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Young's remarks on Arab-Jewish feelings were made in a closed-door meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on March 30. Libya complained about the remarks at a U.N. Security Council meeting on Tuesday.

Spokesmen for Young declined to release . the remarks on grounds they were made off the record. But Richard Cohen, press spokesman for the Jewish organization, said he took notes which showed Young said:

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Young, America's first black ambassador to the United Nations, was asked in an Associated Press interview Thursday if he thought the government of South Africa was illegitimate. "Yeah," he responded.

South African Freign Minister R.F. Botha summoned U.S. Ambassador William Bowdler to ask about Young's remark.

The U.S. State Department then informed South Africa the remark did not reflect official U.S. policy. Spokesman Hodding Carter III said that although the United States does not agree with "a number of practices of South Africa, it is incorrect to say that the government of South Africa is illegitimate."

Jose M. Chaves, Grenada's U.N. ambassador, came to Young's defense Friday night, saying "Ambassador Young represents the best tradition and the generous spirit of American democracy andthe United States. His utterances must be taken in

NEW-YORK TIMES, April 17 Arabs Express Surprise At Statement by Young

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 16 (AP) -Twenty Arab delegations have ex-pressed surprise to Andrew Young, the chief United States representative at the United Nations, over a statement by him that Arab hatred of Jews reminded him of Ku Klux Klan hatred of blacks.

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20 April 1977

H.E. Mr. Andrew Young Permanent Representative to the United Nations United States Mission to the United Nations 799 United Nations Plaza New York, New York 10017

Dear Ambassador Young:

We have learned from press reports of a letter to you from Amin Helmy, United Nations observer for the League of Arab States, that the Arab League considers Judaism a "sacred religion." For this reason, according to the same report, you could not have had the experience of encountering Arab hatred in the Middle East, which you recounted in your eloquent and moving address to the Conference of Presidents on 30 March.

It would appear, however, that this theological concept is of quite recent origin. If Judaism was a "sacred religion," why were Jews prohibited from worshipping at the Western Wall from 1948, when the Old City of Jerusalem fell into Arab hands, until the unity of Jerusalem was restored by Israel in 1967? Why were the other Jewish holy places in Jerusalem desecrated — tombstones of the sages razed to serve as toilets? And if Judaism is so dear to Moslems, why did more than 500,000 Jews living in Moslem lands flee as refugees to Israel as soon as a Jewish state was proclaimed?

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Rabid anti-Semitic themes are commonly found in Arab textbooks for schools and in the indoctrination literature used by Arab military forces. Indeed, religious anti-Semitism has become an Arab weapon in the war against Israel. I quote from the 1968 Conference of the Academy of Islamic Research in Cairo, where Muhammed Azzah Darwaza, in a paper entitled "The Attitude of the Jews Toward Islam, Muslims and the Prophet of Islam R.B.U.H. (Peace Be Upon Him) at the Time of His Honorable Prophethood," declared: "It is incumbent on the Muslims to strain every nerve and make all efforts in order to be well-equipped by all means to fight the Jews. The Muslims should corner the Jews without feeling exhausted or tired as Allah enjoins upon them."

The hatred that struck terror into your heart, Mr. Ambassador, was real. The evidence you heard is supported by the public statements of Arab leaders, the Arabs' enormous distribution of anti-Jewish propaganda, the experience of half a million Jews who fled Arab rule and the refusal of Arab governments to acknowledge the right of the Jewish people to live in a Jewish state on the soil of the ancient Jewish homeland.

The world awaits a sign that the Arab world is prepared to live in peace with the Jewish religion and those who believe in it. Indeed, President Sadat of Egypt, in an address to the Arab-African conference in Cairo only last month, stressed "the link between the Palestinian nationalist movement and the Black Nationalist movements of Rhodesia, South Africa and Namibia." He drew a "comparison between so-called front-line Arab states around Israel and the African front-line states around Rhodesia." He called for the "political and economic isolation of Israel, South Africa and Rhodesia." (New York Times, March 8, 1977).

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Yours respectfully,

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Chairman

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cc: Ambassador James Leonard

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 1990 FROM: Rabbi Alexander Schindler TO: Eleanor Schwartz

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With warm good wishes.

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With warm good wishes.

April 11, 1990 16 Nisan 5750

Rabbi Charles D. Lippman 235 West 75th Street Apt. 4Q New York, NY 10023

Dear Chuck:

I am delighted to hear of your appointment.

Sisterhood does have NGO status; the Union itself does not.

The World Union also has a connecting link. Precisely what it is I do not know.

Accordingly, I am going to send a copy of your letter to Sisterhood as well as to WUPJ and I am sure that they will get in touch with you.

I reciprocate your good wishes for a sweet Pesach.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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April 4, 1990

Rabbi Alexander Schindler President, UAHC 838 Fifth Avenue New York City 10021

Dear Alex,

It goes without saying that I hope all is well and healthy with you.

I am writing to tell you that I have been appointed the NGO representative to the UN from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the parent body of the Jewish Peace Fellowship. I previously served them in this capacity for a couple of years in the mid-70s. My emphasis is to be the Committees on Disarmament and Human Rights, but I have the freedom to wander.

I don't know if the Union or the World Union have similar representatives. If they do, I would like to be put in touch with them. In any case, within the context of my obligation to the F.O.R., I would be more than happy to support appropriate Reform and Progressive stands. Please let me know if there is anything you think I should know.

I'm sending a copy of this letter to David Saperstein with the same offer.

All my best to you.

Yours,

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Contact: Richard Cohen 879-4504 or 988-8042

For Immediate Release

The assertion by 20 Arab delegations to the United Nations in a letter to Ambassador Andrew Young that Arabs "consider Judaism a sacred religion" has been assailed as "deceit" and "hypocrisy" by the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"If Judaism was a 'sacred religion, " Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler asked, "why were Jews prohibited from worshipping at the Western Wall from 1948, when the Old City of Jerusalem fell into Arab hands, until the unity of Jerusalem was restored by Israel in 1967?

"Why were the other Jewish holy places in Jerusalem desecrated -- tombstones of the sages razed to serve as toilets?

"And if Judaism is so dear to Moslems, why did more than 500,000 Jews living in Moslem lands flee as refugees to Israel as soon as a Jewish state was proclaimed?"

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler released the text of a letter he sent this week to Andrew Young, chief U.S. representative at the United Nations, commenting on a public letter to Mr. Young from Amin Helmy II, UN observer for the League of Arab States.

Mr. Helmy had taken issue with a statement by Mr. Young, in an address to the Conference of Presidents on March 30, that he had encountered Arab hatred in visiting the Middle East in 1966.

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In challenging the Arab spokesman's statement, Rabbi Schindler wrote to Mr. Young:

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"The evidence you heard is supported by the public statements of Arab leaders, the Arabs' enormous distribution of anti-Jewish propaganda, the experience of half a million Jews who fled Arab rule and the refusal of Arab governments to acknowledge the right of the Jewish people to live in a Jewish state on the soil of the ancient Jewish homeland.

"The Arab League's current efforts to distinguish between Judaism and Zionism recall the hypocrisy of those who love humanity but hate people. It is deceit -- and it is dangerous. But it will not delude the American people into believing that Israel's Arab neighbors are ready to live in peace with a Jewish state any more than you were when you experienced the kind of Arab hatred that you told us about in your address on 30 March."

Mr. Young's address to the Conference of Presidents was off the record but a spokesman for the Jewish organization said his notes showed Mr. Young had said:

"I had seen hatred by people with Klu Klux Klan mentality based on ignorance in the United States. But in Jordan I had my first experience of hatred on the part of intellectuals. It brought terror to my heart.

"I understood Israel's need for military support. I understood why Israel had to be strong and secure to cope with the hatred of its neighbors."

The Arab League spokesman said he considered the matter closed in view of "clarifications" Mr. Young gave Ambassador Ali Humaidan of the United Arab Emirates.

In commenting on the Arab states' letter, Rabbi Schindler cited the "massive distribution in the Muslim world of the infamous anti-Semitic forgery known as the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion.'" He declared: "The amount and vehemence of anti-Jewish literature in Arabic has no parallel in the post-World War II era; most of it emanates from official publishing houses and government agencies.

"Anti-Jewish hatred -- the kind that you experienced in Jordan," he wrote to Mr. Young, "does not originate at the fringes of Arab society but rather at the center."

18 April 1977

TELEGRAM

The Honorable Andrew Young Permanent United States Representative to the United Nations United States Mission to the United Nations 799 United Nations Plaza New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Young:

All of us in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations were deeply moved by press reports of your eloquent address at the Memorial Service in Atlanta yesterday for Jewish victims of the Nazi Holocaust. We take heart from your words of understanding, which recognize that just as all humanity is one, so do human rights affect everyone. You have seen clearly that the issue of human rights cannot be regarded merely as the internal affair of any one nation and in your characteristically honest and open way you have impressed that understanding on all within the sound of your voice, and beyond, we join you in the vow that all people everywhere shall make sure that there will be no more Holocausts anywhere for any people in our lifetime.

Respectfully,

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

cc: Stuart Eizenstat Robert Lipshutz Ambassador James Leonard TELEGRAM

President Jimmy Carter The White House Washington, D.C. 20500 cc: Stuart Eizenstat) The White House Robert Lipshutz) H.E. Andrew Young-UN Mission 799 UN Plaza NYC 10017

Dear Mr. President:

I am sending this message to express our strong support for the honest and eloquent American you have chosen as our country's Ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young. Mr. Young is that rarity, a man with the courage of his convictions, a public servant speaking truth as he sees it, who dares to say the emperor has no clothes. Andrew Young understands that the diplomatic box needs rattling and that the practitioners of polite private diplomacy have brought forth not peace but a balance of terror, not human dignity but in far too many cases a license for oppression.

We do not endorse every utterance of Andy Young, but we deeply hope that the criticism which has been expressed in some quarters over his openness and candor will not silence him. Our country needs him and what he stands for.

Respectfully,

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

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22 April 1977

TO: ALL MEMBERS ASSOCIATED IN THE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

FROM: Yehuda Hellman, Executive Director

Following our meeting with Andrew Young on March 30, twenty Arab delegations expressed surprise to the Ambassador over his comments that the hatred of Jews on the part of Arab intellectuals whom he had met in Jordan reminded him of Ku Klux Klan hatred of Blacks. In their letter to him, the group said "all the Arabs differentiate between Zionism and Judaism. We consider Judaism a sacred religion as Islam and Christianity." (New York Times, April 17, 1977).

Enclosed please find, for your interest, Rabbi Schindler's letter to Ambassador Young in response to the Arab League's protestations of esteem for the Jewish religion.

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Yours respectfully, (signed) RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER CHAIRMAN E - hold in AMSfile

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Mr. Marshall D. Butler 93 Cutter Mill Road Great Neck, New York 11021

Dear Mr. Butler:

I am writing in reply to your letter of April 29th to Mr. Burton M. Joseph, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, concerning the talk delivered to the Conference of Presidents by Ambassador Andrew Young.

Please be assured that our press officer, Mr. Richard Cohen, had full permission from Ambassador Young's office to make available to the press his notes of the Ambassador's remarks. Afterwards, as a double check, Mr. Cohen went over his notes with Ambassador Young's personal assistant for press relations, Mr. Stoney Cooks. Mr. Cooks gave Mr. Cohen permission to make his notes available to the press.

In addition, Ambassador Young himself gave permission to Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, who conducts a daily radio program over WEVD in New York, to tape his talk and broadcast it. Dr. Shapiro did tape the talk and broadcast excerpts from it on his program that evening.

I hope these facts will clarify the matter for you. We have full confidence in Mr. Cohen's abilities and integrity. " And we have had no complaint or any word from the Ambassador or his office about this matter.

