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## COMMENT:

# What Else Is There To Say?



**B**elieve It or Not seems like a suitable title for this month's Comment. And so with a nod of thanks to Robert Ripley, here goes:

- Harry Belafonte, commenting on his suddenly aborted New York Senate candidacy, allowed as how he had been misquoted and misrepresented by "the white press" (hiss? boo?). The author of the report he was faulting was one Ron Howell.

Howell is a Black.

- Twenty-two percent of the polled population viewed Orthodox Jews as "opportunists, liars and charlatans" and another 22 percent think of them in terms of religious coercion.

The survey was conducted in Jerusalem.

- Recently local inhabitants "rose up in arms" against an Hassidic sect's attempt to buy property on which to build a religious center. Not very far away, a majority of residents demonstrated in the streets against a municipally-approved plan to build a synagogue and yeshiva. Where did this happen?

The former in Yavne'el in the Lower Galilee; the latter in Jerusalem.

- In Mayor Andrew Young's Atlanta, 35 percent of the contracts for design, construction and operation of a major development project has been set aside on a racial (racist?) basis. For minorities only. Recently a minority group member qualified for one of the architectural contracts. He soon lost it, however. Blacks had complained.

The poor fellow was a minority member alright enough, but alas, he's Chinese.

- A headline of a UPI story: "Jews in Nicaragua Reject U.S. Claim They Are Persecuted by Sandinistas." The headlines backup in the body of the story? "Social Welfare Minister Reynaldo Antonio Tefel, a practicing Roman Catholic whose Jewish predecessors lived in Nicaragua since 1860, denied the tiny community has been persecuted by the Sandinistas."

"A practicing Roman Catholic" is "Jews in Nicaragua"?

- The speaker compared Israel to the Nazi regime at its worst. More, he termed Israel itself to be a neo-Nazi state. He said Israel is copying Hitler's laws and methods, and that Jews helped Hitler into power and financed his war machine. Lyndon LaRouche? No. An Aryan Nations hoodlum? No. It was Dimitri Bykov. Dimitri Bykov? Who's he? A cultist? A professional anti-Semite?

He's the Soviet Union's delegate to—Believe It or Not—the United Nations' Human Rights Commission.

—Nathan Perlmutter

National Director, Anti-Defamation League

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## COMMENT:

# LaRouche and Libel



**L**yndon LaRouche has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission against the Anti-Defamation League. Suing is his tic. Seems this time he'd like to have the FEC categorize ADL as a political entity and thereby jeopardize our status as a tax-exempt educational organization because of what we've been saying about him. Well, it occurred to me that rather than characterize him still again, it might be the charitable thing to let him speak for himself. And so we published a brochure of unadulterated genuine LaRouche *bon mots* culled from various of his organs and published remarks.

We titled it *The LaRouche Cult's Fantasy World*. Before giving you a sampling of our newest publication, I warn you for all that you may be anticipating the politically salacious, it's his weirdness that's his charm.

For instance:

### **On Jews and American History**

—"... Rothschild agent, Bernard Baruch, Sr., helped arrange the assassination of President Lincoln and then laundered the funds from London banks that were used to found the first Ku Klux Klan immediately after the Civil War's conclusion." *New Solidarity*, July 17, 1978.

### **On U.S. Public Figures and the Soviet Union**

—"Walter F. Mondale, [LaRouche] said, is an 'agent of influence' of the KGB, the Soviet secret police. So are Kissinger and McGeorge Bundy, the former Ford Foundation president and presidential adviser. . ." From an interview with Lyndon LaRouche, *Washington Post*, January 13, 1985.

### **On Queen Elizabeth II**

—"Of course she's pushing drugs. . . that is in a sense of a responsibility: the head of a gang that is pushing drugs; she knows it's happening and she isn't stopping it." Transcript of interview with Lyndon LaRouche, NBC's "First Camera," March 4, 1984.

### **On Women and Politics**

—"Concretely, all across the U.S.A., there are workers who are prepared to fight. They are held back, most immediately, by pressure from their wives. . .

—"If the worker rejects this pressure from his wife, she then bursts into tears or threatens to leave him, wailing. . .

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"Hitler-God" below the mailbox of the *Mitzpeh*, the campus Jewish monthly publication.

Toure told 600 students in Binghamton last November, that "Zionists sent others to their death in Germany to justify taking land from the Palestinians." He also announced his "100 percent" support of Louis Farrakhan, the anti-Semitic Black Muslim leader.

While a leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s, Carmichael became increasingly critical of the group's alliance with white people. He helped popularize the concept of "Black Power" and subsequently became Prime Minister of the Black Panthers.

His rapid descent into anti-Semitism and racism began at that time. According to the Anti-Defamation League's 1974 book, *The New Anti-Semitism*, as chairman of SNCC in 1966, Carmichael called for racist guerrilla warfare by blacks in the United States. SNCC began to attack Israel and Zionism on a regular basis. In September, 1967, Carmichael visited several Arab countries in an apparent show of solidarity with the Arabs against Israel. After a three-day visit

to Syria, he declared, "Our support to Arabs and their legitimate rights in Palestine is complete and absolute."

He left the United States in 1969 to live in Guinea where he became a naturalized citizen and espoused a policy called Pan-Africanism. He called on blacks as "one cohesive force, to wage an unrelenting armed struggle against the white Western empire for the liberation of our people."

He served as personal secretary to Kwame Nkrumah, a former president of Ghana, for two years, and then studied under President Sekou Toure of Guinea until President Toure's death in 1984. It was in the early 1980s that Carmichael adopted the name Kwame Toure, honoring his two mentors.

Last year, Toure appeared at Madison Square Garden in New York as the opening speaker introducing Louis Farrakhan. Julius Lester reported in *The New Republic* that Toure said, "Our people don't need talk, they need guns!" Lester wrote that "the most thunderous standing ovations were reserved for Toure's attacks on Israel, Zionism and Judaism." Toure has also attended the Palestine Liberation Or-

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—"Has that wretched woman, his wife, any legitimate right to demand that her husband give up politics out of respect for his 'personal responsibilities'?"

—"... Is it not clear that his wife is, in a practical sense, insane; is it not clear that if he gives in to his wife's neurotic fears he is willfully murdering his children?..." Editorial, *Campaigner*, September/October 1973.

#### **On the Anti-Defamation League**

—"... The ADL is only a group of self-hating anti-Semites with Jewish names, eager to do any dirty deed that their controllers, the Morgans, Rockefellers, and others of the Anglo-Episcopalian elite demand." *New Solidarity*, February 14, 1982.

#### **On Karl Marx**

—"Karl Marx, in this respect somewhat like myself, was a well-developed thinker by the time he completed secondary school... To assess Marx's intellectual powers as an adult, it is no exaggeration to say that his mental development was considerably inferior to my own... To say that the writer [LaRouche] constructed an economic science through correcting Marx's crucial blunders is an accurate, if somewhat oversimplified view..." *The Power of Reason* (LaRouche's autobiography), 1978.

Send us a note, cover postage and handling and we'll send you the unexpurgated grotesqueries (I suppose we really ought to send them in a plain brown envelope.) LaRouche, you will learn, is a far more revealing critic of his cult than we are. Who knows, if he sees the brochure he may file another suit—against himself—for libel. He'll lose again, of course, truth being, as it is, a defense to libel.

—Nathan Perlmutter

*National Director, Anti-Defamation League*

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September 26, 1986

Mr. Albert Chernin  
Executive Vice President  
NJCRAC  
443 Park Avenue South  
New York, NY 10016

Dear Al:

With reference to the intention of the NJCRAC to send a letter to Congress urging an override of President Reagan's proposed veto of sanctions legislation, ADL hereby exercises its veto power against the issuance of the letter and its public dissemination.

Numerous members of the South African Jewish community have been in touch with ADL. Uniformly, they have reminded us that South African Jews have been in the forefront of opposition to Apartheid. Moreover, voting analyses have revealed that the Jewish community has not been supportive of the National Party. Rather, it has been one of the most progressive-minded communities in South Africa.

Still, they have urged upon us that American Jews not take a front and center role in supporting the divestiture movement. It seems to us, given the sense of vulnerability that this suggests as well as the high profile activities in behalf of freedom of the Jewish community, that we ought show respect for the wishes of our South African brethren. Indeed, no less than Helen Suzman has eloquently opposed disinvestment. Surely, the Suzmans and the Alan Patons merit our consideration.

If the South African Jewish community had a less forthright position against Apartheid than it does, we could understand concern about their motivations. But they have in fact been quite vocal and visible on the issue. It's our view that as an American Jewish organization we ought not turn a deaf ear to our co-religionists.

This is not to in any way suggest that ADL is for or against an override of the President's proposed veto of sanctions legislation. We feel strongly, however, that the wishes of the South African Jewish community should be respected. Of course, individual Jewish organizations remain free to take whatever position they want on the issue.

Sincerely,

Burton S. Levinson  
National Chairman

cc: Nathan Perlmutter

(over)



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**COMMENT:**

## As Samuel Johnson Was Saying . . .



**D**efinitions may be accurate, as far as they go, but if they don't go far enough, truth loses. For instance, the press release I received from WNET-TV, New York's public television station. Announcing a debate featuring former Congressman Paul McCloskey, it describes him as "an ardent supporter of the Camp David Accords." That's it. Nothing else. Just that he ardently supports the Camp David Accords, which, the release coos deceptively: "calls for the creation of a Palestinian homeland in the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

Defining McCloskey, vitriolic demeanor of the State of Israel and purveyor of such anti-Semitic themes as "dual loyalty" and of alleged Jewish control of media, as "an ardent supporter of the Camp David Accords" may be accurate. About as accurate as describing Jack the Ripper as a fellow who was partial to girls.

The ardent McCloskey's debating opponent? The also ardent, also discredited, Rabbi Meir Kahane. What's going on here? This is public TV? Wasn't public television supposed to provide a reasoned alternative to crass and commercial TV?

But stay tuned. Maybe next week's public television alternative to the offerings of commercial TV will be wrestling in the mud.

On another subject, somewhat of a cousin, Samuel Johnson's well-wearing truth about patriotism being the last refuge of a scoundrel comes to mind. Of late, our First Amendment has been a refuge or at least a dodge for all manner of people. And so, presumably, it is for the sake of the commonweal, and so that viewers will realize their "right to know," that NBC-TV brought to our screen, confabs with the wanted murderer Abu Abbas. Is that evidence of NBC-TV's concern with our right to know? Or is it really all about Nielsen ratings? No sin being concerned with ratings. The sin is in camouflaging greed for ratings in the virtue of our right to know.

—Nathan Perlmutter

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## COMMENT:

# This is Human Relations?



**T**he Pittsburgh Human Relations Commission recently ruled that it would not participate in any project with people who oppose quotas. No need to reread that sentence. You read right. It's so. Invited by the Anti-Defamation League to cosponsor Human Renaissance, a human relations program, the misnomered, it turns out, Human Relations Commission said no. Why? Because ADL opposes racial quotas. The Commission's deliberations included such expressed wisdom as: if anyone who disagrees with Israel is branded an anti-Semite, likewise opponents of quotas should be branded as anti-Black.

It's this zircon of logic that I want to comment on, rather than the Commission's self-inflicted embarrassment.

Repeat a lie often enough and it assumes substance. I know of no representative Jewish organization, I know of no so-called Jewish spokesman, who has maintained or maintains that criticism of Israel constitutes anti-Semitism. None. Zero. What I do know is that some critics of Israel, who, when challenged on the merits of their arguments, assume the Whining Position, i.e., they are fearful of continuing debate lest they be called anti-Semitic. Or they strike a Defiant Malarkey Position, i.e., no matter they will be subjected to charges of anti-Semitism, they will courageously continue to speak out. Tarantara! Tarantara!

Of course, the debating devices of these rhetorical tricksters are weak reeds. Public, Congressional, executive opinion has either ignored or rejected their palaver. But, alas, here and there, it will be echoed . . . for instance in Pittsburgh. And when the mix of political opportunism and of selfish advantage is just right, ignorance will be officially endorsed, even by the pathetic likes of a misnomered Human Relations Commission.

—Nathan Perlmutter

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR PATRICK BUCHANAN

THROUGH: MARI MASENG   
FROM: MAX GREEN   
SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom

I think that Nathan Perlmutter, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, ought to be nominated for a Medal of Freedom. Perlmutter deserves this honor for the following reasons:

1. He has shown great courage in speaking the truth about communists and their allies - for example, about the Sandinistas and the ANC.
2. He has shown equal courage in articulating his belief in an equal opportunity society - one in which the individual's freedom is not circumscribed by his ascribed traits. Thus, he actively supported the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 60's, and is equally active in opposing quotas today.
3. In the Jewish community he has courageously undertaken to dispel mistaken myths about Christian fundamentalists. For example, he has pointed out in many articles and in his excellent book, The Real Anti-Semitism in America, how much more supportive the fundamentalist leaders have been of Israel than the liberal Church groups, e.g. the National Council of Churches.
4. Under Perlmutter's strong leadership, the Anti-Defamation League has courageously spoken the truth about anti-Semitism, never minimizing, but on the other hand, never exaggerating the danger in order to pander to its constituency.
5. Despite the often times unpopular stand he has taken in the Jewish community, Perlmutter is highly respected by virtually everyone who knows him or of him. His selection for a Medal of Freedom would be hailed inside and outside the Jewish community.
6. Unfortunately, we must act quickly. Perlmutter is not a well man; he has lung cancer which is being treated, but there is no assurance that he will live even one more year.

**COMMENT:**

## **"The Pits" An Amplification**



**S**ome weeks ago, New York's Mayor Ed Koch told a group of Soviet youths visiting the U.S. as part of a cultural mission that they were nice kids, that the Soviet people were good people, but also that their Communist government was "the pits." Don't ask! The house came down. How couthless of Hiz Honor.

In any event, a day or so later the Soviet youths performed in a play at Manhattan's Riverside Church where, entering left, Daniel Ortega has also performed. Peace was its heroine, her survival dependent on the U.S. President's being nice. Of course, the play also had a villain. A fellow called "Rifkind."

As our Mayor later put it, "Did anyone ever meet a non-Jew whose name is Rifkind?"

In some quarters, it's almost as if pretending that the Soviet government was not brutish is a contribution to peace. Conversely, it's as if the flames of war were being fanned by noticing Soviet evil. But if some thusly kid themselves, the inmates of the Soviet cage know better.

For instance, Dr. Benjamin Charney, a Muscovite refusenik has cancer and a serious heart condition. He desperately needs treatment available in the West. The Soviets refuse to let him have it.

For instance, Rimma Bravve, refusenik, Muscovite, has advanced ovarian cancer. Her mother lives in Rochester. She needs treatment available in the United States. The Soviet bureaucracy will not let her go.

For instance, refusenik Leah Maryasin of Riga has several tumors. She, too, needs treatment not available in the Soviet Union. She, too, has been refused permission to seek life-saving treatment.

What kind of government is this? Not the pits? What kind of people preside over it? Not heartless bureaucrats?

Case after case... a woman begging for permission—to do what?—to give a bone marrow transplant to a dying brother in Israel... mothers begging to be rejoined with children abroad... and always there's the Soviet bureaucracy, unfeeling, uncaring, maddeningly nay-saying, harshly keeping child from mother, sister from brother, invalid from medical treatment.

This behavior, this response to people, tells us precisely what the real nature of the Communist mentality is, far more credibly than Reykjavik, Helsinki and Geneva, multiplied by 100 smiling Soviet "journalists" on our network talk programs.

—Nathan Perlmutter, *National Director, Anti-Defamation League*

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## Argentina

The Federal Appeals Court of Argentina sentenced General Ramon Camps to 25 years in prison for human rights violations committed while he was Buenos Aires Provincial Police Chief during military rule. The court, which passed sentence on December 2, 1986, found General Camps guilty of 73 cases of torture and stripped him of his army rank. Jacobo Timerman, in his book Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number, accused General Camps of ordering his arrest and torture. ...The five-member Argentine Supreme Court, on December 30, unanimously upheld life sentences for former President Jorge Videla and Emilio Massera, a former Navy commander. They, and other military officers were convicted last year in the "Trial of the Generals" of planning the "Dirty War" which caused disappearances of more than 9,000 political prisoners and the arrest and torture of thousands of other Argentines in the 1970s.....The monthly FAMUS (Relatives and Friends of the Victims of Subversion) mass in December ended with cheers for General Camps and shouts of "Death" directed against the "Synagogue," Federal District Attorney Julio Strassera and the "Bolshevik tribunals." Military chaplain Carlos Guillot dedicated the mass to "those who fell in the atheist war" and declared "since the birth of Christ, history is divided in two possibilities: with Christ or against Christ."

