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NO MORE BEGGAR STATUS FOR ISRAEL

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The Republican triumph in the 1994 Congressional elections sent a wave of panic through Jewish liberals, who tried to encourage anti-Republican sentiment by spreading rumors about a possible Republican-inspired cut in U.S. aid to Israel. The rumors were untrue, but they were also a reminder of how little is understood about the actual benefits and drawbacks of the current U.S. aid program for Israel.

The importance of American economic aid to Israel has been exaggerated, as has the possible danger to Israel if that aid is ever reduced. The truth is that economic aid causes more problems than it solves. By offering an easy "fix," foreign economic aid reduces the possibility that Israel will shift from its antiquated socialist economy to a free-market, American-style economy. Israel's leaders have become dependent on regular infusions of U.S. cash; they have no incentive to pursue policies that would lead to economic independence.

The value of U.S. economic aid to Israel (now \$1.2-billion annually) requires clarification. At first glance, one might assume that such economic aid is beneficial to Israel's economy. Unfortunately, it's not as simple as that. Critics have called the annual U.S. economic aid package to Israel an accountant's trick, since the bulk of it is actually given back to the U.S. each year to cover interest payments on funds owed by Israel to the United States. This could be resolved through American forgiveness of Israel's debt, a move that would be entirely appropriate in view of America's forgiveness of debts owed to it by Egypt and Jordan, two nations that have done far less for U.S. interests in the Mideast than Israel.

Military aid, by contrast, is valuable and necessary. But the current method of dispensing it is deeply flawed. By making military aid part of the foreign aid bill, Israel is trapped in beggar status, reaching for handouts from an increasingly resentful American public.

Furthermore, since foreign aid must be approved by Congress, there is always the risk that a future Congress may decide that all aid should be discontinued.

A far more logical arrangement would be one that recognizes Israel's strategic value to the United States, and provides it with military assistance accordingly. The NATO countries, for example, are given large sums of U.S. money each year via the U.S.-funded NATO budget, because those countries are regarded (correctly) as strategic assets. Israel should be placed in the same category. U.S. military aid to Israel should come straight from the defense budget or via the NATO budget, since that's what Israel is: a military asset to the U.S., comparable to NATO.

Such a change would constitute appropriate recognition of Israel's value to the United States--Israel is an ally, not a beggar-state. It would defuse public resentment over Israel's receipt of aid from the United States. And it would remove potential political obstacles to Israel's allotment.

The time has come for Israel to behave like an ally, not a beggar--and to be treated as such.◊

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From the Editor
Ruth King

**REFLECTIONS
ON THE NEW YEAR**

1995 will mark the third millenia of Jerusalem as spiritual and historical capital of the Jewish people and official capital of Israel. Unfortunately, events of the past year make the anniversary one of grief and despair.

In 1994, a Jewish government repudiated Zionism. It is no secret this government plans to abandon Hebron. But if one can contemplate the abandonment of national rights to Hebron, the first capital of the Jews--home of Abraham, Sarah and the other patriarchs and matriarchs--how safe is Jerusalem? The PLO already maintains de facto national headquarters at Orient House in Jerusalem with the perverse complicity of Israel's government.

In 1994, more Israelis were murdered by terrorists than in any year of the so-called *intifada*. Their deaths have been casually dismissed by their own government as "casualties of peace." In Buenos Aires, a bomb killed and maimed hundreds of Jews, but the response of Israel's government was muted. Perhaps Rabin was exhausted by his apoplectic tantrum when a lone gunman killed Arabs in Hebron.

In 1994, the Rabin government pursued a relentless policy of concessions and appeasement. It was unmoved by hundreds of speeches by Arafat & Company confirming that the deal with Rabin was part of the phased plan for Israel's destruction adopted by the PLO in 1974, and promising *jihad* for Jerusalem. Indeed the PLO's murderous covenant hasn't even been altered, much less repudiated.

In 1994, the Israeli government conducted a policy of systematic lying and disinformation. Rabin and his representatives denied early reports that Israel was requesting U.S. troops on the Golan to implement an Israeli withdrawal. They denied that any terrorists were being released from jail and armed by the PLO. They denied that Peres had given Arafat assurances on Jerusalem. All these denials were shown to be outright lies. The Israeli government pretended the PLO was helping to control Hamas, pretended that Arafat denounced terror and renounced the phased destruction of Israel. They ignored warnings of missile buildups in Syria, glossed over state-sponsored anti-Semitism in Egypt, and continue to ignore the rising tide of Islamic extremism, which makes retention of strategic superiority more crucial than ever. They pretend that they are restructuring Israel's economy when, in fact, they continue to implement a socialist system that stifles productivity and independence.

In 1994, the Israeli government sought to deprive real Zionists, in Israel and abroad, of legitimacy.

Critics of the "peace" scam in Israel were called "not real Israelis" and critics here were insulted as "fringes" by Israel's ambassador. Zionists were derided by Colette Avital, Israel's consul in New York, who threatened to boycott next year's Israel Day Parade.

In 1994, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Normandy invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. Allied heroes defeated the Nazis and ended the Holocaust. Zionism began long before World War II, but the Holocaust made its realization an imperative. Jews had to have their own country, their own army, and never again would they depend on any other nation for their survival.

Yet in 1994, the government of Israel broke the Zionist covenant. It has proceeded with a policy that weakens the state, demoralizes the army, relinquishes national and historical rights, promotes an economy that perpetuates a need for foreign aid, and asks for foreign troops to help in its defense. Its policies threaten to make Jews, only fifty years after the Holocaust, once again a stateless people.