Sincerely,

Yéhuda Hellman Executive Director

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Burton M. Joseph cc: Benjamin R. Epstein bcc: Richard Cohen Abraham Foxman Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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Mr. Yehuda Hellman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Ave. New York, NY 10022

Dear Yehuda:

The enclosed letter from Marshall Butler addressed to our National Chairman, Burton Joseph, deserves some reply. I would appreciate it if you would answer him directly, or through us.

With warm personal regards,

sincerely yours,

Abraham H. Foxman

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cc: Burton M. Joseph Benjamin R. Epstein

MARSHALL D. BUTLER

April 26, 1977

Mr. Burton Joseph A.D.L. 315 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Joseph:

I am enclosing a copy of a small article from the April 24th Jewish Week. I am writing to you about it since you are the ADL's representative to the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

My question is that why Richard Cohen, the press officer of the Presidents Conference, made notes available of off the record remarks of Andrew Young? It would seem to me that Mr. Cohen was irresponsible, and that if I were a public officer, I would certainly never speak off the record to the Conference of Major Jewish Organizations as long as Mr. Richard Cohen was connected with the Organization, since he feels that he has the responsibility to make the decision as to whether remarks are on or off the record.

I would like very much for you to discuss this with the proper people at the Conference, and let me know what action was taken.

Sincerely,

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Arabs protest Young remark on West Bank

Ambassador Andrew Young, head of the American delegation to the United Nations, has had to "explain" yet another of his off-the-cuff undiplomatic statements, this time to twenty Arab delegations to the world organization.

The Arabs had protested Young's remarks before a closed meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations on March 30. Spokesmen for Young refused to release his remarks because they were off the record, but the press officer of the Presidents Conference, Richard Cohen, made his notes available. These showed that Young said.

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Ali Humaidan of the United Arab Emirates. Helmy said that Young excused himself to Humaidan, saying he was "new, he was ignorant, he was learning." The Arab group considered the matter closed, Helmy said.

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Since it began operations in 1963, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, established by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, has allocated some \$17,300,000 for a variety of cultural programs in more than 25 countries

throughout the world. These programs included doctoral scholarships to prepare future scholars and teachers, fellowships to aid and encourage research scholars, writers and artists, support for special training programs for rabbis, educators and Jewish communal workers, grants for research and publication, support for Jewish education of university students and allocations for programs to document and commemorate the Holocaust.

ties with Israel; Portugal ready

(JTA) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko told Cyrus Vance that the Kremlin is planning no change in its no-relations policy towards Israel. Gromyko made the comment in response to a direct question from the U.S. Secretary of State recently — and it was reported to the Israeli Cabinet this week by Prof. Shlomo-Avineri, Director-General of the Foreign Minis-

try. The report followed a proposal by Health Minister Victor Shemtov that Israel approach the Soviets and offer to restore ties.

shimon Peres seemed to be making a similar proposal in a newspaper interview last Friday —

but he said nothing at the Cabinet meeting. The United States State Department has

The Onited States out explained of a picked up "several significant indications of a gradual Soviet movement" in the direction of an early resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel, according to the Jerusalem Post. Quoting American sources in Washington, the paper says that the State Department thinks relations could be restored by this summer, before the proposed reconvening of the Middle East peace parley in

Geneva. Meanwhile, it was announced in Jerusalem that Ephraim Eldar, the country's counsel in Lisbon, would be named Israel's first ambassador to Portugal following the joint announcement in Amsterdam by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares that diplomatic relations had been agreed

upon. The announcement came at a meeting of world Socialist leaders in Holland. Allon also met there with India's Minister of Communications, Georges Fernandez, India's first representative to the Socialist group, and was told that the sub-continent would "reexamine its relations with Israel in a few weeks."

India does not recognize Israel and both Jawaharlal Nehru, its first Prime Minister, and Indira Gandhi, his daughter and recent head of Government, were hostile to the Jewish state. Israel does have a consulate in Bombay which maintains a low profile.

Taiwan believed buyer of Israel missiles

The Chinese Nationalist Government in Taiwan has secretly purchased Gabriel surface-to-surface missiles from Israel. These weapons, designed and built in Israel, are, acording to a report in the New York Times, already being installed in three Nationalist

destroyers. The Gabriel missile has a range of about two miles.



THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

March 7, 1977

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Thank you for your letter, and the book which was received under seperate cover. I have not had the opportunity to read it yet, but look forward to doing so. I would be interested in meeting with the leaders of the American Jewish community and the Major American Jewish Organizations' leadership. I appreciate the offer greatly, and will keep it in mind as I confront the responsibilities and challenges of the Ambassadorship.

Thanks too, for your kind remarks and for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely, Andrew Young

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January 19, 1977

Ambassador-Designate Andrew Young U.S. Mission to the United Nations 777 United Nations Plaza New York, New York 10017

My Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you so much for seeing me during this very hectic period in your life. I am grateful for your consideration and appreciate your having taken the time to meet with me. Needless to note, I look forward to working with you during the months and years ahead. As your predecessors will be able to tell you, the association between the Ambassador of the United States to the United Nations and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations is a long-standing one and has been most helpful. I am confident that this will continue under your term of service.

As you suggested, we will be in contact with Kate Jackson to arrange for a mutually agreeable date. We look forward to having you meet with the members of the Presidents' Conference.

With repeated thanks for your kindness and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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DR. ELY E. PILCHIK, RABBI

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May 4, 1977

Rabbi Alexnader M. Schindler President Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

I received this morning the copy of your letter to AndrewYoung. It is absolutely magnificent. Its conciseness and its factual weight really makes it a gem.

The question is, is this not worthy of a reproduction of a half page ad in the Sunday news of the week - the New York Times?

Love to Rhea,

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PHILIP M. MEYERS RIDGE ACRES PARM 230 W. GALBRAITH RD. CINCINNATI, 15

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May 5, 1977

Dear Alex:

I have just finished reading the copy of your letter dated April 20th to Mr. Andrew Young, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and I had to immediately send you this note of commendation for the excellence of your letter and for the promptness with which you acted in sending that letter to Ambassador Young.

With kind regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Til Meyer

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 5th Avenue New York, New York 10021

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Cable Address: COJOGRA

22 April 1977

TO: ALL MEMBERS ASSOCIATED IN THE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

FROM: Yehuda Hellman, Executive Director

Following our meeting with Andrew Young on March 30, twenty Arab delegations expressed surprise to the Ambassador over his comments that the hatred of Jews on the part of Arab intellectuals whom he had met in Jordan reminded him of Ku Klux Klan hatred of Blacks. In their letter to him, the group said "all the Arabs differentiate between Zionism and Judaism. We consider Judaism a sacred religion as Islam and Christianity." (New York Times, April 17, 1977).

Enclosed please find, for your interest, Rabbi Schindler's letter to Ambassador Young in response to the Arab League's protestations of esteem for the Jewish religion.

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National Council of Jewish Women

National Council of Young Israel

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

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Yours respectfully, (signed) RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER CHAIRMAN

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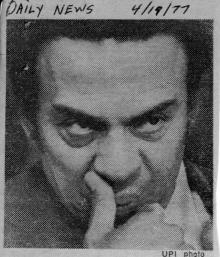
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Yours respectfully,

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Chairman

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cc: Ambassador James Leonard



Young: in Washington yesterday.

Support for Andy Young

Aside to UN Ambassador Andrew Young: Somebody likes you, Andy, so don't fret. Rabbi A.M. Schindler, 'chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has sent a telegram to President Carter expressing "strong support for the honest and eloquent American you have chosen as our country's ambassador to the United Nations." In defending Young's outspoken political comments which some have criticized, the rabbi wrote Carter that he hoped "the criticism which has been expressed in some quarters . . . will not silence" Young. "Our country needs him and what he stands for," said Rabbi Schindler.

-Don Flynn and Phil Roura

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2127521616 TDMT NEW YORK NY 151 04-18 0334P EST PMS PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER WHITE HOUSE DC DEAR MR PRESIDENT

I AM SENDING THIS MESSAGE TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE HONEST AND ELOQUENT AMERICAN YOU HAVE CHOSEN AS OUR COUNTRY'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ANDREW YOUNG, MR YOUNG IS THAT RARITY, A MAN WITH THE COURAGE OF HIS CONVICTIONS, A PUBLIC SERVANT SPEAKING TRUTH AS HE SEES IT, WHO DARES TO SAY THE EMPIRER HAS NO CLOTHES, ANDREW YOUNG UNDERSTANDS THAT THE DIPLOMATIC BOX NEEDS RATLING AND THAT THE PRACTITIONERS OF POLITE PRIVATE DIPLOMACY HAVE BROUGHT FORTH NOT PEACE BUT A BALANCE OF TERROR, NOT HUMAN DIGNITY BUT IN FAR TOO MANY CASES A LICENSE FOR OPPRESSION

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RESPECTFULLY

RABBI ALEXANDER M SCHINDLER, CHAIRMAN, CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

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Sent also to: Stuart Eizenstat Andrew Young January 26, 1977

Dr. William Korey B'nai B'rith International Council 315 Lexington Avenue New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Bill:

I have had a request from Roger Tilles, Executive Secretary to Bobby D. Grim, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, for information which might be helpful in preparing legislation memorializing Congress on the issue of the United Nations, along the lines of the November New York Timesian of the Presidents' Conference. Roger, the son of a dear friend, saw the ad and shared it with the Speaker who indicated he would like to continue the message by Legislative resolution.

I would be most grateful if you would contact Mr. Tilles and share pertiment information with him. The address is Office of the Speaker, State Capitol Building, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

With thanks and warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Roger Tilles

Dear Roger: I hope you'll forgive the delay! Rhea joins me in sending love and Kisses! We've got our own icy wonderland here, but we'll be sure to let you know if we happen to be coming your way. December 22, 1976

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Mr. Roger Tilles, Executive Secretary to the Speaker of the House State Capitol Building Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Mr. Tilles:

Your November 30 letter to Rabbi Schindler has been forwarded to this office by the Presidents' Conference. As yourdad may have told you, Rabbi Schindler is recuperating from a bout of pneumonia and is not expected back at the office for another week or two. He is feeling much better and is very impatient to get back to work.

Just as soon as be returns to his desk he will be in contact with you.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller Assistant to the President BOBBY D. CRIM

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909 PHONE: AREA 517-373-3944

November 30, 1976

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Alex:

I saw yesterday the ad of the Conference of Presidents in the <u>Times</u>. It was extremely effective and, upon showing it to my boss, The Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives Bobby Crim, he said he would like to continue the message by Legislative resolution. He is travelling to Israel December 12-22 and upon his return we would like to prepare legislation memorializing Congress regarding the issue. Any additional information that you could send for the preparation of such resolution would be greatly appreciated.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LANSING, MICHIGAN

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I hope all is well in the Schindler household. I hope on one of your trips you can find time to stop by our Water (now Icy) Wonderland.

Sincerely,

Roger Tilles Executive Secretary to the Speaker of the House

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New York, New York 10016 (212) 725-1222

PERSONAL AND INOFFICIAL

January 19,1976

Rabbi Alexander Schindler Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021

Dear Alex:

acquaintance of more and my proform Without unduly presuming upon a friendship and acquaintance of now thirty year's duration, I want to express to you my profound dismay, amounting to a moral revulsion, at two public matters with which you have been identified in the past several weeks, both of them emanating from the Presidents' Conference.