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Human rights organizations in Argentina and abroad expressed their dismay at the "punto final" (full stop) legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by President Alfonsin on December 26, 1986. The law established a 60-day deadline for the submission of indictments against persons involved in the abduction, torture, and disappearances of thousands during the military rule from 1976-1983, effectively closing the door on additional human rights trials after that time period. The B'nai B'rith of Argentina, in a public statement, called the law "a risky step backwards... because only through Justice without limitations is the consolidation of a democratic system guaranteed." Abraham H. Foxman, associate director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that while the agency commends the Alfonsin administration for bringing to trial members of the military junta and other selected officials, "we deplore the recent legislative actions that would prevent military personnel and others from being brought to justice...Those guilty of murder, torture, and anti-Semitism in the jails ought not to go unpunished." Although several other Jewish organizations in Argentina also issued statements in opposition to the "punto final" law, the DAIA, the Jewish umbrella organization, chose to remain silent.....Cesar Jaroslavsky, leader of the ruling Radical Party bloc in the Chamber of Deputies came under strong criticism by the Argentine Jewish Movement of Human Rights (MJDH) for his support of the "punto final" legislation. As he left the legislative building the night of December 23, he was greeted by insults and shouts of "traitor" by about 200 MJDH demonstrators who pushed and punched him as he tried to get by. A

document signed by MJDH president Herman Schiller, which appeared in the Argentine daily La Razon (12/26/86), compared Jaroslavsky to the "Jewish collaborators" of the Germans during World War II.

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"We come to Israel searching for support for our struggle, but also to learn from your constant experience in the pursuit of the criminals against the Jewish people during the Nazi holocaust," declared Hebe Pastor de Bonafini, President of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, on her arrival in Israel in January, at the invitation of MAPAM, the Israeli Socialist party. Speaking at the Hebrew University Law School, Mrs. Bonafini condemned the "punto final" legislation, calling it "not a law of human beings for human beings, but of those defending their own interests." During her week long stay in Israel, she and Juanita de Pergament, secretary of the organization, met with the vice-president of the Knesset, Chaika Grossman, with Deputies from the Labor Party and MAPAM, and with members of RATZ, the Israeli Movement for Civil Rights. They also met with Israel Keiser, secretary-general of the Histadrut, the Central Worker's Union.

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General Guillermo Suarez Mason, a member of the military junta in the late 1970s and early 1980s, was arrested in a suburb of San Francisco, California on January 24. According to Inspector Larry Homenick, supervisor of international operations for the United States Marshals Service, the general had been the object of a manhunt in the United States since November, 1985. General Suarez Mason has been accused by a number of former prisoners in Argentina, including Jacobo Timerman, of being a major architect of the program of human rights abuses during the military "proceso." The government of Argentina has indicated that it will seek his extradition.

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Blatantly anti-Semitic statements made by the former Archbishop of La Plata, Msgr. Antonio Plaza, have shocked the Jewish community and the Argentine public. In an interview published in the newspaper "El Atlantico" in early March, Plaza charged that the democratic government of president Raul Alfonsin is "full of Jews.....I do not know if there is anyone left in the government who is not Jewish." He added that "there is also a lot of Jewish influence in the Trilateral Commission." Plaza also called on the government to grant amnesty for those accused and convicted of human rights abuses during the military regime because "the government has already made us lose three years discussing these things...." Cesar Jaroslavsky, majority leader in the Argentine Parliament, called Plaza "a madman, a nefarious political personality, who should go live in Chile or Paraguay." Alluding to his Jewish origin he said, "If I had been in his hands, I would be soap by now." Dr. David Goldberg, president of DAIA, said that the Archbishop's remarks would be protested to the church, and the Jewish Movement for Human Rights described Plaza as "a true representative of the fascist, old-line obscurantist church in complicity with the military dictatorship."

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Noted Argentine author and journalist Isodoro Blaisten returned to Argentina on February 5. He claimed he was "on vacation," in Israel since last November, when he and his wife left the country after he received a telephone call from the "Argentine Nazi Force" threatening to kill him within ten days "for being a Jew."

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Zehdi Terzi, the PLO representative to the United Nations, told reporters for Noticias Argentinas, the Argentine News Agency, that "we hope and aspire to establish...bilateral and diplomatic relations with Argentina." Terzi was in Bariloche, Argentina in January to participate in a seminar sponsored by The

United Nations' Committee for the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. When asked if there had been conversations with the Argentine government about the PLO being allowed to open an office in Buenos Aires with diplomatic status, Terzi replied, "Argentina fully recognizes the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. It's a fact. Argentina always voted in favor of our resolutions.".....An article by J. Iglesias Rouco, in La Prensa (1/24/87), claims that the PLO had "secret contacts" with Argentine officials, some of them agents of SIDE (the Argentine secret service) in order to "consolidate previous negotiations." The article further states that "there are those in the government who assure that the establishment of a Palestine mission in Buenos Aires, that in the future would act as the 'headquarters' of the PLO on the continent, is a question of months, maybe weeks. And it is known that the Palestinians have not only chatted with government spokesmen, but also with the military on one hand and with the heads of subversive groups on the other." Iglesias Rouco also claims that even before 1983 Arafat had invested in various businesses and local banks in Argentina. "It is calculated," he adds, "that the value of his properties in all of Latin America varies between US \$80-130 million, and that Arafat plans to quadruplicate it before 1990."

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Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres postponed his visit to Argentina until May due to "reasons related to his Ministry." Peres was scheduled to arrive in Buenos Aires at the end of March at the invitation of President Raul Alfonsin and Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo in order to sign treaties of scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries.... At the completion of his meetings with Israeli government officials in Jerusalem in March, Argentine Minister of Public Works and Services, Pedro Trucco emphasized that "As a bulwark of the West in the Mid-East, my country is interested in consolidating bilateral relations with Israel." Minister Trucco called his visit a "decided impulse" to Argentine-Israeli cooperation in the economic and technological fields.

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The Argentine Zionist Youth Council sent a petition to President Raul Alfonsin, asking him to issue a declaration to disqualify "the slanderous United Nations Resolution 3379" which equates Zionism with Racism, (La Prensa 12/15/86). The petition reminds President Alfonsin that Zionism "was the first force that raised the flag of decolonization of the oppressed people of Asia and Africa after the Second World War" and is the "national liberation movement of the Jewish people."

## Bolivia

A three page advertisement proclaiming the "International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People," appeared in the Bolivian newspaper El Diario on November 29, 1986. The ad, paid for by businesses owned or managed by members of the Bolivian-Arab community, states "we hope for success in their struggle for their inalienable rights, the quick recuperation of their territory and the establishment of a sovereign and independent state."

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The new Israeli Ambassador to Bolivia, Nissim Yitzhak, recently presented his credentials to Bolivian President Dr. Victor Paz Estenssoro. Ambassador Yitzhak extended an invitation from Israeli President Chaim Herzog to the Bolivian president to visit Israel.

## Brazil

"The man who drowned in Bertioaga, Sao Paulo and was interred in Embu is not Mengele." This is the central thesis of an article titled "Mengele is Alive" in

the Brazilian magazine Manchete (2/28/87). It is based on evidence and documents gathered by Ben Abraham, noted Brazilian writer and president of "Sherit Hapleita," the Association of Nazi Survivors of Brazil. The article cites several discrepancies between the skeleton exhumed in Embu and the real Mengele. Ben Abraham claims that the skeleton is that of a man taller than Mengele, has one leg shorter than the other, and the dental frame of the skull does not match Mengele's dental records. Ben Abraham also claims that the photos of Wolfgang Gerhard, the name of the man buried at Embu, do not match photos of the real Mengele, nor does his handwriting match the handwriting in Mengele's SS file. After meeting Ben Abraham in Israel, the chairman of the Knesset Commission on Internal Affairs, Dov Schilanski, wrote to Menachem Russek, the Israeli official in charge of the Mengele case, stating that the documents "clearly coincide with my opinion that the man found in Brazil is not Mengele." Schilanski called the identification of the body exhumed in Embu as nothing more than a "great lie." The article also reports that the Yad Vashem Institute concurred, claiming "there is no reason to close the Mengele case nor to stop the investigations as to his whereabouts."

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Saudi Arabia recently called on Brazil to obtain an international guarantee to back a Bank of Brazil letter of credit for the purchase of two million barrels of Saudi oil, valued at \$39.4 million. When Petrobras responded by threatening to cancel the order, the Saudis subsequently dropped their demand. According to the Washington Post (3/13/87), Petrobras's president, Oziros Silva, said the Saudis have renewed their call for a guarantee to back another oil purchase by Brazil, this time for 2.2 million barrels, valued at \$40 million. Petrobras has again threatened to cancel the order. The two incidents represent the first time an oil supplier has balked at accepting a Bank of Brazil guarantee since Brazil's announcement last month that it was suspending payments on \$67 million of commercial bank debt, a Petrobras spokesman said. Saudi Arabia supplies about 21% of the 601,000 barrels of oil a day that Brazil imports.

## Chile

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has made inquiries to the Chilean Ambassador in the United States concerning the disappearance in Chile of Professor Boris Weisfeiler. Weisfeiler, a Soviet Jew who emigrated to the United States, was a mathematics professor at Pennsylvania State University at the time of his disappearance. He was last seen in southern Chile, where he was hiking alone, in January 1985.

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Monsignor Bernardino Pinera, reacting to an attack at the Wailing Wall in Israel, sent a letter to Rabbi Angel Kreiman expressing the solidarity of the Catholic Church with the Jewish people. "I reject all manifestations of violence," said the Bishop; who is President of the Bishops Conference of Chile, "and even more so if it is directed against the Jewish people with whom the Christian people have long and profound affinities."

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Enrique Cima Silva, the president of the opposition Radical Party of Chile, expressed his appreciation for "the solidarity of the Israeli people with the Chilean people" during his visit to Israel in December. He was the official guest of the Israeli Labor Party and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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An arms factory in northern Chile, the site of an explosion in February 1986 which killed 29 factory workers, produces "multiple warhead" bombs which have



been sold to Iraq "since the beginning of the conflict between that country and Iran," according to an article which appeared in Le Monde and the Argentine newspaper Clarín (12/23/86).

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Beny Pilowsky was recently elected President of the Representative Committee of Jewish Entities of Chile, the Jewish umbrella organization. Mr. Pilowsky noted that the election of board members of the Representative Committee by secret ballot "had not been common for many years." He added "We hope that in our country, Chile, the transition to democracy will be accelerated in an atmosphere of peace and constructiveness."

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The Israeli Ambassador to Chile, David Ephrati, and the Mayor of Santiago, Carlos Bombal, participated in a ceremony inaugurating the reconstruction of the public school "Republic of Israel." The mayor, in his speech, thanked the Chilean Jewish community for their enormous efforts and support which helps improve the level of education. The ceremony was also attended by the Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Pilar Gutierrez Filipe, and the President and Rabbi of the Jewish Circle of Chile.

## Colombia

The Libyan-backed Movement of International Revolutionary Committees (MIRC) paid homage to Jairo de Jesus Calvo Ocampo, alias "Ernesto Rojas," the leader of the Colombian guerrilla movement, "Popular Liberation Army" (EPL), who was killed February 22 by the Colombian secret police in Bogota. In a message of condolence, published by Jana, the Libyan news agency, the MIRC deplored "the death of one of its international militants" who met several times with "the leader of world revolution, Colonel Mouammar Qaddafi." Rojas was also a leader of the National Guerrilla Coordinator, an umbrella organization of various subversive groups operating mainly in southern Colombia.....The Central executive committee of the Communist Party of Colombia announced in February that Francisco Caraballo, the first secretary of the party, was named to replace Calvo Ocampo as comandante of the EPL.

## Costa Rica

Ambassador Emilia Castro de Barrish of Costa Rica was the only diplomat to publicly protest when the Soviet Union challenged the credentials of the B'nai B'rith International (BBI) as a member of the United Nations Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Dr. Harris Schoenberg, BBI representative to the United Nations, reported that the Soviet challenge, which was made at the quadrennial review of NGOs on February 20, was based on the existence of B'nai B'rith lodges in South Africa. Ambassador Barrish, speaking in support of BBI, cited the work of B'nai B'rith in promoting human rights and especially pointed out its strong condemnation of apartheid.

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A Costa Rican superior court recently ordered the extradition of Bohdan Koziy to the Soviet Union to stand trial for war crimes committed when he was a member of the Ukrainian police force under Nazi occupation. Koziy fled to Costa Rica from the United States in 1984 after the U.S. Justice Department ordered his deportation. Costa Rican Public Prosecutor Roberto Steiner stated that although the court's ruling cannot be appealed, Koziy may not be handed over to the Soviets unless Moscow pledged that he would not be executed if convicted.

## Cuba

Five Jews who left Cuba recently to be reunited with their families living in Venezuela were honored at a reception on February 12. Their release came after Rabbi Pynchas Brener, spiritual leader of the Union Israelita of Caracas (UIC) and president of the Committee of Relations Between Synagogues and Churches in Venezuela (CRISEV) and Bishop Alfredo Rodriguez, vice-president of CRISEV flew to Havana on November 24 to meet with Fidel Castro, other Cuban officials, and leaders of the Jewish community. Rabbi Brener reported that in Cuba "heroism is required in order to approach the synagogue." One of the Cubans who was permitted to emigrate, Dr. Solomon Mitrani, affirmed that "once they refused me for a teaching position at the University for being 'too Jewish.'" He also said that articles attacking Israel appear daily in the official Cuban press, using the word "Zionist" in a deceptive way. At the present time, the Cuban Jewish community of about 800 men, women and children is struggling to maintain communal institutions. It is likely that other Cuban Jews would leave if they were given permission to do so.

## Ecuador

Police announced, January 9, that they had obtained the names of 17 members of the guerrilla group Alfaro Lives (AVC) who were trained in Libya in 1983. Their names were revealed by an AVC member who was arrested in connection with a bank robbery in Guayaquil.

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The Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Edgar Teran, recently visited Israel where he met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and other government officials. Dr. Teran expressed the desire of his government to intensify economic relations with Israel, especially in the field of agricultural technology. He also announced that the President of Ecuador, Leon Febres Cordero, is planning an official visit to Israel.

## El Salvador

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) announced December 29 that it allocated US \$50,000 to help rebuild the "Estado de Israel" kindergarten, a non-sectarian school serving 300 students. The school, which is located in a very poor neighborhood of San Salvador, was destroyed by the earthquake last October. The JDC allocation will be matched by an equal amount contributed by the Jewish community of El Salvador. The American Jewish World Service (AJWS) channeled \$20,000 through the Salvadoran Jewish community to be used for housing reconstruction.

## Guatemala

The newly appointed ambassador from Guatemala to the Vatican, Carlos A. Escobar Armas, wrote a virulently anti-Semitic article contending that there is a "great Judaizing plot to destroy Christmas as the festival of the birth of our Lord." In the article, which appeared in El Grafico of Guatemala City on December 27, 1986, Escobar Armas protested the "Judaizing hypocrisy... which suits those who deny Christ," emphasizing that "the Hebrews and with them Judaism continue waiting for the coming of the Savior, but I know that he already came."

## Honduras

President Jose Azcona will travel to Israel in May, 1987 in order to sign various technology and agricultural agreements, according to the President of the Congress of Honduras, Carlos Orbin Montoya, who led a delegation of Honduran

legislators to Israel in February. Deputy Montoya stated that his country is also interested in acquiring the Israeli "Kfir" airplanes to strengthen its air force.

## Mexico

The Archbishop Primate of Mexico, Cardinal Ernesto Corripio Ahumada, was accompanied by Jose Kably, President of the Jewish-Christian Relations Committee of the B'nai B'rith of Mexico and other Mexican Jewish and Catholic leaders when he visited Israel in November 1986. The Cardinal returned from Israel with a stone from the Mount of Olives to be placed in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Mexico City. While in Israel, the Cardinal met with Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, and with Zevulun Hamar, the Minister of Religious Affairs -- the first ever meeting between an Israeli Minister of Religious Affairs and a Catholic Primate. The delegation then travelled to Rome, where they presented Pope John Paul II with a Menorah in the name of the Mexican Jewish community.

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Morris Abram, the President of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid that the American Jewish community, along with the government of the United States, is ready to help Mexico solve its current economic problems. Abram led a delegation of seven leaders of United States national Jewish organizations who met with President de la Madrid during his three-day visit to New York City last September. Abram told reporters that the Mexican President "demonstrated knowledge and appreciation for our points of view."

