There have been many proposals put forth over the years in search for an Arab-Israeli peace. But one of the most poorly conceived ideas has received the support and backing in recent weeks of the Soviet Union. The Soviet media has been voicing strong support for an international peace conference for the Middle East. The prospects of such a conference as outlined even before the parties get to the negotiating table, lead to the clear conclusion that the United States and Israel should do their utmost to ensure that this conference never gets off the ground.

The conference calls for the participation of all parties in the Arab-Israeli conflict — the Soviets, U.S., Israel, the Arab States, and the PLO — "on an equal footing." Russia seeks to solve the Palestinian issue with the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to have East Jerusalem incorporated into the Palestinian state. In addition to these proposals, the conference calls for a return of all Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and giving up all Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Whatever one thinks of the current conflict in the Mideast, the Soviet position is a classic example of non-starter proposals.

The Soviets, if they really intend to act as a mediating force in the Middle East dispute, suffer a disadvantage because of their failure to maintain diplomatic relations with Israel, over the treatment of its Jewish citizens, not to mention its refusal to allow Jews to emigrate.

But the basic weakness in the proposed Middle East conference, which would convene under UN auspices, is that it provides little incentive for Israel to come to a bargaining table at which all conclusions have been arrived at even before the discussions have begun. That probably better than anything else explains why the Soviet proposals have received support from, among others, Jordan and Syria. They, and all the other Arab states and the PLO, have nothing to lose!

## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

### Lebanese Hutzpah

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — There's only one word for it, for Lebanon's latest action versus Israel — hutzpah! Nay, betrayal!

Pressed by Syria and other Arab states and finding himself under the spell of the reactionary Foreign Minister Rashid Karami, the ever-weak Amin Gemayel decided to invoke the UN in a vicious anti-Israeli move this past week so as to prove himself the first Arab on the eve of the 39th General Assembly — opening on the 18th of this

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month — to attack the Jewish State.

Ignoring the resumption of the murderous infighting among his own people in the north and in Beirut itself, he instructed his Ambassador here to summon "an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider all practices and measures taken by the Israeli occupying authorities in southern Lebanon, the Western Bekaa and the Reshaya region."

Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum, who had been scheduled to leave his post at this time and return to Israel, was very much on the scene here during the vain Lebanese attack — and in a fighting mood. Once again, as in past years, he demonstrated his mastery in oratory and in legal expertise. Point by point, and in a language quite understandable, he demolished with ease the artificially-formulated package of charges which Karami's Ambassador Fakhoury had angrily imposed upon the Council.

"There is not the slightest justification for the Lebanese complaint that has brought about this meeting to the Council," Blum declared. "It is a diversionary exercise of the highest degree..." It was a propaganda maneuver imposed on the Security Council, he stated. After picturing the ongoing bloody feuds among the various conflicting factions in Lebanon, he told the fifteen Council members that "the Lebanese Government is far from being the master of its own house, even in the capital city, let alone those areas that are totally dominated by Syria..."

Gemayel and his malcontent Ministers, apparently, have forgotten the events of 1982 when the Israeli forces liberated and freed their people from the jungle-rule of the PLO terrorists who had created havoc in the nation. Euphoria reigned in Lebanon as Israel brought hope to the Lebanese who were jubilant. This hope and jubilation, however, were short-lived. The United States, unfortunately, placed many roadblocks in the way of Israel's benevolent presence and these roadblocks led to one tragedy after another as Washington retreated from its original plan of stabilizing the country.

In his latest 251-page book, "The American Retreat" (Regnery Gateway, Chicago), the well-known strategic analyst, Dr. Joseph Churba, notes in a most revealing chapter entitled "Mishandling the Israeli Asset" that "the Lebanese Government made a tragic mistake by relying on the United States and Saudi Arabia instead of Israel." This "became clear with the Israeli withdrawal from the Shuf — where they had maintained a degree of quiet between Druze and Christians. The withdrawal," Churba adds, "was precipitated by a near ceaseless barrage of U.S. complaints against the Israeli presence and by continuous demands that they remove themselves south..."

"Without the Israeli presence," Churba continues, "order collapsed and by February orders came from President Reagan to start evacuating the Marines to ships offshore....To Lebanese, hearing the solid commitments of the United States, and viewing the mighty battle fleet, it was inconceivable that the U.S. could be defeated or

would quit. But Washington never had the will or the understanding for victory.

"Only days before the decision was announced to evacuate Beirut 'relocate the Marines Westward' — the President had declared that we would not be driven out; he declared that the withdrawal of the Marines would mean 'the end of Lebanon,' strategist Churba recalls. "Robert MacFarlane wrote in the Washington Times of Jan. 26th: 'There are other reasons why we must not leave Lebanon now...What we do in Lebanon affects our policies in the rest of the Middle East and throughout the world, a premature withdrawal could compromise Israeli security, which in turn could lead to another Israeli-Syrian war...trigger greater Soviet involvement and the attendant risk of escalation...A withdrawal of our forces could also diminish our hope for a negotiated settlement to end the war between Iraq and Iran...Our Arab friends in the Gulf — would have no choice but to conclude that the U.S. will not stand by its commitments. They may decide that it is more dangerous to be a friend of the United States than its adversary...'"

Some twelve days after President Reagan's assistant for national security affairs made this definitive statement, Churba says, "the withdrawal began" and, he adds, "unfortunately, a real understanding by the Administration and Congress of the basic prerequisites for peace in the Middle East is still lacking.

Lebanon today is tasting the bitter fruits of its abrogation of the 17 May 1983 treaty with Israel, a treaty in whose signing the U.S. played a vital role. Washington let it go too easy.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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Cooper was United Way's chief communications volunteer for seven consecutive years as Communications Chairman. In that position he orchestrated media campaigns designed to educate the general public about United Way and the numerous services provided by its funded agencies.

Smith, former general manager of KLAS, said of Cooper, "Gregg Cooper was the spirit and the embodiment of the word volunteer. His activity with United Way during the years we worked together at KLAS has set a precedent and style for the whole community to emulate."

## High Holy Days Message

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D. N.Y.) issued the following message in anticipation of the Jewish High Holy Days:

"Millions of Jews throughout the world will soon celebrate the high Holy Days, a period of self-examination and reflection; a time when each Jew attempts to measure his or her spiritual accomplishments against the timeless benchmark of their religious tradition.

"At this solemn time, the sometimes petty concerns of daily life are placed in perspective as the descendants of Abraham sound the Shofar to relive the drama of the binding of Isaac, and to remind themselves of the permanent values that exist in this tumultuous world. Above all, the High Holy Days are a time of rededication and hope, a time when an ancient people pray for an end to human suffering and the dawn of universal peace.

"Mrs. Moynihan and I wish Jews everywhere a meaningful and happy New Year. And we join in the traditional prayer that this will be the year in which "iniquity shall be silenced, wickedness shall vanish and tyranny will be abolished from the Earth.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — El Al, Israel's national airline, made a \$1.6 million operating profit in the past fiscal year. But this was offset by a cumulative deficit of \$14.3 million, according to the annual balance sheet.

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