First was the public attack on those who met the people from the Palestine Liberation Organization. It is possible, of course, to differ \ about the wisdom of American Jews privately meeting with PLO spokespeople It is, in the circumstances and given the character and motives of the Jewish participants, impermissible to denounce them in terms that suggest that they are traitors to the k'lal. The totalitarian aspirations to control of Jewish thought, discourse, and action that emanate from the Israeli foreign office cannot oblige you and your colleagues in the President's Conference to persist in such efforts at Gleichschaltung. That attack was reprehensible politically, morally, Jewishly,

Second is the tribute paid at the Hotel Pierre luncheon to the assassin of Cambodia, our Landsmann Henry Kissinger. Again: One can be of two minds about his role in the Middle East over the past several years, but a sentient human being can only gag at the Jewish establishment celebrating this loyal apologist for the most threatening usurper of the Constitution in this country's history and the principal (indeed: dispositive) engineer of America's most disastrous and murderous foreign undertaking, the War in Southeast Asia, Christmas bombing and all.

I am appalled by both events, and I am offended by your participation in them. I know that power and prestige exact their price. We should long since have learned the bitter lesson that there are prices too high for our conscience to pay. These two matters alone may exhaust the credit balance shel ma'ala that you have no doubt earned.

with every good wish,

Cordially, Henry Schwarzschild

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January 25, 1977

Mr. Henry Schwarzschild American Civil Liberties Union 22 East 40th Street New York, New York 10016

Dear Henry:

You are not presuming upon a friendship when you express your dismay. You build that friendship.

First, in regard to the PLO Resolution. As it happens I was in the hoppital and not present at the meeting when this resolution was introduced by the ADL, discussed and unanimously accepted. As chairman, I suppose I will have to bear responsibility for it anyhow and so I read it after I came out. I will admit that I was not pleased in every respect with it and would probably have altered some wording here or there to moderate the resolution. Nonetheless, your charge that this resolution "denounces (the participants at the meetings) as traitors to k'lal" is an outrageous distortion of this resolution. It neither implies nor directly charges any such thing. It questions the wisdom of such meetings and expresses "the concern --- that any private meetings tend to undermine the peace process" and that ultimately peace can only be reached if the Israelis confront their neighbors and their neighbors meet with them and not is American Jewry negotiates in their behalf. It was not an attack, as you described it to be, and I can only conclude that you denounced a denunciation which you had not read and that, my friend, is "reprehensible politically, morally and Jewishly." I know that Al Vorspan and many others like him were in the room when this resolution was adopted unanimously and that alone assures me that nothing of what you described took place at the meeting, nevermind the printed text. Obviously, neither I nor the Presidents' Conference can be held responsible for how other individuals or even the media interpreted that resolution.

In regard to Kissinger, you ought to know that <u>Reform Judaism</u>, and I speak now as President of the UAHC, throughout the years of his tenure in office was probably the only Jewish publication which demounced him editorially for his role in Cambodia, Vietnam, Chile and his wanton disregard of civil rights on the American scene, etc. etc. And I personally and officially am identified with this position and have expressed it publicly everywhere I have gone. Insofar as his role in Mr. Henry Schwarzschild January 25, 1977 Page -2-

the Middle East is concerned, I do not believe that the final judgment can yet be made. My own inclination, having worked with him closely on this issue, is that he earnestly strove to do good and that on balance he achieved a great deal of good. I also know from personal experience that he rendered an extraordinary amount of help to the Jewish community and quietly rescued hundreds from imprisonment, if not death, through his personal intervention, never thind the supportive role he played in Israel's hours of need. Is it not proper to say thank you for something you deem to be good even as you clobber a man for the things that are wrong? Frankly, I am appalled by this, your total judgment of a man in all his doings as evil. That simply is not fair and proper. This man has a debit ledger and a credit ledger and he deserves praise for the good even as he merits denunciation for the evil. That, at least, is my approach.

I think I am older than you, Henry, maybe that's why my moral judgments are perhaps more mellow than are yours.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

DRAFT STATEMENT

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, representing the vast majority of the organized Jewish community in America, vigorously opposes any meetings (constituent organizations) -- official or unofficial -- with the Palestine Liberation Organization. We note that recent events have confirmed the fact that the only purpose and possible result of such meetings is PLO propaganda aimed at providing this terrorist federation with an image of moderation and conciliation.

The fact remains that the ultimate objective of the PLO is the destruction or dismemberment of the sovereign state of Israel -- as clearly stated in its National Covenant and reiterated time and again by its leaders and spokesmen. Having failed to achieve this goal through terrorism, the PLO has turned to the United Nations, where, backed by certain Arab states and their allies, it has attempted to realize the same objective through imputed imputed initiatives.

We endorse and support the United States Government's steadfast refusal to meet with representatives of the terrorist organization. We are confident that the new Administration will maintain this position, but we are concerned that any private meetings fuch as mentioned above with the PLO could tend to undermine official policy. The present for the second s

We believe such meetings could also undermine genuine efforts toward peace in the Middle East. Peace can only be achieved by free and unfettered negotiation between parties to the conflict -- Israel and the Arab states. Outside parties, be they foreign governments or individuals acting in private capacities, cannot take on the role of negotiators and could actually subvert progress on this front.

Israel's constant quest -- spanning the three decades of its independence -- has been for a just, stable, and lasting peace with its neighboring countries, a peace based on security and defensible borders. It is our conviction that this will only come about through direct discussion by the countries concerned, not by unrepresentative parties on either side. 627 Bennington College Bennington, Vt.,05201 November 28,1976

Rabbi A.M. Schlinder, Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Ave., New York, N.Y.,10022

Dear Rabbi Schlinder,

I was very disturbed and alarmed today when I found a declaration sponsored by The International Symposium on Zionism in The New York Times. This declaration listed many points against Zionism in order to prove that the Symposium supported the "Palestinian Revolution" and the "Lebanese National Movement".

The declaration also expresses the apprehension of the symposium towards Jewish immigration to Israel. They believe, of course, that the aim of the world's Jewish population is to corral every Jew into what they term "a world ghetto".

How can we, as concerned Jewish people, make the world understand the sentiments that have kept us separate from other nations, and therefore enable us to have survived for thousands of years as a people with a rich and spiritual heritage? It is also important for the world to understand the role of the diaspora Jew. He may be one who has strong feelings toward Israel, but because of certain circumstances has decided to live his life outside of Israel. This Jew is as dependant on the survival of Israel as Israel is dependant upon him for its survival. I believe that the anti-Zionists want to provoke those of us who consider Israel our homeland to immigrate as soon as possible. In this way, all the foremost and outspoken Zionists will be situated in one spot, vulnerable to some nuclear holocaust planned by the madmen of the Arab world.

Does this sound extreme? The danger is this extreme. How are we to assert ourselves and protect ourselves from world bodies such as the UN , which are clearly anti-Zionist. Of course we all realize that anti-Zionism is another disguise for anti-Semitism, probably the most irrational racist movement in the history of Mankind.

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I ask again, what are we to do? I ask perhaps with a hint of panic, because it seems that anti-Jewish movements are being born and legalized every day. It seems likely to me that someday Israel will be able to solve her political problems with her neighbours; but will the enemies of the Jews everywhere ever cease their campaign to wipe out the Jewish people?

Yours Truly, Sorel Leah Thompson

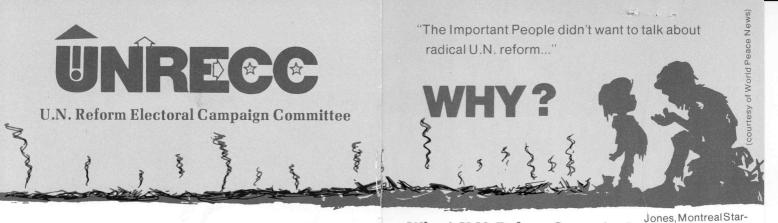
Sally H. Lineweaver 85 Eatons Neck Road Northport, New York 11768 November 21, 1976

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

I was horrified and angry when I first saw your ad in the NYTimes yesterday. I read your ad. and I do realize, as does my husband, that the UN has not been fair to Israel. BUT WE DO NOT THINK ABOLISHING THE UN IS THE CORRECT WAY TO GO ABOUT EITHER OBTAINING WORLD PEACE, OR GETTING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF ISRAEL AND THE MID* EAST. We agree with UThant when he said he believed the U.N. was our last best hope for world peace. The good it does for the children of the world is well-known. The good it does letting us all know about world problems, like our next problem of a world-wide shortage of water, is very important. BUT THE UN DOES NEED REFORMED; We do agree with you on that, BUT NOT ABOLISHED. I am enclosing a borchure that you may be interested in. Page 2 talks about the kinds of UN reform we need. We, who are not Jewish and have ALWAYS been sympathic to Israel, feel that UN REFORM IS THE RIGHT

APPROACH.

Sincerely, Sully N. Inweam (mes J.R.)



A Brand New Political Campaign

A new and exciting political development has emerged which will enable U.N. Reform concepts to be debated in the 1976 election campaign. As part of the World Federalist organizational restructuring, the U.N. Reform Electoral Campaign Committee (acronym UNRECC) has been formed to engage in electoral politics. Its purpose is to back U.N. Reform minded candidates and to force other candidates to confront the issue of the interdependence of our small; endangered planet.

The time has never been more ripe for such an approach. The Viet Nam War is over; the cold war is being defused; and the U.N. has been expanded to virtual universal membership. Newer issues, such as world-wide pollution of the air and seas, and global inflation, underline the urgency of making the U.N. adequate to assure world peace and meet dangers common to all nations.

Public Opinion Polls Support U.N. Reform

Even though public opinion polls demonstrate that Americans want a more effective U.N., most candidates remain unresponsive, content with the approaches of yesterday to the problems of today. According to a recent poll, 85% of opinion leaders believe it is important for presidential candidates to speak out on the need for a more effective world organization. As has often been the case in the past, the voters are ahead of the politicians.

Political Measures to Influence the '76 Elections

UNRECC has formulated concrete, practical measures to force elected officials to catch up with their constituents on the issue of U.N. Reform. Your contribution will allow these carefully planned political action projects to be launched and have maximum impact on the 1976 national elections.

This is the first comprehensive, nation-wide electoral drive to bring global solutions to global problems. By participating you can become a part of this initiative.

Why A U.N. Reform Campaign?

U.S. domestic problems can only be solved in the context of global solutions. Domestic energy shortages cannot be solved, for example, without sensible international procedures for the allocation of world energy supplies. Inflationary pressures cannot be stabilized without basic world monetary reforms and substantial cuts in non-productive military expenditures. Skyrocketing taxes can never be reduced without a phased universal disarmament agreement supervised by a world-wide authority. Pollution of the oceans and atmosphere cannot be effectively curtailed without enforceable global environmental standards. None of our domestic needs can be adequately met-housing, health care or education, to mention but a few- unless we reverse the crushing arms race and provide a system of world law and justice. The U.N., with its present veto provision and one nation-one vote system. lacks the authority to resolve serious conflicts.

What U.N. Reform is All About

U.N. Reform means:

An effective U.N. peacekeeping force.

- Global environmental standards to stop world-wide pollution.
- A Global Resources Agency to monitor and protect the __world's resources.
- Improvement of the U.N.'s voting system to make the U.N. more effective.
- Greater use of the World Court and the development of a system of arbitration.
- Transfer of disputes from the political arena to new arbitral and judicial forums.
- A phased universal, supervised and enforced Disarmament Pact.
- A stronger International Monetary Fund and World Bank to help stop world wide inflation.
- An International Ocean Authority to manage ocean resources as "the common heritage of mankind".
- An improved agreement on tariffs and trade to promote world-wide prosperity.
- Adequate authority to solve problems and dangers common to all nations.

UNRECC Projects to inject UN Reform into the 1976 National Elections

1 The Presidency

\$5,000.