## Nicaragua

President Daniel Ortega expressed Sandinista "solidarity and firm support for the noble struggle of the Palestinian people," in a letter to Yassir Arafat, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the PLO. In the letter, which was broadcast over Nicaraguan radio, President Ortega "reiterates our most vigorous condemnation and rejection of the genocidal attacks... as part of the policy of the force and intimidation practiced by the Zionist regime of Israel and its regional allies.".... According to a Reuters report, the Israeli State radio broadcast January 5 that the Fatah faction of the PLO purchased four Nicaraguan DC-8 jet liners and plans to use them to airlift Palestinian terrorists to Lebanon. According to "unidentified Israeli security sources," the planes, painted in the colors of the Red Crescent, the Arab branch of the International Red Cross, will carry the Palestinians from a Fatah base near Baghdad to an airstrip south of Beirut.

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The Nicaraguan Ministry of Agriculture cancelled plans to send a delegation to Israel in January after the publication of reports alleging that Israel was involved with the supply of weapons to the Contras. The Nicaraguans were invited to visit Israel by representatives of MAPAM, when they visited Nicaragua over two years ago. The Nicaraguan Ambassador to Great Britain, Francisco d'Escoto, in a letter to the British publication Middle East International (12/19/86) asserted, however, that the government of Nicaragua and the FSLN party (Sandinista) "have never contemplated nor are they contemplating sending a delegation to Israel."

## Paraguay

Two Argentines arrested in Paraguay and charged with involvement in anti-Semitic activity in that country last year, had connections with the Argentine secret police, according to an article in the Argentine newspaper El Informador

Publico (1/23/87). The two men participated in "Operation Orange" involving telephone and mail harassment of Jews in Paraguay. The article states that this "operation" was an extension of "Operation Massada" conducted by the Argentine State Secretariat of Information (SIDE) to investigate what they refer to as "the Jewish advance in Government."

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Minister of the Interior Sabino A. Montanaro lashed out at United States Ambassador Clyde Taylor for publicly protesting the jamming of the opposition radio station "Radio Nanduti." The U.S. Embassy issued a statement January 16 urging the Government of Paraguay to "take the necessary steps for the full reinstatement of Radio Nanduti, thus showing its democratic vocation and total commitment to the freedom of its people." The radio station's owner, Humberto Rubin, was forced to suspend broadcasting because the jamming and threats from pro-government extremists had scared off advertisers.

## Peru

Nicanor Mujica Alvarez Calderon, Minister of the Presidency, and Fernando Leon de Vivero, President of the Peruvian Chamber of Deputies led a delegation of the ruling APRA party to Israel in January. The APRA leaders participated in a ceremony inaugurating a forest in honor of Victor Raul Haya de la Torre, noted Peruvian statesman and founder of the APRA party, who was a well known friend of Israel. The official visit, which included meeting with key Israeli leaders, also served to strengthen political and commercial ties between Israel and Peru. Deputy Leon de Vivero, in addressing a special session of the Knesset, reiterated Peru's support for "the legitimate right of the Jewish people to recover a homeland where they could peacefully develop, conform and consolidate their full national identity." The delegation also expressed an interest in expanding Israeli technological assistance to Peruvian development projects. Nicanor Mujica announced that Israeli technicians would soon arrive in Peru to continue irrigation projects in Pampas de Majes, in the arid southern region. Mujica's wife, Gloria Astete de Mujica, also announced that a forest would be planted in Cusco in honor of David Ben-Gurion.

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A Jerusalem Post article caused a stir in APRA circles. It reported that Deputy Leon de Vivero said that Peruvian President Alan Garcia's recent statements supporting the PLO and the Palestinians "do not speak for all sectors of the APRA party." Leon de Vivero, who is over 80 years old, added that "the opinions of the young leaders are not necessarily those of the entire party" and expressed optimism that "the intelligence of the Jews will find a solution for the Palestinian problem, just as it found the realistic formula for Jerusalem." Minister Nicanor Mujica called the article "a journalistic scandal" (El Callao 1/23/87). He claimed that Deputy Leon de Vivero only said that "there possibly exists a certain sector of the youth who do not agree with certain things, but that there is only one political line in the party which is respected for its guidance by President Alan Garcia."

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Senator Javier Valle Riestra, the leader of the Peruvian United Nations delegation, strongly condemned Israel in his speech at the United Nations Human Rights Commission meeting held in Geneva in February. He called for the restitution of the rights of the Palestinian people, including their own independent state, the withdrawal of Israel to its 1948 borders, and an international peace conference with the participation of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.... The Secretary General of the ruling APRA party, Luis Negreiros, subsequently

assured the Israeli Ambassador to Peru, David Tourgeman, that the speech by Senator Valle Riestra does not reflect the sentiments of the APRA party, nor of the government.

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Explosives were found at the Jewish high school "Leon Pinelo" in Lima on December 3rd while students were in classes. The bomb, camouflaged in a beer can and left by the main entrance to the school, was disarmed by the Explosive Deactivation Unit of the Republican Guard. The same day, explosive devices were found near the home of an adviser to the Minister of the Interior. Numerous bombings in Lima have been attributed to two guerilla groups -- Sendero Luminoso and the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

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An advertisement placed by the "Federacion Palestina del Peru" commemorating November 29, the "International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People" expressed "great satisfaction for the Peruvian diplomatic initiatives in the Middle East in the past year." The group said that the meeting between President Alan Garcia and Yassir Arafat at the conference of non-aligned nations in Harare, Zimbabwe, last September culminated "a qualitative turnaround in the relations between the Peruvian government and the PLO.".....The new first secretary of the PLO office in Lima, Ibrahim Al-Zeben, arrived in Peru in September, replacing Walid Muaqqatt who was transferred to the PLO office in La Paz, Bolivia.

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Peru and Iraq will soon sign a trade agreement involving a US\$20 million credit with the Arab-Latin American Bank, according to Senator Miguel Anguel Mufarech, president of the Senate Commission for Industry. Senator Mufarech made the announcement February 11 after meeting with Peruvian president Alan Garcia.

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Professor Yaakov Hasson, speaking from the pulpit of the Fatima Church, represented the Jewish community at an ecumenical service in Lima marking the "World Day of Prayer for Peace," called by Pope John Paul II for October 27th. The service was led by Cardinal Juan Landazuri Ricketts, Archbishop of Lima and Primate of the Catholic Church in Peru. The Evangelical, Baptist, Methodist and Seventh-Day Adventists churches were also represented.

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Several Peruvian intellectuals, including many politicians and journalists sent a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in December, calling on him to "end the anti-Semitic campaign and cultural, religious and intellectual asphyxiation which hangs over the Jews of the USSR." The letter also requests that "all Jews who so desire be allowed to leave for Israel" and that the "Soviet authorities not be allowed to use the Jewish minority in the USSR as captives in the ideological struggle which is polarizing the world."

## Uruguay

The Senate of Uruguay recently unanimously passed a proposal by Senator Luis Alberto LaCalle calling on the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs to denounce United Nations Resolution 3379 equating Zionism with racism and "to begin the necessary measures for a new resolution which would abrogate...this unjust, anti-historic, United Nations resolution." Senator LaCalle participated in the conference on "Zionism: Expression of Pluralism, Freedom, Democracy and Peace" held in Porto Alegre, Brazil in August.

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Senator Francisco Rodriguez Cammusso's criticism of Jews for still pursuing Nazi war criminals "fifty years" after the Holocaust, evoked an angry response

from the Comite Central Israelita of Uruguay, the representative body of Uruguayan Jewry. The Comite Central denounced efforts to "delegitimize the significance of the Holocaust... as anti-Semitism disguised as humanism" and added "we will not forget that which should not be forgotten, we will not pardon that which should not be pardoned".....The radio program "Voice of Zion in Uruguay," which has been broadcast for two hours every day for the past thirty years by Jose Jerosolimski, is now off the air. Jerosolimski stopped broadcasting after the new owners of the station raised the rent 400%, cut the program time and changed its schedule. An editorial titled "Culture is Pluralistic...Or It Is Not Culture" in the daily newspaper El Dia, called the radio program "a valuable expression of a community which is deeply engrained in the nation," and criticized the action of the owners as "very serious...it does not serve the country."

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The B'nai B'rith of Uruguay signed an agreement in October with the Council of Primary Education to build a school in the rural town of Sauce in the department of Canelones. In the past two years, the B'nai B'rith has concentrated its community service efforts in the interior of the country, because "the rural zones of the Republic urgently need all the support that can be given them."

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The president of the Mortgage Bank of Uruguay, Julio Kneit, has signed an agreement of "Technical Cooperation" in Jerusalem. It is based on the "Protocol of Technical and Economic Cooperation" signed by the Foreign Ministers of Uruguay and Israel during the visit by President Julio Sanguinetti to Israel in May 1986. The agreement provides for the development of housing units, raising the standard of living through technical training and employment, development of social and community services and implementation of models of non-formal education under the Urugayan government's "Five-Year Housing Plan 1985-1990." After a group of Israeli experts spends a month in Uruguay collecting data and defining a plan of action, the Mortgage Bank of Uruguay will send three experts to Israel to study "Project Renewal" which provides housing and social assistance to immigrants to Israel.

## Venezuela

Aziz Seif El-Nasr, the Egyptian ambassador to Venezuela, suggested that Elie Weisel should only receive half the Nobel Peace Prize, because he has not written about Palestinian suffering under occupation by the Jewish people. (El Universal 10/17/86). Ambassador El-Nasr also criticized Israel, claiming that "we Arab nations comply with the peace treaties (of the Mideast) but Israel has not."

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The United States ambassador to Venezuela, Otto Reich, emphasized the importance of religious freedom to democracy at a luncheon meeting of CRISEV (Committee for Relations Between Churches and Synagogues in Venezuela) held October 20. The ambassador pointed out that "whenever religious freedom has been attacked, such attacks have come from centers opposed to democracy." "Totalitarian regimes always degrade and subvert religion," he added, "while democracies exalt spiritual values."

## Interfaith Activities

Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith delivered a series of lectures on Judaism on March 12-16 as part of a three-week program concerning Catholic relations with Jews and Protestants. The program was sponsored by the Latin

American Bishops Conference and the University of Buenaventura, in Bogota, Colombia. The lectures -- which concerned the meaning of Zionism and the centrality of Israel contemporary Jewish life and the implementation of Vatican II documents on improving Catholic-Jewish relations -- were the first by a rabbi before Roman Catholic ecumenical officials in Latin America.

## Miscellaneous

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith announced the establishment of the Jarkow Institute for Latin America at a special ceremony February 23 honoring its founder and chairman, Sydney P. Jarkow, a New York businessman and philanthropist. The Institute will enable the League's Latin American Affairs Department to expand its existing programs and develop new ones in the region. ADL's Latin American Affairs Department, headed by Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, channels the agency's materials and expertise through human rights offices in major Latin American cities operated by B'nai B'rith and other representative Jewish institutions in the region.

The Latin American Report reflects information derived from a variety of sources as well as ADL's analyses of events that are of interest to the world Jewish community.

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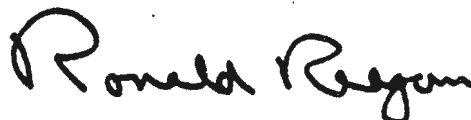
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I want to commend you, too, for the way in which you have argued your positions, avoiding the shrill tones of the propagandist and the demagogue. To read your articles and books is to experience the workings of a free mind, re-examining old ideas in order to better understand the present and to work for a better future. You have won the respect of your political adversaries as well as the admiration of your many friends.

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ABC NEWS

*An armed terrorist holding TWA pilot John Testrake hostage in 1985 hijacking.*

## Ten Commandments To Deal With Terrorism

by Arnold Burns

**D**ealing with terrorists, especially in a hostage situation, presents hard questions. We do not wish to accommodate terrorists, but neither can we afford to abandon our citizens if held hostage. We do not wish to use force which can affect innocent lives, but neither can we stand still when peaceful remedies have been exhausted. Striking the right response calls for prudence and fine judgment sometimes this may cre-

ate the appearance of a lack of a principled approach.

There are certain precepts that should be followed by all governments and all civilized peoples. And so, acknowledging a debt to a higher authority Who first struck upon the value of carving things in stone, I suggest Ten Commandments on terrorism, rules to be followed in dealing with international outlaws.

The first is simple yet essential:

**Know terrorists for what they are.**

When a bomb explodes at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, when gunmen spray death at an Istanbul synagogue or an Italian airport, when airplanes and cruise ships become theaters for revolutionary violence, most have no difficulty

*Arnold Burns is Deputy Attorney General of the U.S. Justice Department. This article is excerpted from his address before the Lawyers Division of the ADL Appeal.*

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## COMMENT:

# Keeping One's Eye on the Ball



So much has been said about John Cardinal O'Connor's caravan to Jordan and Israel, some of it insightful, some of it hasty. ADL's views have been widely reported, hence no need to continue here the tom-tom of words. Except.

Except to amplify one of our then observations. At one point we offered the thought that *de jure* Vatican/Israeli diplomatic relations were not the entirety of the Catholic-Jewish agenda (*de facto* relations do exist). There was more to the bloody 2,000-year-old agenda than whether the Cardinal was visiting President Herzog's residence or his office. What more? Centuries of the teaching of contempt, the need to revise Church curricula and liturgy, the need, in a word, to detoxify religious bigotry.

Comes now a *New York Times* report from Miami and it makes our case—that the Catholic/Jewish agenda, while including *de jure* relations, is not, indeed must not, be limited to temporal politics. Anti-Semitism isn't so limited. Why should our counteraction be?

Now the *Times* story:

"In a small library at the headquarters of the Miami Archdiocese recently, two rabbis, a priest and four other people were discussing verses from the Gospel of St. John. The verses portray Jews as 'persecuting Jesus' and make frequent reference to 'the Jews' in negative ways.

"You have to be honest," said the Rev. Elias Mallon. "There are a lot of negative values that come from this." The rabbis agreed.

"The exchange goes to the heart of an international effort to confront what many agree is anti-Semitism in Roman Catholic teaching by rewriting study guides for parishioners to point out prejudicial statements against Jews. The project is sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"There's a 2,000-year-history of bad feelings between the two groups," Father Mallon said.

"The religious rapprochement began with a declaration by the Second Vatican Council that God holds Jews 'most dear.' In the 1965 declaration, signed by Pope Paul VI, the text directs the Roman Catholic Church not to forget the spiritual bond linking 'the people of the New Covenant with Abraham's stock.'

"In 1975 guidelines were issued putting the declaration into force. They reflected a

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# Anti-Semitic Audit Again Reflects Decrease

Acts of anti-Semitic vandalism, including bombings and arson, directed against Jews, Jewish institutions and property totaled 594 across the United States in 1986—a drop of seven percent from the 638 incidents reported in 1985, according to the annual audit conducted by the Anti-Defamation League.

Assaults, harassment and threats against Jewish individuals and institutions showed virtually no change in 1986—a total of 312 as against 306 reported in 1985. One of the assaults, however, resulted in the homicide death of a Hassidic man in New York City. The survey described as "troubling" a rise in serious anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses, up from 12 in 1985 to 19 in 1986.

In making the findings public, Burton S. Levinson, ADL's national chairman, said the overall 1986 figures reflect a general

downward trend in anti-Semitic incidents over the past five years which "in all likelihood is due to passage of anti-bias crime laws, more vigorous law enforcement and counteraction programs." In the past few years, 29 states have adopted stricter laws aimed at curbing ethnic vandalism, many of them based on ADL model legislation.

The audit revealed that New York, with 186 vandalism incidents (down from 199 in 1985), led the nation, followed by Florida with 79 (up from 47 in 1985), California, 62 (down from 85) and New Jersey, 48 (down from 74). Fifty-seven arrests were reported in connection with 33 vandalism incidents across the country compared to 78 arrested in 48 vandalism incidents the year before. As in past years, the overwhelming number arrested were in their teens.

Particularly noted was the fact that

## Comparison of Anti-Semitic Vandalisms

	1986	1985		1986	1985
<b>New York</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Florida	79	47	Missouri	3	0
<b>California</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
New Jersey	48	74	Arizona	2	2
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Idaho</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Maryland	30	38	Louisiana	2	6
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
Massachusetts	24	22	Arkansas	1	4
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Ohio	10	8	Kansas	1	0
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Maine</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Texas	8	8	North Carolina	1	1
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Wisconsin	6	3	Kentucky	0	1
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Nebraska	5	1	Mississippi	0	3
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Virginia	5	14	South Carolina	0	1
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Georgia	4	4	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>638</b>

despite efforts by anti-Semitic extremists to scapegoat Jews for the economic hardships of farmers, the number of vandalism incidents in the Midwest's major farm states remained low and showed no significant change.

