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Searching For Mengele

Four members of a delegation that went to Paraguay in order to meet with government officials there to determine the whereabouts of the notorious Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele, were provided with some good news and some bad.

The good news was this: the government of President Alfredo Stroessner will conduct an investigation to locate Mengele, known as the "Angel of Death" for his experiments on twins and others at the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II.

The delegation, which included Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld, was told also that the government will allow foreign observers -- presumably from the United States -- to monitor the police investigation.

Furthermore, the government will respond to formally submitted written questions on the Mengele case.

Now the bad news: the odds of finding Mengele, now 74 years old and only a skeleton of the man who terrorized Auschwitz forty years ago, seems very unlikely. The delegation had no illusions to this, realizing that Mengele could have had plastic surgery performed many years ago in order to prevent his being recognized.

The delegation members along with Klarsfeld were: Elizabeth Holtzman, the Brooklyn District Attorney; Menachem Rosensaft, the founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors; and Bishop Bene Valero of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

In terms of specific action, the delegation should now impress upon the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigation, formed in the 1970s in part by the efforts of Holtzman, then a member of Congress, to take up Paraguay on the offer of monitoring the police investigation.

This would add some backbone to the search. Reports over the years have said Mengele had a working and sometimes intimate relationship with the military and government authorities in Paraguay. Thus an investigation could easily be stonewalled. U.S. participation would hopefully prevent this from happening.

Furthermore, Holtzman pointed out, as did others in the delegation, that the United States could, if it wanted, press Paraguay on the issue of Mengele. Using its leverage through the enormous military aid sent to Paraguay, the Reagan Administration is in an ideal position to act as the needed catalyst in this investigation.

Bringing Mengele and his cohorts in crimes against humanity to justice, is part of a commitment world Jewry has to the memory of the six million men, women and children slaughtered by the Nazis. Keeping the pressure on Paraguay at least assures world Jewry that Mengele will not sleep, or for that matter, die, in peace.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Hussein-Arafat-Mubarak In New Scheme *Amman Confab Timed To U.N. Onslaught*

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Always scheming and conniving on how to debase and downgrade Israel, the cunning Yasir Arafat and his aides times their Amman parley of the "Palestine National Council" to coincide with the November 29th "UN Day of Palestinian Solidarity" sponsored by the notorious anti-Israeli pro-PLO "Rights Committee" as a spiteful maneuver to remind the world of its opposition to the 1947 Partition decision taken on November 29 of that year.

The Amman confab -- at which a morose and bewildered Arafat 'enjoyed' the company of his former enemy Hussein and of Egypt's Mubarak over whose predecessor Sadat's assassination the PLO chieftain had gloated and celebrated -- was also timed to coincide with the opening of two of the most vicious anti-Israeli agenda items, one -- "The Situation In The Middle East," the other "The Question of Palestine." One item was not enough for the hate-mongers to indulge in their diatribes against the Jewish State. There had to be two 'major' agenda items, in addition to the several others dealing with Israel's 'sins.'

As regards the first, the Special Political Committee approved eight draft resolutions for consideration of the Assembly plenary. There had to be at least eight with which to condemn and castigate Israel, and, it goes without saying, when the other agenda item is finally acted upon this week there will be an added number of condemnatory drafts to satisfy the ravenous appetites of the modern Hamans.

Significantly, in the face of the overwhelming votes in favor of the drafts, the United States stood faithfully with solitary Israel each time, thrice in a vote against -- no other state had the courage to do so -- and five times in abstention. Others abstaining in some of the resolutions included Liberia, Zaire, also Australia, Barbados, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Malawi, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Paraguay and Sweden. A number of delegations were absent.

In explaining his vote, Alternate U.S. delegate Richard Schifter criticized the Committee actions as "annual rituals" and much ado about nothing. He noted that "hardly anyone believe that" with these resolutions "we have helped

solve the problems discussed...or advanced toward the goal which we are pledged to seek, that of peace in the area here at issue. At best," he continued, "the resolutions, repetitious of resolutions passed on a number of occasions in previous years, will have no practical effect. At worst, they make progress toward peace more difficult than it is."

Ambassador Schifter added that America's concern with the texts of the drafts were twofold. "First," he stated, "we disagree with what we deem inflammatory rhetoric and unjustified allegations, which render the texts so affected counterproductive in the quest of peace in the Middle East. Second, we regret these one-sided resolutions and the disproportionate emphasis given to them because of the harm they do to the credibility of the U. N..."

Thus it appears that even now -- after almost four decades and following five vain Arab attempts to destroy Israel and with the demise of the PLO's military infrastructure in Lebanon -- there has been no change of heart among Israel's cousins, the descendants of Ishmael and Esau. And as for Egypt and the Camp David Accords, Mubarak made no mention of these accords in Amman. When his Foreign Minister Ali was asked by reporters why there had been no mention of Camp David, he replied cautiously "We respect Camp David and our signature on it, but with our own interpretation on it."

This Egyptian "but" should tell us a lot. It should tell us that Mubarak and his Egypt are reneging on the peace treaty. Let them prove otherwise by returning their Ambassador to Israel, and not to Tel Aviv, but to Jerusalem.

'Moderate' King Hussein is playing a dangerous game. Does he believe that by enlisting Egypt along with the PLO he can intimidate Israel into relinquishing the territories including Jerusalem? Is he relying upon his long border with Israel and holding that up as a threat? He has tried before. Does he think he can now succeed?

Gilman Urges Recognition Of Israel By The Vatican

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (New York - 22nd District) is one of 26 Members of Congress who is urging Pope John Paul II to extend the Vatican's diplomatic recognition to Israel.

"We are encouraged by reports that the Vatican is considering official recognition of the State of Israel," the 26 Congressmen stated in a recent letter to the Pope. "We strongly favor mutual diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel and urge the prompt establishment of such relations."

Noting the Pontiff's "unswerving commitment to religious toleration," the Members of Congress urged him to personally intervene to bring about a normalization of relations. "The exchange of ambassadors between Israel and the Vatican would be a watershed in the history of Jewish-Catholic relations equivalent only to the Second Vatican Council."

"The world has been moved by Your Holiness' repeated support for the national aspirations of all people," stated the joint communication. "Recognition of Israel would be a manifest reaffirmation of that principle."

The Legislators' letter to the Pope contended that "that the favorable impact of this development would not only foster improved relations between Jews and Catholics but also strengthen the ties and friendship between the United States and the Holy See."

In conclusion, the 26 Congressmen who signed the letter -- all of whom are either Jewish or Catholic -- stated: "We entreat Your Holiness to proceed with this historic step to reinforce and enlarge our shared Judeo-Christian heritage -- so fundamental to Western values."

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