

## Israel Supports U.S. Air Strike American Jewry Agrees

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to put an end to terrorism we have to punish these countries and to convince them to change their way of action in this regard," the Likud leader said.

But except for Britain, Israel was alone among America's allies in expressing unqualified support for the U.S. air strike. It was deplored even by the moderate Arab states, including Egypt which has long considered Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi a foe.

The leaders of the Herut Zionists of America, the Betar Zionist Youth Movement and the Tagar Student Zionist Action Organization, jointly sent a letter to United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar urging him to mobilize the "nations of the world in a united effort to punish the sponsors of international terrorism."

Harold Jacobs, president of the National Council of Young Israel, strongly endorsed the U.S. reprisal attack on Libya and stated: "We must be prepared to confront not only Libya -- but all other international terrorist havens, from the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley in Lebanon to Teheran, to the terrorist training centers behind the Iron Curtain.

He added, "It is imperative that other governments of the free world abandon their policy of appeasement and join the United States in the war against international, State-sponsored terrorism."

Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the American Jewish Heritage Committee, sent a telegram to Reagan extolling the strike against Libya as an "historic and courageous action that strikes at the very center of the terror kingdom. The United States has demonstrated by this direct action its resolve to stand firm against the evils of terrorism," Berkowitz said.

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## From Moses To Mubarak

By Robert E. Segal

When you think of the pile of troubles heavy on Hosni Mubarak's shoulders these days, you have still another reason to thank Moses for giving our ancestors deliverance from Egyptian slavery.

Take those bloody March riots in Cairo. Out of the Egyptian rumor factory there came a false story that youngsters were to be serving as paramilitary draftees for four years instead of three. Nor was the price right. Just four dollars a month for that onerous kind of modern servitude.

Islamic fundamentalists and other foes of President Mubarak rejoiced over the riots as popular uprisings. Bad enough that 36 people were killed and scores injured in the melee and that soldiers loyal to Mubarak were hard put to subdue the troublemakers. When the smoke cleared, 3,000 rioters and 700 Egyptians siding with them were jailed and the police chief fired.

Considerable damage was done to luxury hotels there in the shadow of the Pyramids, mention of which and the human suffering attending their construction takes us back to our Egyptian progenitors and the miracle of Moses, in his 80s, leading a revolt of his own.

President Mubarak was obliged not only to assert himself in a time of grave trouble but had also to grieve over the behavior of Syrian and Lebanese officials. They gloated, beholding Mubarak's travail. For hadn't he shared in the Egyptian "disgrace" bowing to the restrictions imposed on Cairo by the Camp David compact?

There are other difficulties plaguing Egypt's president. With a population of 47 million, and another million added every nine months, those who wish to halt such heavy increase face the

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strong opposition of Egyptian fundamentalists. Poverty is widespread. Egyptians making a living in oil fields in other Arab lands face the dismal outlook of joblessness. The nation has limited natural resources. Islamic zealotry constitutes a check on movements toward democratic practices.

Heavy criticism was leveled against President Mubarak during the Achilles Lauro seajacking. Although the territorial dispute over Taba, the small span of territory Israel clung to after withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula four years ago, is being settled, tensions between Jerusalem and Cairo persist.

Even though Camp David agreements were viewed by millions as a breakthrough for an era of partial peace in the Middle East, the withdrawal of Egypt's ambassador from Israel during Israel's move into Lebanon in 1982 continues to harm relationships between the two nations. Nor has Mubarak's advocacy of permitting Yasir Arafat to represent the Palestinian cause in any peace negotiations endeared Egypt's leader to Israel.

Samuel W. Lewis, who served as U.S. ambassador to Israel from 1977 until 1985 has concluded that the Camp David miracle now "appears a lonely relic of shattered dreams."

All in all, in view of this heap of Mubarak's problems, this Passover comes to us as a reason for rejoicing more than ever that Jews are no longer slaves in a troubled land. God's gift of exodus and the role of the great Moses as indomitable leader of that Biblical journey call for an extra special season of rejoicing in 1986.

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