All presently announced Democratic and Republican candidates have been asked to espouse publicly the concept of U.N. Reform as a key element of their campaigns. If they fail to endorse U.N. Reform publicly, it is expected that UNRECC will support the newly organized DRAFT Norman Cousins for President Campaign, which has as its primary purpose the forcing of candidates in the Democratic Presidential race to address themselves to global issues. This support will take the form of a contribution of \$5,000 to the Cousins Campaign, the maximum amount permitted by Federal Law. If Norman Cousins decides it is not necessary to run, \$5,000 will be contributed to a candidate who advocates U.N. Reform concepts.

2 The Congress

\$10,000.

Contributions will be made to each of ten candidates for Congress who actively support U.N. Reform in their campaigns.

3 Congressional Ratings

\$2,500.

All incumbent Representatives and Senators will be rated on their voting records during the most recent session on U.N. Reform and related global issues. Such ratings will be given wide circulation.





4 Convention Delegates

\$5,000.

Running U.N. Reform delegates to the national nominating conventions of both major parties. Such delegates may run uncommitted, pledged to a Presidential candidate of their choice, or committed to the Draft Norman Cousins for President movement. In any case, they would be pledged to get the concept of U.N. Reform into their party's platform.

5 Campaign Literature

\$5.000.

Preparing common literature for U.N. Reform candidates for Delegate and Congress. The literature will stress the needfora stronger U.N. and global solutions to global problems.

6 Campaign Committees

\$5.000.

Formation of state and regional campaign committees to support U.N. Reform candidates for President, for Congress, and for party convention delegates.

7 National Campaign Newsletter \$2,500.

A campaign newsletter which will report on electoral campaign developments on U.N. Reform in various states and provide information on presidential candidates, party platforms, and endorsed Congressional candidates.

Total \$35,000.

POLITICAL EDUCATION PROJECTS



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



In addition to the electoral campaign thrusts outlined above, the following political educational activities are being undertaken by the newly created World Federalist Political Education Committee.

Congressional and Delegate Seminars

Seminars for congressional candidates and their staffs will be sponsored by WF-PEC on the issue of a stronger United Nations and related foreign policy matters.

The Peace Ballot

The World Federalist Political Education Committee is one of three organizations polling citizens on their preferences among 48 peace related issues. The results from this nationwide referendum, which will reach hundreds of thousands of voters, will be announced next Memorial Day.

Candidate Questionnaires

Detailed questionnaires will be sent to all national candidates to elicit their views on U.N. Reform and related concepts.

U.N. Reform Position Papers

Position papers will be circulated to all interested candidates on the need for stronger and more effective global institutions.



What you can do for the 1976 campaign for U.N. Reform.



Be a Campaign Worker

One of the most important tasks you can do is help form a state or local U.N. Reform Campaign Committee. The function of state or local UNRECC committees will be to campaign for U.N. Reform candidates, distribute literature, raise funds, put pressure on other candidates, and give advice as to which state candidates UNRECC should endorse.

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Run Yourself for Convention Delegate

We need people to run for delegates to the Democratic and Republican Nominating Conventions as "Democrats for U.N. Reform" or as "Republicans for U.N. Reform". If you run, you will have the option of running as an uncommitted delegate, as a Norman Cousins Delegate, or as a delegate committed to a presidential candidate of your choice. In any event, you will be committed to getting the concepts of our U.N. Reform plank into your party platform. UNRECC will support your campaign and supply you with campaign literature.

Make a Contribution and Get a Tax Credit

UNRECC is registered with both the IRS and The Federal Election Commission as a political committee supporting candidates. Contributions to UNRECC will entitle single tax payers to a tax credit on their income tax return of one half of what they contribute up to a maximum credit of \$25 for a \$50 contribution. Contributions by married taxpayers will be entitled to a credit of one half of what they contribute up to a maximum credit of \$50 for a \$100 contribution.

If you agree with these bold new political initiatives of UNRECC, send in your contribution of \$25, \$50 or \$100 to ...

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Dear Rabbi Schindler .

No , I do not think the U. N. is a " grave threat to world peace " though your ad is a grave danger to world peace just as the faratisism of this of ugly farce in the Mid - East which you as a religious person should be seeking alternatives to . There 's enough wrong on all sides for those who have wisdom to use it . I 'm struck constantly by the number of Israelis and Jews who not only deplore such actions as this ad represents but who simply cannot be heard by the American people .

And what wight have you to tell Americans what we think ? This ad does a frightening disservice to those who believe in the just cause of Israel which is not necessarily your cause .

You speak quite abstractly about the " free world " which more and more begins to resemble a totalitarian nightmare even worse then some of the communist ones we are taught so throughly to hate in this country .

Anti - Semitism is a code word which is used to recruit under false premises . No , the United Nations is not a threat to world peace but your ad is . Many of the young in Israel are disgusted with the American Jewish community as well they might be and the Jewish community in America is splitting to seek alternatives to war and funding the poclets of the war industry .

During the last mid -east war the business weekly put out by Business Week wrote that the American economy would improve if only the war lasted a little longer . And that is the kind of ally war has everywhere

Sincerely ,

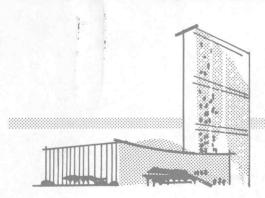
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P.S Where is your ad on admitting Vietnam' to the U.N. ? And what is happening to dissidents in South Korea ?

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December 1, 1976

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

It was with great distress that many of us involved in United Nations affairs read your advertisement in the Sunday <u>New York</u> <u>Times</u> of November 28, 1976. I understand how your commitment to Israel would lead to great frustration over several actions of the General Assembly in the past few years. Even though I have a rather different view of how to achieve peace in the Middle East, I do not question your choice to oppose specific actions taken in the United Nations which you feel are hostile to the State of Israel. What I find most disturbing, indeed inconsistent with past positions of your member organizations, is the broadside attack on the United Nations contained in the November 28th ad.

The United Nations has undeniably made considerable contributions to world peace through programs dealing with world health, development, refugee relief, and so forth. I also believe that some of its specifically peacekeeping actions may be considered successful (not exclusive of those in the Middle East). Other such peacekeeping activities have been abuses of the prescribed function. Most abhorrent about your ad was its total lack of discrimination in its vicious attack on the organization as a whole.

I also believe that it was deliberately deceptive in its attempt to equate the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People with the Palestine National Covenant. The creation of a Palestinian entity on the West Bank and Gaza Strip (as the Report recommends) would certainly not dismember Israel. With the exception of annexed East Jerusalem, even the Israeli government does not consider those territories part of Israel--I cannot understand why you seem to consider them as such. Schindler, Dec. 1, 1976, P. 2.

What continues to haunt me about your ad is that it starkly resembles the virulent right-wing attacks which have plagued the United Nations since its inception. Not only was your attack distortive but it even alleges that the United Nations is "dominated by a Soviet-Arab axis". I believe such a charge cannot be substantiated and was most probably included to appeal to the same elements in United States society which have proven susceptible to similar attacks in the past. I have enclosed for your reflection a fact sheet published in 1967 by the Anti-Defamation League. Our office has distributed numerous copies of this item and we continue to believe in its basic assumptions. Perhaps the Conference of Presidents should take a hard look at those forces whose goals are also served by the publication of such an advertisement.

The United Methodist Church has joined with many of your member organizations in past struggles: those against anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination, the struggle to end the Vietnam War, and the defense of the United Nations against the attacks of the radical right. It is truly unfortunate that in the last case it appears you may have changed sides.

Most sincerely,

Donald S. Will Resource Coordinator for Middle East and International Economics

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U.N. — A Major Radical Right Target

A cornerstone of the propaganda line of the Radical Right in the United States is an intense and persistent hatred for the United Nations and all its works. Agencies created under the U.N. Charter are looked upon as instruments designed to undermine American sovereignty and independence.

Some of the choicest invectives hurled by the Far Right are directed at the world organization and its specialized agencies. The most frequently heard anti-U.N. slogan of such extremists—popularized principally although not exclusively by The John Birch Society—is: "Get the U.S. out of the U.N. and the U.N. out of the U.S."

The opposition of rightist extremists to the United Nations is nothing new. From its inception in 1945, the U.N. and its member agencies, especially UNICEF, UNESCO and the World Health Organization, have been targets of a sustained attack by extremists. The anti-U.N. fight was initially carried on by ultra-conservatives, isolationists and ultra-nationalists, including some racists and anti-Semites of long standing notoriety.

Today, the battle is being carried forward by the Radical Right, under the aegis of organizations such as The John Birch Society, Life Line, *The Dan Smoot Report*, Christian Crusade, The 20th Century Reformation Hour, The Independent American and "Let Freedom Ring." Here is what spokesmen for some of these organizations have to say about the U.N.:

• "The United Nations was designed to be, and has become, the most important single instrumentality of the Communists for taking over the remainder of the free world, and especially the United States." So says John Birch Society Founder Robert Welch in his organization's *Bulletin*.

• "The United Nations Organization was conceived in conspiracy, and dedicated to the proposition that all men should be leveled to the equal status of subjects of a world order." So says Life Line founder-sponsor H. L. Hunt in his book *Fabians Fight Freedom*.

• "The UN is an international socialist conspiracy whose aim is to produce a socialist one-world." So says commentator-writer Dan Smoot in his publication The Dan Smoot Report.

• "Since its inception, the United Nations has been a major propaganda forum for the Kremlin conspiracy and a nesting place for its spies and saboteurs." So says Billy James Hargis of the Christian Crusade in his pamphlet The United Nations: Destroying America by Degrees.

• "... U.S. taxpayers are being forced ... to pay for the financing of the Soviet-dominated United Nations, whose principal aim is the destruction of the national sovereignty of the United States." So says the Independent American's "Tax Fax" pamphlet headlined "US Foots Bill for United Nations."

• "The Almighty God will not bless atheistic Communism and the United Nations with these Communists in it, as the Communists subvert every agency of the UN for their world revolution and use the veto to prevent peace." So says Carl McIntire of the 20th Century Reformation Hour in his *Christian Beacon*.

JBS In The Forefront

The John Birch Society, whose headquarters is in Belmont, Massachusetts, and whose membership is nationwide, has been the main Radical Rightist organization in the United States attacking the U.N. Under the leadership of Robert Welch, the Society has mounted an extensive and ongoing campaign against the United Nations and its agencies. The chief JBS anti-U.N. propaganda slogan has recently been simplified to "Get US out!"

Informing the American people of the purported truth about the United Nations has long been one of the major propaganda undertakings of The John Birch Society. But the "plain unvarnished truth" about the world organization as Robert Welch sees it is a series of dogmatic charges: "The U.N. was conceived by Communists. The U.N. was created by Communists. The U.N. is controlled by Communists (and) the U.N. has constantly furthered the objectives of Communism."

Welch has gone even further, charging that the United Nations is "simply an instrumentality established by the Communists as part of their strategy for imposing Communist rule on the total population of the earth." He added that "the whole thing is a carefully stage-managed show, moving with patient gradualism along predetermined lines towards the tragic climax of worldwide tyranny."

Establishing TRAIN Committees

Because some of the Society's more effective efforts to influence public opinion have been achieved through the workings of "ad hoc" committees—front groups— Welch has urged Birchers to form local or regional anti-U.N. committees To Restore American Independence Now (TRAIN). Such TRAIN committees have been established in a number of communities.

Some local TRAIN committees have distributed an anti-U.N. pamphlet headed "Let's Quit Kidding Ourselves About the United Nations!" which asserts that the U.N. is "a Communist Tool for Conquering the United States Without Firing a Single Shot." Others have presented a propaganda film entitled U.N.—Unmasked. Launched during 1966, the TRAIN groups were beginning to become active early in 1967, but had not yet

made any significant impact on the American scene.