The blame for this tragic turn lies squarely with Rabin. Peres, Israel's McGovern, has always espoused the "peace now and at any cost" line. Rabin, however, campaigned as a patriot and a hardliner. Because of his duplicity Israel is following the "light unto the nations" straight into the abyss. ♦

**"TOO EARLY" TO
DISCUSS THE GOLAN?**

Since last summer, President Clinton and Prime Minister Rabin have publicly indicated a willingness to place American troops on the Golan Heights following an Israeli withdrawal. This candor followed months of denial, lies and obfuscation.

However, as late as December 21, more than
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OSLO: THE UNTOLD STORY

Rael Jean Isaac

In Oslo, Peres and Rabin were honored for an infamous deed--turning over the historical, religious and national rights of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel to the terrorist leader dedicated to ending their national existence in *any* borders. Many have criticized the Nobel committee for giving the peace prize to Yasser Arafat, but the award to Peres and Rabin is no less a travesty--it is they, after all, whose unilateral surrender to the enemy is responsible for putting a mass murderer of Jews up on the stage with them.

The honor of the Jewish people in this horrible hour rested with those who protested the evil deeds of those upon whom the "official" honors were showered. Yet, although well covered in the Norwegian press, these protests were covered up in Israel. The Nobel ceremonies were broadcast live on Israeli government TV for a full three hours (including all the speeches, music and displays). But by order of the Prime Minister's Office, there was a news blackout on the protesters; Rabin did not want the Israeli public to know of their existence. Most Israeli newspapers practiced a similar blackout and there was scarcely any mention of the protests by Jewish papers in the United States.

And so, for the record, Americans For a Safe Israel pays tribute to the true heroes of Oslo:

We pay tribute to Rabbi Avi Weiss, Ronn Torossian, David Kalb and Joshua Meisels, of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns (AMCHA) who spent seven hours in an Oslo jail for protesting peacefully with others across the street from the headquarters of the Nobel Committee. Although the Coalition had written permission from the police to demonstrate, more than 30 police charged at the four, singling them out from the crowd. Rabbi Weiss was treated roughly by the policemen.

We pay tribute to New York State Assemblyman Dov Hikind, who brought a group of prominent New Yorkers to Oslo.

We pay tribute to the 120 Israelis, many of them relatives of those murdered by Arafat, who journeyed to Oslo and conducted an alternative Nobel Prize ceremony in front of the City Hall bestowing the awards upon the terror victims and upon those who are fighting terror.

As if to confirm the absurdity of the "real" ceremony, Dr. Ahmed Tibi, Arafat's chief adviser, came over to the demonstrators to mock them. PLO supporters shouted at the Israeli protesters "We will throw you into the sea." When reporters came to record their shouts, they switched to English and called out "Peace, peace, peace," angering one Israeli who had been widowed by a terrorist to the point where she spit on Dr. Tibi.

There were reports in the major newspapers that Peres slipped and cut his face. What was left out of the accounts was the circumstances under which he fell. Rabin and Peres and their entourage walked to their hotel Friday evening, after attending synagogue and a kiddush hosted by the Oslo Jewish community. (To its credit, the following day, the synagogue gave Meir Indor, director of the Terror Victims Association, the chance to speak and he told congregants not to attend the ceremonies.)

A handful of protesters walked behind Rabin and Peres on the mile long walk to the Grand Hotel (where Arafat was also staying) crying out "traitor" and "shame." Peres, rattled by the cries, slipped and cut the sides of his eye. The moment was recorded by photographers and his cut face appeared on the front page of all the Norwegian newspapers.

In Israel, while most drank in the award ceremony on their TV screens, there were also individuals who preserved Jewish honor. Forty demonstrations were held around the country to protest the Nobel

Kaare Kristiansen

awards, again with virtually no coverage on government-controlled TV.

And in Jerusalem fifteen hundred people turned out to pay tribute to the man who carried the standard for Norwegian honor, Kaare Kristiansen, the former member of the Nobel Prize Committee who resigned after Arafat was named its recipient. Kristiansen said: "I am so happy I am here tonight and not in Oslo....To award the prize to a terrorist with so much blood on his hands is an insult to former laureates of the peace prize." Former prisoner of conscience Natan Sharansky presented Kristiansen with a silver dog tag bearing the names of the Israeli MIAs, which he promptly put around his neck. Yona Baumel, father of missing Israeli soldier Zecharia Baumel, described Kristiansen as "the true Nobel laureate."

As for the Nobel laureates acclaimed in the real world, Rabin, Peres and Arafat, to each the words of Tennyson are most apt: "His honor rooted in dishonor stood."◇

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ARMING THE ARSONISTS

Louis Rene Beres

In his timely work, *The Firebugs*, Swiss playwright Max Frisch tells the distressing story of Gottlieb Biedermann, a cautious businessman who contends with an epidemic of arson by implementing a deadly series of self-deceptions. Ultimately, Biedermann invites the arsonists into his home, lodges them, feeds them a sumptuous dinner, and even provides them with matches. Surprisingly, the play ends, for Biedermann, on an incendiary note. It also ends, predictably, with a pathetic and revolting disclaimer from an academic "expert" who has counseled appeasement all along.

