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The Plague Of The Assassins

It would take a Franz Kafka to explore the terrifying new element the Arab terrorists have introduced into the lives of nationals of virtually every country. The terrorists, operating out of a murky swampland, emerge to torture and murder every person whom they see as hostages for whatever goals they may have.

Even the Arab leaders seem baffled by the phenomenon of killers, many of them prepared to die for their twisted ideologies. The Japanese kamikazes of World War II at least could be seen and shot out of their paths to destruction of American target ships, as well as themselves.

But the Arab kamikazes are free from all responsibility for their murderous acts. In the lunatic world of Arab nationalism, terrorist organizations and splinters of such organizations crop up, but leaders of the states in which they operate apparently also fear the uncontrollable killers.

The seizure of the Italian cruise ship, Achille Lauro, and the senseless murder of a handicapped American Jew, was only one of several recent such brutalities.

The emergence of terrorism on such a scale, of such frequency and such randomness has ceased to be a Middle East problem. It is a challenge to civilization in which any country and any individual may be singled out as hostage.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations
By David Horowitz
A World-Union Press Feature

PLO Hypocrisy And A U.S. Surrender

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Threats and blackmail and deceit have been the order of the day with the malcontent Arabs, serving them as potent weapons with which to intimidate the West, more particularly the United States which turned somewhat chickenhearted when, over the Israeli aerial strike upon the PLO in Tunis, an uproar went up from Tunisia and other non-aligned states forcing Washington to allow the condemnatory Security Council resolution to stand.

On the basis of President Reagan's original statement to the effect that the Israeli strike was "legitimate," Ambassador Vernon Walters was all prepared to veto the pro-PLO draft. But last-minute instructions must have struck him like a lightning-rod. That he was disappointed became evident from his explanation of vote. Said he:

"...Despite our deep and abiding friendship for the Tunisian Government and people, my Government cannot support this resolution, disproportionately placing the blame for this latest round of the rising spiral of violence in the Middle East only on one set of shoulders, while not also holding at fault those responsible for the terrorist attacks which provoked it.

"We must be absolutely explicit in identifying the real threat all civilized people are facing," the new American Ambassador continued; "that threat is terrorism, and the failure to address the subject prevents my Government from supporting this resolution. The most recent examples of terrorism were an illustration of terrorism at its most senseless and vicious: the murder of three Israelis at Larnaca, and the kidnapping and murder of a Soviet diplomat in Beirut. We reject absolutely the assertion that there was any justification for such acts which can only be categorized as the basest crimes," he added.

Justifying Israel's action, he went on to admonish his fourteen timorous colleagues in the Council who voted for the resolution: "We recognize and strongly support the principle that a State subjected to continuing terrorist attacks may respond with appropriate force to defend against further attacks...We support this principle regardless of attacker, and regardless of victim..."

General Walters concluded his sharp statement by criticizing those nations which have been and are giving sanctuary and a "safe haven" to terrorists.

With such a definitive statement approving the Israeli strike against the hub of terrorism, an American veto was certainly in order. The White House and the State Department responsible for the surrender must now take full responsibility for any escalation of terrorism. They allowed the Security Council to give a green light to hijackers, whose opportunity arose soon after the vote -- the seizure of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro which incident created quite a stir here at the UN.

It was reported that the hijackers were members of the Palestine Liberation Front which group Arafat 'claimed' had no connection with his PLO Fatah. However, his chief aide, a Mr. Khalaf, known as Abu Iyad, while supporting the view of his boss, let it be known that the PLO expects similar attacks and operations by so-called "new groups" of desperate Palestinians. Arafat's denial of having any connection with the hijackers must be taken with a grain of salt. The Israelis clearly established that the murderers of the three innocents at Larnaca belonged to PLO's group 17 headquartered at Arafat's Tunis compound.

Yasir Arafat's PLO organ can be likened to an Octopus whose poisonous tentacles go by different names, each one of which is directed to perform a specific crime in terrorism, whether in the territories, Lebanon, Cyprus or elsewhere. One of these tentacles took over the Italian ship. But Arafat himself, the Octopus corpus, can easily claim innocence of any of the crimes perpetrated by his tentacles, as he has now done in the case of the Achille Lauro.

King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN
...Man of Many Talents.

I just got back from a pleasure trip. Took my mother-in-law to the airport.

The most monstrous and unbelievable thing here lies in the fact that, after having ordered the 'tentacle' to perpetrate the crime, this same Octopus Arafat manages in the face of world opinion to pose as the mediator and saviour, as he has now done in the case of the hijacked Italian cruise ship -- and he is 'believed' by the gullible.

Indeed, threats, blackmail and deceit remain in the order of the day among Arabs.

Italy's Two Different Governments

By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

The sudden resignation of Italy's Prime Minister Bettino Craxi over the Palestinian terrorist disaster illustrates the old maxim -- if you embrace a snake don't be surprised if you suffer a poisonous bite.

Last February, several American Jewish Committee leaders met in Rome with two principal actors in the current Italian drama. We held long discussions on Italy's foreign policy in the Middle East with Foreign Minister Andreotti and then with Defense Minister Spadolini. It was as if we were talking with two different governments.

Mr. Andreotti said all the right things about Italy's support of Israel's right to exist and the need for peaceful negotiations in the Middle East. But it was clear that the foreign minister had strong sympathies for the PLO and was determined to strengthen ties with Arab countries as major trading partners.

By sharp contrast, Defense Minister Spadolini spoke passionately of his devotion to Israel and his rejection of PLO terrorism and Arab intransigence.

Our AJC group argued forcefully and at length with Foreign Minister Andreotti that his government could not sustain the contradiction -- combatting vigorously the domestic terrorism of the Red Brigade while coddling Arafat and his criminal murderers on the international scene.

Last week the contradiction finally exploded in the face of Craxi and his foreign minister.

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