Nevertheless, Welch has high expectations that these committees will become an important part of the Society's campaign to bring about an American withdrawal from the U.N. If the TRAIN committees prove to be anything like the Society's anti-Civil Rights TACT committees (Truth About Civil Turmoil), they will undoubtedly be an active and divisive force in many communities.

The Fearful Master

Welch has stated that "There are more Communists in the United Nations building in New York than there are in the Kremlin." He has also charged that "Most of the Communist control of the United Nations is through Moscow's new African and Asian puppets." Welch sarcastically added that these countries might average perhaps twenty bath tubs per nation but nevertheless have a vote in the U.N. equal to that of the United States.

In line with the views of the Society's founder, John H. Rousselot, JBS Public Relations Director until Spring, 1967, said that "The UN was originally designed and planned by key Communist sympathizers, and today the organization is controlled and administered by the Communists." When Rousselot said this in a speech at a Birch-dominated rally for God and Country, G. Edward Griffin, a JBS official from California who is director of the Society's audio-visual department, was heard to comment: "He's read my book."

Griffin's book *The Fearful Master*, has been and continues to be one of the Birch Society's chief weapons in the propaganda assault on the U.N. In it, Griffin compares Americans to suicidal lemmings.

Griffin charges that in supporting the U.N., the United States has "abandoned the secure ground of national strength and independence to leap into the boiling waters of internationalism." He views the U.N. itself as a nest of spies and Communist murderers. He adds that loyalty to the U.N. is designed to supplant loyalty to the U.S. and that the loyalty eventually demanded will be to world Communism.

All these facts, Griffin concludes, are kept hidden from the American people.

Anti-U.N. Materials

The most recent anti-U.N. propaganda produced by the Birch Society is a 29-minute film strip on the world organization that was directed by Rousselot and narrated by Griffin. This film strip, said by Welch to expose the background, history, purposes and "real truth" about the U.N., has been recommended for use by the Society's TRAIN committees and for showing to service clubs and similar audiences. The film strip is obtainable from the Birch Society. The Griffin narration is also available on either tape recording or a long-play record.

Other anti-U.N. materials of the Society include postcards, which picture the U.N. headquarters labeled "The House That Hiss Built" and contains a "message" about alleged atrocities in Katanga; stickers of various sizes bearing the slogan "The U.N.—Get US Out," which are available for envelopes or auto bumpers; and a special \$2 packet of propaganda which includes, among other things, the Griffin book and a purported expose of the World Health Organization (WHO) by the late J. B. Matthews.

A recently-compiled JBS packet for "Politicians and other Patriotic and Public Spirited Citizens" offers two books on the subject of the United Nations. The first is Griffin's *The Fearful Master* and the other, 46 Angry Men, is a report prepared by civilian doctors of Elizabethville. According to the Birch Society it contains "a documented, illustrated survey of the atrocities allegedly committed by United Nations troops during the 1961 attack on Katanga." These were committed, according to Welch, in order to subjugate the peaceful and prosperous province of Katanga to the central Communist government of the Congo.

Welch stated in his introduction to the American Opinion reprint of 46 Angry Men:

"There are still millions of honorable people, even otherwise well informed people, throughout the world who believe—as these forty-six doctors believed a year ago—that there is some good in the United Nations. We ourselves believe that it is simply an instrumentality in the International Communist Conspiracy's plan of global conquest.

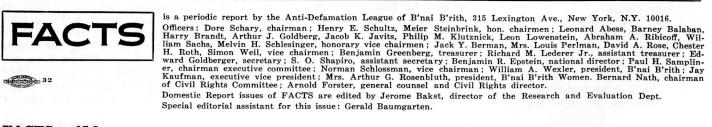
"We believe that today the United Nations organization is almost completely controlled by the Communists; and that those who infest the upended ant box on the East River are just as cruel, murderous, ruthless, and rotten as are their counterparts in other instrumentalities of Soviet power and propaganda, wherever found."

Opposition To UNICEF

In addition to the distribution of anti-U.N. materials, Birch Society members are called on to protest the 'annual observance in various American cities of October 24 as "United Nations Day," and to oppose and refute U.N. propaganda at all opportunities. One special target has been the United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and activities by Americans in support of it.

UNICEF was created by the United Nations in 1946 as an emergency organization to feed and clothe warravaged children, mostly in Europe. The agency is now engaged in more than 500 projects in 119 countries and territories that have sought its help. In many of these nations, private groups help raise funds for UNICEF's work, which is also supported by voluntary contributions from governments. The United States Committee for UNICEF, a private group, has contributed more than \$2,500,000 annually from its Trick-or-Treat program which began when a church in Philadelphia sent the group \$17 its Sunday school children had collected on Halloween "for needier children."

Naturally, Birchers have condemned the yearly Trick-



or-Treat collection which many American children make for UNICEF. In Needham, Mass., on Halloween, 1965, a local Bircher gave some children who rang the doorbell boxes of candy with a telephone number on a sticker affixed to the boxes. The number was for the local "Let Freedom Ring" Radical Right telephone message propaganda operation. Those who dialed the number heard an attack on UNICEF and a plug for the JBS book on the U.N. by G. Edward Griffin.

In condemning the Radical Rightists, the local newspaper, the Needham *Chronicle*, said editorially that "Far from what the talker would have the listener believe, UNICEF is not a communist-dominated organization, but an international humanitarian group . . . recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize."

(În 1965, UNICEF received the Nobel Peace Prize for having helped hundreds of millions of children in more than 100 countries throughout the world—the fourth time that the coveted prize had been given to the U.N. or its officials. Others were Dr. Ralph Bunche, in 1950; the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, in 1954; and Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, posthumously in 1961.)

'Murdered by UNICEF'

The same evening in Long Beach, Calif., extremists hung effigies—one with a "Murdered by UNICEF" sign pinned to its chest—in front of the local U.N. association office, a local radio station, and in the lobby of the building housing the community newspaper. In the lobby, the extremists left a black coffin containing anti-U.N. propaganda and festooned with bumper strips which read "Give Red China our U.N. Seat," "Get U.S. out of U.N." and "Help Get U.S. out of U.N."

The Long Beach *Press-Telegram*, reported that letterheads and return addresses on some of the material indicated that they had come from the local American Opinion Library and from the Long Beach Freedom Forum, a right wing group.

The following year, some American Opinion bookstores distributed a flyer entitled "Watch Out For The UNICEF Trick" which charged that the U.N. agency was, in fact, "A powerful propaganda agency for the worldwide Communist conspiracy and the UN effort to create one-world government." The pamphlet also claimed that through UNICEF Halloween Trick-or-Treat programs and also sale of UNICEF Christmas cards, Americans were being tricked into sending "our enemies" millions of dollars.

Birchers have protested the display and sale of UNI-CEF Christmas cards. They have also engaged in other hijinks. In December, 1964, for example, officials of two banks and a department store in Pacific Grove, Calif., reported that threats of picketing by JBS members forced them to discontinue sale of UNICEF Christmas cards. A local Birch Society leader denied the threats but acknowledged that he had complained about the sale of the cards whose receipts, he asserted, go in part to Communist countries.

In Michigan a group of Birchers flew over the stadium at the 1964 Michigan-Minnesota football game in a helicopter dragging a 50-foot "Get US Out" trailer. And in California, members of a Birch chapter painted a huge "Help Get U.S. Out Of The U.N." sign on the roof of a factory in line with the approach pattern used by airplanes enroute to the Los Angeles Airport.

Summing up their hatred for the United Nations, one

New England Bircher said in a letter-to-the-editor of a local newspaper:

"Although Christians are persecuted all over the world, the United Nations never has taken any action to prevent it. The godless United Nations was originally designed, and is today intended to be, government by the Communists, of the Communists, for the Communists. It is certainly a part of the hope of all true Christians that it shall perish from the earth."

Letter Writing Campaigns

The Birch Society's national anti-U.N. campaign has included several massive letter-writing efforts. In the November, 1964, Birch Bulletin, Welch asked members to bombard Mrs. Norman Chandler, the late Walt Disney, and other directors of the newly established Los Angeles Music Center with mail protesting a decision to fly the U.N. flag over the project. The flag did not fly, and Welch claimed a victory.

In 1964, the Birch Society declared war on the Xerox Corporation because the company announced sponsorship of a projected series of television specials dramatizing the work of various U.N. agencies. Welch urged JBS members to send "a veritable flood" of letters to the company protesting its decision.

Even before the first program reached the television screen, Xerox had received 29,500 pieces of adverse mail. A tabulation made by the company revealed, however, that the 29,500 letters had been sent by only 6,000 individuals! In the six month period that followed, during which time Welch wrote several reminders to his membership, the company received another 15,700 adverse letters, which were analyzed as having come from only 5,500 individuals. During the same period, Xerox received a total of 11,600 favorable letters from about 11,600 individuals.

Xerox Corporation went ahead with its sponsorship of the programs and refused to be intimidated. This, as the Gloucester (Mass.) *Times* editorially noted, despite the fact that "such an avalanche of letters would have scared many small businesses right out of their profit minded wits."

Vietnam Betrayal

Welch has also called on members to support a bill, introduced by Congressman James B. Utt (R., Calif.), which provides for United States withdrawal from the U.N. He has sought to flood members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee with "a million letters."

The Birch Society's present anti-U.N. ploy indirectly relates to the war in Vietnam. Welch has charged that the Vietnam war is "a betrayal" because it is being conducted by the U.S. under treaty committments to the SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization), with everything ultimately under the control of the United Nations. He has asserted that SEATO is required to "report" its activities to the U.N.'s Undersecretary for Political and Security Council Affairs. And, Welch told his members, that post "has always been held by a Communist"—a standard Radical Right propaganda theme.

Thus, as Welch sees it, "We are sending our men to fight in a war against the Communists, which . . . is actually being run by the Communists." The Vietnam war, he therefore concludes, "is an exact repetition of the Korean war." The Life Line Foundation is not a membership organization and does not engage in projects as does the Birch Society, but it is possibly just as effective in spreading the Far Rightist anti-U.N. propaganda line via its Life Line broadcasts heard on some 400 radio stations throughout the country.

The founder and chief supporter of the Life Line Foundation is Texas oil multi-millionaire H. L. Hunt. Life Line is devoted essentially to spreading Hunt's own personal propaganda line. And the thrust of Hunt's propaganda operations is essentially the same as other Radical Rightist propaganda. Life Line not only conducts its radio broadcasts but publishes transcripts of its programs, a thrice-weekly publication *Life Lines*, and various books.

In one such book, Fabians Fight Freedom, Hunt asserts that from its inception the U.N. was meant to promote the cause of world socialism, an objective of the Soviet Union. Hunt also states that the U.N., while not preventing the Communist enslavement of a single person, has through its Charter completely hobbled the forces of freedom in favor of Communism. "Liberty," concludes Hunt, "is not the aim or objective of the UN!" and thus he deplores continued U.S. participation in the world organization.

Some Propaganda Themes

Life Line views the United Nations as having been planned by the Soviets "to suit their future plans" and says it is being used by them "as an instrument by which they intend to rule the world." Month after month Life Line radio commentator Melvin Munn broadcasts canards about the U.N. which have long abounded in Far Rightist circles. Headlines on the Life Line broadcast transcripts—Munnscripts, as they are called—give the anti-U.N. flavor of many of the messages: "The U.N. —A Trap"; "U.N.—World Spy Headquarters"; "The U.N. Almost Bankrupt"; "No Peace In The U.N." and "UNESCO And Classroom Propaganda."