There is an enormously important lesson here for present-day Israel. Faced with an epidemic of "arson" from militant Islamic terrorists, Jerusalem has responded exactly like the playwright's weak and foolish character. Asking the terrorists into Israel's very "home," because it believes that entreaty and capitulation are preferable to courage and struggle, the Government of Israel, too, is prepared even to help light the fuse. Pretending that Hamas and the PLO are truly distinct and discrete--a delusionary pretense that fits comfortably with the simple approach favored by so many Israeli experts, professors and pundits--Messrs. Rabin and Peres now look to their "Palestinian partners" for Israel's security and survival. It should come as a surprise to no one, therefore, that arson has become a growing problem for Israel.

To a significant extent, the terrible harm that has been done by Rabin and Peres is done and cannot be undone. Indeed, by creating the conditions whereby each successive act of anti-Israel terrorism now compels the Government to reaffirm its commitment to the Peace Process, Rabin/Peres have created a lose-lose-scenario. Should they begin to back off from such explicit reaffirmations, all those who have set out to destroy the Process will have succeeded. Should they maintain such reaffirmations, the steady "progress" of the Process will ensure only escalating levels of terror, of fatal or near-fatal forms of "arson."

What, then, should be done? It is time to be frank. The Peace Process was destined to fail. Founded upon a series of false assumptions and incomprehensibly unreasonable expectations, it is leading Israel toward unprecedented disaster. Taken together with ongoing and still planned surrenders of vital territories to enemy states (yes, "enemy" states, regardless of linguistically formal "peace agreements" signed with Israel), further concessions to Hamas/PLO will threaten Israel's very existence.

If I am correct, and the well-publicized distinctions between Hamas and the PLO are essentially false --a deliberate contrivance of both groups designed to

weaken Israel from within--then Jerusalem's "Palestinian partners" (the obscene term used by the Government spokesman only minutes after the Tel Aviv bus bombing) are already at the fuse. As long as the Peace Process is sustained, the PLO will make it impossible for Israel to do what is needed to survive. If, on the other hand, I am wrong, and Hamas is truly separate in every way from the PLO, the dangers of the Process may be just as serious. This is because, if I am wrong, a Palestinian state created by the PLO would inevitably be taken over and directed by Hamas or its Islamic equivalents. There is no way, in the current Middle East, that a secular Palestinian authority could endure. Either way, therefore, Israel loses.

Most likely, in my judgment, Hamas/PLO offers Israel a "good cop/bad cop" routine. Cast as the good cop, Arafat and his PLO promise to protect Israel if only the Jewish State offers them its confidences. With such an offering, Rabin is instructed, the far more menacing Hamas can be kept safely at bay. It is an offer that Israel, imprisoned by the Peace Process, now can't refuse. Only later, when perhaps it is already too late to turn back, Rabin/Peres will discover that the two cops were working together, that they have been "had."

None of this is meant to suggest that the two "cops" necessarily *know* that they are cooperating against their *prisoner*. There is nothing necessarily conspiratorial in their cooperation. For those who have already concluded that I am insufferably naive in this metaphor --everyone, after all, knows that the differences between the two terrorist organizations are real and manifest (don't I read the experts who counsel the Government?)-- kindly consider this: Hamas/PLO cooperation can be just as injurious to Israel's survival where it is tacit and unintentional as where it is explicit and deliberate. Even if Hamas and PLO have very different agendas, and even if each terror group views the other as an authentic competitor, they may well recognize, openly or inadvertently, the overriding benefits of cooperation.

At the end of *The Firebugs*, in the closing moments of the play, as the sky reddens from fire, the all-too-familiar "professor," the *expert*, exclaims:

I can no longer be silent. Cognizant of the events now transpiring, whose evil nature must be readily apparent, the undersigned submits to the authorities the subsequent statement...(Amid the shrieking of sirens, he reads an involved statement, of which no one understands a word. Dogs howl. Bells ring. There is the scream of departing sirens and the crackling of flames. The Professor hands Biedermann a paper.) I disassociate myself!

There is a very important lesson here for

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MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

...Relations between Egypt and Libya have improved dramatically in recent months, as the Mubarak regime ignores U.S. warnings to stop coddling Moammar Khadafy. Mubarak is permitting goods such as aircraft parts to be smuggled from Egypt into Libya, in defiance of the U.N. sanctions that were imposed on Libya because of its role in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. Mubarak is also allowing Libyan agents to kidnap Libyan opposition figures from Egyptian soil. In turn, Libya has been granting exclusive business deals to an Egyptian criminal racket known as the Gang of Sons, whose leaders include two of Mubarak's sons...

...A new survey of Israeli government television and radio has documented what many critics have long maintained: there is a clear political bias against the Israeli right. The survey analyzed broadcasts of the Israeli radio morning talk show "This Morning" and the Israel Television nightly news program "Mabat" for the months of August, September, October. The results: 62% of those who were interviewed on "This Morning" were associated with the Labor Party or factions further to the left, while only 34% were identified with the nationalist opposition parties, and 4% were Palestinian Arabs; 53% of those interviewed on the television news were from the left, 25% from the right, and 21% were Arabs...

