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The PLO's Response To Peace: Terror

On July 26, the bodies of two teachers from Afula were discovered in a cave near Mount Gilboa: both had been slain in an act of brutal terrorism. On July 30, another Israeli was shot to death in the back while doing some shopping at the Arab marketplace in Shechem (Nablus); another act of terror.

These two murderous assaults have been the latest in an upsurge of terrorism, inspired by and directed by the PLO which has been renewing its foothold in Jordan. During the last six months, PLO terrorists placed 55 explosive devices in crowded civilian areas, just 15 less than those planted during the entire previous year. In a statement broadcast from Baghdad on PLO radio (August 3), Arafat noted that operations were on the rise and that, since the beginning of the year along, 350 attacks were carried out.

The PLO has once again openly demonstrated its true character and has responded to peace prospects in the only manner it knows how: with the bullet and the bomb. Khaled al-Hassan, senior political adviser to Arafat, stated that PLO actions are undergoing changes in scope and character and that they are designed to have a grave impact upon the morale, economy, and security of the Israelis (Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Anba, July 25).

The PLO has exploited every opportunity to incite the Arab inhabitants of Judea-Samaria and the Gaza District into perpetrating acts of terror and murder. For example, universities and other academic institutions (all established only after 1967 when Israeli administration of those areas commenced) have been used by the various PLO factions as centers for distributing written materials and posters which urge the students to commit acts of violence, to work for the destruction of Israel. Some of the materials found on those campuses even explain how explosive devices and weapons can be made. The most recent illustration of such cynical manipulation has been exposed at Al-Najah University in Shechem.

Since 1948, Israel has been forced into a long state of war by her hostile Arab neighbors, and one of the elements most eager to perpetuate that war until Israel's annihilation is the PLO. In response, while pursuing all genuine avenues to peace, Israel must also protect itself and the lives of its citizens. It is for this reason that Israel has decided upon a series of measures which are intended to effectively confront the threat posed by the terrorists and their supporters.

Israel would have preferred not having to adopt such stringent measures at all. But then, Israel would prefer to have peace; the enemies of peace with Israel are determined to do all they can to make sure that never happens.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

A. U.S. Challenge To UN: Expunge Racism Resolution

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — The fortieth session of the General Assembly, opening on Tuesday, 17 September, the second day of Rosh Hashana 5746, will be a festive occasion not only for world Jewry celebrating its New Year but also for this Organization which will be commemorating its 40th anniversary.

However, in glorifying the event, all of its Members may pause and reflect on the fact that the United Nations was created out of the ashes of the Holocaust wherefore the Preamble opened with -

"To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind -- the slaughter of six million Jews -- and

"To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations, large and small, and

"To establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

"To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

"And For These Ends

"To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and

"To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security...

This writer would urge all delegations, especially those Representatives notorious for their slander and vicious attacks against one of the earlier Member States, Israel, to restudy this Preamble and the Charter as a whole, more particularly Articles I and II, and make some efforts to amend their glaring violations of their original commitments to membership, but more especially admit their grievous sin in having pushed through on 10 November 1975 the "Zionism-racism" resolution and seek to erase it from the UN records.

A general move to expunge this anti-Semitic resolution should become a priority action during the forthcoming session under the presidency of Spain's Ambassador Sr. Don Jaime de Pinies. Heading the campaign among Israel's friends here at the UN to have the satanic draft erased will undoubtedly be Jeane Kirkpatrick's successor, Ambassador Vernon Walters. In his efforts he will be reinforced by a powerful Senate resolution adopted on 10 July,

thanks especially to the dynamic efforts of Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York.

The text of the Senate Resolution, which ought to get into the hands of every delegation here, is worth recording:

"Whereas, on November 10, 1975, the thirtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 3379 which sought to legitimize the lie, first perpetrated at the UN General Assembly by representatives of the USSR in 1963, that Zionism is a form of racism; and

"Whereas Resolution 3379 of the thirtieth UN General Assembly contravenes the most basic principles and purposes of the UN Charter and undermines universal human rights values and principles and purposes of the UN Charter and undermines universal human rights values and principles; and

"Whereas that infamous resolution threatens directly the integrity and legitimacy of a member state by singling out for slanderous attack the national movement which gave birth to the State of Israel; and

"Whereas the adoption of Resolution 3379 by the thirtieth UN General Assembly constituted one of that organization's darkest moments and may fuel the flames of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism; and

"Whereas the United States Congress sharply condemned the passage of Resolution 3379 ten years ago 'in that said resolution encourages anti-Semitism by wrongly associating and equating Zionism with racism': Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United State of America in Congress assembled,

That the Congress -

(1) soundly denounces and condemns any linkage between Zionism and racism;

(2) considers UN GA Resolution 3379 to be a permanent smear upon the reputation of the United Nations and to be totally inconsistent with the organization's declared purposes and principles;

(3) unequivocally states that the premise of UN GA Resolution 3379 which equates Zionism with racism is itself clearly a form of bigotry; and

(4) formally repudiates UN GA Resolution 3379, and calls upon the Parliaments of all countries which value freedom and democracy to do the same."

The UN this 40th year has the opportunity to restore its credibility. Let's see.

B'nai B'rith Appeals To Lebanon, Syria To Help Free Seven Kidnapped Jews

WASHINGTON — B'nai B'rith International appealed to Lebanese authorities and the Syrian government to help bring about the release of six prominent members of the Lebanese Jewish community, one of whom had been abducted more than a year ago and the others during the last six months.

In letters to the Lebanese and Syrian ambassadors to the United States, Dr. Daniel Thursz, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith, stated that "it is clear that the victims were abducted solely because they are Jews. They are native Lebanese who had no ties to any political groups."

The B'nai B'rith leader noted also that the kidnapers had not made any demands for the victims' release. "No one even seems to know whether they are still alive," he said, adding that this lack of contact has triggered a great deal of mental suffering and anguish among their families.

Thursz identified the five as Eli Khallack, a 55-year-old physician; Jack Trab, a 75-year-old merchant; Chai Cohen and Eli Srou, both about 50 and both merchants; Isaak Sasson, 65, chairman of the Jewish Community Council; and Salim Jamus, secretary of the council. Jamus was kidnapped in August, 1984.

"B'nai B'rith calls on the Lebanese and Syrian governments to help resolve this tragedy in the name of humanity," said Thursz.

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