The 19 anti-Semitic incidents reported on college campuses included the vandalizing of *sukkahs* (the ceremonial temporary dwelling erected during the Jewish holiday of *Sukkot*) at four colleges, the defacement of Jewish student property, the painting of anti-Semitic graffiti on campus buildings and harassment of Jewish students stemming from friction with supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization and other anti-Israel groups.

Noting that the anti-Semitic incidents took place against a background of recent increases in racial incidents on campuses, the audit said that "any expression of prejudice or atmosphere of intolerance toward any minority at any educational institution merits urgent action."

Mr. Levinson said the audit is a useful measurement of one aspect of anti-Semitism in the United States but other manifestations continue to be monitored. He included the activities of far left and far

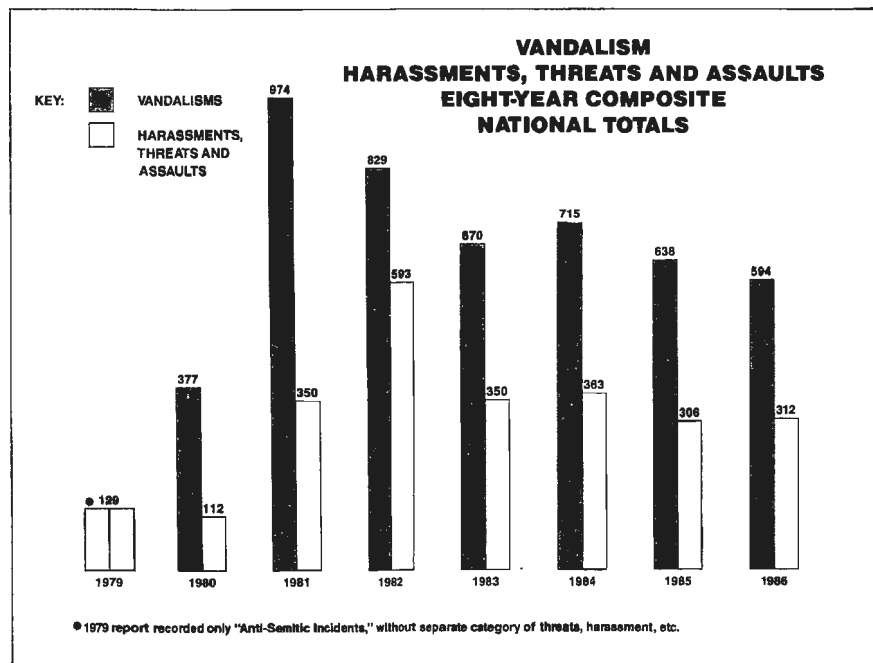
right anti-Jewish hate and extremist movements such as the violence-prone group known as The Order, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazi groups, and Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

The League's survey, the eighth since 1979, was based on data reported in 33 states and the District of Columbia as gathered through the monitoring activities of the agency's 31 regional offices.

The report, prepared by the Research Department of the League's Civil Rights Division, was divided into two basic categories—(1) vandalism, ranging from swastika daubings to bombings and arson, and (2) assaults, threats and harassments against Jewish individuals and institutions.

In the anti-Semitic vandalism category the 1986 total included: four cases of arson, as against six in 1985; one bombing compared to three in 1985; one attempted bombing as against three in 1985; three attempted arsons compared to five in 1985, and nine incidents involving desecration of cemeteries compared to four in 1985.

In a section on counteraction, ADL described a new legal approach taken by Shaare Tefila, a Maryland synagogue, which was defaced by anti-Semitic graffiti



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and is seeking damages under the Civil Rights Act of 1866 that bans racially motivated discrimination. ADL has filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the case which is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The audit included an eight-year graph of the annual national totals of anti-Semitic incidents, a state-by-state breakdown of the current figures and a table of states with ethnic crime statutes.

## Terrorism Continued from page 1

defining a terrorist. Unfortunately, what seems easy to define escapes some who should know better. For example, United Nations delegates who gave Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat a standing ovation when he appeared before them, pistol at his side, in 1974. Or the delegates to the 1980 U.N. Conference on Women, who accorded a similar ovation to P.L.O. terrorist Leila Khaled.

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's U.N. Ambassador, defined terrorism as "the deliberate and systematic murder, maiming and menacing of the innocent to inspire fear for political ends."

In other words, a terrorist, seeking concessions applies violence against individuals or entities with no direct connection to the dispute. There can never be needs so noble as to justify hijacking aircraft, exploding bombs in public places, attacking school buses and kindergartens or kidnappings.

Terrorism represents the clash between civilized humanity and barbarous inhumanity. Maybe the mice who applaud the cat think that by praising his sharp claws and teeth he will eat them last. Perhaps. But eat them he no doubt shall.

Terrorists are not "frustrated idealists," who turned to terrorism only because they regretfully concluded that "the system doesn't work." Proponents of this view, while disassociating themselves from terrorist methods, praise the courage, sincerity and idealism of the perpetrators—provided that the terrorists openly identify with the radical left.

Terrorist actions do not arise from troubled social conditions. Terrorists *do* exploit adverse economic and social conditions. But terrorist outrages are targeted principally against American, British, Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish and Israeli nationals. None of these societies is perfect but they are among the most progressive and democratic in the world.

The worst societies tend to be the freest from terrorism. Communist and pro-Soviet regimes are left almost entirely unscathed. Moreover, international terrorism is inconceivable without their financial support, military training and sanctuary. The causes



of terrorism lie in the convictions and expectations of the terrorists and the Communist totalitarian and Islamic radical states that support it—the Soviet Union, its allies, and Libya, Syria and Iran.

Terrorists are criminals. It isn't the policeman's job to ask why a crime was committed, only to deliver the criminal to justice. Our task regarding terrorism is the same.

To accomplish this, we must follow a second commandment:

#### **Make adequate preparation.**

Preparation includes many things, but foremost is good intelligence. Battling terrorism is something like playing defense in football. We know the offense is going to run another play. We don't know where they will strike or what attack they will use.

Terrorists regard open Western societies as particularly vulnerable, but we can still play good defense. We can scout, study tendencies, steal a signal, share intelligence with allies. By sharing and analyzing data, we can anticipate and meet attacks.

The third commandment is equally important:

#### **Respect the rule of law.**

The sight of bomb-shattered bodies makes decent people cry out for justice. But how we answer terrorist violence is critical, not only for our own moral standing but for ultimate success.

The true targets are society's orderliness and stability. Those who blow up a sidewalk cafe or office complex know they are not reducing their enemies or crippling an economy. They seek to disorder, to provoke, to bring us down into the realm of lawlessness, to fight on their terms.

We can't let that happen. We must fight with every weapon in our legal arsenal. We must fashion a powerful response, but we must act within the law.

The fourth commandment follows the third, because governments fighting terrorism must act according to law.

#### **Have an effective anti-terrorism program in place.**

We must have both domestic and global programs and we've made great progress.

In the United States, law enforcement agencies have trained diligently in anti-terrorist skills. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has done a tremendous job. The number of domestic terrorist incidents

dropped from 112 in 1977 to seven in 1985 and eight in 1986. In 1985, the Bureau prevented 23 separate terrorist missions. In 1986, four terrorist attacks were thwarted.

Internationally, in many cases, we cannot rely solely upon our own skills and resources and U.S. laws do not apply automatically abroad.

Our ability to pursue legal retribution against international criminals is predicated upon the necessary legal framework to accomplish arrest, indictment, extradition and prosecution. During the last decade, Congress has passed legislation expanding American jurisdiction over terrorist acts committed against our citizens abroad.

The Senate recently ratified the United States-United Kingdom Extradition Treaty, which largely does away with the "political offense" exception which the U.N. General Assembly condoned in condemning U.S. extradition of terrorists. The treaty removes from consideration as political offenses such violent crimes as murder, manslaughter, those involving bodily harm, firearms, explosives and damage to property where risk to human life is inherent. Thus, common crimes would be treated as such, regardless of their relationship to a political act. We have also entered into mutual assistance treaties with our allies to make evidence-sharing easier.

Parchment barriers alone, however, cannot stop those bent on destroying us. They must be backed with deeds. Thus, the fifth commandment:

#### **Cooperate within the U.S. and internationally.**

The 1984 Los Angeles Olympics remains a paradigm of cooperation. State, local, and federal security agencies worked as a team and kept the games incident-free. The lessons learned continue to yield benefits. Today the FBI's elite 50-man Hostage Rescue Team is ready to respond to a crisis anywhere in the country, and can get there faster through pre-planned logistical support from military airlift and the Federal Aviation Administration. This team was instrumental in bringing about the surrender of a heavily armed neo-Nazi group outside Little Rock, AR, without loss of life or property.

Internationally, Attorney General Edwin

Meese has worked closely with justice officials from many nations in formulating anti-terrorism strategies. Secretary of State George Shultz has made the subject a key agenda item at international summits and meetings. INTERPOL has been brought into the picture, too.



Arnold Burns

These international efforts highlight the sixth commandment. Whenever possible:

#### **Work multilaterally, among and not between.**

During the 1930s, the Al Capones and John Dillingers bragged about "safe cities," places where they could lie low while local officials looked the other way. We have something of the same problem today. Terrorism cannot be pulled out by the roots when the perpetrators can escape to safe havens. Terrorism must be made an international crime. Agreements must bring together as many of the family of nations as possible.

The seventh commandment realizes some nations won't be talked into saying no to terrorists. Accordingly:

#### **Know when to go on the offensive.**

When we have clear, irrefutable evidence linking governments with terrorist acts and other sanctions fail, we must raise our response a notch or two. Twice recently, we have done just that—in the interception of the airliner carrying the killers from the Achille Lauro, and later in the bombing of military targets in Libya.

Such actions require prudence. But we must be aware that a willingness to draw the sword decreases the likelihood of having to do so.

The eighth commandment deals with measures short of military action:

#### **Don't support, directly or indirectly, nations condoning terrorism.**

Economic sanctions are appropriate for the paymasters of terrorism. The degree and character will vary, depending upon the situation and the potential effectiveness of sanctions, but we cannot turn a blind eye and conduct "business as usual" with states that train, fund, shelter, or cheer

on such killers. At the same time, we must be able to make intelligent distinctions, to recognize and reward countries that forswear terrorism, as well as weigh carefully the possibility of assisting those within hostile governments who are our friends.

The ninth commandment addresses not governments, but their people:

#### **Keep the public informed.**

Some argue that democracies are ill-equipped for battling terrorists because their openness prevents operation in the twilight world where terrorists dwell. But I think an informed, educated public is our greatest bulwark. Terrorism seeks to alienate the governed from their governments, to foster anarchy and despair. We can fight this with the truth.

We ask people to say no to drugs. We need to issue the same moral call against terrorism. Zero tolerance, no acceptance must be our objective. We must expose the lie that "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter." The indiscriminate killing of civilians is wrong—all the time and everywhere. It is never justified by politics, ideology or grievances of any hue. We will defang this monster only when we demonstrate that these crimes will buy no sympathy, elicit no support, win no friends. There must be a continuing moral outrage.

It has been noted that the death of one man is a tragedy, the death of millions, a number. We cannot allow the death toll from terrorism to numb our consciences or jade our sensibilities. Instead, each new crime must compound our resolve.

Finally, the tenth commandment is the flip side of the ninth.

#### **Protect Americans.**

Once upon a time an American passport was the most valuable possession of anyone abroad. It said clearly, "Don't Tread on Me," because the full weight and power of the United States protected its holder. We need to recapture that. We need to be aggressive and fearless and put every bomber and kidnapper on notice that by harming an American he brings down the full weight of American power.

Like the original Ten Commandments, these suggested rules on terrorism are often observed in the breach. Nevertheless, they should remain our goal, the ideals to which we aspire. □

by David E. Lowe

**W**hen the Anti-Defamation League learned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in December 1985, that Daniel Taylor Arthur, a heavily armed member of the self-styled Arizona Patriots, was talking to associates about blowing up the ADL office in Phoenix, it was not dismissed as idle talk.

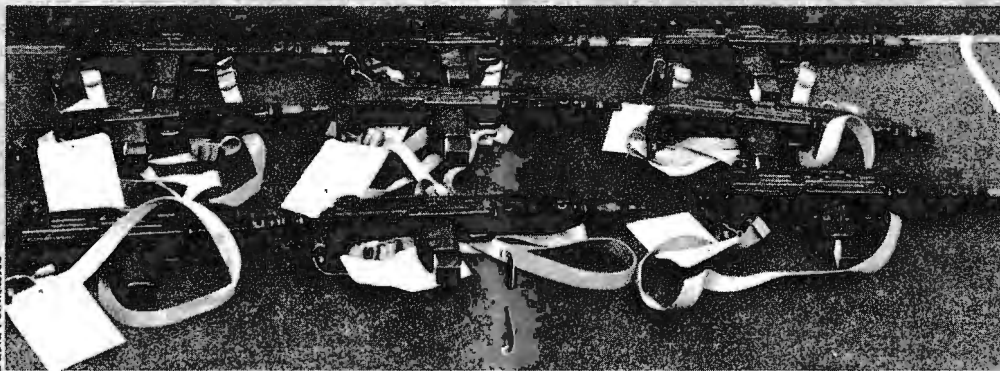
Having monitored this anti-Semitic paramilitary gang closely, ADL's Arizona Regional Director Joel Breshin was well aware of the reality of its threats against public officials. He knew, too, of its affiliations with militant national hate groups, which have coalesced into a movement that has turned increasingly to violent acts even as its membership ranks have thinned.

Arthur was later observed stalking the building where ADL is located but fled after security personnel spotted him. Breshin's office was not the only site targeted for possible assault by the Arizona Patriots. Last December, eight members of the organization—including Arthur—were arrested and charged with crimes ranging from possessing illegal weapons to plotting to rob an armored car. Their trials are pending. According to federal authorities, the Patriots had planned to bomb a Phoenix synagogue and one member had travelled on four separate occasions to Ogden, UT, to lay the groundwork for destroying an Internal Revenue Service facility.

Just as ominously, three days following the arrests, blueprints for the electrical systems of two major U.S. dams and the piping system of a third were found at a compound belonging to Jack Maxwell Oliphant, one of those arrested. The blueprints strongly suggested an anticipated terrorist act with potentially devastating consequences.

The Patriots first gained public notice with efforts to clog the Arizona court sys-

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*Some of the weapons seized in connection with arrest of Arizona Patriots. (Picture reprinted with permission of The Arizona Republic.)*

## The Patriots and the Law

tem with nuisance lawsuits some five years ago. This tactic has also been employed by the Posse Comitatus, an armed racist group active in some rural parts of the West and Midwest. Significantly, the Arizona Patriots—like the Posse—believe that laws enacted above the county level are invalid.

The organization's disdain for the democratic process was evidenced in June 1984, when members issued a collective "indictment" against all elected officials of Arizona, threatening to conduct a "grand jury inquest" unless those officials resigned within 30 days. It charged them with wide "violations" of their oaths of office and of the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions.

The document—written in the name of the Committee of the State of Arizona, Assembled—was strikingly similar to one drawn up by the California-based Committee of the States, several of whose members are currently awaiting trial in Nevada on federal charges of threatening IRS agents. Among them is the California Committee's leader, William Potter Gale, a power behind the Posse Comitatus and a national figure in the pseudo-theological Identity movement (*ADL Bulletin*, February 1985—"The Station That Broadcast Hate.") The Arizona Patriots subscribe to the claim of Identity that white Anglo-Saxons are the "true"

Israelites and that Jews are the offspring of Satan.

At the same meeting that the Arizona Patriots drew up its "indictment," heavily armed members, clad in combat fatigues, pondered plans to murder then-Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt, U.S. District Court Judge Paul Rosenblatt and members of the state's Department of Public Safety. Under the title "Caveat" (Beware), signers of the document asserted that "any interference or attempt to interfere with the functions of and activities of this Committee . . . shall result in the DEATH PENALTY [sic] being imposed upon conviction by lawfully impanelled jury."