Life Line broadcasts and printed material have also condemned the United Nations as a collection of "blocs" playing power politics, and unable to end threats of war or keep the peace. The vast majority of new, emerging, nations that have attained U.N. membership are viewed as "puppets" of the Soviet Union and/or Communist China. Or they are seen as members of a "blackmailing" neutralist bloc which accepts U.S. aid but nevertheless votes with the Communists on crucial issues.

The whole ideology and operating technique of the U.N. is branded by Life Line as "Marxist." Atheism, it is said, flourishes in U.N. councils and conferences. The U.N. is viewed by Life Line as a Soviet base of operation for spying on the United States, as a center for worldwide spy activities, and as a haven for anti-American propaganda.

Specialized agencies of the U.N. have also been condemned by Life Line. One target is UNESCO which, Life Line charges, maintains a staff of "Marxist ideologues" who launch attack after attack on the United States. U.N. technical assistance programs are denounced as instruments using American money to finance and develop "a collectivist, one-world state." Life Line, in addition, raises to the status of "fact" the false but frequently reiterated charge that Alger Hiss and former Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov worked out a secret agreement whereby the U.N. military staff would always be headed by a Communist. To support this contention, Life Line erroneously tells its listeners and readers eight men have held that post, and that seven of them have been Russians and one was a Yugoslav.

In short, Life Line believes that "The votes are stacked, and the free world will not win in the U.N."

Peace League Proposal

Unlike most Far Rightist opponents of the United Nations, whose thoughts seldom range beyond repetition of "Get the U.S. out of the U.N." slogans, Life Line, and H. L. Hunt in particular, have proposed an alternative to the U.N. The plan, outlined in Hunt's book *Fabians Fight Freedom*, and in various Life Line transcripts and publications, calls for the establishment of a so-called "Peace League."

Hunt's Peace League proposal is said to have been initially blueprinted and shared with a number of world leaders toward the end of World War II. The plan was formulated by Hunt despite his belief that it was "not desirable or feasible" for the United States to participate in a world organization. Hunt has conceded that his proposal was put forward only because he realized that such a world organization "would probably be formed."

The Peace League, as envisioned by Hunt, would enforce treaties ending existing wars and prevent future wars. It would function through establishment of an Assembly and an Arbitration Council. Each nation's control and responsibility in the proposed League was to be determined on a percentage basis by such factors as its contribution to repelling "the forces of oppression" in World Wars I and II, population, standard of education and "state of enlightenment," record of non-aggression, "wholesome commerce," assets and the extent and nature of its area.

As the initial percentage of participation in the League among world powers, Hunt suggested 25 per cent each for the United States, the British Commonwealth of Nations, and the Soviet Union. He also suggested that France receive a four per cent share of participation, and that Brazil and Nationalist China each receive three per cent. The remaining 15 per cent was to be divided among other "free nations."

Hunt's plan sought to "protect the interests of Western nations," as he saw it, by insuring that a country like the United States would not have to pay an inordinate share of the world organization's costs while possibly having little more to say about its uses than the smallest financial contributor. Thus, Hunt's and Life Line's reason for promoting the Peace League becomes evident.

In their own words: "Those who think that there is no alternative to our present disadvantageous participation in the United Nations are mistaken. There is always an alternative, and usually a more desirable one, when conscientious men, keeping their nation's interests foremost in their minds, apply the rules of logic to the problems at hand." Texas-based Radical Rightist commentator and publisher Dan Smoot, like H. L. Hunt and Life Line, puts great faith in radio broadcasting, printed transcripts of his programs and in books to get his message to the public. This is no accident. Smoot served for almost four years as radio commentator of Facts Forum, Hunt's defunct political propaganda operation to which Life Line is a successor.

Smoot's broadcasts are heard weekly over some one hundred radio and television stations, primarily in the Western part of the United States, by an audience that has been estimated in the millions. Some 30,000 Americans subscribe to his newsletter. Smoot, whose propaganda hews to the standard Radical Rightist line, also is in great demand as a public speaker.

In a 1962 book, *The Invisible Government*, Smoot identified the forces supposedly communizing America. In a chapter headed "United Nations And World Government Propaganda," he wrote:

"The fact is that every step the United States takes toward political and economic entanglements with the rest of the world is a step toward realization of the end objective of communism: creating a one-world socialist political and economic system in which we will be one of the subjugated provinces."

The "Invisible Government" to which Smoot refers in his book is the eminently respectable Council on Foreign Relations, a private organization devoted to studying the international aspects of American political, economic and strategic policy problems. The CFR also engages in research projects with the help and advice of study groups comprised of statesmen, business leaders and academic experts. Although the CFR includes some of the nation's most respected leaders, Smoot and other Far Rightists have repeatedly charged that it is seeking to convert the United States into a Socialist state, and then to make it a part of a one-world Communist system.

Support Of Race Hatred Alleged

Smoot has condemned most aspects of United Nations activity. He has scored the organization's "peace record"; charged that the U.N. lied about its operations in the Congo; attacked UNESCO for allegedly publishing "Soviet propaganda"; and opposed the Genocide Convention, calling for its defeat and the defeat of all other proposed U.N. human rights conventions.

He has also concentrated his attack on the world organization's activities in Africa, accusing the United Nations, and the United States, of supporting a "communist campaign of race hatred in Africa." He has charged the U.N. with propagating race wars and race hatreds by fostering a racist concept of colored supremacy, by inflaming primitive colored peoples to savage hatred of white men, and by encouraging and supporting them in atrocities "loathsome to contemplate." Smoot has stated:

"The United Nations praises and aids the butchery under the pretense that it is a wholesome expression of yearning for national independence, (and) United States officialdom finances the UN-communist operation with our money and gives it the moral support of our nation."

Smoot has also decried U.S. criticism and censure in the U.N. of the Republic of South Africa. He has said that "the only nation in Africa which we consistently vote against in the United Nations is the only white Christian nation on that unhappy continent—the Republic of South Africa, an outpost of white civilization hemmed in by about 15 million blacks, most of them living in a state of semi-savagery." In studied disbelief, he adds, "we insult and condemn the white South Africans, and support the blacks."

Calls For Withdrawal From The U.N.

Smoot's solution to the problems in Africa appears self-evident in view of his antipathy to the U.N. "By getting out of the UN and refusing to pay its bills," he has said, "we would render a great service to Africa: neither the communists nor the Afro-Asian nations would, or could, pay for the UN operations now dragging Africa backward to cannibalism, under communist control."

The subject of money—U.S. taxpayers' money—has been used by Smoot as a focal point for much of his criticism. In issues of his publication containing such headlines as "The Tragedy Of U.S. Membership In The United Nations," "The UN Frankenstein" and the "United Nations: A Soviet Apparatus," Smoot has charged that the United States pays most of the bills of the U.N., has only one vote in 115 in deciding how its money is used, and that in addition, a majority of U.N. members are "openly hostile" to the U.S.

Smoot has also attacked the United Nations Special Fund as another device that forces American taxpayers to "subsidize socialist and communist dictators all over the world." (Actually, the Special Fund makes grants to low-income countries for projects aimed at making outside investment feasible or more effective. The Fund is financed by voluntary contributions from member nations of the U.N.)

As Smoot sees it, therefore, the United Nations is controlled by enemies of the United States and American withdrawal from the U.N. would, therefore, constitute "a severe blow to the world-wide communist movement, and a tremendous boost to the cause of freedom." As a result, he has called upon his followers to "work relentlessly" to get the United States out of the United Nations, and has urged them to support legislation such as the Utt Bill which aims at that goal.

Hargis' Christian Crusade

Billy James Hargis, leader of the Tulsa-based Christian Crusade and one of the most zealous and energetic propagandists on the Radical Right, has long been an outspoken opponent of the United Nations and its agencies. Hargis' attacks on the world organization have been widely disseminated via his radio programs, newspaper columns, magazine articles, tracts, pamphlets and books.

In a November, 1963, speech in Texas, Hargis attacked the U.N. as "that traitorous outfit in New York City." More recently, in an article entitled No Room In The Inn—or in the U.N. he wrote: "We slapped Christ in the face at the setting up of the United Nations in San Francisco in April, 1945, just as surely as the Jews slapped Him on the night of His betrayal 2,000 years ago. We gave in to Communist pressures and agreed to make no mention of Jesus Christ, or God, the Father, in United Nations Chambers. From the beginning, there has been no room for Him in the U.N."

Hargis has also been a leading opponent of UNICEF and its Halloween-time activity. He has called this undertaking a "Trojan horse" and said that by such "trick-andtreat" activities American children "will become tools of the world internationalists now and ultimately become the slaves of the Communist dictators of the future."

In a Christian Crusade publication entitled "The United Nations: Destroying America by Degrees," which contains captions such as "The U.N. Masterminded by Traitors," "U.N. Is Boosted By Communists," and "Subversives In U.N. Posts," Hargis has painted a picture of the U.N. as a threat to the sovereignty of the United States. He has said that the U.N. is an organization conceived by Kremlin planning and used by them as a propaganda forum and as a site for anti-American spies and saboteurs.

Anti-UNESCO

The headline on another Crusade publication screamed: "The Snake in Our Schoolroom: UNESCO: We Put It There!" In it, Hargis accused UNESCO of financing and recommending "lying communist propaganda" and decried the use of American taxpayers' money to spread such "Red propaganda" and to promote UNESCO's purportedly "questionable activities."

UNESCO's purportedly "questionable activities." Hargis has stated that "the communists are working diligently through UNESCO to further their world-wide revolution to enslave mankind." Therefore, he con-

McIntire and the 20th Century Reformation Hour

Rev. Carl McIntire, Radical Rightist leader of the 20th Century Reformation Hour, whose radio programs are aired over some 600 stations throughout the country and internationally, has long been critical of the United Nations and especially of UNICEF. He has warned his adherents to guard against the "terrific emotional appeal" of solicitations "in the name of suffering children," which are, he alleges, only a cover-up for some insidious Red Plot.

In a March, 1967, Christian Beacon article captioned "The UN Is Dead," McIntire said: "The UN has been the instrument for the steady advancement of the enemies of freedom. The world can now see that the Communists have been active in every department and in every agency and in every decision for the cause of world socialism. Moreover, men of reason and truth can no longer have confidence in the organization. It has ceased to be even a debating society. An African-Asian bloc has taken control. Its buildings of glass and gold and its spacious chambers of elegance for the elite have become hollow showrooms of failure."

He added: "The United Nations has been tried and found wanting. And the finest authority for the repudiation of the United Nations itself is none other than the testimony of its own Secretary General in his official speech on the State of the World." McIntire concluded that peace today is being maintained only by "the military might of the United States of America." cluded, "continued blind adherence to UNESCO and other communist-polluted international organizations can only move the American people closer and closer to the brink of communist enslavement."

'Tower of Babel'

Christian Crusade, the organization's monthly publication, has published attacks on the U.N. by other Far Rightists. One issue, for example, contained an anti-U.N. article by former Major-General Edwin A. Walker entitled "A Lesson In Sell-out . . . The Art of Artifice." Walker, a hero to many Radical Rightists, charged that "The UN is a communist organized—communist controlled—U.S. supported 'Tower of Babel,' operating on U.S. soil."

Hargis' publications are usually replete with ads for tracts, books, records and tapes available to readers—at a price. *Christian Crusade* has offered Griffin's book, *The Fearful Master* which, the publication trumpeted, reveals "the double standard which guides the U.N. and its quest for world domination."

During 1966, Christian Crusade also promoted a phonograph recording by Hargis entitled "The United Nations Hoax" which was offered at "only \$4.95." The recording purported to "prove" that the U.N. "is a Soviet-controlled predatory monster—housed, clothed and fed by those it plans to consume . . . the American people."