...Judith Sudilovsk, an American Jewish tourist who recently visited Jordan, has reported (in the weekly newspaper *Forward*) that despite Jordan's talk of "peace," she found Amman's souvenir shops still featuring items such as an olive-wood carving of a fist holding a bloody knife, "and between the fingers, red paint dripped down to where a map of Israel was covered with political slogans." Even in her meetings with the most moderate-sounding Jordanians, "Nobody ever said 'Israel'; the country across the Jordan was only referred to as Palestine." While relaxing at the home of a London-educated Jordanian intellectual, Sudilovsk was shocked when "suddenly, a 6 year-old grandson goose-stepped out onto the patio and bounded into his mother's lap. From it he stretched out his right arm in a Nazi salute and said, 'Heil Hitler!' The conversation continued without skipping a beat and the little boy curled up comfortably...Several days later, another daughter came to visit with her new baby son. She was lively and beautiful and smiled a lot. She came into the den, hugged her father and said 'Heil Hitler', too. Her father laughed brightly..." Sudilovsk returned from Amman "uneasy, divested of many of the illusions I had had about the Arab view of the peace talks..."

...Egyptian nuclear scientists who previously

participated in nuclear research projects in Iraq have been loaned to the Libyan government to work on a joint Libyan-Egyptian project, according to a report submitted to the Pentagon by senior Central Intelligence Agency officials based in the Middle East. The report also specifies other ways in which Egypt has been violating the United Nations embargo on Libya (imposed because of Libya's role in international terrorism), including arms sales. The Clinton administration has reportedly refrained from taking action for fear of harming American-Egyptian relations...

...Syria, not Libya or Iran, was responsible for the bombing of Pan Am 103, in which 270 Americans were murdered, according to a new British documentary. The film, "The Maltese Double Cross," contends that the bomb itself was constructed by an officer of the Syrian secret service. The Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command then arranged for it to be placed on a connecting flight by two Libyan agents...

...The newly-appointed head of the Syrian Air Force is Mohammed Khouly who, in his former position as head of Syrian Air Force Intelligence, was the mastermind of the 1986 attempt to blow up an El Al flight at London's Heathrow Airport. Two other Syrians who were involved in the 1986 plot and expelled from Great Britain have also been promoted to top positions, according to the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*...

...The PLO's Palestinian Authority has ignored all of Israel's requests for the extradition of Arab terrorists, reports Peace Watch, the nonpartisan monitoring group. While the PLO did hand over two criminals whose extradition Israel requested, it has ignored Israel's requests for the extradition of five terrorists. In response to one of the requests, the PLO's "Justice Minister," Freih Abu-Middian, asserted that the request did not have to be honored because the murders took place before the signing of the May 4, 1994 Cairo Agreement--but in fact, the agreement contains no such limitation, Peace Watch director Dan Polisar points out. The other four Israeli requests are for terrorists who carried out their attacks after the May 4 agreement...◇

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Israel. The Jewish State must cease immediately to arm the arsonists. The citizens of Israel should read immediately *The Firebugs*. This play should be required reading for *all* these citizens, and very, very soon.◇

Louis Rene Beres (Ph.D., Princeton, 1971) happens to be a professor, but is assuredly not an "expert." He was also born in Switzerland, in Zurich, hometown of the playwright Max Frisch.

Bayamim Hahem, Bazman Hazeh

AS IN THOSE DAYS, SO IN OUR TIME

Dr. Nily Shiryon

(Editor's note: the following are excerpts from the speech given by Dr. Shiryon at the Western Regional Conference of Americans For a Safe Israel, in San Francisco, on December 11, 1994)

Since it is important to learn from history in order to avoid repeating its mistakes, let's remind ourselves briefly of the situation facing the Maccabees, "bayamim hahem, bazman hazeh," in those days at this time.

According to the *Book of Maccabees*, the goal of the Syrian-Greeks was the creation of a unified and harmonious Middle East. As far as the Greeks were concerned, this goal could best be attained if all the different national groups in the area shared the same culture and beliefs. On the whole they managed quite well with this plan. The one obstacle to their goal was the Jews of Judea.

Actually, many Jews were quite willing to accept and assimilate into the Greek culture, and to acquire the new "regional identity." These assimilating Jews were known as Hellenists, and polls would have indicated that they comprised a considerable majority, supporting Greek acculturation of the region. Even the High Priest of the Temple in Jerusalem adopted a Greek name--Menelaus--and was a leader of the Hellenists and one of the extremists among them.

Those Jews who wanted to remain loyal to their faith and heritage felt helpless to fight this growing trend of Hellenism. Not only was pressure being applied from without, by the ruling superpower, but also from within, by the ruling majority--their own brothers, their own flesh and blood.

It shouldn't be difficult for *us* to imagine how this faithful minority must have felt. The Jewish leaders of the land, as well as a majority of their fellow Jews, were caught up in the euphoria of creating a new Middle East, basking in the glow of being "accepted" into the region's culture and customs, and rushing headlong to assimilate and identify with the peoples around them.

By contrast, the faithful were being demeaned and ridiculed as "narrow-minded fanatics," as "reactionaries," and "nationalists" who were not willing--nor even able--to see the light. It must have seemed like a massive flood engulfing a small remnant, huddling together, helpless to stem the flow. To this small minority it must have seemed clear that the all-encompassing Hellenistic takeover of Judea, its Jews, and their unique

faith and culture, was inevitable. There was nothing they could do to stop or prevent it. They knew that this would mean the end of Judaism, the end of their national identity. But as a minority it also seemed that they had neither choice nor say in the matter.

Yet precisely in these nightmarish, hopeless circumstances what *did* matter was the *personal* stand, the personal *choice*, and taken by that minority of minorities--the individual.

Thus Matityahu-Mattathias: when it came to a personal choice, between going with the tempting, assimilating flow, or resisting it, he took a stand. He did this in spite of all prudent considerations to the contrary; in spite of all the promises of material gains and personal advancement; and in spite of all the clear and present risks and dangers, to him and to his family.