According to court records in the pending federal case against the eight Patriot members, Jack Oliphant convened a gathering on June 20, 1986 at his racist compound. During the day's activities, an unspecified amount of dynamite was exploded and a half dozen people expressed hatred of Jews. Oliphant, 63, is a close associate of Jack Mohr, a leading spokesman for an Illinois-based paramilitary Identity group, the Christian Patriots Defense League.

In Mohr's *Christian Patriot Crusader* bulletin of December 1985, he told of the 320-acre "wilderness retreat" near King-

man, that Oliphant and his wife—described as "staunch Identity Patriots"—were building. Oliphant's property was planned as the site for a survivalist training base for white supremacists. The base was to have been funded with the proceeds of a planned armed robbery of a Wells Fargo truck carrying the weekend receipts of a Nevada casino.

Mohr described the setting as "rugged and easy to defend" and labeled it "ideal" for an Identity camp for youth in the summer and family meetings in the spring. According to Mohr, "people moving into this area will be carefully screened." The project was endorsed again in June 1986 by Mohr, who claimed he had received favorable response to his earlier announcement. Oliphant, he added, "has had a vision of a retreat for Christians for many years."

When federal agents raided this "Christian retreat" last December, they confiscated a homemade blowgun, night-vision goggles, pamphlets depicting nuclear war, gas masks, spent shell casings, numerous rocket ammunition crates and publications of the Aryan Nations, an Idaho-based hate group which also preaches the Identity doctrine.

The Patriots were once led by Ty Hardin, the man who played Bronco Lane in the 1950s television western "Cheyenne." He says he left Hollywood "because I realized that what I was doing was anti-American. The film industry is all controlled now, by Zionists mostly." Hardin, born Orison Whipple Hungerford in Texas in 1930, became a self-styled "freedom fighter" following a run-in with the IRS in the mid-1970s. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Prescott, AZ, and began preaching to a small congregation. Hardin also ran a "tax protest" school called the Common Law Institute, which charged subscribers \$530 for packets of materials including a "Patriot Handbook" containing "tested cases and methods to maintain personal freedom."

In 1983 and 1984, Hardin edited a monthly journal called *The Arizona Patriot*. In addition to diatribes against government officials and calls for "Christian



Patriots" to band together, the journal also reprinted articles from such anti-Semitic publications as *The Spotlight* and *The National Educator* and the Lyndon LaRouche *Executive Intelligence Review*.

One indication of the intertwining connections of various hate group members is the fact that *The Arizona Patriot* was published by Norman Kuhman, one-time owner of the *Prescott News* and a signer of the 1984 "indictment" document issued by the California-based Committee of the States. Kuhman moved to Kansas later that year, where he has conducted "legal workshops" for economically-distressed farmers. In December 1985, a Kansas judge granted an injunction requested by the state's Attorney General preventing Kuhman from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

### ***Criminal conduct of Arizona Patriots parallels that of The Order.***

The criminal conduct charged to the Arizona Patriots closely parallels that of the organization known as The Order, the underground terrorist group which declared "war" on the U.S. government and engaged in a series of violent criminal activities in 1983 and 1984, including shootouts with law enforcement officials, a synagogue bombing, armored car holdups and murder. The ring-leaders are currently serving prison sentences as lengthy as 100 years.

The FBI stated that their undercover investigation leading to the arrest of Arizona Patriots members was ordered when information surfaced that the group intended "to overthrow the United States government, destroy government facilities and kill those in opposition to their desires."

With the latest federal investigation and indictments, extremists have been alerted once again that threats and violence against democratic institutions will not be ignored. □



*Miguel Serrano offering Nazi salute.*

## **Profile of a Nazi in Chile**

by Morton M. Rosenthal

**A** Life magazine photo showed him offering the Nazi salute over the open grave of Walter Rauff, the Nazi war criminal who invented the mobile gas chamber and later found refuge in Chile. He was billed as a keynote speaker for a Los Angeles convention of the California-based Institute for Historical Review, a group that claims the Holocaust is a Jewish hoax. As a Chilean diplomat, he was Ambassador to India and became an intimate friend of Indira Gandhi.

His name is Miguel Serrano. He is a colorful and charismatic character who has been in the forefront of an upsurge of Nazism and anti-Semitism that has caused concern to the Chilean Jewish community during the past three years. Their fears have been heightened because these acts reflect an apparent change in the military government's policy, which, from the time it took power in 1973 until 1984, had sought to prevent manifestations of anti-Semitism. Two weeks after the 1973 coup,

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representatives of the military government came to the Anti-Defamation League's national headquarters in New York and reassured the agency's Latin American Affairs Department that "there is no anti-Semitism in Chile and there will be none."

In 1984, the Jewish community publicly deplored the increase of Nazi activity in Chile. Recently, the president of the Representative Committee of Jewish Entities in Chile, Isidoro Gorodischer, met with the Minister of Justice, Hugo Rosende, to discuss the problem and specifically the activities of Miguel Serrano. The Jewish leader urged legal sanctions against those who promote racist ideas.

Serrano is a self-declared racist. He characterizes all *mestizos* (persons of mixed ancestry with American Indian blood) as "bad."

A paranoid anti-Semite, Serrano sees Jewish plots everywhere. Among his contemporary villains are "the Great Synagogue, Masonic Lodges and the Vatican."

Serrano published three books in 1986, each ending with the words "Heil Hitler! Zig Heil!" and dated "the 97th year of the Hitler Era."

One of the books is entitled "National Socialism, the Only Solution for the People of South America." Another, "The Resurrection of the Hero," is a mystical treatise invoking astrology and alchemy, in which Serrano portrays Hitler as the "Incarnation, the emanation of a God, a hero. . . ." The book denounces the Catholic Church as an entity "which takes its orders from the Synagogue."

The third is entitled "The Chilean Racial Cycle." All three are distributed widely.

A leftist in the 1930s, Serrano first published his Nazi ideology in 1978 in a book called, "The Golden Cord: Esoteric Hitlerism." The work claimed that the Holocaust never occurred, a theme he repeats in later books. He also argued that Hitler is still alive, concluding that even though he had been unable to find him, "Hitler, for us, is as alive as Jesus for the Christians."

Serrano is well-connected, inside and outside of Chile. In 1982, he was invited to lecture at the Chilean Academy of National Security. Addressing the military officers, he expressed his hope that the Chilean

Army would be transformed into a "Racist War Order."

In an interview published in the Spanish newspaper *El Pais*, in 1985, Serrano claimed that the Nazis did not operate "even one gas chamber" and described the Holocaust as a "diabolic hoax." In announcing Serrano's appearance as a speaker at the Institute for Historical Review convention in Los Angeles, in February 1986, the Institute described him as "a world-class author. . . the world's foremost authority on the intriguing and little-known relationships between the National Socialist government and Third World nations. . . ." His lecture, "National Socialism and the Third World" apparently followed the theme of his book on the same subject.

In 1986, the leading Santiago daily newspaper, *El Mercurio*, devoted two-thirds of a page to his lengthy defense of Nazism.

Serrano is linked to CEDADE, (Spanish Circle of Friends of Europe), a neo-Nazi group based in Barcelona, now active in Chile and Argentina. CEDADE distributed in Chile new editions of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." Both contained prefaces written by Serrano. He described "Mein Kampf" as "the Bible of the Aryan peoples" with "immortal validity." In the 30-page preface to "The Protocols," he asserted that the Jews' objective is "the total domination of the world" and credited the Nazis for having discovered "this great plot." Serrano added that "'The Protocols' are being fulfilled, part by part, protocol by protocol, here, among us."

Serrano cannot be dismissed as a harmless eccentric. His ideas have explosive potential in Chile's current political and economic crises. Acts of vandalism and terrorism against Jewish institutions and homes, including the bombing of the home of the chairman of B'nai B'rith's ADL Committee in Chile, are ominous. So, too, is the government's failure to keep the lid on such activity.

It is time for the government of Chile to honor its commitment—made to ADL in 1973 and reiterated to Jewish leaders in July 1985 by the Director General of Investigations, General Rodolfo Paredes, to arrest those responsible and to halt anti-Semitism in Chile. □

# A Jewish Community Thrives In Tokyo



by Jane Ornauer

It could be a synagogue in Anytown, U.S.A. The building is starkly modern, brick, three stories high. The facade's only decor are the traditional six-pointed Star of David and a menorah.

Inside, the sanctuary is also "American Familiar." The pews are of highly polished blond wood with hinged reading desks to hold prayer books. The ark curtains are of gold-fringed blue velvet, embellished with menorahs and other symbols.

Yet, this synagogue is 10,000 miles from New York, in the center of Tokyo, Japan. Called the Jewish Community of Japan (JCJ), it lies in the fashionable Hiroo district and serves as the heart and home of Jewish religious and cultural activities for the vast Tokyo metropolitan area.

Jews of many nationalities and denominational preference (Orthodox, Conservative and Reform) reside in the environs of Japan's capital city and form the JCJ's widely diverse congregation. At a recent Friday evening Sabbath service, I saw a group of Israeli men seated together, several American families, a few women whose husbands are in the U.S. military, a student who came from Staten Island, NY, and a young man from Strasbourg, France. One couple, who were obviously Ameri-

can tourists, had come to say *Kaddish*.

The synagogue may look like one in America but its procedures are different. A chart outside the sanctuary plainly spells out that pew sections are divided. Some are for men only, some for women and there are others where men and women may sit together.

The service itself reflects this blend. The rabbi faces away from the congregation, in the Orthodox manner. The ritual includes facets from each of the main branches of Judaism. Most prayers are in Hebrew although some are said in English.

## A Religious Blend

As the congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Michael Schudrich explains, "We are a traditional synagogue but unaffiliated with any of the major arms of Judaism. We try to make our members comfortable... sometimes we don't succeed."

The congregation, which numbers about 170 families living in Japan, is about 50 percent American, 25 percent Israeli and the remainder from various other parts of the world. There are eight to ten Japanese converts among the current membership.

The synagogue dates back about 40 years to the immediate post-World War II era. The founders were primarily Russian Jews who had fled their homeland after the 1917 revolution and made their way to China. Following the Chinese Communist takeover in 1947, they settled in Japan and

formed the nucleus for a synagogue, along with personnel from the American occupation forces.

The present building, which was erected in 1980, serves as the focal point for every stage of Jewish life cycle events. From birth to death, observant Jews turn to the JCJ for service and assistance. Babies are welcomed into the faith. There is a *mikveh* on the premises. Weddings are held and celebrated—a recent one united a vacationing Israeli couple, who decided not to wait to return home before tying the knot.

The JCJ religious school is attended by some 65 children, providing education through Bar and Bat Mitzvah. The rabbi, who came to the Tokyo pulpit from New York several years ago with his wife, told me he has hopes of forming a Hebrew high school as his students mature.

The rabbi fills a variety of capacities as well as spiritual leader. He is principal of the religious school, directs a youth group and teaches adult education classes.

He also supervises conversions to Judaism, which occur with surprising frequency, considering the location. While we talked, his telephone rang and a Japanese woman inquired about the conversion procedure. When questioned about her interest ("I expected to hear that she planned to marry a Jew," Rabbi Schudrich said later), she told him she had visited Israel and was studying Hebrew.

As I toured the three floors of the immaculate building, where hallway conversations in Hebrew are not uncommon, I realized that this is the center for Tokyo's Jewish social life as well as religious activity. On the second floor, an outdoor swimming pool is surrounded by circular tables topped with colorful umbrellas, where members, family and friends can enjoy a respite from Tokyo's oppressive summer heat and humidity.

Indoors on the same floor there is a 1,000 volume library offering a wide variety of reading materials, ranging from the latest on the *New York Times* Best Seller List to classics in fiction and non-fiction. The library is probably one of the few places in the Tokyo area where popular English language reading is available.

The walls of the library are lined with photographs of past presidents of the con-

gregation, again a similarity to American temple life.

Another unique aspect of the JCJ is that members go there to buy imported kosher meat and other foods including Passover goods. Tokyo offers few if any other resources for such necessities. These foods also appear on the menus at the monthly community dinners and the *Oneg Shabbat* meals which follow some of the Friday evening services.

## Most Japanese think Judaism is another part of Christianity.

What about anti-Semitism in Japan, I asked Rabbi Schudrich. Actually, he said, most Japanese don't know much about Jews or Judaism. . . they think it's another part of Christianity.

"If pressed to name people they know as Jewish," he said, "the answers would likely be Einstein, Freud and Barbra Streisand."

Some Japanese, he added, do think of Jews as prominent in the medical profession and the media, which they consider to be positive assets.

He told of problems in the Japanese educational system with respect to Jews, however. The only Shakespearean play most Japanese students are likely to read is "The Merchant of Venice," leaving youngsters with the stereotyped view of Shylock the Jew. In addition, he said such notorious works as "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," and other anti-Semitic literature are published in Japan.

Rabbi Schudrich, who is studying the Japanese language several times a week, takes such problems to the Anti-Defamation League Committee of the Tokyo B'nai B'rith Lodge, which interacts with Japanese government officials and educators.

After talking with Rabbi Schudrich, touring the synagogue building and chatting with congregants both before and after services, it no longer seemed surprising to me that there is a thriving Jewish community in the heart of Tokyo—one that seems destined to keep the faith in the years ahead for those far from home. □

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**SPOTLIGHT**—Within a recent one-week span, four major American newspapers printed commendatory editorials concerning ADL involvements.

The *New York Times* editorialized about John Cardinal O'Connor's trip to the Middle East and the controversy and criticism it aroused. "The wisest words in this sorry affair," wrote the *Times*, "are those of Nathan Perlmutter." The editorial went on to quote Mr. Perlmutter's statement: "We feel on some of the questions the Cardinal is a mistaken friend but not an adversary. It's better to talk to, than at him."

An *Omaha World-Herald* editorial commented on Nebraska State Senator Ernest Chambers, who lost the race for chairman of the state legislature's Judiciary Committee. The editorial, which noted a compilation of Chambers' racist statements and activities prepared by ADL's Omaha Office, was headlined: "Perhaps the 25 State Senators Judged Chambers by His Words."

In the *Chicago Sun-Times*, ADL's poll measuring how the growing Christian religiously conservative community views Jews, won words of praise. The newspaper said, "The . . . poll must be accepted as the definitive study on this subject for the 1980s. It should end a lot of misinformation being peddled about fundamentalism fueling a rebirth of anti-Semitism. It is not—and that's important to remember."

In the *Atlanta Constitution*, ADL's model anti-paramilitary training statute won editorial words of praise while the newspaper suggested that Georgia should pass such a law.

The article reported that ADL has spotted secret camps from Alabama to California and from Connecticut to Texas which have "a mix of vitriol and violence (that) poses a danger to all peace-loving Americans but particularly to minorities. There ought to be a law against paramilitary camps of this kind—and in 14 states there is," said the editorial.

The piece went on to praise the fact that while holding pathological hatemongers at bay, the ADL model aims to satisfy such

constitutional considerations as the rights of free speech and free association.

**INTERGROUP RELATIONS**—ADL prejudice reduction materials and input from agency staff members contributed to a Human Rights Conference held by the New York City Board of Education. The conference, attended by 600 teachers and administrators, followed the racial incident in Howard Beach, NY, in which a group of black youths were beaten by whites and one of the blacks died after being hit by a car while trying to escape his attackers. The incident was condemned in a statement issued by ADL's New York City Regional Office.



The League's educational modules—"The Wonderful World of Difference" for grades kindergarten through 8, and "Being Fair and Being Free" for secondary schools—were in packets given to each attendee at the conference. Several of the League's public service video spots on prejudice reduction opened the program and the agency's sports posters—"Prejudice Is Foul Play"—were prominently displayed. Frances Sonnenschein, director of the Education Department of ADL's Intergroup Relations Division, was conference facilitator and was singled out for her role in the planning and implementation of the event. She, Caren Niss, assistant director of the Education Department, and Caryn Katz, director of ADL's Long Island Regional Office, were among those conducting workshops during the all-day meeting.

In New Jersey cities, similar workshops for elementary school principals introduced "The Wonderful World of Difference" for possible classroom use. The seminars were cosponsored by ADL's New Jersey ADL Regional Office and the State Education Department Office of Equal Educational Opportunity.

In Florida, ADL's Tampa Regional Office sponsored an essay contest tied in with the

"Prejudice Is Foul Play" posters. Fifteen billboards were posted in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties featuring Tampa Bay Buccaneers Rod Jones and Ron Heller. Another Buccaneer, Jerry Bell, who was a judge in the essay competition, said: "These kids opened my eyes. They helped me remember that they really are the future." The winners of the ADL essay contest were announced during the Tampa Bay Buccaneer/Green Bay Packers pre-game show.

