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Only Moral Self-Discipline Will Halt AIDS Epidemic

By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum (Copyright 1987, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.)

A news magazine described the threat dramatically: "In the next week, 220 people will die of AIDS and 374 more - 28 of them heterosexuals - will be infected with the killer virus."

The Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Otis Bowen, has predicted that a worldwide epidemic of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome will become so serious that it would dwarf earlier medical disasters such as the black plague, smallpox and typhus. If we can't make progress, he added, we face the dreadful prospect of a worldwide death toll in the tens of millions a decade from now. At least 270,000 cases of AIDS are expected in this country in the next five years, with more than 20 percent of them involving heterosexuals.

The national debate is growing about sex educations, AIDS and teenage pregnancy. Some medical experts argue for aggressive solutions, including better sex education, more readily available contraceptives and distributing clean needles to drug addicts. Moral traditionalists maintain that the answer to problems attributed to greater and earlier sexual promiscuity depend on stressing moral values and urging sexual restraint for teenagers and adults, most of whom are still unaware of the effects of this monstrous disease.

England's Chief Rabbi, Immanuel Jacobowitz, an authority on medical ethics, recently joined scientists in declaring that the fate of millions of people will depend less on science than on the ability of human beings to change their behavior in the face of growing danger. In the final analysis, he said, only the spiritual power of knowledge and self-discipline are invincible as a shield against the plague AIDS.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations
By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

An International Conference? Peres VS Shamir

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Prime Minister Shamir's visit to the United States at the height of the Iranian-Contra controversy, coupled with the challenge posed by his Foreign Minister Shimon Peres over the convocation of an international conference to deal with the festering Arab-Israeli conflict, gives rise to speculation as to its purpose.

All these delicate issues were undoubtedly taken up in detail during his meeting with President Reagan.

Whether or not they came to a mutual

agreement on how to deal with the first of these, the Iranian-Contra 'riddle' in which Israel is alleged to have figures, remains to be seen.

As regards an international conference with the five Permanent Members of the Security Council participating, no doubt the President gave Shamir an attentive ear. Such a confab, Shamir must have told Reagan, "can become nothing but a rehash of a UN General Assembly debate where the anti-Israeli, anti-American automatic majority dominates all issues affecting the welfare of Israel."

Moreover, the Prime Minister must have pointed out that not until the Kremlin changes its policy in toto on human rights and not until it deals with Israel as a recognized sovereign State by establishing relations with Jerusalem, can an international conference with Moscow as a full participant have any meaning.

Still more important, Shamir will have stressed, not until the USSR joins the U.S. and Israel in calling for the erasure of the 10 November 1975 Assembly resolution 3397, declaring "Zionism is a form of racism," can we expect any justice from the Soviets on human rights. The whole world knows that this vicious resolution is out-and-out anti-Semitic.

Assuredly, Premier Shamir must have presented a powerful case against the holding of an international UN-inspired conference to the President and his aides. Indeed, "the Arab-Soviet coalition" -- certain to dominate any conference such as viewed with favor by former Prime Minister Peres -- "has been treating Israel as an international pariah," according to the view of Michael Curtis, professor of political science at Rutgers University.

"The characterization of Israel as an imperialist and colonialist country, and Zionism as a form of racism and racial discrimination," the noted professor stressed in a recent exposition, "can be considered in the context of four factors: Soviet antagonism to Israel, attacks on Zionism, and toleration and encouragement of anti-Semitism; unrelenting, intransigent Arab hostility accompanied by increasing international acceptance of the PLO; the transformation in the arena of international politics; the changes in the structure and working of the UN and other international organizations..."

It is the view of this writer that the Arabs and their Soviet mentors, along with some chickenhearted Western leaders including Israelis eager to make deals with the terrorists, are insisting upon an international conference with one aim in mind: to bring the Jewish State to its knees, hem it in by diminishing its security borders, as Prime Minister Shamir's spokesman, Yosi Achimier, stated on the eve of the Premier's visit: "An international conference means Israel would be against the whole world. It would be under pressure to withdraw from all territories, including Jerusalem."

That is what the Arabs want -- and more, ac-

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My mother-in-law is so nearsighted she nagged a coat hanger for an hour.

cording to the PLO Charter: the demise of Israel.

No wonder one Arab after another, along with many of their third world friends, and some Westerners took to the floor during the recent UN General Assembly session and clamoured for the convocation of an international conference. And we ask why did Mr. Peres, who, in taking objection to Mr. Shamir's stand, declared in the Knesset: "Should we be the ones who look like the rejectionist front, who are not interested in the peace process and take responsibility for it?"

Peace must be our goal, Mr. Peres; but our enemies understand only one language, and that is the language of the fiery Hebrew Prophets: no compromise with evil-doers. Shamir is using that language, Mr. Foreign Minister. No one likes a cringing beggar and, in any case, Eretz Israel must remain Eretz Israel -- whether the goyim like it or not.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The cost of living index rose by 2.1 percent in January, a smaller increase than expected after the 10 percent devaluation of the Shekel.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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chairman is Governor Richard Bryan. Cochairman is Norman Kaplan.

Proceeds from the event will establish the John Chiero Research Fellowship at the City of Hope and Beckman Research Institute in Duarte, Calif. The City of Hope specializes in programs of care rendered without direct care to the patient, scientific research and medical education in the major diseases such as cancer and leukemia.

Chiero, a Chicago native who spent his early years in California, went to work for the Bank of America as a teller following his service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Chiero's banking career was highly successful as (at the time) he was the youngest branch administrator Bank of America had ever had on its staff.

In 1972 he changed careers when he became vice president of credit and collections for the Sahara Nevada Corp. The Las Vegas-based corporation had numerous properties in Las Vegas, Tahoe, California and Hawaii. In 1975, he was named vice president and assistant general manager of the Sahara Las Vegas plus continuing in the credit and collections position.

Between 1979 and 1984, Chiero was hired by Ramada to plan the opening of the Atlantic City Tropicana leading to his becoming vice president and assistant general manager of the Las Vegas Tropicana. Prior to this present position, he was promoted to president and general manager of the Atlantic City Hotel in 1982 and in January 1984 he returned to the Las Vegas Tropicana. His tenure at the local Tropicana has included overseeing a \$70 million renovation and expansion program.

He and his wife Susan have three children, Tina, Tony and Michelle, and a granddaughter, Rachel.

Executive committee members for the dinner are: Bob Miller, Thalia Dondero, Grant Sawyer, Fred Lewis, John Moran, Jr., Brian Greenspun, Dave Goldstein, Art Shenker, Mel Golden, Billy Snyder, Steve Delmont and Morrie Ratner.

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