Matityahu said: "No." He just said "No." And having said it, he proceeded to act upon it, clearly and unambiguously. And that is all it took: one man, one family, in one village, taking a stand and acting upon it. This is all it took to begin to turn the tide.

Because what Matityahu did showed others that something *could* be done. It rallied the scattered individuals of like spirit and conviction, uniting them into a larger group. And while, at first, the acts of rebellion had only a limited, local effect, as more and more individuals took heart and joined in, their actions grew in both scope *and* in impact. The true miracle of Chanukah was the single individual, Matityahu, who provided the light and the flame that galvanized the faithful remnants, and led to their victory.

To understand this miracle even better, we need to go back for a moment to Moses and the Israelites at the Red Sea. The Midrash tells us that the sea did not part for the Israelites until they entered its waters up to their noses. Going in up to your nose is the most a human being can do without drowning. And it was only when the Israelites did the most that *they* could do, that a miracle happened and the sea parted before them. But the parting of the sea was secondary to the more important and difficult miracle: the miracle of getting people to do their utmost. Because, you see, once people do the most that they can humanly do--the other miracles can't help but happen. So when the Maccabees and their followers *gave* their all and *did* their all, their victories and their achievements just *had* to happen.

How ironic that, of all holidays, Chanukah has become such a materialistic and utilitarian holiday. This holiday, which celebrates the hard-won right of the Jews to be unique and different, has become a thinly-disguised means to liken ourselves to the majority around us and *their* celebrations. Nor are the distortions of Chanukah limited to the Diaspora. Many Israeli Jews were not raised with traditional Jewish teachings... What was handed down to them were foreign ideologies and

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value systems. These ideologies essentially demanded the dismantling of the national identity, considered history irrelevant, and condemned heritage as "opiate to the people"...Is it any wonder, then, that under these circumstances, with no real sense of who they are and where they are, an author like Amos Elon, or a high-ranking Israeli diplomat speaking in this area some years ago, can casually speak of the Land of Israel as "a piece of real estate"? And another, well-known author Amos Oz, can stand here in San Francisco and proclaim: "I prefer to speak of a State of Jews, rather than a Jewish State!" Think about this for a moment. If Israel is just another piece of real estate, and our goal

The answer given by Simon the Just to Antiochus VII Sidetes' demand for return of liberated lands to Syrian control (Maccabees I):

"We have neither taken other men's land, nor have we possession of that which appertaineth to others, but of the inheritance of our fathers; howbeit, it was had in possession of our enemies wrongfully for a certain time. But we, having opportunity, hold fast the inheritance of our fathers."

is to have a state of Jews, then why Israel? Why not Birobidzhan--which according to Russia is still available--or Uganda--which may now be somewhat less available. Or California, or New York, with all its Jews? Or one of the lesser-populated Midwestern states?

But the problem is not only the lack of knowledge and understanding of one's history and heritage. It is the compounding of these by lacking the sense of connectedness, of belonging, of being an integral link in a continuous family chain of 4,000 years. And so, just as in those days of the Maccabees, the Jews of Judea were easily enticed to abandon their own, national identity in exchange for perceived utilitarian benefits, so now in our time, Jews in Israel are willing to be enticed to trade and deal almost anything, for a slew of promised utilitarian benefits. A situation is created whereby a search for peace is turned into a kind of horse-trading, in which everything is up for grabs, as long as the price is right; in which it becomes simply a matter of trading some of our real estate for promises of a new, blooming Middle East in which Israel will be the Singapore of the Mediterranean. And it doesn't matter if that piece of real estate just happens to be the heart and heartland of the nation, and the homeland of its people. Because today it is the sovereign Jewish state itself which gives credence to one of the basest of anti-Semitic canards: that a Jew will sell his mother

for money. Certainly his motherland! The People of the Book have become the People of the Pocketbook.

David Ben-Gurion did not stoop so low. Let me convey to you his stand, in his own words:

No Jew has the right to relinquish the rights of the Jewish Nation in the Land of Israel. No Jew has the authority to do so. No Jewish body has such authority. Even the whole Jewish people --alive today--has no authority to relinquish any part whatsoever of the Land. This is the right of the Jewish Nation in all its generations, a right which may not be forfeited under any condition. Even if there would be, at some time, those who would announce that they give up this right, they have neither the power nor the authority to deprive future generations of this right. The Jewish Nation is neither obligated nor bound by any such relinquishment. Our right to this Land --to this entire Land--is valid and enduring forever, and until the full and complete redemption is carried out, we shall not budge from this historic right!

(From Ben-Gurion's speech at the 21st Zionist Congress, in Basle, 1937)

More and more Israelis are realizing that this one-sided experiment in peace is failing, and it is finally becoming clear to them that the terrorists are not out to kill the peace but to kill the people.

But if this is so, then where, you may rightly ask, are all these people? Why don't we hear their protests? These people are in a state of confusion and depression. There has been a constant undermining of their confidence and trust, of their judgment and resistance. In times of trouble and despair our people have always resorted to drawing strength and hope from both past events and the inner faith and conviction of the present. Today's Jews, in Israel and elsewhere, who were deprived of their connection to their past and of a strong and healthy Jewish identity, lack these resources. They feel helpless and hopeless; they feel captives of what they now perceive as inevitable events and developments beyond their control. They do not even feel they have the strength to protest, to say "No," to just say "No."

