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Waiting For Hussein

What King Hussein of Jordan said in Washington during his recent round of meetings with President Reagan and senior Administration officials is probably as significant as what the King did not say during those talks.

Mideast peace watchers had hoped for an opening from Hussein that would suddenly spark the dormant fuse in the region and move the peace process forward. But instead, Hussein publicly said little else than what he has stated previously.

Hussein once again called on the United States to recognize and talk with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Not because the PLO has said anything new, but because it is, according to Hussein, ready to accept United Nations Resolutions 242 and 338.

This offers little hope for a Mideast breakthrough as does Hussein's claim of a need for an international "umbrella" for Mideast peace talks. Israel and the United States remain opposed to an international conference.

Nonetheless, the King's pursuit of meetings between the United States and a Jordanian-Palestinian joint delegation is being battered about in Washington. There is now a debate on whether the Palestinians should be PLO members of the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian Parliament-in-exile, or merely prominent Palestinians.

It will be some time before the U.S. will move to meet with such a delegation. But Hussein, for what he said, did not say what would have sent Mideast peace watchers on their heads: That he is ready to recognize Israel and sit down and talk face to face at the same table with Premier Shimon Peres. That is what he didn't say in Washington last week.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World—Union Press Feature

Why Peace Continues To Elude Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Peace continues to elude the Land of the Cedars. The deteriorating situation involving the latest murderous conflict between the Shiites and the Palestinians has reached such a tragic stage as to have prompted the Times in a leading editorial to term it "not only beyond cure but even beyond understanding."

"Beyond cure? Beyond understanding?"

Possibly. But not to the keen student of Middle East history who scans the scene from the viewpoint of the greatest and most accurate history volume — the Bible in its original prophetic Hebrew script.

Readers of this column may well recall an

August 1976 exposition entitled "Violence In Lebanon and the Bible." It has been referred to since on several occasions. Subsequent events have borne out the veracity of the facts recorded in that exposition, facts which still apply perhaps more to our present days than to that period.

In the light of the current happenings, a review of that exposition is in place:

The violence in Lebanon today, where brother is pitted against brother, city against city, in a bloody struggle gone out of hand and ruining a former fruitful garden-like country now a heap of ashes, may well set in motion and signal the prophetic climatic period envisioned by all the Hebrew prophets as the "day of the Lord, the great and the terrible" — a judgment era to affect all mankind.

This writer, a student of the Bible, has always maintained that the global conflicts of our time — and they are erupting throughout the globe, as reflected in the unending bitter debates here at the UN — have their origin in antiquity going as far back as the beginning of recorded history within the region recognized as the "cradle of civilization," namely, the site of the "Garden of Eden."

And, based on the facts contained in the world's greatest history-book, the Hebrew Bible, the Lebanon — whose mighty cedars were used to construct the Temple — may well constitute that site. Here the original struggle began and here the fuse has now been ignited for its conclusion. What began in Eden resulted in continuous conflicts. There has never been a generation without a war and there's never been a time throughout history wherein the people of the God of Jacob were not persecuted, tortured and driven from land to land by the negative, satanic forces responsible for the demise of Eden.

But an end to all this there must be, and that end is now with us in this age. The greatest sign attesting to this fact is Israel reborn after almost two thousand years of bitter exile. The Jewish people are no more lambs led to the slaughter. The nations of the world have learnt this lesson only too well in recent times. The day of recompense is here, a time of retribution! It is indeed the Day of the Lord, the great and the terrible. "Great" for the good among all nations; "terrible" for the evil doers.

What is happening in Lebanon is linked to the whole prophetic pattern of fulfillment. As we stated, it's a signal to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Lebanon is referred to many times in the Bible. But those prophecies pertinent to the current inferno are worth noting, Declared Zechariah in chapter 11, verse 1:

"Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars."

And Isaiah, in 10:34: "And Lebanon shall fall by a Mighty One..."

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You look at the news — strikes, bombings, muggings — and sometimes you wonder, maybe the Indians should have had stricter immigration laws.

That Lebanon, of all places in the Middle East, is the site of Eden, is clearly hinted at by Ezekiel in chapter 31 which declares:

"Behold the Assyrian was a Cedar in Lebanon" (verse 3)...For its root was by many waters. The Cedars in the Garden of God could not hide it...Nor was any tree in the Garden of God like unto it in beauty... (verse 8)...I made it fair...so that all the trees in Eden, that were in the Garden of God, envied it... (verse 9)...And all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon... (verse 16).

And if we add to these what the Psalmist said in 104:16, namely, "The Cedars of Lebanon which He (God) has planted," one must conclude that Lebanon is the site where it all began, namely the Garden of Eden. For this reference serves to confirm Genesis 1, verse 8, namely, "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward, in Eden, and there He put the Adam..."

And so the world has gone its full course as events return to the original starting-point for the last act in the human drama recorded in Ezekiel 38-39 and Zechariah 14. It's a judgment that will escape no living being, but, as promised, whosoever shall call on the Name YHVH shall escape..."

Crackdown On Hate Groups

Federal law enforcement authorities have arrested two dozen persons in 13 states in a major crackdown on an underground band of armed racists and anti-Semites whose goal is the overthrow of the United States government, which they reject, labeling it the "Zionist Occupation Government," and to replace it with a "Nationalist racist state."

As outrageous as it sounds — perhaps something out of a fiction novel — the gang of thugs that have paraded about preaching a convoluted view of society, have taken on equally ominous sounding names for their groups — "The Order" and "The Aryan Nations." This loosely affiliated hate network is bound collectively through the Identity Movement, whose total membership may be as high as 3,000 persons, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Furthermore, this gang of racists have taken to robbing banks, staging daring armored car robberies said to have involved some \$4 million, counterfeiting, and even a synagogue bombing. They are well trained and heavily armed and apparently have little respect for law enforcement agents, engaging in gun battles with FBI agents. Despite their seemingly small membership, their particular blend of violence and hatred for Blacks, Jews and Hispanics makes them a dangerous threat to our society.

The Aryan Nations, a group formed in the early 1970s, for example, hosted summer conferences at their retreat where other "like minded" groups could come and share their particular blend of hatred and belligerence. One of these "like-minded groups is known as "The Covenant, the Sword, and the Arm of the Lord." Their names, one may conclude, are designed to provoke mystery and fear, while trying to relate their activities to the church.

The ADL, in its report, noted the paradox that the recent outbreak of rightwing violence on the West Coast comes at a time when there appears a decline of influence of the far right hate movement in the United States. This numerical decline however never suggested a weakening of the determination and fortitude of these groups. The FBI has gone to great risks to apprehend these thugs. But the risks to the well-being of all would have been far greater should they have been allowed to continue to practice their violent racism.

RIO DE JANEIRO (WNS) — Chaia Sura Geratzenstein, considered the oldest Jewish woman in Brazil, died here at the age of 108. She was the widow of the former Chief Rabbi in Sao Paulo. Rabbi Gertzenstein came to Brazil from Bessarabia before World War I.