**STEREOTYPING STILL LIVES**—"At a time when Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel is reminding the world about the horrors of the Holocaust, (this cartoon) reminds us that lessons indeed remain to be learned—lessons such as the danger of demonic stereotyping."

So wrote Michael C. Kotzin, director of ADL's Greater Chicago/Wisconsin Regional Office, to *The Chicago Tribune*. His letter referred to a recently published cartoon about the Iran arms controversy, depicting a figure to portray Israel as a bearded person with a hooked nose, black coat and Star of David.

"This figure," wrote Mr. Kotzin, ". . . could have been lifted right out of Nazi publications like *Der Sturmer*. Cartoonists," he noted, "generally have a great deal of leeway—but

it is disturbing to note that this figure was obviously inspired less by the way contemporary Israelis look than by the way that Hitler's propagandists portrayed Jews."

**NAMES IN THE NEWS**—ADL's honorary national chairman Maxwell E. Greenberg was the recipient of the Los Angeles Police Commission's Distinguished Service Medal. Mr. Greenberg, who served for nearly four years as a member of the Police Commission and was vice president for two terms, was given the medal "in grateful recognition of outstanding service rendered to the people of Los Angeles and its Police Department."

A member of the League's national Development staff, Howard Weinstein, is a coauthor of a chapter, "Periodic Health Screening in Children: Urban Implications," in a new book, "Urban Family Medicine," the first published work on the subject. Mr. Weinstein, who holds a degree in public administration specializing in health care, was director of health and screening for the New York City Board of Education and published a previous paper on a pilot program he directed.

**A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION**—Thanks to ADL, the Mideast part of the world map in Brit-

## Keeping One's Eye on the Ball

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concern for the 'persecution and massacre of Jews' before and after World War II and called for respect of Jewish religious traditions.

"In 1982 Pope John Paul II called on Roman Catholic religious instructors to present Judaism in an honest manner 'without any prejudice or offense to anyone and, even more, with a lively awareness of that heritage.'"

"Miami is the first of nine sites to be visited by the ecumenical team. Other places on the agenda are Manhattan, Brooklyn, Chicago, Boston, Houston, Denver, St. Louis and Los Angeles. After the plans for lessons are developed this year, educational guides will be published for use in primary and secondary Roman Catholic schools in the United States. The guides are to be published in German and Spanish and sent to Europe and Latin America next year. . . .

"Rabbi Leon Klenicki, the Anti-Defamation League's national director of Interfaith Affairs, said the joint effort would yield great results as Roman Catholic children who were educated about anti-Semitism became adults.

"Several hundred million Catholics over the years will feel the effect," he said. . . ."

The moral and political legitimacy of Israel, thanks be, does not hinge on formal political Vatican approbation, nice as that approbation would be. But the way in which hundreds of millions of Catholics are taught to think about Jews is critical to our children's future. That's a ball on which we should keep our eye.

—Nathan Perlmutter

National Director, Anti-Defamation League

ish Caledonian Airways' *INFLIGHT* magazine will be changed.

Robert Goldmann, director of ADL's Paris office, wrote to BCA pointing out that the map listed every Mideast country except Israel. He asked whether the omission was an oversight and requested correction in future editions. A response from the airline's director of public affairs stated that "the Eastern Mediterranean is a very cluttered area," noted that BCA does not serve Israel nor overfly it and that the map designer "left out Israel in the interests of clarity." Mr. Goldmann answered that the omission of Israel could be interpreted as politically motivated and suggested that the designer "apply his imagination to a revision that includes Israel and still maintains clarity."

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A prompt response from BCA said that in its future maps the names of all countries in that region will be deleted and inserted instead will be the names of main airport cities, including Tel Aviv.

**NOTES**—In appreciation for its assistance, ADL's Pacific Southwest Regional Office received a generous donation from Julius Blumenthal, who lives in the small desert town of Darwin, CA, (population 40). Mr. Blumenthal went to the League after several requests to the Darwin Community Services District to have a water hookup installed at his home had been turned down. ADL intervention included a certified letter from Betsy R. Rosenthal, the League's Western States Counsel, declaring that perhaps the composition of the Districts' board had something to do with the "peculiar fashion" in which Mr. Blumenthal had been treated. She pointed out that two members of the board had previously been cited for directing anti-Semitic slurs against Mr. Blumenthal. The application was reconsidered and Mr. Blumenthal's request granted.

An anti-Israel display cosponsored by two pro-Palestinian Arab student groups at the University of California at Berkeley was countered by the campus Israel Action Committee, with the assistance of ADL's Central Pacific Office in San Francisco and the Israeli Consulate. The answering display emphasized that peace is Israel's goal and that the only way to attain it is through dialogue.

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Ambassador Anne Armstrong, for her contributions as a diplomatic representative for the United States.

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General Lyman Lemnitzer, for his contributions of outstanding military service to his country.

Mr. John McCone, for his contributions in the fields of public service and national interests of the United States as former Director of CIA.

Dr. Frederick Patterson, founder of the United Negro College Fund, for his contributions in the fields of education and public service.

Mr. Nathan Perlmutter, for his contributions in the field of public service.

Mr. Mstislav Rostropovich, maestro, for his contributions in the fields of the arts and entertainment.

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April 24, 1987

Mr. Max Green  
Associate Director for the  
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The White House  
Washington, D.C. 200500

Dear Max,

This letter will serve as a follow-up to our conversation on April 17, 1987 about asking Secretary Bennett to write an article for the premier issue of our educational magazine Intergroup Relations.

As we discussed, there is currently no magazine published in the United States which focuses solely on human relations education, ethnic studies and prejudice reduction. With the help of a prestigious editorial advisory board, we are in the process of creating what we feel will be an exciting, innovative and unique publication. The intended audience is human relations specialists in all educational settings -- teachers, commissioners of education, college and university professors, and educators in the corporate community.

The first issue of Intergroup Relations is scheduled for the fall, 1987. The theme for this issue will focus on how we can balance the disparity between a melting pot society and cultural pluralism. By presenting a number of different viewpoints we hope to give our readers a better understanding of the issue. We have asked such notables as Diane Ravitch, Senator Patrick Moynihan and Jim Banks to write articles for this issue as well.

We hope Secretary Bennett will participate in what we feel is a much needed and worthwhile endeavor. His article will, of course, be the showcase article of our first issue. We'd like a full-length article analyzing the issue "The Melting Pot vs. Cultural Pluralism." We would hope to have the article as close to June 15 as possible.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. I'll look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

Tom Neumann, Director  
Intergroup Relations Division

*Also will forward to seeing you soon*  
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## ADL And The Pollard Affair

**I**t was a tense time. The sentencing of Jonathan Jay Pollard to life imprisonment for his role in spying for Israel did not spell the end to what had been, from the beginning, an issue of great controversy. Mixed sentiments abounded, here and in Israel.

Complicating the matter was the news that the two Israelis tied to Pollard's actions—Colonel Aviem Sella and Rafael Eitan—had been promoted and protected in moves that some saw as a reward for their efforts. Others called it “insensitive” on the part of Israel.

Anti-Defamation League leaders shared a growing concern that the issue posed a problem for Israel's image in the eyes of the United States government and the American people. Deeply concerned, ADL's National Chairman Burton S. Levinson discussed the matter with National Director Nathan Perlmutter, who originated the idea of an emergency mission to Israel.

Abraham H. Foxman, the League's associate national director and head of its International Affairs Division, was at meetings in Paris when Mr. Perlmutter telephoned him. After four-way consultations that also included ADL's Israel office director Harry Wall, Mr. Levinson in Los Angeles and Mr. Foxman in Paris dropped what they were doing and flew to Israel for a 24-hour round of meetings with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, top aides to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Abba Eban, member of the Knesset and chairman of its Defense and Security Committee, and U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

“We didn't tell them the solution,” Mr. Levinson said, “we only explained the problem.”

While there is no indication of a direct

connection with ADL's visit with Israeli leaders, a subsequent Israeli Cabinet session adjourned with the announcement that a panel of inquiry into the Pollard affair would be established. And top government officials privately concurred that action must be taken on Sella and Eitan. (Colonel Sella resigned his post as commander of Israel's Tel Nof Air Base on March 29.)

ADL's activities and comments received widespread attention in the media, here and abroad. *Time* magazine quoted Mr. Perlmutter in an article headlined “Uproar Over a Spy,” (March 23, 1987). The piece said that Mr. Perlmutter “provided a fair sample of what the Israelis can expect to hear (from American Jewish leaders).”

“What began in stupidity quickly sank into irresponsibility,” said Mr. Perlmutter in a statement first printed in the *Washington Post*. “If this was a rogue operation, it's a fair question for people to ask why Israel has proceeded to promote the rogues.”

Newspaper articles in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* were widely repeated in the nation's press. A lengthy article datelined Jerusalem by author and syndicated columnist Edwin Black detailed the ADL mission.

The trip, Mr. Black wrote, broke with a tradition “never to go public in a dispute with Israel.” The article went on to describe the 24-hour round of meetings.

“One of the most important,” he said, was with U.S. Ambassador Pickering. The Ambassador, Mr. Black wrote, “thought ADL carried a special role in the crisis,” terming their mission “constructive.” *Continued on page 6*



## COMMENT:

# Where Do We Draw the Line?



In 1964, during the Senate debate on the civil rights bill, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey felt prompted to assure and assuage his colleagues that the bill did not "require hiring, firing, or promotion of employees to meet a racial 'quota' or achieve a certain racial balance." It seemed like an unnecessary assurance. The language of the bill was plain enough. It specifically outlawed discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Still, given Humphrey's preeminence as the civil rights conscience of the U.S. Senate, his on-the-record assurances helped fuel passage of the historic act.

Comes now the U.S. Supreme Court holding in a six to three decision that Diane Joyce is to be promoted to the position of road crew dispatcher, no matter that Paul E. Johnson had been deemed best qualified. No history of discrimination against Diane Joyce, no history of discrimination by Paul E. Johnson. In short and simply said, Diane Joyce was awarded the dispatcher's job because of her sex. Paul Johnson was bumped because of his sex. No matter how rationalized, the decision provides a legal patina for sexism.

But there's something else involved. Here the Court ruled that sex bias was okay on a dispatcher's job. Is that where the line is to be drawn? Or shall we also award jobs based on sex or race in, say, university departments of mathematics? What about airline pilots? Hospitals' surgery departments?

Ridiculous? But remember Hubert Humphrey's seemingly unnecessary assurances.

Let's accept that the Court will draw the line in the area of the dispatcher level and not interfere with faculty appointments or with the composition of editorial staffs, or with our learned and intellectual communities which may reflect a sex or race composition not proportionally representative. Does drawing such a line not reveal a class-conscious arrogance that validates reverse discrimination so long as the victim is a blue collar white male? And if we wouldn't consider a numerical "imbalance" as reason to ignore merit in appointments to university departments of nuclear physics, or to the New York Symphony, what else but class-conscious conceit are we left with as a rationale for confining reverse discrimination to less intellectually rigorous enterprises?

Come to think of it, there's a sex imbalance in the Supreme Court's majority. Do we hear two proffered resignations from five of the six justices—offering to step down in favor of female replacements?

—Nathan Perlmutter

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# Fulfilling the American Dream



Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

## by Antonin Scalia

One of the strengths of this great country, one of the reasons we really are a symbol of light and hope for the world is the way in which people of different faiths, races and national origins have come together and learned not merely to tolerate one another—that is too stingy a word for what we have achieved—but to respect and love one another. Without pretending that all vestiges of anti-Semitism have been eliminated from our society (they assuredly have not), I think it is fair to say that we have made enormous strides since the days before Louis Brandeis was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1916. It would be foolish to think, however, that it does not take constant effort to retain the progress we have made, never mind to improve upon it.

Modern man, perhaps misled by the phenomenon of constant progress in the physical sciences, tends to think that constant progress in morality and in ethics also is inevitable; that education will inevitably produce virtue; every day, in every way, we will get better and better. One would think that Nazi Germany was a sufficient demonstration of the fallacy of

that kind of thinking. In the 1920s and 1930s, Germany was the leader of the world in most areas: the physical sciences, historical scholarship, music, philosophy, public education. The most frightening fact about the Holocaust is that it occurred *there* and not in some backward, underdeveloped country. The fact is that in this country, as well, toleration for Jews and for other minority groups has not been a record of unrelenting progress.

Every American, and especially every American Jew, should be familiar with George Washington's letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, because it demonstrates the spirit of toleration that animated the beginnings of our nation.

"Gentlemen, I received with much satisfaction your address replete with expressions of affection and esteem. I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced in my visit to Newport from all classes of citizens. The reflection on the days of difficulty and danger which are past is rendered the more sweet from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security.

"If we have the wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the just administration of a good government, to become a great and happy people.

"The citizens of the United States of

Antonin Scalia is an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. This article is excerpted from his address before the Anti-Defamation League's ninth annual Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

# ADL Leadership Conference

Some 200 Jewish community leaders from across the United States participated in ADL's ninth annual National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

Highlights of the March 22-24 sessions were addresses by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne and briefings and meetings with Senators, members of Congress and White House and State Department officials.

Others who spoke at the conference were Burton S. Levinson, the League's national chairman, Abraham H. Foxman,

its associate national director, and columnists Ben Wattenberg and Mark Shields, who discussed the forthcoming presidential elections.

International and domestic issues discussed included U.S.-Israel relations in the wake of the Pollard spy case; the Middle East situation; emigration of Soviet Jewry; U.S.-Soviet relations in the context of the new Kremlin policy of "openness"; the situation in Central America; human rights and humanitarian questions connected with American foreign policy; American welfare reform, and extremism in the U.S. farm belt.

National Leadership Conference delegates at a State Department off-the-record briefing.



America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy, a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For, happily, the government of the United States which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

"It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes for my

felicity. May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the Father of all mercy scatter light and not darkness in our paths and make us all in our several vocations youthful here and in His own due time and way, everlastingly happy.

Signed: George Washington"

I wonder if some later Presidents, after the era of the "know-nothings" in the mid-19th Century, would have written such a letter. I doubt it. The same phenomenon of regression rather than progress is evident, I might note, in American attitudes toward other minorities. Many people do not know that one of the earli-

Senators Pete Wilson (R-CA), Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ), Richard Lugar (R-IN), Thomas A. Daschle (D-SD), Rudy Boschwitz (R-MN), and Chic Hecht (R-NV), met with the group as did Representatives Tony Coelho (D-CA), Robert Dornan (R-CA), Steve Bartlett (R-TX), Sander Levin (D-MI), Jim Slattery (D-KS), Robert Garcia (D-NY), Jaime Fuster (D-PR), Nancy Johnson (R-CT), Ted Weiss (D-NY), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Bill Archer (R-TX), Pat Swindall (R-GA), and Ben Gilman (R-NY).

The conferees were briefed at the State Department by Abraham Sofaer, legal adviser to the State Department; Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; Richard Schifter, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, and

Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

The group also heard White House officials Charles D. Hobbs, assistant to the President; Peter Rodman, deputy assistant to the President for national security affairs, and Ambassador Ronald F. Lehman 2nd, chief negotiator for Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START).

Presiding over the conference was Michael Nachman of Rye Brook, NY, chairman of ADL's national Leadership Committee. Marvin S. Rappaport, ADL director of Leadership, was conference coordinator. The programs were arranged by David Brody, director of ADL's Washington Office and Jess N. Hordes, associate director. □

From left, Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne addresses the Conference; Senator Thomas A. Daschle (D-SD) is welcomed by Michael Nachman, Leadership Committee chairman.



Cary Goldhaber

est and most famous Chief Justices, Roger Taney, who was appointed to succeed John Marshall in 1835, was a devout Roman Catholic. One wonders what a furor the appointment of a Catholic Chief Justice would have created 50 years later. The moral is clear: combatting prejudice is a constant struggle that cannot be neglected. Backsliding is always possible.

I would like to read an admirable list of human rights guarantees:

—Citizens are equal before the law, without distinction of origin, social or property status, race or nationality, sex, education, language, attitude to religion, type and nature of occupation, domicile or other status.

—Citizens have the right to take part in the management and administration of state and public affairs. Persecution for criticism

of state bodies and public organizations is prohibited. Persons guilty of such persecution shall be called to account.

—Citizens are guaranteed freedom of speech, of the press and of assembly, meetings, street processions and demonstrations.

—Citizens have the right to associate in public organizations that promote their political activity and initiative.