We are all that remains, for the job that is to be done. I ask you to put all your strength, your caring, your concern, into one major effort: Let my people know!

Let my people know the reality that is being distorted and the truth that is being withheld.

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RABIN AND SUN-TZU

George Rubin

The Arabs are using the tactics of an ancient Chinese warlord, the oriental equivalent of the Prussian military strategist, von Clausewitz, to defeat Israel without the necessity of going to war. Sun-Tzu, the early 4th century BCE military tactician wrote extensively on the art and science of warfare. One of his cardinal precepts is "the supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting." Using his strategy, and with the complicity of Yitzhak Rabin, the Arabs are well on their way to achieving their objective.

Rabin is only doing what comes naturally. As a product of the Marxist Labor Zionist movement, Rabin was indoctrinated from childhood with the cosmopolitan, anti-national, anti-religious values which motivate him now. Rabin has little or no feelings for the land essential for the defense of Israel, or for the historic Jewish homeland of Judea and Samaria, Jericho, Hebron or even for Jerusalem or the holiest Jewish shrine, the Temple Mount, which he has given to King Hussein--the equivalent of Catholics giving away the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica. It is not surprising that Rabin is stripping away the historic and religious heritage of the Jewish people and thereby spiritually destroying them. To Rabin, and many of those in his Labor-Meretz coalition, the Jewish land and shrines he is giving away have as much value as shopping centers and basketball courts.

Rabin's foreign minister, Shimon Peres, wants to build a new Middle East order with merged Arab and Jewish cultures. Peres, like Rabin, is a lifelong Labor Zionist apparatchik. Both, in their cosmopolitan socialist heart of hearts, do not really believe that the Jewish people have a right to their own historic homeland. Rabin's secular, anti-national beliefs dovetail with the

efforts of the Arabs to bring a victorious, militarily stronger Israel to its knees without the necessity of going to war.

Rabin's ultimate objectives were revealed in articles in the *Jerusalem Post* of December 18, 1993 (written by Steve Rodan) and in the *Forward* of January 14, 1994 (written by Hillel Halkin). Both of these articles resulted from a series of leaks by highly-placed Israeli government officials who felt helpless to oppose their own government's secret concessions that went far beyond publicly announced positions and the Oslo Agreement. Although Rodan's revelations were categorically denied by Shimon Peres' Foreign Ministry, it is significant that the Ministry immediately cancelled 1,100 daily copies of the *Jerusalem Post* that had been sent to Israel's diplomats around the world for many years. The secret plans, Rodan wrote, called for Israel to withdraw to the 1967 borders, turn over to the Palestine Arabs east Jerusalem and internationalize the Old City, with the Jewish Quarter becoming a "canton." Although the *Forward's* Hillel Halkin reserved judgment on the veracity of the leaks, taken together with those in the *Jerusalem Post*, and in light of subsequent developments, they appear to be authentic.

Even within its present borders, Israel has critical shortages of water, arable land and space for army and air force bases and military exercises. With insufficient land for immigrants and an expanding population, Israel would inevitably become one of the most densely-populated areas on earth--much of it paved over with asphalt, concrete and high-rise buildings--a tiny coastal strip impossible to defend and unbearable to live in. Water would have to come from desalination and recycled sewage water.

Napoleon said that a nation's borders are marked by the graves of its soldiers. Obviously, Yitzhak Rabin would not agree. The land he is giving away belongs to Israel not only legally and historically, but also by right of conquest and by the blood of the 18,000 men and women of the IDF who have died since 1948

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From Sun-Tzu's *The Art of War*

Toward the end of the Ch'in dynasty, Mo Tun of the Hsiong Nu first established his power. The Eastern Hu were strong and sent ambassadors to parley. They said: 'We wish to obtain T'ou Ma's thousand-li horse.' Mo Tun consulted his advisers, who all exclaimed: 'The thousand-li horse! Mo Tun replied: 'Why begrudge a horse to a neighbour?' So he sent the horse.

Shortly after, the Eastern Hu sent envoys who said: 'We wish one of the Khan's princesses.' Mo Tun asked advice of his ministers who angrily said: 'The Eastern Hu are unrighteous! Now they

even ask for a princess! We implore you to attack them! Mo Tun said: 'How can one begrudge his neighbour a young woman?' So he gave the woman.

A short time later, the Eastern Hu returned and said: 'You have a thousand li of unused land which we want.' Mo Tun consulted his advisers. Some said it would be reasonable to cede the land, others that it would not. Mo Tun was enraged and said: 'Land is the foundation of the State. How could one give it away?' All those who had advised doing so were beheaded.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EXTREMISTS

...**Joseph Genosar**, formerly of the Israeli Security Services (the Shin Bet), has been touring the U.S. on behalf of the Rabin government. In a recent appearance in San Francisco, Genosar was asked about the PLO's reliability in view of its record of terrorism and broken promises. "I couldn't care less what terrorist activities they were involved with yesterday," he declared. Genosar did not explain whether he cares about the terrorist attacks carried out by PLO members during the fifteen months since the White House signing. Genosar's U.S. tour was sponsored by the Israel Policy Forum, a Labor Party affiliate headed by **Jonathan Jacoby**, a veteran radical who was previously active in New Jewish Agenda and Americans For Peace Now...

...The Israeli Ministry of Education is planning to revise traditional Holocaust curricula in order to incorporate the history of the Armenians and the Gypsies. Ministry official **David Gordon** says that "we must cope with our people's horrible experiences through universalist spectacles"...

