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Peres' European Tour A Success

A dramatic visit to West Berlin last week by Premier Shimon Peres, and indeed the general climate of the Israeli leader's entire 10-day European tour, is cause for celebration and hope for further strides in the development of better relations between Israel, West Germany and the entire European community.

The four-day visit to West Germany was of particular significance. In returning a visit West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl made to Israel in 1984, Peres became only the second incumbent Israeli Premier to visit West Germany; Yitzhak Rabin, then Premier, made such a visit in 1975. Peres, however, was the first Premier of Israel to visit West Berlin, the former capital of the Third Reich.

Peres' visit to West Germany was designed to reinforce Israel's political and economic ties with the government of Chancellor Kohl. But the Holocaust remains a major part of the two people's history. Peres alluded to this when he said upon arrival that the Jewish people and the world must never forget, or allow the Holocaust to be forgotten. "A new Germany has arisen from that hell and that gives me reason for hope," he said.

There was the announcement of the creation of a joint German-Israel research and development foundation to be headquartered in Israel. He said the Federal Republic would make available about \$30 million for the project and the Israel government would provide a matching sum.

"We feel closely linked with Israel and therefore it is our practical duty to assist in Israel's development and to stand by her," Kohl declared. "We do this in our bilateral relationship, within the European framework and within the United Nations."

During his visit to West Berlin Peres appealed in a speech to "a new generation" of Germans who he said were "striving to build a world of partnership, hope and compassion."

The visit to West Germany comes on the heels of Peres' equally successful meetings in London with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. This just a week after Spain announced it was establishing diplomatic ties with the Jewish State, a significant development for Israel in the international community of states.

Peres has proven his statesmanship in just a brief tenure as head of Israel. His meetings in Europe with world leaders and Jewish communities adds significantly to better public awareness of Israel and the Jewish people.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — A bomb exploded in a Jerusalem restaurant and another went off in downtown Haifa the same day. Neither caused casualties but damage to the restaurant was considerable. Police detained 20 Arabs here for questioning.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

The Tragicomic Council Confab Over The Temple Mount

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — The United States has once again killed a move to incriminate Israel — a second veto within a fortnight.

Truly, one had to be present in the Security Council on Thursday, January 30, and witness first hand what became an unbelievable performance of deceit and duplicity as the malcontent Arabs along with some of their double-dealing Western friends, Britain and France in particular, joined hands in validating lies, yes, one had to be present to witnes this 'Hamlet-like' scenario in order to realize that here in the mighty Security Council a 'sublime farce,' a 'tragicomedy' was being played out before an indifferent world.

To the honor of the United States, this 'sublime farce,' this attempt to smear Israel as a criminal offender, was exposed for what it was by the American delegate, Ms. Patricia M. Byrne, who, in a scathing speech directed against the deceivers, said what had to be said. "My Government," she declared, "has no choice but to vote against the inappropriate draft resolution."

With these few words Washington, in effect, told Israel's enemies and UN friends that the Reagan Administration will not stand for any bullying of or name-calling against one of its most reliable friends in the Middle East. She went on to tell the Council that "to cast blame upon Israel and to challenge it to fulfil its international obligations in any incident where the Government of Israel has already clearly done so in a particularly sensitive and emotional situation is simply unfair."

Then, in a reprimanding tone, Ms. Byre added: "The Temple Mount is the focus of man's highest values and a symbol of peace. It is essential that individuals of all faiths in Jerusalem and around the world work to protect these values. That goal and the larger goal of peace cannot be advanced by divisive partisan resolutions which only increase tension and mistrust. The work of this Council, once seized of the subject, should have been to invite people of good faith from all religions to join together in tolerance and mutual respect to honor the unique spiritual importance of the Holy Places in the City of Jerusalem, without rancour or partisanship. Because the Council

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Tow dumb guys go bear hunting. They see a sign saying, "Bear left," so they went home.

chose a different path, the United States will be forced to vote against the draft resolution before us."

Mr. Byrne's powerful speech was preceded by a rambling diatribe imposed on the Council by Iraq's spokesman Mr. Kittani who bemoaned the sad situation the U.S. had placed its Arab friends in the Middle East---"...This sword of Damocles hanging over the Security Council, the U.S. veto, will descend on any text and chop its head off," Kittani complained.

Britain's Sir John Thomson also addressed the Council before Ms. Byrne announced that she would veto the resolution and one would have thought that, on the basis of what he said -- "we are faced with a minor incident; no one was killed, no one was seriously injured; there were no provocations...etc. etc..."---the United Kingdom stood ready either to veto the draft or at least abstain. Nothing of the sort. England was up to her old game. "On balance," he announced, "my delegation will vote in favor" of the anti-Israeli resolution.

France followed with a similar declaration. Thailand alone abstained.

The U.S. veto eventuated following many days of consultations, postponed meetings and regular sessions. Throughout these sessions Ambassador Netanyahu had more meetings and regular sessions. Throughout these sessions Ambassador Netanyahu had more than explained the true situation on the Temple Mount, namely, that there had been deliberate Arab provocations. Two days before the meeting which saw the U.S. veto, he told the Council that "any serious debate, however heated, must be based on fact. There ought to be, at the very least, a kernel of truth from which to develop argumentation..."

by the malcontents from which the Council could develop some argumentation. It was all onesided, hence the veto was the only alternative. And now Israel's detractors are up in arms again over Jerusalem's interception of the Libyan jet thought to hold terrorists. As terrorist-harboring states, neither Syria nor Libya have any cause for complaint.

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