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Echoes Of The Past

The recent anti-Semitic remarks by West German public officials drew expressions of grave concern from the Jewish community there, as indeed it also should from the American Jewish community here. The remarks compare only with those uttered by some Arab leaders in the United Nations.

The first involved a slur by Herman Felner, a ranking member of the Christian Social Union (CSU) Bundestag faction, that surviving Jewish slave laborers of the Nazi era who seek reparations create the impression that "Jews are quick to show up when the money jingles in German cash boxes."

Outrage over Felner's remarks was still running high when it was disclosed that Mayor Wilderich Von Mierbach of the city of Korschenbroich, near Dusseldorf, a member of the ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU), has suggested to his town council's budget committee that "a few rich Jews should be slain" in order to balance the budget.

Knowing of the persecution of Jews just a generation ago, these officials have demonstrated an intense lack of sensitivity, and seek to shrug off responsibility for the crimes against the Jews. Mayor Von Mierbach has since resigned amid pressure from the media and CDU party officials.

But Felner remains in his CSU Bundestag post. He should step aside. His comment inflames anti-Jewish sentiments in West Germany and elsewhere and does damage to the continuing efforts toward reconciliation between Jews and West Germans.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Arabs Exploit UN Forum To Cover Up PLO Reverses And Lebanese Fiasco

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — In an obvious attempt to cover up the growing PLO reverses, the fiasco of Lebanon and the inter-Arab feuds elsewhere, Israel's perennial enemies here in desperation invoked the Security Council twice during the past month once over the non-feuding South Lebanon and over a non-event in Jerusalem.

As regards the first Council meeting, invoked by Lebanon and whose vicious resolution was vetoed by the United States, the fifteen members comprising the Council were aghast as they faced a scornful and mocking statement lashed into them by Ambassador Netanyahu. "This surrealistic session," he declared, "merits one

word: Ridiculous! What began as an ordinary joke," he added, "evolved into tragicomedy and now has evolved into sublime farce..."

He preceded this harsh criticism by noting that "there is no government in Lebanon; that the South is the most tranquil; that the people there wish to be left alone; that all violence is the result of outside subversion, particularly Syrian directed; that Syria is crushing Lebanese sovereignty by stirring conflict and terror throughout the country; that peace can come to Lebanon in one or two ways -- either total capitulation to Syria's dictates or by a Lebanon free of Syrian occupation..."

That the whole session added up to nothing but a "sublime farce" as Netanyahu termed it, may be deduced from the very unreal clause in the vetoed resolution which, among other criticisms, strongly deplored "the Israeli acts of violence as well as abusive practices and measures against the civilian population in southern Lebanon" which, contrary to this charge "is the most tranquil" in all of Lebanon.

But then the Arabs, out of ancient enmity, had to create a situation by subterfuge and deceit so as to make innocent Israel look bad, and this they continued to do last week when the spokesman of Morocco and the United Arab Emirates invoked the Security Council over, as we stated, a "non-event" in Jerusalem which Ambassador Netanyahu, again in a mighty confrontation, explained in a manner that should have made every right-thinking person realize that once again the sly Arabs had turned the Council into a "sublime farce."

The official abridged UN reporting of his statement ran as follows:

"Benjamin Netanyahu said that as part of the normal function of the Knesset members, several of them had visited the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The visit had been coordinated in advance with the Waqf, the Moslem religious authority in charge of administering Moslem holy places in Jerusalem.

"When the Knesset members had paused at Solomon's Stables, which had no religious significance, a photographer accompanying the Knesset members wished to take some pictures. An Arab photographer, also present, was ignored.

"At that point, a pre-arranged incitement took place. A group surrounded the Knesset members and the Israeli photographers and began to shout: 'The Jews are invading the Temple Mount, Slaughter the Jews.' Mr. Netanyahu, continuing, said that at that point Israeli police were summoned. They acted with utmost restraint to protect the surrounded members of the Knesset. There was no violence, no property destroyed. Thus, a handful of agitators had attempted to transform a routine visit into a mob scene."

"...The main agitator for this meeting was the PLO. Recently, the PLO had suffered many reverses. It had been weakened, dispersed, and since the murder aboard the Achille Lauro, its

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duplicity had been exposed to all the world. Now, the PLO was trying to inflame religious hatred in order to cover up its record.

"Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people since the time of King David and it will remain so forever," he said. "All religions flourished in Jerusalem. Israel was proud of its record of tolerance...The alleged anti-Moslem incident in Jerusalem never happened. What happened was an attempt to incite anti-Jewish hatred. That attempt was now being transferred to this Chamber..."

"Anti-Jewish hatred transferred to this Chamber" - indeed! And most of the 'Goyim' are either going along or keeping silent. Not so the United States and a few other friendly nations. A decision will come this week. Another U.S. veto.

B'nai B'rith Thanks Reagan For Role In Release Of Shcharansky

WASHINGTON — B'nai B'rith International, hailing the release of Anatoly Shcharansky from prison nine year after the Jewish activist was seized by the Soviet KGB in Moscow for advocating Jewish emigration, offered its "profound gratitude" to President Reagan and all others who played a role in winning his freedom.

Gerald Kraft, president of B'nai B'rith, noted that Shcharansky's long imprisonment "on thoroughly fabricated charges" caused much suffering and hardship for both him and his family and greatly impaired his health.

"We can only rejoice that Shcharansky's bitter ordeal has finally come to an end and that he can rejoice in his remarkably courageous and steadfast wife, Avital," said Kraft.

The B'nai B'rith president added that "as much as we have emphasized this one case, we recognize that it is just that -- one case." He noted that other Jews in the Soviet Union report that their lives remain unchanged.

"They are still denied basic freedoms as Jews -- freedom taken for granted by other Soviet minority and nationality groups," he said. "They are still subject to arrest for trying to perpetuate their culture; they still live in fear that the Soviet anti-Jewish propaganda campaign will spark mass violence against them; and they are still denied the right to emigrate to reunite with families abroad.

"So long as this continues, the Jewish community and its friends in the United States and the West will continue their efforts to help those Soviet Jews who wish to leave to do so; those who wish to remain, to enjoy the full rights of all Soviet citizens."

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we will never compromise our commitment to the highest possible quality."

Shortly after the January 26th fire, Empire officials announced their intention to rebuild the plant and replace it with a larger, more modern processing facility.

Demolition and clean-up of the fire damaged areas is completed.

Construction of the new plant is scheduled to begin in early March, with most of the work scheduled to be completed by July, 1986.

Katz also noted, "Our new facilities will include the latest in state-of-the-art processing, packaging and freezing facilities, which will allow us to process products in a more efficient manner and allow us more sophisticated quality control program that will allow us to meet the most demanding and discriminating requirements of both Rabbinical and U.S. Government specifications."