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PLO Incited Palestinian Violence In Israel

By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

If you relied only on the general media coverage of the violence in Gaza, Judaea and Samaria and elsewhere in Israel, you could not but help believe that this was a Palestinian spontaneous "uprising" against "20 years of Israeli oppression."

But the authenticated facts prove otherwise. From beginning to end, this entire bloody scenario was conceived and orchestrated by PLO's Fatah and Islamic fundamentalists.

On Dec. 10, the day after an Israeli salesman, Shlomo Sakai, was murdered in Gaza by Arafat's Force 17, and following the death of four Arabs in an automobile accident, the PLO radio from Baghdad broadcast a message from Arafat urging Palestinians to "increase the disturbances" and "teach the enemy an unimaginable lesson."

Numerous other PLO broadcasts and telephone calls to Palestinians called on women and children to attack Israelis. That would elicit an Israeli military response, and the TV images would make perfect propaganda -- Israeli guns firing on "innocent" Palestinian civilians.

Arafat's PLO suffered a major political setback at the recent Arab summit meeting in Amman. The Iran-Iraq war forced the Israeli-Palestinian struggle onto the back burner.

The current Palestinian violence is PLO's classic method of demonstrating that it is not politically dead. The tragedy is that Arafat's PLO is trying to buy life at the expense of the lives of Palestinians and Israelis.

The media and American political opinion must not give him such an ignoble victory for such a murderous course. Peaceful negotiations and the renunciation of violence are the only guarantees of life and security both for Palestinians and Israelis.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Pro-Orchestrated Rioting In Israel And At The UN

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — The latest rioting by the Arabs in the territories and the unruly demonstration by American Arabs outside the Security Council which was debating the eruptions in Gaza and Israel proper, had one thing in common: they were cleverly orchestrated by the malcontent PLO whose leaders still dream of fulfilling their original vow engraved in their Charter -- the destruction of the Jewish State.

With Egypt now in the Arab camp, Arafat and his henchmen now believe they can accomplish

via internal strife what the Arabs did in Algeria. They know not what they are getting into. Apparently, they have forgotten 1948, 1956, 1967 and even 1973 at which times Egypt was fully in their camp.

There can be no doubt that the rioting in Gaza and in Israel proper was timed to coincide with the vicious onslaught in the Security Council and with the sudden noisy and unruly demonstration here by a group of Arab "tourists" who had exploited the use of an official UN tour to enter the building -- no doubt abetted by some PLO sympathizers in the Secretariat.

That the demonstration here was pre-arranged and orchestrated became clear to many correspondents in the press including this writer who, some ten minutes before the demonstration broke outside the Security Council, was accosted by a young nervous lady, apparently one of the demonstrators, passing out a copy of a letter addressed to the UN Chief complaining about the "Israeli massacre against unarmed Palestinians" alerting everyone of an imminent demonstration.

The able UN Security officers had their hands full in apprehending and expelling the demonstrators. The expulsion was quick and efficient.

As for the Council debate itself, following several PLO-instigated delays and postponements in feverish efforts to embarrass both Israel and the United States, the somewhat mellowed-down anti-Israel resolution was adopted thanks to a Washington abstention. Criticizing the draft, Jochanan Bein -- in the absence of Netanyahu who had left for Israel -- charged that it did not constitute a reasonable and balanced attempt to address the issue at hand. There was not even a minimal attempt, he stated, to consider the deliberate incitements to violence that had been an integral part in fomenting and increasing tensions underlying the disturbances..."

For this reason alone, the U.S. should not have allowed this resolution to pass and thus give in to the PLO.

The New York Times has not often shown an understanding of Israel's struggle against her perennial enemies. However, this past week, its former editor and presently a contributor of a regular column entitled "On My Mind," Abe M. Rosenthal, wrote a piece captioned "The Making of Gaza," which can make up somewhat for the Times' previous negative attitudes.

"The one basic truth that must be faced," Rosenthal declares, "is that the tragedy of Gaza was created by the refusal of the Arab nations to recognize the right of Israel to exist and by their attempt to destroy the Israeli state, beginning at birth," words often penned by this writer.

"In 1947," he continues, "the United Nations, with the backing of every major power, voted to partition the British mandate of Palestine into Israeli and Palestinian states. If the Arabs had

accepted that, there would today be a separate Palestinian state 40 years old; Gaza and its people would be part of it.

"But," the former Times chief editor reminds the world, "the Arab states fell upon Israel and in utter fury tried to kill the old dream and new reality of the Jewish state. They seized and divided what was to have been the Palestinian state. Egypt took the Gaza strip, Jordan, now admired in the West, seized the West Bank. It also captured most of Jerusalem, defiled Jewish holy places, banned Jews and destroyed hopes of internationalization of the Holy City...For 20 years, the territory that was to have been a Palestinian state under the UN plan was used by the PLO for attacks against Israel, with the approval and support of the Arab occupiers.

"Then, in 1967," recalls Rosenthal, who was a correspondent here along with this writer in the early UN days, "Israel stunned the Arabs and the rest of the world by trouncing the Arab armies. She threw the Jordanians out of the West Bank and Jerusalem, and the Egyptians out of Gaza and the Syrians out of the Golan Heights. Israel found herself in control of territory that had been illegally occupied by the Arab states."

On the basis of the historic facts pointed out by Rosenthal, it appears clear that Israel's enemies had unknowingly contributed to the fulfillment of prophecy in relation to the return of the People of the Book to their ancient homeland, the Land of Israel. In this regard, the prophecy of Isaiah comes to mind:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn" -- realities of our times.

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Mr. Siegel is a charismatic, inspiring poet-author-speaker-lecturer who has since 1962, in over 200 communities and campuses, covered these colorful subjects and many more: "Judaism with Emotion, Yiddishkeit from the Gut," "Menschlichkeit, Edelkeit, Zieskeit, Shaynkeit, Feinkeit, and Ehrlichkeit -- Human Qualities," "What Do Bruce Springsteen, Paul Newman and Kenny Rogers (Mitzvah Heroes) Know About Tzedakah We Don't Know?" and "116 Practical Mitzvah Suggestions."

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