In an accompanying promotional spiel by the late Matt Cvetic, the U.N. was described as "an instrument of international deception, founded on fraud and functioning on a charter written by Soviet agents."

Christian Crusade has also offered for sale an anti-U.N. book by Bryton Barron and W. Jefferson Davis entitled Dream Becomes A Nightmare: The U.N. Today...

Every year since 1962 McIntire has published tracts opposing UNICEF. They have borne titles such as The Communists in UNICEF; Co-operation With Communists in UNICEF; The Place of Communists in UNICEF; How UNICEF Helps the Communist Cause and Cover-

'UNICEF Trick . . .'

ing Up the Communists in UNICEF.

An article in McIntire's *Christian Beacon*, publication of the 20th Century Reformation Hour, bearing the headline "UNICEF Trick: The Spy Treatment," had this to say:

"Although the sponsors of UNICEF make a great hue and cry about feeding starving children—which no doubt UNICEF does—we are supposed to forget about the fact that in supporting UNICEF in Communist countries, we are constructively supporting a police apparatus bent on world domination. For whenever a Communist doles out milk paid for by the pennies of American children, he sees to it that Communist aims of propaganda are served thereby."

The article also charged that "We are also supporting an international network of double agents who use the phony humanitarian facade to gull the bleeding hearts of the world. The treat may make good propaganda, but the trick is that our children are made to support the spy from UNICEF."

McIntire has said that "Trick-or-Treat collections on Halloween by our children for UNICEF and the selling of UNICEF Christmas cards is part of a worldwide activity in co-operation with the Communists in which the Communists get unmerited recognition as worthy 'humanitarians'."

He concluded: "Do not support nor allow our children to be used by UNICEF."

ACCC's Resolution

A resolution denouncing UNICEF was adopted at the 1966 convention of the American Council of Christian Churches—an organization founded by McIntire. The ACCC charged that most of the UNICEF money received

Kent and Phoebe Courtney, now separated, were for a decade a New Orleans-based husband and wife team who were among the most prolific propagandists on the Far Right and expressed great pride in being classified as Far Rightists. Now carrying on the battle separately, the Courtneys have proclaimed many of the standard anti-U.N. propaganda themes of the Radical Right through the Conservative Society of America, through radio broadcasts, and through their "Independent American" periodicals and publications.

The Independent American, a garish newspaper published every two months and loaded with reprinted material from Far Right sources, has long been edited by Phoebe Courtney and has frequently published attacks on the U.N. But the Courtneys have not merely confined themselves to quoting others. One of their early "Tax Fax" pamphlets, which continues to circulate, charged that the aim of the United Nations is the destruction of the national sovereignty of the United States. And, it added, in seeming disbelief, "the United States actually finances the operations of the United Nations."

The Courtneys have urged their readers not to support UNICEF. They claim that "when UNICEF money is sent to a Communist country . . . the money is distributed by Communist officials for Communist objectives." In addition, *The Independent American* reproduced an article describing UNICEF as "nothing more or less than a purchasing agency of the United Nations in spite of the hard-sell propaganda which paid propagandists root into the emotional connotations of the word 'children'."

The Courtneys have also expressed support for Representative James B. Utt's bill to have the United States withdraw from the United Nations.

A current tactic of Far Rightists to intensify local harrassment of the U.N. and its activities has been proposed and widely promoted by retired Army Major Arch E. Roberts, ex-aide to former Maj.-Gen. Edwin Walker. Roberts' mission, which in the past has been promoted by Communist governments "does not go to the children as they claim it does, but rather is used by these governments to further the worldwide Communist conspiracy." The Council urged instead support of the International Christian Relief as "the proper outlet for the benevolent giving to the poor and needy of the free world."

International Christian Relief, whose pamphlet entitled "You Do Have A Choice" asserts that "the present program of UNICEF as it is now being operated should be rejected by all Bible-believing Christians and freedomloving Americans," is yet another affiliate of McIntire's complex of organizations and operations.

Kent and Phoebe Courtney

under the aegis of an organization called the Council of 1776, has been to mobilize opposition to the alleged "United Nations Tyranny."

Summarized in his anti-U.N. book, Victory Denied, Roberts' scheme calls for local pressure on each state legislature to establish a committee to inquire into whether governmental powers have been delegated to the U.N. The next step would be to determine what authority exists for such a delegation of powers, if indeed any powers have been so delegated. If no authority is found to exist, Roberts' plan calls for the enactment of a state statute which would declare the pre-supposed "powertransfer" invalid and the U.N. "treaty" void and unenforceable. Finally, such a proposed state statute would make any pro-U.N. activities within the state a felony punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both.

Public Appearances

Roberts has traveled from state to state promoting his scheme. He has appeared before legislative groups, local organizations and clubs. In December, 1966, he addressed a joint session of the Mississippi State Legislature. Earlier in 1966, he appeared before the Massachusetts Legislature's Committee on Constitutional Law.

Roberts' plan did not pass unnoticed and unreported by *The Independent American*. In its July-August, 1966, issue, the publication reprinted a review favorable to Roberts' book. In describing the U.N. as "the source of oppressive laws, that camouflaged as American laws are infiltrating levels of government in the U.S.A. at an alarming pace," the book review detailed the steps—in the form of draft legislation ready for introduction into state legislatures — proposed by Roberts "to rescue (Americans) from global U.N. domination."

The Roberts plan is obviously a difficult and tortuous maneuver to implement successfully in each of the 50 states to discredit and hamper local activities in support of the U.N. But there seems no limit to the lengths to which Radical Rightists will go to destroy the world organization. In an April, 1966, speech in Atlanta, Ga., Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs of the U.S. State Department declared that "polls show that the American people strongly support the U.N.: 80 percent believe the U.N. important and want the U.S. Government to 'use it more'." Some four years earlier, Gallup polls published in February, 1962, indicated that 83% of the American public felt that it was "very important" that the United States "try to make the United Nations a success."

In the same Gallup poll, the public was asked whether it felt "the United States should give up its membership in the United Nations, or not." An overwhelming majority—90%—said that the U.S. should not quit the U.N., while 5% expressed no opinion. The remaining 5% said that the United States should give up its U.N. membership.

The 5% opposing U.S. membership in the U.N. means roughly 5,000,000 adult Americans or roughly 3,000,000 voters. What portion of them had been persuaded to their position by Radical Rightist propaganda is an interesting—but unanswerable—question.

The Far Right's recent efforts to bring about a reduction in United States support for the work of the U.N. has apparently been exposed to the vast majority of Americans for what it is—a misguided if not insidious attempt to destroy an organization whose aim includes the removal of the seeds of world tension and future conflicts. Nevertheless, Radical Right spokesmen continue to publish and broadcast torrents of anti-U.N. propaganda. In the face of such invective and denunciation, there is no way of measuring the inroads the Radical Right is making in discrediting the United Nations in the eyes of the American public.

'A Planetary Spirit'

Constructive criticism of the U.N. must be expected. Supporters of the U.N. recognize that the world organization has its imperfections. Coupled with the fact that cold war skirmishes may occasionally evolve to the disadvantage of the United States, these imperfections could cause larger numbers of Americans to share some of the fears and frustrations about the U.N. held by the extremists. Writing of the need for the United Nations, Israel's Abba Eban said in an article which appeared in LOOK magazine:

"With all its imperfections, the UN is the only incarnation of a planetary spirit. It alone presents a vision of man in his organic unity. It does not escape into a vague universalism by ignoring the claims of nationality ... If the United Nations has not fulfilled man's hopes, it is largely because the immediate parochial concerns of nations have won priority over universal concerns that, though they appear to be 'long-term' and lacking in urgency, will ultimately determine humanity's future." The late Adlai Stevenson, for almost five years United States Representative to the U.N., also candidly conceded that the world organization had not been "an unqualified success."

"But where failures exist," he said, "they have been ones not of the organization itself, but of the members, who have disregarded both the spirit and the intent of the U.N. charter.

"The flaws," he continued, "are but the growing pains of a young organization composed of men of sharply differing views, cultures, histories and national interests. The U.N. is a realistic reflection of the division of the world. And in a divided world," he concluded, "the miracle is that it has survived and been so effective."

Praised by Pope and President

Arthur Goldberg, Mr. Stevenson's successor as U.S. Representative to the U.N., summed up the situation in an April, 1966, speech before the National Press Club. He said: "We attach great importance to the work of this body (the U.N.). The capacity of the United Nations to help in keeping the peace must not be weakened, it must be made stronger, and the United States will join wholeheartedly with those . . . who work to make it stronger."

In an October, 1965, address to the United Nations General Assembly, the first ever delivered by a Pontiff before the international organization, Pope Paul VI eloquently praised the United Nations as "the world's greatest hope" for an ultimate end to war.

The Pope said: "The peoples of the earth turn to the United Nations as the last hope of concord and peace; we presume to present here, with their tribute of honor and of hope, our own tribute also." He added:

"You exist and operate to unite the nations, to bind states together . . . to bring the ones together with the others. You are an association. You are a bridge between peoples. You are a network of relations between states. We would almost say that your chief characteristic is a reflection, as it were, in the temporal field, of what our Catholic Church aspires to be in the spiritual field: unique and universal . . . Your vocation is to make brothers not only of some, but of all peoples . . . Is there any one who does not see the necessity of coming thus progressively to the establishment of a world authority, able to act efficaciously on the juridical and political levels?"

In proclaiming October 24, 1966, as United Nations Day, President Lyndon Johnson declared: "The U.N. has been effective in containing local disputes which, if unchecked, could have led to general war. It has assisted scores of nations in meeting the challenges of the technological revolution. Above all, the U.N. has proved to be a place where constructive dialogues between rich and poor nations can lead to better understanding in today's world, and the promise of a fuller life for future generations."

The U.N. — Fact and Fiction

A compilation of typical charges employed by the Radical Right in its campaign against the United Nations and member agencies—and comments on those charges—follow.

The Charge: The U.N. was organized as part of a Communist plot for world conquest.

Comment: The stated basis for this charge is that Alger Hiss, acting as a Communist agent, secretly drafted the U.N. Charter as part of the "Red scheme." In fact, however, the first U.S. working draft of the U.N. Charter was written by a distinguished committee of Americans chaired by the late Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles. Alger Hiss, as secretary of the conference, dealt only with organizational and housekeeping problems. He was not a member of the U.S. delegation and did not have a vote on any question before the July, 1945, San Francisco conference where the Charter was finally drafted.

The Charge: The U.N. is an instrument for the estabtishment of a World Government.

Comment: The United Nations was never intended to be a super state. Nor was it given any attributes of statehood—it has no power to conscript soldiers, levy a tax, or enforce a decision over the veto of a permanent member of the Security Council such as the United States. It was—and is—an organization whose members are sovereign states which subscribe to the principles of the U.N. Charter.

The Charge: The U.N. Secretariat is controlled by the Soviet Union.

Comment: The key position of the Secretary General of the U.N. has since the founding of the organization been filled by a Norwegian, Trygve Lie; a Swede, Dag Hammarskjold; and currently by a Burmese, U Thant none of them from Communist-controlled countries. In addition, as of May, 1964, there were a total of 1,389 professional and executive positions at the U.N. Of that total, Americans held 255 or about 18 percent of such positions and U.S.S.R. citizens held less than 6 percent. If clerical staff is counted, the proportion of Americans would be even higher.

The Charge: The United Nations is ineffective.

Comment: The U.N.'s ad hoc system of meeting crises may seem unsystematic and weak. Nevertheless, through specific actions to meet specific situations, the U.N. has helped uphold the independence of smaller nations under pressure, including Korea, Lebanon, the Congo, and Cyprus.

