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The Sparkle Of The Maccabiah Games

Israel took a break for 10 days last month from the domestic problems of an economy in shambles and a country recuperating from a long, trying experience in the mud called Lebanon. It was the quadrennial gala event called the Jewish Olympic games or the 12th Maccabiah Games.

There were some 4,000 athletes from 29 countries competing in 29 different sports. A delegation from the United States comprised some 500 athletes while Zaire, Guam, the Virgin Islands and Monaco were also represented. And for the first time since World War II, Yugoslavia sent a team.

As in the last games in 1981, the United States athletes gained the most medals -- 246 in all. Israel placed second, followed by Canada and then Brazil's national squad. Records were set, some were shattered and friendships were formed.

There was some of the shenanigans which accompany any international event. The South African team for example arrived just a week prior to the games and was allowed to play under the banner of recently arrived immigrants to Israel. South African teams are banned from Olympic competition because of the government apartheid policies.

Then there was the incident of the Israeli women's basketball team which forfeited the championship game to the U.S. women's basketball team rather than play at the site selected at the last minute by the Maccabiah organizing committee. While standing up to their principles, the team failed their fans and the people of Israel by giving the championship away, an unfortunate development.

And finally, among the many events of the week, there was the sparkling announcing performance put on by David Zinkoff, who is the regular announcer at the Philadelphia 76er basketball games. He has been announcing 76er games since 1945 and has been a strong supporter of Israeli sports activities. In 1981, at the last Maccabiah he made a presentation of a basketball court to the underprivileged children in Jaffa.

Indeed one of the unfortunate aspects of the Maccabiah Games was the lack of coverage in the sports pages in United States newspapers. But that probably has something to do with America's passion for the Boys of summer rather than the sports in the Maccabiah Village thousands of miles away. Nonetheless, the games broke through the feeling of gloom and doom in Israel to provide a sparkle of light and excitement for the Jewish people.

NEW YORK (WNS) — The Caribbean nation of Antigua has become the first country to issue a stamp and souvenir sheet to mark the 850th anniversary of the birth of Maimonides. The \$2 stamp and the \$5 souvenir sheet have a portrait of the famous Jewish philosopher, scholar and medical doctor.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World—Union Press Feature

Samaria-Judea -- Annexation Alternative To Autonomy

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — It would be in wisdom for American officials currently contemplating meeting with a joint Jordanian pro-Arafat-Palestinian delegation in advance of possible direct negotiations with Israel to reread the "Palestinian National Charter" as drafted by the Palestine National Council.

A careful reading of this viciously anti-Israeli Charter should make our policy makers at State and in The White House realize how foolhardy it will be, already was, for them even to consider the list of those Palestinians which King Hussein via Arafat had submitted to them as constituting the 'kosher' Palestinian delegation which is to be given the red carpet in the American capital.

The list, which Washington submitted to Israel last week and which was published in an Arab newspaper in Jerusalem, contains seven names of individuals, four of whom are affiliated with the National Council or with Arafat's Fatah. The other three, considering their past pronouncements, are not so 'kosher' either.

It is shocking that the U.S. would even have considered the list and then, worse yet, have had the hutzpah to send it on to Israel in the hope of getting some positive reply. Ridiculous! Aware of Arafat's hand in the make-up of the list, our Government should have rejected it out of hand. Declared an Israeli official reflecting the views of Shimon Peres: "Basically this list is PLO," and Foreign Minister Shamir was indignant. Exclaimed he over the Israeli radio: "How it is possible that this terrorist organization should suddenly be a dialogue partner for the United States, which stands at the forefront of the war against terrorism?"

Neither Arafat, murderer of innocent men, women and children -- have we forgotten Munich? Kiryat Shemona? -- nor his partners-in-murder now made 'kosher' by Washington via Hussein, have ever renounced the clauses in the Palestinian National Charter calling for the elimination of Israel as a sovereign state. Nor have they accepted Resolution 242. Until they do, America must not be lulled into negotiations. And even if they do -- it will be in deception.

The following clauses of the Palestinian Charter continue to motivate those in the American-submitted list who now feign to enter into peace negotiations with Israel:

"Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine...Commando action constitutes the nucleus of the Palestinian popular liberation

King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN

...Man of Many Talents.

I never forget a face, and in your case I'll remember both of them.

war..."

"The liberation of Palestine...is a national duty and it attempts to repel the Zionist and imperialist aggression against the Arab homeland, and aims at the elimination of Zionism in Palestine..."

"The partition of Palestine in 1947 (by the UN) and the establishment of the state of Israel are entirely illegal, regardless of the passage of time..."

"The Balfour Declaration, the Mandate for Palestine, and everything that has been based upon them, are deemed null and void. Claims of historical or religious ties of Jews to Palestine are incompatible with the facts of history and the true conception of what constitutes statehood. Judaism, being a religion, is not an independent nationality. Nor do Jews constitute a single nation with an identity of its own..."

"The PLO reaffirms its previous attitude concerning Security Council Resolution 242 which obliterates the patriotic and national rights of our people and treats our national cause as a refugee problem. It therefore refuses categorically any negotiations on the basis of this Resolution at any level or inter-Arab or international negotiation including the Geneva Conference..."

"The PLO will struggle by all possible means

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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government of Israel was joined by West Germany and U.S. officialdom.

The magnitude of the crimes committed by both Eichmann and Mengele, coupled with their shameless gloating over their malicious deeds, should spur new efforts to bring other living Nazi war criminals to justice. The work of John Loftus, a former Justice Department investigator, who has for three years studied and written about the use of Nazis for intelligence purposes when he was probing Nazi war criminals for the U.S. government, has been exemplary. A few weeks ago, the General Accounting Office confirmed Loftus' findings, and Loftus insists U.S. intelligence services continue to employ old Nazis without the knowledge of Congress.

Any efforts to flush out Hitler's accomplices will not sit well with the people in France who are delaying the trial of Klaus Barbie. Revisionists who write monstrous lies about the Holocaust will be dismayed. So will America's homespun Nazis operating under the broad battle tent of the "Aryan Army."

The search must go on. Leads must be pursued for catching Walter Kutschmann, a former Gestapo leader said to have been sighted recently in Argentina, and for one of Eichmann's deputies, Alois Brunner, believed living in Syria.

Nor is there justification for dimming the Nazi past, as some suggest. Austria learned early this year how ill-advised it is to give a warm welcome to a Nazi convicted of mass murder. When Austria's Minister of Defense, Friedhelm Frischenschlager, greeted SS sub-fuehrer Walter Reder as if he were a hero, a storm of anger and protest swept Vienna. (Italy, where Reder ran a killing field of his own devising during World War II, had released Reder.)

To the credit of West Germany, responsible leaders continue to recognize the importance of and justification for hunting Nazi terrorists still in hiding. That nation's president, Richard von Weizsaecker, expressed the challenge well when he said: "No discerning person can expect our young to wear a penitential robe simply because they are Germans; but their forefathers have left them a grave legacy. All of us, whether guilty or not, whether young or old, must accept the past. We are all affected by the consequences and liable for them. The young and old generations must and can help each other to understand it is vital to keep these memories alive."