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## Bitburg, A Moral Wreckage

By Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum

This column was written on the Friday before the "Black Sunday" of the Bitburg visit. Whatever takes place during the "memorial visit" by President Reagan and Chancellor Kohl to the Bitburg military cemetery, the moral damage has been done - and it is profound.

The magnitude and extent of that moral wreckage is distressingly evident in the way that the Waffen SS Death's Head veterans have seized on President Reagan's stubborn determination to "honor" the German dead, including the 49 SS murderers buried in Bitburg.

"We were soldiers like all the soldiers, and I think that's what the president is trying to say," said one former SS general last week.

"I never committed a war crime, and I don't know anyone who did," said another.

Elie Wiesel's prophecy has come true. "The issue is not reconciliation. The issue is the difference between good and evil."

With all his pious rhetoric, President Reagan has proclaimed moral relativism as his theology for dealing with the Waffen SS butchers. These criminals who ran Auschwitz, Treblinka, and Mauthausen will now present themselves as German boy scouts, maybe even Peace Corps idealists.

If this moral absurdity is allowed to stand, we may soon expect Ayatollah Khomeini, Libya's Qaddafi, PLO's Arafat to be celebrated as the moral heroes of mankind.

President Reagan wants to be remembered as a man of peace. In this bumbling and irresponsible way, he will be hailed by every criminal, terrorist, and murderer as their liberator and moral defender.

## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

### More Black Africans Organize In Favor Of Israel

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Black African States in growing number among those who had severed relations with Israel following the 1967 war due to Arab pressures and vague promises of aid are having second thoughts -- seriously considering reestablishing diplomatic contacts with Jerusalem.

Such a pro-Israeli trend is becoming more and more evident here at the UN. There has been a noticeable change of attitude on the part of some of the Representatives of politically-important Black African States with whom this writer is in almost daily contact.

As Christians nurtured on biblical teachings, especially on the prophecies in the Old Testament, they have even gone so far as to organized themselves into a unit with the view to countering the anti-Israeli stance not only of the radical Arabs but also of the 43-member Organization of the Islamic Conference whose policy is not only anti-Israeli but often anti-Semitic.

Confiding in your correspondent, a prominent member of the newly-formed Black African unit disclosed that he had taken it upon himself to organize the unit into a strong political body in opposition to the pro-PLO Africans who continually vote with the automatic majority affecting the welfare of Israel. His campaign, he stated, is bearing fruit.

In addition to his contacts with the friendly Black Africans here at the UN, your correspondent has, for a number of years, maintained a lengthy correspondence with several leaders and groups within some of such African nations as Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria and the Ivory Coast -- all of whom have let their pro-Israeli, pro-biblical views known to their governmental officials.

One of these groups, at Abidjan, the Ivory Coast, displays an unusual masthead and logo on its stationery -- a map of Africa in the center of which is a Magen David, the whole of which encircled with its officially-sanctioned name: "Israel and Africa, United and Peace of Prayer-Group-International."

The writer has just received an interesting communication from the head of this Ivory Coast group, a Pastor Paul Yao. Expressing the view of the various groups in Ghana, Nigeria and the other friendly African states, Pastor Yao's letter, in part, is worth quoting:

"Blessed by the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people.

"A great spiritual revival is taking place in Africa with Abidjan as the temporal headquarters for the formation of an organization known as Unity and Peace of Israel and Africa Prayer Group International.

"The primary aim of this Organization is to pray for unity and peace between Israel and Africa our beloved Continent.

"Africa has brought a curse upon us by having broken its relationship, materially and spiritually, with Israel, the Holy Land. For it is written: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed..." (Genesis 12:3).

"This revelation, this restoration, has been shown to me so that I may remind all our people, indeed, mankind as a whole, of this prophecy. 'Thus hath said the Lord, I am returned unto Zion, and shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called 'The City of Truth,' the Holy Mountain' (Zecharia 8:3). 'Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silent, and give

Him no rest until He hath established Jerusalem as praise on the whole earth.'" (Isaiah 62:6-7).

In the Sefwi Wiawso district of Ghana there functions a growing community of Black Africans whose several hundred members, men, women and children, not only support Israel as a sovereign state but who, as students of the Bible tutored by United Israel World Union of the United States, are adopting the Torah-faith. Known as "The House of Israel-Zion" its leader Aaron Ahomtre-Toakyurufah, in a communication to your correspondent, declared: "We obey the Law of Moses as expressed in the Old Testament and we also cling to the Sabbath...We are devoted to the spreading of the Jewish religion in Ghana in particular and in Africa as a whole..."

To sum up; the impact of the Hebrew Bible and its prophecies upon the Black African people is making them turn closer to Israel and away from her enemies. They see hope in a Jewish State. Let's salute Swaziland, Malawi and Lesotho who refused to go with Israel's foes in 1973 and let's pay tribute to Zaire and Liberia who have made the full swing back.

## Prime Minister Shimon Peres' Statement To World Jewish Communities On Israel's 37th Independence Day

Israel's 37th Independence Day is a day of tears and of pride - tears for the lives of the young people through whose courage we have renewed and maintained our independence and pride in what has been achieved, thereby changing the course of Jewish history.

Zionism has sought to build a state through peaceful means, through friendly relations with our Arab neighbors and mutual assistance. We have not fostered hostility, but we have been forced to stand up against it. We have not sought wars, but when we were attacked, we had no choice but to win them. We are the smallest of nations, and a small part of our own people - and in the wars we have had to fight, we have been a handful against many. Only the burning vision of the founders, and the supreme heroism of the defenders - only these have made it possible for the Jewish people to live anew on its land.

Vision and sorrow unify our people, and bestow upon it a uniqueness and a strength without equal. Our outlook is guided by victory in war, but even more by the hope of achieving peace. Tranquillity is not yet ours, but the improvement of relations with Egypt shows that peace is possible. And our departure from Lebanon will show that we can secure peace for Galilee from our own border.

Our strength derives from within, from the closing of our ranks, from the bravery of our sons and daughters, from the revitalization of our economy. We shall maintain our defensive strength, and we shall not tire in the search for peace.

We shall always feel the harsh yoke of destiny and the deep hope that accompanies it - the destiny of a people facing enmity and danger and the hope of a people that likes people, that believes in freedom and that calls for justice.

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Rabbi Cohen replied, "He will."

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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fought and died in WW II. "We must remember our fallen comrades," said Commander Greenberg, "whose precious paid for victories over the fascist architects of death saved Western civilization from destruction. We must remember those brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. We must not let their deaths be cheapened nor their memories desecrated."