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A Lutheran Minister And 24 Rabbis

United States Attorney General Edwin Meese was the recipient of harsh criticism last week, being accused of applying an arbitrary and discriminatory application of the law in the District of Columbia where protests are regularly staged against various foreign embassies.

Last May, 24 rabbis and a Lutheran Minister held a non-violent demonstration outside the Soviet Embassy protesting the Soviet Union's treatment of its Jewish citizens. The rabbis included a handful of elderly Jews and calls for freedom for Soviet Jews were issued, along with the sounding of the shofar.

But when the 25 were arrested, the situation changed. They were body-searched and charged with violating a law which prohibits protests within 500 feet of an embassy. The rabbis were also denied what they described as basic rights, including being refused access to their lawyers for some five hours, not to mention being caged with drunks and drug addicts for six hours before being released.

The House Judiciary Committee, without reaching any conclusion, suggested that Meese should explain and clarify to the public why the rabbis were treated as they were by law enforcement authorities. It was widely noted here that some 2,000 persons have been arrested during peaceful demonstrations against apartheid at the South African embassy in the nation's capital. Meese has not prosecuted the South African protestors, giving credence to charges of a double standard.

This seemingly double standard is clear if contrasted to the handling of those arrested at the South African embassy with those arrested at the Soviet Embassy. The incident raises serious questions which Meese has failed to answer. The embassy that is the target of the demonstration can ask for prosecution of those violating the 500-foot invisible barrier. However, decision on who to prosecute and who not to prosecute during the exercising of first amendment rights depend not upon foreign embassies, but the rules and laws of the host nation.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Peres' Peace Plan By-Passes Camp David

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Now that Israel has completed its final withdrawal from Lebanon under conditions still tense and uncertain, and while here at the UN there is much concern about the fate of its UNIFIL contingents,

Israelis are focusing their main attention on King Hussein's so-called peace plan and on Premier Shimon Peres' latest counter-proposals.

Terming the King's plan unworkable and doomed -- "If he wants peace he must sit with Israel and not in some darkened waiting-room" -- the Labor leader's own peace proposals in essence appear to invalidate the Camp David accords outlining autonomy for the territories in a five-year trial period. Prime Minister Menachem Begin later projected a 26-point benevolent autonomy plan for Samaria and Judea.

In an effort to take the initiative away from the Hashemite King, Mr. Peres -- apparently with the approval of the Cabinet -- took the occasion of a Knesset speech last week to announce a five-point plan in the following manner:

1. Continuation of U.S. contacts with Israel, Jordan, Egypt and non-PLO Palestinians.
2. Naming of a Jordanian-Palestinian-Israeli team to prepare an agenda for a conference involving the U.S.
3. Enlistment of the UN Security Council for support of talks between the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and Israel.
4. Appointment of 'authentic Palestinian representatives' from the occupied territories, and
5. Opening of a peace conference within three months.

A rather ambitious program apparently with the view of winning over support from the United States but mostly, as we stated, in order to take the initiative away from Hussein whose plan had its origin in several meetings with Yasir Arafat.

It is the view of this writer that both plans, Hussein's and Peres', are unworkable and doomed. Doomed because, in the first place, they violate the very blueprint of the original mandate -- in its double sense -- adjudicating the National Jewish Home, the Tanach, the Bible, the prophecies and confirmed by the League of Nations, the UN's predecessor. The biblical mandate is non-negotiable.

In the second place, the two peace plans violate the Camp David accords as they relate to the Palestinians residing in the territories. Offering autonomy to them in the full sense of the word, they contain no demand for Israel to relinquish Samaria, Judea or Gaza.

Both Hussein and Peres want the five Permanent Members of the Security Council, including the Soviets, to lend a hand in the peace process and both call for the convocation of an international peace conference to be dominated, no doubt, by the Soviet-Arab-third world automatic majority. It will become a UN-show all over again where Israel will be reminded of all those Resolutions which demand that she withdraw not only to the 1967 sitting-duck borders but also to the 1948 narrow sliver of land.

No one can insist that Arab aggression be rewarded. That is exactly what Hussein demands. He even dreams of sitting as ruler in Jerusalem. Beware, Washington, of tricks! ADL's Kenneth J. Bialkin -- who is also chairman of the

King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN

...Man of Many Talents.

Know what I got for Father's Day?
 The bills from Mother's Day.

Conference of Presidents -- last week in a Times article commented on the King's hutzpah as follows:

"For a peace negotiation to mean anything, the parties involved must have a clear objective and must be willing to take steps to reach it.

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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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ADL Commends Reagan For Stand In Hostage Crisis

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith praised the "resolute stand" by the United States against the Shiite hijackers and called for a "worldwide alliance against terrorism."

In a statement, Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the League, declared:

"The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith commends the President for his resolute stand against the demands of the Shiite terrorists.

"The TWA hostage crisis is one more barbaric example of what happens when terrorism runs rampant. The time is overdue for all nations to forge a worldwide alliance against terrorists and those who support and shelter them. If not, every one of us, no matter what his nationality, will be a potential hostage.

"By reportedly separating the hostages on the basis of Jewish-sounding names, the TWA hijackers are giving the world a chilling reminder of Nazi tactics. Clearly, as we have learned so often throughout history, when one group is singled out all of us are vulnerable. This persistent truth is sadly evident on TWA 847."

The TWA Hijacking - Issues And Non-Issues

By Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum

First it was Bitburg. Then Mengele. And now, the savage TWA hijacking by the brutal, sadistic radical Shiite Muslims. It is little wonder that the nerves of the Jewish people are raw and inflamed.

But against that emotionally turbulent background, it is important that our community sort out the real issues from the "non-issues." One of these "non-issues" is the purported role of the TWA stewardess, Uli Derickson. Press reports have alleged that this German-born flight attendant singled out "Jewish-sounding" names of the American hostages and handed them over to the fanatic Shiite hijackers.

Last week, TWA executives invited several of us from major Jewish agencies to discuss that issue. After a two-hour detailed discussion of the evidence, we are persuaded that Uli Derickson has gotten a bum rap. The facts are that she played an absolutely heroic role. Were it not for her skill and professionalism, I have no question but that the TWA plane would have been blown up by the suicidal fanatics, spelling death for all the hostages.

All the anger that is being needlessly vented on her must not divert us from the main issues: a) anger needs to be focussed on these murderous Shiites who must be held accountable; b) every support must be given to the U.S. and Israeli governments who are assiduously trying to get all the hostages released and returned safely to their families.

Beyond that, we need to concentrate our efforts in countering those voices who, incredibly, are trying to scapegoat Israel as the villain responsible for this tragedy.