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Dr. King Saw Civil Rights As Covenant

By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

On Jan. 18, the entire American nation observed the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

King's family has done me the high honor of inviting me to address that observance in Atlanta. I attach especial importance to this event, particularly in light of the ugly racist eruptions in New York City and elsewhere in recent days.

King was one of the greatest moral prophets of our century. Like the Hebrew prophet Isaiah, he was an extraordinary statesman. King made towering and permanent contributions to advancing civil rights and social justice for black people and for all Americans.

The power of King's moral magnetism rested on his conviction that justice was a seamless web. Anti-Semitism and anti-Catholic prejudice, like racial bigotry, were anathema to him.

In March 1968, King declared to the nation: "We have made it clear that you cannot deal with one evil in society by substituting another evil. We cannot substitute one tyranny for another, and for the black man to be struggling for justice and then turn around and be anti-Semitic is not only a very irrational course, but is a very immoral course. Wherever we have seen anti-Semitism, we have condemned it with all our might."

The nation justly honors King because, unlike others, he saw the civil rights revolution not as a cause for hatred and prejudice, but as a covenant of white and black, Christian and Jew, standing together for decency and justice.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations
By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

U.S. Regrets Its Pro-Arab Vote

UNITED NATIONS, (WUP) — There is a general understanding among close friends of the U.S. Mission here that the Washington Administration regrets its recent pro-Arab stand during the adoption of the last two Security Council resolutions, the latest on January 5 when it joined the other 14 delegations in calling upon Israel not to deport Palestinians, and the previous one on December 18 when it allowed a resolution to pass condemning Israeli "policies and practices...which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people..."

The U.S. regrets have come as an aftermath of the continuing disturbances in the territories as well as in Israel itself which many in the Administration now believe resulted from the passage of both resolutions. These, they hold, sent a message to the PLO and their disciples of American and UN approval of their rioting and



disobedience to law and order.

Reliable sources both here and in Washington now say that, whenever any resolution tabled by Israel's enemies comes before the Security Council attacking the Jewish State, a U.S. veto is certain to be evoked.

No doubt both The White House and the State Department now realize that the U.S. pro-Arab vote in the Council had provided added fuel to the terrorists. They also took to heart a strong protest lodged by Morris Abram over the American abstention of the December 18 resolution. In a meeting at the State Department on December 24, Mr. Abram alerted Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead to the basic causes that led to the disturbances. Among other things, he stated:

"We know that Yasir Arafat broadcast a call from Iraq urging the Palestinians to take the law into their own hands. We know that Archbishop Capucci organized a PLO demonstration in the Vatican focusing on the Gaza riots, and we know that the muezzins calling the faithful to prayer from their mosques told them it was their religious duty to rise up."

Mr. Abram also told Secretary Whitehead that "there is strong evidence of PLO and Islamic fundamentalist incitement of the riots, and that the Palestinian attacks are a form of guerrilla warfare whose ultimate purpose is to drive Israel out of Gaza, Judea and Samaria as a first step toward gaining control of Jerusalem, Jaffa and all of Israel. This is what the rioters have stated and they must be taken at their word."

That the riots were PLO-orchestrated, as we stated in a recent column, is clear from the above-noted facts and from the fact that Arafat, in a radio message broadcast from Baghdad on December 10, called upon the Palestinians "to intensify the blows to the occupying enemy" and "teach them successive lessons." He cried out to all the Arab citizens of Israel itself: "O heroic sons of the Gaza Strip, O proud sons of the Bank, O heroic sons of Galilee, O steadfast sons of the Negev, the fires of revolution against these Zionist invaders will not fade out until our land, all of our land, has been liberated from these usurping invaders..." It's 'Haman' all over again!

Always on the alert, and realizing that he was

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but it doesn't hurt to cut the cards.

in a Lion's den — a hostile Security Council, the U.S. among its members — Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu spoke out boldly and told the fifteen delegations that they were involved in what he termed "a rigged game," and that "a double standard was being applied." Never, he said, had deportation been established as a violation of international law. There was something flawed in the way the Council was used on the question. The Geneva Convention, he stressed, had never been formally applied anywhere by a State, and Israel was the only one that actually applied the Convention which was now being invoked againt Israel, the only State to apply it on humanitarian grounds..."

To the adopted resolution calling upon Israel "to refrain from deporting any Palestinian civilians from the occupied territories..." Netanyahu gave this answer: "Israel would continue to reject those who tried to interfere with its legitimate right and obligation to maintain or-

derly government..."

The Secretary-General's envoy, Marrack Goulding, has returned from Israel with his report on the disturbances there. His findings will be presented to the Security Council by the UN chief thus giving Israel's enemies another chance to attack the Jewish State in an ongoing basis.

One thing is certain: Israel's stand remains firm!

NEW YORK, (JTA) — More than 8,000 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union during 1987, a nine-fold increase over the 914 Jews who were permitted to leave in 1986, and the largest amount since 1981, when 9,500 Soviet Jews emigrated.

But Soviet Jewry activist groups expressed disappointment over the figure, noting that in the year in which "glasnost" was introduced the number of Jewish emigres comprised only a small fraction of the 400,000 Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate.

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of some other document showing your birthdate. Applications will be available January 15, 1988 and may be obtained in the Assessor's Office located on the fourth floor at 309 South Third Street, corner of Third and Bridger. If you are unable to visit the Assessor's Office, you may call and an application will be mailed to you. The telephone numbers are 455-3886 or 455-4973.

The State of Nevada requires applicants receiving Social Security Benefits to submit a copy of their Social Security Benefit Statement form SSA-1099 with their application. Renters must also submit copies of their January 1987, July 1987, and December 1987 rent receipts.

For the fiscal year 1986-87, a total of 6432 senior citizens in Clark County received assistance from this program. The average homeowner rebate was \$200.00, average mobile homeowner rebate was \$109.00. For renters of mobile home space, the average rebate was \$87.00, and for renters of apartments and dwellings, \$87.00.

The total rebate issued in Clark County last year was \$763,555 which represents 64% of the total state rebate for the Senior Citizen program.

During the months of January, February and March, Mr. Schofield and members of the Assessor's staff will personally visit senior centers, senior lunch programs and organizations in order to answer questions and provide assistance in completing the applications.

Mr. Schofield wishes to encourage all eligible senior citizens to apply for the Senior Citizen Tax/Rent Assistance Program. If you have any questions, please contact the Senior Citizen Division of the County Assessor's Office at 455, 3886 or 455-4973.