...The Association for Civil Rights in Israel has yet to express any interest in the numerous irregularities and legal questions surrounding the case of Yona Avrushmi, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1983 for throwing the grenade that killed Peace Now demonstrator Emil Grunzweig. Avrushmi continues to maintain his innocence. Avrushmi was recently denied the customary reduction of sentence that prisoners--including Arab terrorists--typically receive after serving their first ten years in jail. Peace Now spokeswoman **Vered Livne** opposed the reduction on the grounds that "Someone who committed murder should serve the full term in prison," and said that the Avrushmi case was "even more grave because it was premeditated and in cold blood." Peace Now has never invoked that principle with regard to Arabs who have had their sentences reduced despite having committed premeditated murder in cold blood...

...Controversy erupted at the Arizona State University in December, when the daily student newspaper, the *State Press*, published a vicious anti-Israel article by one of its editors, **Mary Leigh Summerton**. She claimed to have seen Orthodox Jews at Jerusalem's Western Wall stone to death a paraplegic because the man was using his electric wheelchair on the Sabbath. Summerton soon admitted that the story was fabricated. It turned out that Summerton's story was an embellished version of a distorted anecdote that had been circulated in Israel by **Anat Hoffman**, a leader of the radical-left "Women in Black" group. Ironically, the only reason Summerton ever met Hoffman

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was because Summerton was part of a tour group brought to Israel by the Anti-Defamation League. For some reason, a meeting with Hoffman was included on the group's itinerary...

...Some Jewish bookstores (including the bookshop in New York's Jewish Museum) are selling *Introducing the Holocaust*, by **Haim Bresheeth** and **Stuart Hood**, which compares Israel to Nazi Germany. The book is one in a series, by Totem Books, which introduces complex subjects through evocative graphics and simplistic dialogue--a sort of semi-comic book. The final chapter in *Introducing the Holocaust* declares that in Israel today, "victim has become executioner," because Israel treats the Arabs according to "ideas, practices and policies which resemble those found in Germany in the 1930s"...

AS IN THOSE DAYS

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Let my people know that no "regional identity" can compare to the proud national identity that is theirs.

Let my people know who they are, to whom they belong, and what belongs to them.

Let my people know that if we have no claim to Hebron, Jericho, Beit-El and Shechem, then we certainly have no claim to Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Netanya or Haifa--and even not Jerusalem.

Let my people know that no one has a claim to the Land of Israel which can compare to the claim of the Jewish people. And let them know why.

Let my people know that the Land of Israel was never without the People of Israel, not since the first return, the return from Egypt, over three millenia ago.

Let my people know that over three-fourths of the Land of Israel, which was called Palestine, was torn away and made into a Palestinian state, and given the name "Jordan."

Let my people know that no Jew, nor any Jewish body, nor even the whole Jewish people, have the

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right to relinquish *any* part of our land, which was handed down to us by all the generations before us and belongs to us, to our children and grandchildren, and to all the generations of Jews yet to come.

Let my people know that what they *don't* know, can and will hurt them.

And *let my people also know* that titles such as Doctor, Professor, or even Rabbi or Government Minister do not guarantee the *relevant* knowledge, because intelligence becomes a cover for ignorance.

And especially *let my young people know*, because they are the most deprived and they are the most vulnerable. They will *never* be our future if we do not connect them to their past.

But most of all, *let my people know* that they urgently need to inform themselves, and then to inform others. It is the most vital and important thing to do right now. And it is also the most possible thing to do right now. Its impact is immeasurable. *You* are the one Shammash that lights the many other candles. Yet, unlike the Chanukah candles, which may *not* be used to light others, the candles that *you* light will each

become a new Shammash to other candles, and so on and so on, until the flames will spread like wildfire.

And whatever the immediate impact of informing yourselves and informing others may be, its future effects and far-reaching ramifications will play a major role in the events and changes yet to come.

It's been said that "tough times never last but tough people do." But even tough people, when faced with overwhelming challenges, may tire, may become frustrated, and may even despair. This is the time to draw on our great past and on our inner conviction, the same conviction which strengthened the hearts of the Israelites who went into the waters of the Red Sea up to their noses, and the same conviction which fueled the Maccabees. And the same conviction that spurred the Ba'al Shem Tov to declare that "forgetting leads to exile, while remembering is the secret of redemption." For as Rabbi Shlomo Chassid said: "The worst thing that one can do to Jews is to make them forget that they are descendants of kings."

And yet there may be moments where some doubts begin to gnaw: "Is it possible that everyone else is wrong? The nations of the world, the media, the United States, the leaders of the American Jewish community, friends and family, and--what is worse--Israelis themselves, and even the *Government* of Israel? Can they all be wrong and we alone are right?"

Ahad Ha'am, the great thinker and writer of the turn of the century, raised this very question a hundred years ago. But to him the answer was clear: Yes, we *are* right, even vis-a-vis the entire world. And he could prove it--he could prove that, despite what everyone says or believes, *you can* be the only one who is right: Do you recall the blood libels? The whole world knew with certainty that Jews use the blood of Christian children to bake Passover matzohs. Is there anything more absurd than this? Is there anything more impossible? Yet the whole world knew it and kept repeating it. Could they all have been wrong, while we alone were right? Think about it--and then *Let my people know.*◊

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A QUESTION OF CREDIBILITY

Ruth King

Behind closed doors, in conspiratorial whispers, many leaders of Jewish organizations express their concerns about the "peace process." These people know that it is a suicidal venture. However, in public--for the media, for organizational meetings, for "access" to politicians--they pretend to support the plan they privately denounce. Why the sham? In the same hushed tones, the behind-the-scenes critics answer that they do not wish to lose their credibility.