—Citizens are guaranteed freedom of conscience, that is, the right to profess or not to profess any religion and to conduct religious worship or atheistic propaganda. Incitement of hostility or hatred on religious grounds is prohibited.

—Citizens are guaranteed inviolability of the person. No one may be arrested except by a court decision or on warrant.

—Citizens are guaranteed inviolability of

the home. No one may without lawful grounds enter a home against the will of those residing in it. The privacy of citizens and of their correspondents' telephone conversations and telegraphic communications is protected by law.

These noble guarantees are much more extensive, or at least much more specific, than those contained in our Bill of Rights. As some of you may have guessed, I have been reading from the Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In the ongoing celebration of the Bicentennial of our Constitution, you will rarely hear an address that is not almost entirely devoted to praise of our Bill of Rights. Such praise is, of course, entirely proper. But we should never forget that those rights are more in the nature of the fruits of our Constitutional tree, rather than the tree itself.

What makes them possible, what converts them from the empty paper guarantees I just read into realities, is the marvelously devised structure of government that is the original Constitution—the portion that existed before the first Ten Amendments. That is what established the complicated system of legislation that sometimes seems so inconvenient, requiring passage of a bill by two Houses and approval by the President as well, unless a two-thirds majority can override his veto.

It provides for separate election of each of those Houses under quite different rules—causing their respective views of things quite often to differ, even when they are controlled by the same political party. It provides for direct election of the President by the people, so that he is their agent, rather than, as is the practice in parliamentary systems, the agent of the legislature in his administration of the laws. Finally, it provides for appointment of judges by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate—appointment for life. This is the system of checks and balances, “ambition countering ambition,” that we all learned in grade school.

As we get older, we tend to forget the reason for it and see only the inconveniences it entails. The legislation we consider desirable which it impedes; the executive action we wish which it prevents less than two-thirds of Congress from compelling; the judicial action we disfavor which, in the face of opposition by all the people's elected officials that it permits. We need an occasional reminder that these inconveniences are our protection. They are what shield minorities against intemperate action by the majority—and, for that matter, the majority against intemperate action by itself. They are in the last analysis what enable us to enjoy our Bill of Rights. □

## Pollard Affair *Continued from page 1*

A news report on Kol Israel radio headlined the Pollard affair and quoted ADL's statement that “the U.S. demands the same standard of Israel as of its own leaders in the affair.”

In an interview during the broadcast, Mr. Foxman said, “We didn't fly here to tell Israel what to do, only how it is. This crisis will not go away.” He stressed American concern over the long-term impact on Israeli-U.S. relations. Noting that the relationship has been based on credibility, mutual trust and good faith, he said, “that is under a cloud today” because of “an approach coming from this government which is treating the matter somewhat cavalierly, hoping that it will go away and

hoping to continue business as usual.

“I believe,” Mr. Foxman continued, “we

*In a followup to their exchange of letters, ADL leader Abraham H. Foxman, L., and Professor Shlomo Avineri discussed the issue at a forum in Jerusalem.*



## A Bitter Exchange

*From Shlomo Avineri's "Letter to an American Friend" published in the Jerusalem Post.*

Let me not mince words: Some of the responses of American Jewish leaders after Pollard's sentencing remind me of the way in which Jewish leaders in Egypt under Nasser and in Iran under Khomeini ran for cover when their respective Jewish communities were caught spying for Israel.

Zionism grew out of the cruel realization that for all of their achievements and successes, when the chips are down Jews in the Diaspora become vulnerable and defenseless, are seen as aliens—and will see themselves as such.

You always told us Israelis that America was different. Of course, it is. But you still feel now as vulnerable as Soviet or Iranian Jews.

The truth of the matter is simple: You, in America, are no different from French, German, Polish, Soviet and Egyptian Jews. Your exile is different—comfortable, padded with success and renown. It is exile nonetheless.

It is very easy to clamor at elegant wine and cheese parties for the freedom of Soviet Jews. But you, too, need to be freed from *galut*, from the inner bond, from what Ahad Ha'am called “servitude without freedom.”

You too have to be emancipated from *galut* and alienation; and for all its achievements and promise, America, it now evidently appears, may not be your promised land.

*From Abraham H. Foxman's "Reply to an Israeli Friend," as yet unpublished.*

As long as Israelis see Diaspora Jews as “second-class Israelis abroad,” they preclude a normal and healthy relationship between Diaspora Jewry and Israel based on mutual respect and shared commitment.

American Jews condemned the Pollard spying because it should be condemned. Unfortunately it seems Israelis today cannot make up their minds whether it should or shouldn't be condemned.

If we criticize the life sentence and the due process meted out to Jonathan Jay Pollard, who admitted his guilt and wrongdoing, would that make us good Zionists acceptable to you?

The Pollard affair, and Israel's subsequent behavior, have seriously damaged our common efforts.

Our ability to be even more effective on behalf of Israel—the true Zionist endeavor—has been disabled if not crippled for a while.

Either the Pollard affair was a rogue operation and therefore you and your government ought to act accordingly against the transgressors or, if it isn't, don't place your feelings at our doorstep; for you abandoned Jonathan Jay Pollard, you disowned him and you let him swing in the wind.

Make up your mind: Is he a criminal or is he a Zionist hero? You can't have it both ways.

—Newsday

have a responsibility to give the Israeli government a sober analysis of what is U.S. reality. On this question, Israel cannot expect the United States to ask its friend and ally to do less than the American people, the American media and American institutions are asking of themselves.”

Another area of concern for the League was the appearance of an Israeli backlash against American Jewry for “distancing” themselves from Pollard. This was dealt with vigorously and publicly as exemplified in an exchange of views between Hebrew University professor and diplomat Shlomo Avineri and Mr. Foxman.

The Avineri article, “Letter to an American Friend,” was printed in the *Jerusalem Post* and attracted widespread media coverage. Mr. Avineri wrote that American Jewish spokesmen, deeply upset by the Pollard affair, were “quick to denounce it because of the sensitive issue of dual loyalties that it evokes.”

“This suggests,” Mr. Avineri wrote, “that American Jews, despite all their material success and intellectual achievements may not be seen by non-Jews as being truly American.” He went on to say to American Jews: “You still feel now as vulnerable as Soviet or Iranian Jews. . . One Jewish spy

and look how deeply you find yourself in ‘galut’ (exile). For all its achievements and promises, America, it now evidently appears, may not be your Promised Land.”

In his response, which also appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* and subsequently was printed in American newspapers, Mr. Foxman called Mr. Avineri's “misreading of American Jewry astonishing,” explaining that American Jews raised their voices out of concern for Israel's security and the damage done to U.S.-Israeli relations.

## Breach of Faith

“The Pollard case has not sent American Jews running for shelter,” Mr. Foxman said. “Yes, we were outraged by the act of Israel operating a spy ring in the heart of the U.S. defense establishment. But not because Pollard was a Jew. It is the monumental stupidity and breach of faith that so disturbs us, not the religion or ideology of the American spy.”

Assessing the visit, Mr. Levinson called it “a success not because we pressured anybody but because we were listened to and Israeli leaders heard how serious the problem really is.” Mr. Foxman added, “I love this country too much to have done nothing.” □

# Shostakovich on Anti-Semitism



*The following is excerpted from Dmitri Shostakovich's memoirs, Testimony, which, when first published posthumously in 1979, created a storm of protest. Smuggled to the West, transcribed and edited by Russian emigre musicologist Solomon Volkov, the book highlighted not only his persecution by Stalin, but also his admiration and respect for Jews and Jewish music and his revulsion at anti-Semitism. This segment is reprinted with permission from Harper and Row Publishers, Inc.*

**T**he majority of my symphonies are tombstones. Too many of our people died and were buried in places unknown to anyone, not even their relatives. It happened to many of my friends. Where do you put the tombstones for Meyerhold or Tukhachevsky? Only music can do that for them. I'm willing to write a composition for each of the victims, but that's impossible, and that's why I dedicate my music to them all.

I think constantly of those people, and in almost every major work I try to remind others of them. The conditions of the war years were conducive to that, because the authorities were less strict about music and didn't care if the music was too gloomy. And later all the misery was put down to the war, as though it was only during the war that people were tortured and killed. Thus the Seventh and Eighth are "war symphonies."

This is a well rooted tradition. When I wrote the Eighth Quartet, it was also assigned to the department of "exposing fascism." You have to be blind and deaf to do that, because everything in the quartet is as clear as a primer. I quote *Lady Macbeth*, the First and Fifth

Symphonies. What does fascism have to do with these? The Eighth is an autobiographical quartet, it quotes a song known to all Russians: "Exhausted by the hardships of prison."

And there is also the Jewish theme from the Piano Trio in this quartet. I think, if we speak of musical impressions, that Jewish folk music has made a most powerful impression on me. I never tire of delighting in it, it's multifaceted, it can appear to be happy while it is tragic. It's almost always laughter through tears.

This quality of Jewish folk music is close to my ideas of what music should be. There should always be two layers in music. Jews were tormented for so long that they learned to hide their despair in dance music.

All folk music is lovely, but I can say that Jewish folk music is unique. Many composers listened to it, including Russian composers, Mussorgsky, for instance. He carefully set down Jewish folk songs. Many of my works reflect my impressions of Jewish music.

This is not a purely musical issue, this is also a moral issue. I often test a person by his attitude toward Jews. In our day and age, any person with pretensions of decency cannot be

anti-Semitic. This seems so obvious that it doesn't need saying, but I've had to argue the point for at least 30 years.

Once after the war I was passing a bookstore and saw a volume with Jewish songs. I was always interested in Jewish folklore, and I thought the book would give the melodies, but it contained only the texts. It seemed to me that if I picked out several texts and set them to music, I would be able to tell about the fate of the Jewish people. It seemed an important thing to do, because I could see anti-Semitism growing all round me. But I couldn't have the cycle performed then; it was played for the first time much later, and later still I did an orchestral version of the work.

My parents considered anti-Semitism a shameful superstition, and in that sense I was given a singular upbringing. In my youth I came across anti-Semitism among my peers, who thought that Jews were getting preferential treatment. They didn't remember the pogroms, the ghettos, or the quotas. In those years it was almost a mark of *sangfroid* to speak of Jews with a mocking laugh. It was a kind of opposition to the authorities.

I never condoned an anti-Semitic tone, even then, and I didn't repeat anti-Semitic jokes that were popular then. But I was much gentler about this unworthy trait than I am now. Later I broke with even good friends if I saw that they had any anti-Semitic tendencies.

But even before the war, the attitude toward Jews had changed drastically. It turned out that we had far to go to achieve brotherhood. The Jews became the most persecuted and defenseless people of Europe. It was a return to the Middle Ages. Jews became a symbol for me. All of man's defenselessness was concentrated in them. After the war, I tried to convey that feeling in my music. It was a bad time for Jews then. In fact, it's always a bad time for them.

Despite all the Jews who perished in the camps, all I heard people saying was, "The kikes went to Tashkent to fight." And if they saw a Jew with military decorations, they called after him, "Kike, where did you buy the medals?" That's when I wrote the Violin Concerto, the Jewish Cycle, and the Fourth Quartet.

Not one of these works could be performed

then. They were heard only after Stalin's death. I still can't get used to it. The Fourth Symphony was played 25 years after I wrote it. There are compositions that have yet to be performed, and no one knows when they will be heard. □

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# The Jewish Presence In Civilization

by Abba Eban

**F**rom the dawn of history, the Jews are the only people whose historic experience has traversed from Biblical prophecy to modern science. It is a story full of drama... and a sentiment of mystery. When this vivid chronicle is viewed, we find ourselves questioning four specific mysteries:

—The mystery of preservation: how did this people manage to preserve its identity without a territorial base, without the unifying allegiance of political institutions, without being allowed to practice its faith and pursue its culture in peace? Most other peoples, scattered and dispersed, ceased to exist in their original shape and form.

The Jewish people maintains its identity, its sense of belonging each to the other, its distinctiveness and its particularity, carrying its message from one generation to another, enlarging, perfecting, modifying, but never losing the specific nature of its character. How do we explain this talent for conserving a legacy?

—The mystery of resonance: the small people with a large voice. There are only 14 million Jews in the world today. They have never constituted any larger percentage of mankind, never possessed great strategic importance nor great aggregates of material wealth and yet the story of civilization cannot be written without including what the Jews have said, suffered, written and performed. Religion and philosophy, morality, social institutions,

political ideas, art, sculpture, science, drama, technology and medicine—all have been stirred by the currents of the Jewish mind.

—The mystery of suffering: why and how can we describe this unique experience of a people, seemingly attracting all the impulses of hatred and violence which have distorted man's spiritual history... the Jew as the eternal victim, culminating in the greatest martyrology of all. How symbolic it is that the world, through the Nobel Prize Committee, has established a consciousness of the Holocaust as one of the sources of understanding man's nature.

—The mystery of renewal: once upon a time, a small people dwelt in a small land and spoke a language and that union transformed the way the human race looks upon itself and upon the natural spectacle.

Israeli Statesman Abba Eban



*Abba Eban, former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, was the first speaker of the Shanik-Fleischer Forum Series, cosponsored by the University of Michigan and ADL (see News Briefs Pg. 14). This article is excerpted from that address.*

Then, this land, its people and language were separated and weakness and peril overcame them.

In Israel's rebirth we have witnessed a reunion of that people, that land and that language in a unique bridge thrown across the gulf of generations, the only time mankind has seen such a resurrection. Sometimes, during international meetings, I heard that Israel was an artificial eruption in the Middle East. I would reply that of all the nations in the international community, there is only one that upholds the same faith, speaks the same tongue and inhabits the same land as it did 3,000 years ago.

Four decades ago, a group of young Israelis touring the Dead Sea area came across some jars containing ancient scrolls written nearly 2,000 years ago. The writing can be read and understood by any Hebrew-speaking Israeli today. The alphabet, the syntax, the words are all familiar. There is no other country in the world in which writing 2,000 years old can be interpreted without the intervention of antiquarian scholarship.

So this is the mystery of renewal, how the unity of a people was shattered and how the pieces fell together—almost like a Walt Disney spectacle—to reconstitute the whole once again.

The quality of small communities and their ability to communicate great ideas is one of the themes of history.

The Athens of Pericles had only 100,000 citizens, and yet what it performed in testimony to beauty, symmetry, form and the depth of philosophic explanation has illuminated the human mind over the centuries. The England of Shakespeare had three and a half million people and it began the great history of creativity, including a language that occupies a unique position on the linguistic map. Revolutionary America also had three and a half million people and gave birth to a creative constitutional philosophy that has required little modification since.

Although the Jewish community is small, its historic role is large and its smallness is enhanced by a deep sense of memory.

Out of the Biblical period of Jewish independence came three ideas which rever-

berate across the centuries: moral choice, social justice and international peace.

All preceding and contemporary civilizations, including sophisticated Persia, Greece and Rome, were dominated by the theory of determinism. The philosopher Emperor Marcus Aurelius saw history as a great wheel which goes round and round, coming back to its starting point. Determinism is the sense that man has no control over his future and therefore there are no rewards for change or initiative. The Jewish spirit fell into this gloom only once, when it came into contact with Greek thinking and reached the non-Hebraic philosophy of the Book of Ecclesiastes—that which was shall be, and that which is shall be, and there is nothing new under the sun.

That was not the general trend of Jewish thought. This people rose up against determinism to express the concept of moral choice, to choose good and reject evil.

## A Hebrew Idea

Progress is a Hebrew idea which tells us things can be changed and that human beings have the capacity to change them. Historic progress going onward and upward towards unattainable perfection is the Messianic idea—an age in which human wickedness, conflict and violence will be transcended by peace and harmony. It is essential to the Jewish Messianic idea that this concept should never become reality because that would halt the march towards unattainable perfection. The refusal of the Jews to believe in the advent of the Messiah caused us a great deal of theological and, subsequently, political trouble. But this gives the Jewish historic idea its originality.

The Hebrew code says, "One law shall there be for you and the stranger. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This was a revolt against past civilizations.

The idea of international peace is embodied in the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Other early civilizations regarded war as a part of man's nature. The idea that it could be avoided, controlled, terminated occurs in no other writing. War was the instrument which many thought



The title page of a Babylonian Talmud.

brought out man's heroic qualities, purifying him. The link between the concepts of heroism and war runs through all other literature. So the exaltation, "Nation shall not lift up the sword against nation"—which can be translated into anti-ballistic missiles—is a unique impulse born in Judaism.

Almost no early literature speaks of the Jews. Why should the writers of the great empires of the Nile, the Tigris and the Euphrates write about this ragged little group of people who left behind no wealth and would fight no wars?

