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The Pollard Affair

The Israel government expressed last week its apologies to the United States over allegations that Jonathan Pollard, a U.S. Naval counterintelligence analyst, spied for Israel. His arrest has been a source of deep embarrassment to the Israeli government and indeed to all American Jews.

The Israeli position, however, remains that it apologized to the U.S. "to the extent that it did take place." It assured the U.S. that "relations with the U.S. are based on solid foundations of deep friendship, close affinity and mutual trust. Spying in the United States," the statement said, "is in total contradiction to our policy."

Furthermore, Israel has affirmed that the unit of the government allegedly responsible with running this disastrous episode and all those involved will "be brought to account," and the unit will be disbanded. The investigation into the affair is "progressing vigorously," Israel said.

The U.S. viewed the statement issued in the name of Premier Shimon Peres as "excellent" and there were strong indications that both the U.S. and Israel would like to put the matter behind them for the time being. However, the investigation is continuing, although on a more private scale. The publicity over the affair has strained Israel - U.S. ties beyond what was necessary.

There remains several unanswered questions in the Pollard affair, as it has become known in Israel. Who exactly knew what and when, seems to be just the tip of the iceberg. Clearly, the unity government's stability is threatened. But Israel has promised a thorough investigation. As reprehensible as such a spy scandal is, the investigation's report should be awaited before conclusions are drawn about who holds final responsibility.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

U.N. Chief Urges Intensified Measures Against Terrorism

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Commenting on the tragic outcome of the Egyptian commando operation against the 'Palestinian' hijackers of an Egyptair jetliner at Malta — a brave Mubarak-inspired operation at the cost of some sixty lives but with the liquidation of the murderous terrorists — Secretary-General de Cuellar called upon the UN to intensify its efforts against all forms of terrorism.

"Tragedies such as the one we have just witnessed," he stated, "only reenforce the necessity for governments to make concerted efforts to implement the existing international agreements and to consider what further

measures could be devised. The position of the UN on terrorism and hijacking," he added, "is well known and unequivocal."

While it is true that the "position of the UN on terrorism is well known," it is nevertheless a fact that the one and only Assembly resolution against terrorism, adopted in December 1972, is contradictory by the fact that the latter part of the agenda item, instead of discouraging acts of terror, encourages terrorism by so-called "liberation movements."

The full agenda item reads: "Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to affect radical changes."

Indeed, as the UN chief stated, the world organization must "consider what further measures could be devised" to offset the

greenlight which the above draft gives to terrorists such as the PLO. For in the above phrase, which in effect kills the item, we have a justification of all the murders, assassinations and hijackings perpetrated by 'Palestinian' and other notorious terrorists such as those who hijacked the Egyptair jetliner — all of whom originally trained in Lebanon, Libya, Yemen and Moscow.

Egypt has probably now learned at last that the 'Palestinian' terrorists' claim of representing a "liberation" movement as envisioned in the above resolution is a mockery — a lesson some of the other moderate Arab states and the so-called non-aligned UN Members must still learn.

It should be noted that when this warped resolution was first included on the agenda, the Assembly elected an Ad Hoc Committee of 35 to deal with the issue — and who do you think were among the members of this committee? None others than Syria, Iran, Algeria, the two Yemens, the USSR, Hungary, Tunisia, India and Yugoslavia.

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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

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what it is. There were bypaths, drawbacks, tangents, and obstacles created by the natural course of history through the ages.

While Santa Claus is obviously a result of creative imagination, the thought was derived from and patterned after a real, historical person. During the 4th Century, Nicholas, an eight year old orphan, but independently wealthy, spent his life being kind and generous to the less fortunate in his native town in Asia Minor. He was elevated to Bishop of Myra and in the 9th Century was canonized. His Dutch name was Santa Claus.

The furthest reference to a Christmas tree is a legendary story of a wounded Swedish officer being cared for by the people of Leipsig during the 30 Years War in the 17th Century. As an offer of gratitude he set up a lighted tree in a church on Christmas Day.

The Christmas tree was introduced to America in 1747 by Germans settling in Pennsylvania. Five years later the Moravian sect decorated their trees with lighted candles. Catholic and Protestant colonists from Holland introduced the annual St. Nicholas visitation to America.

Early colonists were divided in the recognition of December 25th. Members of the Church of England, Dutch Reformed, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian and certain German sects honored the holiday. Quakers, Baptists, Presbyterians and Puritans ignored the date. It

was on the night of December 25, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware River to defeat the Hessians celebrating Christmas at Trenton.

Fantasy had Santa arriving in a cart, a wagon, on mule, drawn by goats and other means of transportation until Clement Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas" in 1822, and thereafter the popular conception was a sled drawn by reindeer. In 1847, the first classroom Christmas tree was decorated in New York City Episcopalian Sunday School.

The individual states commended declaring Christmas a legal holiday. Alabama, which like all southern states celebrated December 25 with fireworks a la Fourth of July, was the first, in 1836, and the rest followed suit: California, 1851, Nevada, 1861, Utah, 1881, etc., with Oklahoma being last in 1890.

As late as 1855, all religions were still not in accord in their tolerance of the holiday. The December 26 edition of the year's New York Times stated: Churches of Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists were not open yesterday. They do not accept the day as a Holy one, but Episcopalian, Catholic and German churches were open. Inside they were decked with evergreens. However, by 1880, all evangelical churches were accepting Christmas.

Passing of Christmas gifts in those days was not emphasized, except the wealthy were expected to be generous to the poor. In the middle of the 19th Century, due to the influence of Charles Dickens' writings, singing of Christmas carols became prevalent, and the sending of cards began in 1875.

The classic editorial which began, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," in response to a child's query, was written by Francis Church for the New York Sun of December 21st, 1897.

In recent years Santa Claus has become to be known as a communal folk figure. A Pennsylvania judge ruled in 1936 that any doubters of Santa Claus who appeared before him would be held in contempt of court. The court citation reads: Santa is not a figment of the imagination but an actuality. He is the symbol of kindness, a token smiling charity and a badge of all that is cheerfully benevolent.

Commercial exploitation of Christmas has become systematic and thorough, impelling Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Episcopalians and Jews, to band together in Milwaukee in 1949 and decree to put Christ back into Christmas.

Meanwhile, millions of non-Christian homes in scores of non-Christian countries, including Japan and India, have taken unto their own the kindness and charity and cheer of Christmas and proudly display decorated and lit trees on December 25th.

All this prove the true sense of Christmas has not waned — its just that the Spirit of Christmas has overwhelmed and is about to inundate all humans in the four corners of the earth.

King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN

...Man of Many Talents.

When it comes to gambling, I only gamble for laughs. In fact, last week I laughed away my car.