But credibility is defined as the state of being credible, trustworthy, honest. How does dissembling

and pretending increase one's credibility?

Certainly, there are those who never criticize the government of Israel, regardless of its policies or the party in power. There are others who really believe the utopian fantasies of Peres, Eban and Beilin. The latter may be wrong--this writer is absolutely certain they are wrong--but they have credibility.

On the other hand, those who claim to be Zionists, who make much of national rights and strategic necessities, who have a clear-headed understanding of Israel's enemies and their murderous goals, and who still pose publicly as supporters of the "peace process" lack both moral stature and credibility.

What they do have is what the dictionary defines as a credibility gap, "the inability to have one's statements accepted as factual or one's professed motives accepted as the true ones."◇

FROM THE EDITOR

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one hundred Jewish leaders were invited to the White House and told that it was "too early" to discuss the issue. The message was delivered by Martin Indyk of the National Security Council (and ambassador-designate to Israel) and Dennis Ross of the State Department. It should be recalled that Dennis Ross was recycled by Clinton--with the encouragement of AIPAC president Steve Grossman--even though his behavior as a Jewish lackey for James Baker persuaded many of us to vote for Clinton in 1992.

Mr. Indyk accused Emanuel Winston (a member of Americans For a Safe Israel) and Frank Gaffney,

director of the Center for Security Policy, of stimulating premature and untimely discussion about the idea of stationing U.S. troops on the Golan Heights.

Mr. Ross described how there are "four legs to an agreement between Syria and Israel": the contents of peace; the contents of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan; security arrangements; and a timetable for all of these.

The foregoing proves that the Clinton administration is reluctant to permit any examination of its policy. It proves also that Dennis Ross will always peddle his status as a court Jew to serve any master. But, going along with his lowbrow metaphor, he's right about the "four legs of the peace process" which will be used to walk all over Israel.◇

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THE MEMORIAL THAT NEVER WAS

Government-sponsored memorial services for Israeli soldiers who fell in battle are held each year in Israel, usually at sites in proximity to the original battles. For example, the soldiers of the 7th Brigade, who were killed on the Golan Heights during the 1973 war, are commemorated annually in a government ceremony.

But not in 1994.

The notice which appears to the right, which the government placed in Israeli newspapers on October 7, 1994, announced that no service would be held this year for the fallen of the 7th Brigade. It offered no explanation for the cancellation.

Could it be that the Rabin government is attempting to erase the memory of the price paid in Israeli blood on the Golan, by the soldiers who prevented Syrian tanks from overrunning northern Israel?

One Minute to Midnight
Dr. Irving Moskowitz

EXTRADITION MUST BE A TWO-WAY STREET

The PLO is demanding that Israel extradite the Arabs suspected of an attack on a member of Yasser Arafat's Fatah wing of the PLO. This provides an ideal opportunity for Israel to insist that the PLO stop ignoring Israel's many requests for the extradition of Arab terrorists who have murdered Israelis.

The PLO's demand centers around the case of Ibrahim Amru, a member of Fatah, who was jailed some time ago for murdering a fellow-Arab in the village of Dura, near Hebron. After a brief period of incarceration, Amru was set free by the Rabin government as a gesture to Arafat.

That may seem surprising to those who remember Rabin's promise that he would never release terrorists "with blood on their hands." Later, Rabin quietly changed his promise to refer only to those "with Israeli blood on their hands"--so that those Arab terrorists who murdered non-Israelis could be released. This was a significant difference from the PLO's viewpoint, since there are so many PLO members in Israeli prisons for having murdered fellow-Arabs. (Imagine the protests that would erupt if a rightwing Israeli leader had proposed jailing murderers who killed Israelis but releasing those who killed Arabs.)

Well, friends or relatives of Amru's victim struck back in December, wounding Amru and killing his wife, and the PLO wants Israel to hand over the attackers.

This is the time for Israel and the U.S. to remind the PLO that Israel has been waiting for more than four months for the PLO to respond to its request

for the extradition of Raja Abu-Sita and Amar Abu-Sita, Gaza residents who murdered an Israeli farmer, Uri Megidish, in 1993.

As a matter of principle, extradition cannot be a one-way street. And as a matter of practical politics when dealing with the PLO, Israel must make it clear that if the PLO violates the Israel-PLO agreement (and extradition of terrorists is one of the requirements contained in the accords), Israel is no longer bound by the terms of the agreement. That's the nature of a contract or a treaty: if one side violates it, the other side is freed from its obligations to observe it. The Israeli public would never agree that the PLO should be permitted to trample upon the agreement, while Israel stands idly by. The extradition controversy should serve as a test case of the viability of the entire Israel-PLO deal.◊

RABIN AND SUN-TZU

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(2,977 on the Golan Heights alone) in wars caused by Arab aggression. Rarely in history has a national leader displayed such a cavalier attitude toward the sacrifices of his nation's fighting men or been so disdainful of the lives of his own citizens.

If the Israeli people do not take back their nation very soon from a man kept in power by lies, Arab votes and the bribed Shas Party, it seems inevitable that the Arabs will succeed in defeating Israel, by using the strategy of an ancient Chinese warlord. They will do so with the collaboration of Yitzhak Rabin--a man seemingly devoid of honor, self-respect, compassion and common sense.◊

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