Recently in Egypt, together with President Hosni Mubarak, I saw the first mention of the word "Israel" in history. Written in hieroglyphics in 1234 B.C., the Egyptian Pharaoh Menephta said: "At last I have destroyed Israel and wiped its memory off the face of the earth."

Today, pharaonic Egypt has disappeared and Babylonia has been succeeded by many regimes but the Jews persist.

Their non-conformity made the Jews unpopular from earliest times. Always liable to expulsion, always nomadic, they invested their creativity in new, revolutionary ideas. That perhaps answers the first mystery. Ideas are portable and preservable, especially if they are clothed in a majestic and splendid literature.

The more we study the Jewish story, the more we become convinced of the paradox that suffering was a cause of their vital-

ity. The constant need to transcend weakness and to create values beyond the reach of harm may explain the insistence on learning, literature and intellectual speculation.

In the Middle Ages, a person's identity was defined by religion. There was a Christian Empire in medieval Europe and Jews were the only people who didn't accept the faith. This non-conformity began when both Jews and early Christians were equally persecuted victims of Rome until the fourth century when the Roman Emperor Constantine became a Christian and Christianity emerged as the dominant religion.

His conversion was one of the great watersheds of history. An unbelievable change in the balance of theological and political power took place with a Christian temporal center in Rome and a Moslem temporal center in the Caliphs and the Sultans.

There was no Jewish temporal power. The early Jews were a total failure in political organization and in international diplomacy. The only great Hebrew figure who would have qualified as a diplomat was the prophet Jeremiah, who told the Jews exiled in Babylon: "Try to make friends, settle down, build houses, plant vineyards, learn how to live and survive. Restoration will come but... the important objective is to survive."

In medieval times, the dispersed Jew lived within his own memory, never regarding his European home as permanent or hospitable. There is a tendency to idealize the ghetto but with all its pathos and warmth, ghetto life was stunted, lacking dignity and scope. Nothing culturally exploitable was produced, with a few exceptions, such as the works of Maimonides.

Modern Jewish history was not really initiated by the Jews themselves. The idea of equality for all, where a man's rights were not defined by his religion and in which religious individuality was not a source of inferiority nor an excuse for discrimination, was the great trumpet call which gave the Jews their chance. It is associated with two great 18th Century revolutions: the American and the French. Suddenly, a man's religion was no draw-

back to his full integration into society and from that period, modern Jewish history begins.

In the 19th Century, one after another, Jewish poets, philosophers, artists, writers, scientists entered European history with such intensity that you find a totally disproportionate Jewish presence in universal culture. The Jews seemed to have felt an impulse to compensate for all the generations in which they were not allowed to make their impress.

One example of their lasting mark on modern history is the fact that among American recipients of Nobel prizes there is something like 29 percent of Jewish origin—coming from a population that numbers three percent. That same disproportion exists in other countries.

The contemporary Jewish story is divided into two streams. There are two impulses in Jewish history: an impulse to gather together in their own context, their own land, with their own tongue, to be themselves. That is the impulse that led to Zionism and the creation of Israel. This is what I call the in-gathering impulse.

But there is another impulse and we ought to recognize it. It is the impulse to seek fulfillment by interacting with other civilizations. That is the story of the modern Diaspora, of American and European Jewry.

We must understand these two realities. In Israel, there is a resentment about Diaspora survivors, as though it were the duty of 100 per cent of the Jewish people to follow the in-gathering impulse. There is a reactive resentment on the part of Diaspora Jews, who feel that Israelis do not understand that they also have a place in contemporary Jewish creativity. We should try to seek harmony between these two realities.

One of the great Israeli disappointments is that world Jewry does not see Israel as its natural and normal destination. I don't see any chance that either the dispersal element or the homecoming element is going to prevail, one at the expense of the other.

It must be acknowledged that Israel is not merely an event in political history. Whatever the future of American and European Jewry in terms of political liber-



Artist Lazar Krestin's painting of "Ghetto Politicians" in a European shtetl.

alism (and I believe it is a very bright future), the prospects in terms of identity and preservation of a specific particularity are much less clear. But history has created in Israel an assurance that the Hebrew tongue, the Jewish faith and the sense of belonging to the Jewish experience will have a center powerful enough to survive and develop so that the maintenance and preservation of the Jewish people is no longer at the mercy of the winds which carried the Jews to all the corners of the earth.

Israel has in that sense not disappointed the hopes of those who have nourished it during these four decades. Israel has its faults and failings but... it is a noble adventure.

The state that we have built, the society we have fashioned, the landscapes we have quickened into life, the kinsmen we have gathered in, the freedom we have defended, the graves we have dug, the tears we have shed, the passions roused, the inexpressible hopes kindled—all these are part of the past four decades.

A new dimension has been given to the Jewish experience and its exploration will take many years. We appeal to those who have sustained us throughout those decades—do not abandon us in the middle of the road. Stand with us, constant in purpose, steadfast in resolve, until the obstacles are surmounted and the task is done. □

# NEWS BRIEFS

**DOUBLY HONORED**— Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, has been chosen as a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The award, announced by President Ronald Reagan, is the nation's highest civilian honor. The presentation will be made June 23.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion also honored Mr. Perlmutter by conferring on him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

The citation called Mr. Perlmutter:

"Devoted Jewish leader, distinguished attorney and outstanding citizen whose name has been synonymous with vigorously combating bigotry and discrimination, whose long and exceptional service to the Jewish people is a reflection of his religious commitment, whose dedication to the ideals of Judaism has made him an emissary of social justice and brotherhood, whose manifold talents, fused with pragmatic idealism, have elevated him to national leadership."

**FORUM: LIVE AND ON FILM**— A new ADL educational program to increase awareness of the Jewish people's contributions to civilization has been made possible through a grant from William and Shirley Shanik Fleischer of East Hills, NY. Cosponsored by the University of Michigan, the program involves a combination of lectures, concerts and conferences by Jewish scholars, scientists, political leaders, writers, and musicians at the University's Ann Arbor campus.

The events—recorded in films, video cassettes and printed reports—will be made available to educators, community groups, radio and television, together with background materials and study guides, through ADL's Campus Affairs/Higher Education Department, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017. The materials are particularly well suited for inclusion in history, political science and social studies curricula.

Two programs in the Shanik-Fleischer Forum Series have already taken place and are currently available: a lecture by Israeli statesman Abba Eban, titled "Jewish Pres-

ence in Civilization: An Historical Overview" (see article, Pg. 10), and a lecture-concert program featuring Theodore Bikel, titled "The Unfolding of Jewish Music in America." The next will be a conference on the political interaction between Jews and other peoples from antiquity to modern times. Scheduled for September 13 and 14 at the Michigan campus, it is entitled "The Quest for Utopia: Jews in the Political World" and includes, thus far, political pollster David Garth and U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI).

**SHULTZ ON SOVIET JEWS**— U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz gave his personal commitment to Anti-Defamation League leaders that the question of human rights including the right of Jews to emigrate and freely practice their religion would be at the top of his agenda on his visit to Moscow last month.

The Secretary of State made the statement upon receiving in Washington a volume containing the names of 11,000 Soviet Jewish



refuseniks from, l. to r., ADL national commissioner David Strassler, Washington representative David A. Brody, national chairman Burton S. Levinson and associate national director Abraham H. Foxman. The telephone book-sized compendium, titled *A Uniquely Jewish List*, was compiled and is being distributed by the League to government, civic, religious and educational officials.

"We will continue to do our utmost to bring about a day when there will no longer be a need for such tragic lists of people in need of our help," the Secretary of State said.

**CARTER ACTION**— Former President Jimmy Carter personally called ADL to advise that the Syrian government has released five Syrian Jews detained in prisons there. Mr. Carter had been asked to intercede in their behalf by the League.

Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of its International

Affairs Division, said the former President called after a visit to Syria and other Middle East countries. ADL said the Syrian Jews were being held for "no apparent reason other than their religious affiliation."

The League contacted Mr. Carter just prior to his trip to ask him to use his good offices to secure freedom for Eliahu Lalo and his son, Marco, of Damascus, who had been held since December 1986; Rabbi Leon Guindi and Toufik Khalif and his son, Dibo, all of Aleppo, who were arrested in November 1986.

**REMEMBRANCE**— An heroic Dutch couple who helped hide Anne Frank's family from the Nazis in wartime Holland received the first ADL "Courage to Care" award as part of a Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance) observance.

The outdoor ceremony, honoring Miep and Jan Gies of Amsterdam, took place at the League's Holocaust Memorial Wall adjacent to the national headquarters building.

The Gieses are the last survivors of the group of Amsterdam non-Jews who supplied the Franks with food, moral support and news of the outside world. On the day that the Nazis seized the doomed Frank family, Mrs. Gies discovered Anne Frank's diary among the family's possessions. She also went to Gestapo headquarters in a vain attempt to bribe the Nazis into releasing the Franks.

Speakers at the ceremony were ADL's national chairman, Burton S. Levinson; its associate national director, Abraham H. Foxman; Adriaan Tieleman, consul general of the Netherlands in New York; Isaac Rottenberg, minister of the Dutch Reformed Church in New York; Daniel Ginsberg, chairman of ADL's New York Regional Board, and Nat Kameny, chairman of the League's International Center for Holocaust Studies. The event was organized by ADL's Holocaust Center and its New York Regional Office.

The chorus from Brooklyn's Raoul Wallenberg Elementary School performed during the ceremony.

The dedication of the first Holocaust monument in the State of Virginia took place at an interfaith service memorializing the Holocaust, cosponsored by ADL's North Carolina/Virginia Regional Office and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of the Interfaith Affairs Department of the League's Intergroup Rela-

tions Division, was the keynote speaker at the service, held at Richmond's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The monument, a sculpture, "Rachel Weeping for her Children," was commissioned by Bishop Walter Sullivan and paid for with Diocesan funds. Approximately 11 feet tall, it has been permanently placed on the lawn adjacent to the Cathedral.

A Holocaust manual published by the U.S. Navy to encourage remembrance and understanding of the Nazi massacre of Jews, and distributed to more than 1,200 Navy chaplains, contains a section on education developed by the New Jersey Department of Education in cooperation with ADL's International Center for Holocaust Studies. A resource section features the Center's materials' catalogue.

The manual, aimed to help Navy personnel come to terms with moral and ethical questions raised by the Holocaust, will provide a resource for religious education classes and will assist the Navy in planning and facilitating annual observances of Yom Hashoah.

**A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT**— ADL hailed a Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutional right of free exercise of religion for all Americans and commended the Court "for acting to protect employees' religious beliefs and practices—a protection guaranteed to all Americans by the Bill of Rights."

The decision in *Hobbie v. Unemployment Appeals Commission of Florida* in which ADL had filed an *amicus* brief, by a 8-1 vote, dismissed the argument that a woman who observed the Sabbath as a day of rest and who was fired for "misconduct" could be denied unemployment benefits.

The ruling, ADL noted, reaffirmed a longstanding precedent in Supreme Court decisions that it is unconstitutional for the government to deny unemployment benefits because of a person's religious beliefs or practices.

**UP FRONT**— A letter from New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams to ADL expressed his appreciation for the League's assistance in providing data useful in his investigation of the Lyndon LaRouche network. An ADL reply assured Mr. Abrams that our resources, including fact finding and research reports on extremists such as

LaRouche, whom we monitor on an ongoing basis, would always be available to the Attorney General's office. . . . "Free to Hope: The Plight of Soviet Jews," a documentary aired on Channel 7, Boston, included among other speakers, the director of the ADL's New England Regional Office Leonard Zakim. . . . An article in the *San Diego Union* dealing with the dangers of ethnic humor highlighted comments by Morris Casuto, director of the San Diego Regional Office. . . . Frances Sonnenschein, Education Department director of the League's Intergroup Relations Division, is a member of a blue-ribbon panel appointed by the New York City Schools Chancellor to screen candidates to replace a suspended local school board in New York City. . . . A three-week program in Bogota, Colombia, on Catholic relations with Jews and Protestants and the impact of cults featured a series of lectures by Rabbi Leon Klenicki,

director of ADL's Interfaith Affairs Department, the first such presentation by a rabbi before Catholic officials in Latin America. . . . An Op-Ed article in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* on fighting bigotry, authored by David C. Friedman, director of the Northern Ohio Regional Office, cautioned that the "absence of organized hate groups should not be regarded as evidence that prejudice has been eliminated."

**REGIONAL—** The Palm Beach County ADL office joined with the local Crime Stoppers program in efforts to find and bring to justice the vandalizers of a Jewish War Veterans Memorial in Delray Beach, FL. . . . The effectiveness and future direction of law enforcement agencies in combatting crimes of ethnic terror and vandalism was the topic of a Southern New Jersey forum sponsored by the League's New Jersey office and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey in cooperation with the State Council of Churches and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Urban Program Office. . . . "Jewish-Christian Dialogue—Learning From One Another," a seminar for clergy, ministers and religious educators was held in Minneapolis by the Jewish Community Relations/ADL of Minnesota and the Dakotas and the Interfaith Committees of Temple Israel and Adath Jeshurum Synagogue. Cosponsors included Catholic, Protestant and Jewish church groups and colleges.

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May 12, 1987

Mr. William Kristol  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.  
Room 4181  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Mr. Kristol,

I am writing to you at the request of Max Green about the article Secretary Bennett will be writing for the premier issue of our educational magazine on intergroup relations.

As we explained to Mr. Green, there is currently no magazine published in the United States which focuses solely on human relations education, ethnic studies and prejudice reduction. With the help of a prestigious editorial advisory board, we are in the process of creating what we feel will be an exciting, innovative and unique publication. The intended audience is human relations specialists in all educational settings -- teachers, commissioners of education, college and university professors, and educators in the corporate community.

The first issue of the magazine is scheduled for the fall, 1987. The theme for this issue will focus on how we can balance the disparity between a melting pot society and cultural pluralism. By presenting a number of different viewpoints, we hope to give our readers a better understanding of the issue. We have asked such notables as Senator Patrick Moynihan and Dr. James Banks to write articles for this issue as well.

Secretary Bennett's article will, of course, be the showcase article of our first issue. We'd like a full-length article (3000-5000 words) analyzing the issue, "The Melting Pot vs. Cultural Pluralism."

How do we reconcile these two concepts? Where is the balancing point between ethnic identification and melting pot principles? Must we choose one over the other? When we talk about a culturally pluralistic society, what do we mean?

The key to our readership will be to attract educators in the field. Therefore we ask that the Secretary tailor his article to a practical rather than scholarly presentation.

As the fall is rapidly approaching, we hope to have the Secretary's article in hand by June 22. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Caren Keller Niss, the magazine's managing editor, or me.

We are delighted that the Secretary will be participating in what we feel is a much needed and worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,



Tom Neumann, Director  
Intergroup Relations Division

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cc: Nathan Perlmutter  
Abraham Foxman  
✓ Max Green  
Caren Niss

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May 22, 1987

Mr. Max Green  
Office of Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Max:


It was good seeing you in Washington. Enclosed is a schedule of our National Commission meeting. We'd love to have you with us during the period of our meeting.

Enclosed are two papers by Prof. Freedman that I mentioned to you on Soviet-Middle East relations and the question of Soviet Jewry.

Looking forward to seeing you.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

  
Abraham H. Foxman

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I personally take some consolation in the fact that only three weeks ago I was able to award him a richly deserved Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor. Although he was then already too ill to attend the ceremony, I had the pleasure of talking with Nate by phone before the event. I also had the pleasure of giving the award to Ruth Ann Perlmutter, his wife and collaborator in all his many achievements. To her and the rest of Nathan Perlmutter's family, Nancy and I send our heartfelt condolences.

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Comments:

*I think the attached  
statement is right on  
target. - A*

DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT  
ON THE DEATH OF NATHAN PERLMUTTER

With the death of Nathan Perlmutter, we have all suffered a tremendous loss. His passing leaves a void which cannot be filled. But, he also leaves a legacy which will long be remembered and cherished. We will not forget his devotion to his family, the Jewish people and his country; nor his devotion to the very highest principles: truth, respect for the inalienable rights of individuals, and human freedom.

I personally take some consolation in the fact that only three weeks ago I was able to award him a richly deserved Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor. Although he was then already too ill to attend the ceremony, I had the pleasure of talking with Nate by phone before the event. I also had the pleasure of giving the award to Ruth Ann Perlmutter, his wife and collaborator in all his many achievements. To her and the rest of Nathan Perlmutter's family, Nancy and I send our heartfelt condolences.