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Smith Amendment Blocks Jordan From Buying Advanced U.S. Weapons

The House approved the Foreign Assistance Act of 1985 which contains a provision, sponsored by Congressman Larry Smith (D-Florida), that will block dangerous arms sales to Jordan. The amendment prohibits the sale of advanced aircraft and air defense missiles unless Jordan publicly recognizes Israel and enters into direct negotiations with the Jewish state.

"The amendment is designed to encourage King Hussein to continue the positive role Jordan has played in the Middle East peace process," stated Smith. "We want him to move a little further along the path toward peace."

"Israel is especially vulnerable to attacks from Jordan because Israel shares its longest border with Jordan, nearly four times the length of the Syria-Israel border," explained Smith. A supply of advanced aircraft would provide Jordan, for the first time, with modern weapons comparable to the best that Israel has, thereby undermining Israel's qualitative edge. Air superiority is the keystone to Israel's security.

In addition, the bill contained another Smith amendment that provides economic and military aid to Egypt "in the expectation that the Egyptian government will continue in its efforts to bring peace to the region."

Also included in the Foreign Assistance Act was authorization for \$3 billion in aid to Israel for Fiscal Year 1986 -- \$1.8 billion in military assistance and \$1.2 billion in economic assistance. This represents an increase of \$400 million over last year.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

UN's 40th Anniversary And Its 59th Member

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — This World Organization is currently commemorating its fortieth anniversary and the Secretariat is planning a gala event soon after the 40th session opens in September under the presidency by regional agreement of Spain's Ambassador Sr. Don Jaime de Pinies.

Four decades have been quite a span in the ups and downs of this global body and in its course 1947 became an historic year for world Jewry. This month was November and the date 29 when by a hairline vote of 33 in favor, 13 against with 10 abstentions the General Assembly adopted the Partition Resolution sanctioning a sovereign Jewish State in a portion of the an-

cient homeland and an Arab entity in another part. The draft called for an Arab and a Jewish State in Palestine.

But here we witnessed the beginning of an unexpected process where events were taken out of the hand of mortal man. Mighty Providence intervened and let the world know in no uncertain terms that on Planet Earth existed another Resolution which had ages ago already decreed the borders of the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob-Israel and their seed as an everlasting possession. And it was this Resolution which took matters in hand and prevented the implementation of the decisions made by mortals here at the UN and in the region.

The hearts of the Arabs were hardened as He had hardened the heart of Pharaoh in antiquity. But they, too, the children of Abraham via Ishmael and Esau were included in a co-Resolution granting them vast territories in the region adjacent to the Holy Land. A Beneficent Creator was and is Father of all.

But the only Resolutions that count are still in the process of being implemented unto total fulfillment before us of what is decreed in the Book of Books. Let's make no mistake about it. Implementation will be complete and final.

In the meantime, during this 40th birthday of the UN it may well be in place to take a good look at how Israel has fared here since she was admitted as a full fledged Member in 1949.

A chart showing the growth of UN membership since its founding in 1945, as published in the UN Chronicle Magazine, lists 51 Charter Members. A mere four years later, Israel was admitted as the 59th Member State, following Afghanistan, Iceland, Sweden, Thailand (1946), Pakistan, Yemen (1947), and Burma (1948).

The amazing thing here lies in the fact that Israel preceded 100 nations, big and small, including 12 Arab regimes -- Jordan and Libya (1955); Morocco and Tunisia (1956); Kuwait (1963); Democratic Yemen (1967), and Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (1971).

Thus, in the order of admission and certainly by qualification, Israel, by seniority, should have been eligible for election to a number of vital UN organs such as the Security Council and the other major Councils. But this has not happened. On the other hand, tiny Jordan, with so little to show, radical Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman and a number of mini-states from Asia, Africa and Latin America have been seated in the mighty Security Council and in the other bodies.

Israel, which has otherwise won the admiration of the world in the fields of science, medicine, environment, industry, aeronautics, agriculture and in the conversion of deserts into flourishing gardens through the Hugo Boyko discovery now in its full development by Prof. Dov Pasternak at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, has been pushed to the sidelines here, made into a sort of outcast.

The answer to this UN behavior, of course,

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comes to mind immediately: it's the built-in anti-Israeli automatic majority as dominated by the Soviet-Arab-third world blocs. One hundred members came in as 'kindergarten' beginners after Israel who had already become a veteran in UN affairs; and most of these one hundred found themselves beholden to the Soviet Union..

Twenty-five years ago -- on 25 December 1960 -- the USSR, in a clever far-sighted move, requested that a new item be inscribed on the UN agenda. It was captioned "Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples." No one here at the time and since dared raise any objections to such an item. However, little thought of at the beginning, it boded ill for the Western States who did not realize what a 'monster' it would grow into -- the automatic majority.

The shrewd Russians knew what they were doing. Year by year, they gradually created an anti-Western, anti-Israel bloc via this continuing item.

So there we have it -- as a direct result of the Soviet move we are today faced with an 'automatic majority' which, under the Kremlin's prodding, has kept Israel isolated and under constant pressure. However, Israel can still count on a number of good friends here with the U.S. on the top of the list.

Tisha B'Av -- A Sobering Reminder

By Rabbi Ezra Boyarsky

Tisha B'Av (the 9th of Av)--the 24-hour fast day commemorating the destruction of both the First and Second Temples, will be observed on Sunday, July 28 in deference to the sanctity of the Sabbath when public mourning is prohibited.

In consequence of both these national catastrophies, the Jewish people have been driven out of their homeland and exiled into foreign fiendish soil. In relation to the first, second banishment was immeasurably more severe and of an infinitely longer duration.

This national day of mourning evokes a double imagery. On the one hand it serves as a flashback to the pristine glory of Jewish national sovereignty but more poignantly it conjurs up and underscores the ignominy and fragility of diaspora existence so graphically and incisively described in Jeremiah's Book of Lamentations.

But now that the Land of Israel has been reclaimed and Jewish political independence has been reestablished, what justifies the continuance of Tisha B'Av as a day of national mourning? And does not the reunification of Jerusalem, its annexation and restoration to its historical status as the capital of the reborn Jewish State make weeping for its destruction incompatible with reality?

In the height of exuberance over the establishment of the State of Israel after nineteen centuries of a morbid, stateless and vagabond existence, such an emotional reaction is psychologically understandable and on the surface appears quite rational. Upon cool reflection, however, such approach reveals a shallow, simplistic appreciation of Jewish history and a myopic evaluation of the contemporary Jewish scene in the Lands of Dispersion.

The tragic events that followed the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem inclusive of the Holocaust in our own time, have left deep and indelible scars on all Jewish communities throughout the world.

With the emergence of the State of Israel, it was logically anticipated that these communities would, in concert with the phenomenal development of the State, be infused with a renewed spiritual and cultural vitality. But despite the truism that Israel has undeniably raised the stature and morale of Jews everywhere, this assumption proved to be a prematurely optimistic pipedream.

Figures don't lie and they indicate that the scourge of assimilation in various shapes and forms has not only not lessened in the last several decades in the countries of the free

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