The Charge: The U.N. is a threat to United States sovereignty and independence.

Comment: False. The U.N. Charter specifically states that "nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state." In addition, although the member states of the U.N. can recommend police action and call upon the Secretary General to invite member nations to contribute troops for such an undertaking, the ultimate decision to send troops rests with each national government.

The Charge: The U.N. appears powerless to act against Communist interests and has been stymied by the U.S.S.R.

Comment: In some cases, such as Hungary, U.N. action has had little effect because of the non-compliance of the U.S.S.R. Nevertheless, the U.N. has taken many effective steps without the participation of the Soviet Union. This has been done in Korea, Iran, Greece, Lebanon, and in the Congo. In addition, many refugee, technical assistance and specialized agency projects have been very successful in spite of Soviet opposition.

The Charge: The U.N. is a nest for Communist spies.

Comment: An employee of the U.N. who is found to be carrying on espionage activities against the United States is subject to dismissal. This latter point is provided for in the United States' agreement with the U.N. which enumerates the conditions under which the world body functions in U.S. territory.

The Charge: The U.N. is atheistic and opposed to all religion.

Comment: In actual fact, U.N. members include representatives of all of the world's major religions, and over 30 religious organizations—representing all faiths—maintain permanent observers accredited to the U.N. But no member is required to observe any specific religious practice, or to give preference to one religion over another.

The Charge: The U.S.S.R. controls the United Nations Army.

Comment: The basis for this is the allegation that the U.N. Military Staff Committee is controlled by a Communist and therefore the Communists control the U.N. army. In fact, there is no U.N. army. Although there are special and local U.N. police forces for specific limited purposes, there is no regular U.N. police force or army. Nor is the Military Staff Committee controlled by a Communist. The Committee, which to date has remained completely inoperative, is composed of the Chiefs of Staff, or representatives, of the five permanent members of the Security Council. And the chairmanship of the group is rotated monthly among representatives of the five nations —which includes the United States.

The Charge: The post of U.N. Undersecretary for Political and Security Council Affairs has always been held by a Communist.

Comment: By custom, a representative of each of the five major world powers has been appointed to one of the major Undersecretary positions, and the Russians have usually held the position of Undersecretary for Political and Security Council Affairs. However, that office prepares materials for the Security Council and follows through on Council administrative decisions, and

all of the information passing through it is a matter of public record. The office is, in short, purely administrative in its functions.

The Charge: Many member countries fail to support the U.N. financially and thus put undue pressure and burden on the United States.

Comment: The amount of dues on the regular assessed budget of the U.N. paid by each member country is determined by the organization's General Assembly. It is based roughly on each nation's ability to pay and is re-assessed every three years. During the last such review it was determined that the maximum assessment on any member nation to the ordinary expenses of the U.N. should not exceed 30 percent of the total. In addition, the U.N. Charter provides that a member nation two years behind in its assessed dues shall lose its vote in the General Assembly, unless that body decides that the debt is "due to conditions beyond the control of the member."

The Charge: The United Nations Charter is patterned after the Soviet Constitution.

Comment: Quite the contrary is true. The U.N. Charter actually embraces most of the great principles of the United States Constitution.

The Charge: The Afro-Asian nations in the U.N. vote as a bloc and always support the Communists on cold war issues.

Comment: The African nations are largely united on issues such as colonialism, racism, and related questions. Like other members of the United Nations, they have voted in accordance with their national interests. Their voting record shows that they have not consistently voted together as a bloc. They have tended to vote independently, and have often voted with the United States on crucial issues.

The Charge: The one-nation, one-vote system works to the detriment of the United States and plays into the hands of the Soviet Union.

Comment: This assertion is not borne out by the record. In the overwhelming majority of cases over the years, it has been the Soviet Union rather than the United States that has been outvoted in the General Assembly on questions at issue between the two nations. In the Security Council, where the one-nation, one-vote principle is modified by the veto power of the five permanent members, the United States has never had to use its veto power to protect its interests, whereas the U.S.S.R. has been forced to use its veto power more than 100 times.

The Charge: UNESCO is part of the world Communist conspiracy and is promoting one-worldism. **Comment:** UNESCO was created to advance education throughout the world, as well as to further a better and more tolerant understanding among nations and people. Its Charter specifically prohibits the organization from intervening in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of its member states. As a result, UNESCO restricts itself to providing assistance only upon a direct request for such assistance from the government of the member state concerned. Nor can UNESCO dictate policy—its decisions are in the form of recommendations.

The Charge: UNESCO is Soviet-dominated.

Comment: UNESCO employs citizens from some 82 countries and territories, including the Soviet Union. Recent figures showed that of the top 100 posts in the organization, American citizens outnumbered Soviet citizens 3 to 1. In the past, moreover, the Soviets and their supporters have sharply criticized UNESCO, charging that it was not responsive to their interests.

The Charge: UNICEF is controlled by the Communists and Communist countries are among the principal beneficiaries of its aid.

Comment: UNICEF believes that children who are starving or ill because of lack of medicine or medical care are entitled to help regardless of the political regime under which they happen to live. The United States is in accord with and endorses this very principle. UNICEF is currently assisting over 500 long-range programs in more than 100 countries, and of these, only four countries have Communist governments. With respect to the administrative staff of UNICEF, recent figures indicated it included 679 persons who were citizens of some 65 countries. Of this number, 98 were American citizens and only 10 were from countries with Communist governments.

The Charge: UNICEF's Trick-or-Treat program is a Communist "Trojan Horse."

Comment: Through the Trick-or-Treat program for UNICEF, boys and girls in the United States express with contributions their concern for needy children in other countries. Of this endeavor, the late President John F. Kennedy said: "UNICEF has caught the imagination of our people — especially our nation's children whose Halloween collections have become a symbol of concern and an expression of tangible aid."

The Charge: UNICEF greeting cards are devoid of religious spirit.

Comment: UNICEF greeting cards are designed to reflect the ethical and spiritual values of the many peoples who make up the U.N. Their content is selected solely for its artistic merit and the art work is contributed, free, by some of the world's leading artists.

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Rabbi Dov Rapaport 2423 Avenue I Brooklyn, New York 11210

November 28, 1976

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler President, Major American Jewish Organizations New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Schindler;

It was reassuring to read your forceful ad in today's New York Times. With compassion, understanding and moral standards in retreat before an advancing tide of hipocrisy, crime and public apathy, what other road is there to take? We have to utilize to the utmost our "Kol Kol Yacov". The bankruptcy of the UN's role has just been exhibited again.

But permit me, Rabbi, a short remark. Instead of quoting Ambassador Scranton, you should have the guts and point to the disgrace demonstrated by him when the United States was among the 118 delegations voting in favor of the resolution calling on Israel to return the refugees to their old camps in the Gaza Strip.

Please accept for your attention the enclosed copies. They were sent in connection with latest U.S. submission to irrationality.

/(Rabbi) Dov Rapaport/

Thank you

RABBI DOV RAPAPORT 2423 AVENUE I BROOKLYN, NY 11210

November 12, 1976

Ambassador William W. Scranton United States Mission New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr Scranton:

Referring to yesterday's Security Council resolution, in which the United States joined, unanimously and routinly deploring Israel and reviving the obsolete stupidity declaring "invalid" the absorption of Eastern Jerusalem into Israel, I would like to make some observations.

First, I wish to congratulate you on your "great success" in softening more extreme drafts sufficiently to make possible the "honor" to join in the consensus, in violation of decency, morality and simple human dignity. It was indeed a "great" achievement.

It is characteristic of the shortsightedness of those who still advocate the bankrupt "even-handedness". They are not able to see that the timing of this conspiratory step will strengthen the extremists and undermine the road to peace.

I was also deeply touched to learn how you were unsuccessful in your attempt to attach references to well-known Security Council resolutions calling on Arabs and Israelis to negotiate peace with secure and recognized borders for all states in the area.

It is imaginable how hard you tried to get through these "innocent" references, but obviously, this failure of yours did not offend your sensibilities to the degree that you would not become a partner to this discriminatory act.

It is futile to speculate on the reasons for this ill-timed and dangerous behavior. It offers the world an outrageously misleading description of the real situation.

The insertion of Jerusalem, out of nowhere, in this artificially provoked discussion, to say the least, was irresponsible. It is hoped that no one, including the Arabs of East Jerusalem, wants the Holy City divided and strifetorn again as it was before the Six-Day War. It can also be assumed that it is difficult to imagine a permanently peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict which would leave Israelis in exclusive control of the entire city. But it is high time to recognize reality. We all agree as to the unique character of ferusalem, sacred to the followers of three great religions,

Ambassador Scranton - Page Two

thus, in order to keep Jerusalem worthy of its past and see it peaceful and prosperous for the future, we should admit once and for all the fact that historically Jerusalem was, as it is today, the capital city of Israel. It was so 1879 years ago and it is so again since 1967. Men with honor and self-respect should have the guts and say this truth loud, so those who have doubts and false illusions could hear it well. This is the American way, this is the way of decency and morality and not the way of shameful submission to make the United States join in the humiliation of Israel.

Every religious place, Christian or Moslem, is intact and the Israelis have no desire, nor ambition, to administrate the holy places, either Christian or Moslem, and they are prepared to have any of these religions take care of their own places.

People say this is a city of three big religions. What happened between 1949 and 1967? the Old City was occupied by Jordan and no Jew was allowed to come into the Old City; synagogues were destroyed. Jews were not allowed to visit their holiest spot: The Western Wall; and nobody said anything. Everybody slept well. The city of three religions became a city of only two religions and the third one (Jewish) was excluded and there were no emergency sessions of the Security Council. This is called cynical hypocrisy.

Israel is ready to cooperate with any arrangement to protect the holy places. The enlightened international community applauded the behavior of Israel with respect to the holy places, characterizing it as "exemplary". What Israel is not ready to do is to share her sovereignty over her capital. From this she will not budge despite the enormous change with the emergence of oil and the petro-dollar. Jerusalem was never the capital of any Arab nation, but it was the capital of the Jewish nation with its kings and prophets. This is a reality the world ignored too long now. This ignorance will not be tolerated any longer by a united Jewish people. It would have been the duty of responsible governments to emphasize this simple fact, at long last, at this Security Council debate. Instead our Department of State, true to its policy of retreat, selected to join in a one-sided racist resolution. This happened in a time when decent people the world over will testify that the Jews cannot be accused of being insufficiently sensitive to the sanctity and beauty of Jerusalem.

This resolution, as many others before it, is a further indication that the United Nations has reached a point of utter incapacity to deal seriously and constructively with problems which confront the international world today.

America's participation in this ugly spectacle is another proof of Mr Kissinger's mistaken appeasement policy to which he stubbornly and cynically is sticking to, despite, or because, he knows that the end of his influence is near. Thank you, /(Rabbi) Dov Rapaport/

P.S.

Dear Ambassador;

I enclose this copy of a telegram I sent to President Ford on March 24 this year, to prove that praying sometimes does some good.

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November 17, 1976

Mr Lawrence S. Eagleburger Executive Assistant Washington, D.C.20520

Dear Sir;

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Whatever the motivation behind the Kissinger support of the Egyptian resolution in the Security Council last week, it will heighten the suspicions and fears of Israelis who are adamant against being made a helpless pawn in the American effort for Arab favor.

Recently Secretary Kissinger testified in a closed session of a Congressional committee. He said: "Vietnam needs the United States. Friendship with the United States is crucial to their independence and sovereignty".

The Arab states do not need the United States?

To preserve their independence, to avoid being preyed by the Soviets, they clearly need friendship with these United States. The inescapable question is asked: Why does Israel have to pay for it?

We all will agree that for the United States to be on friendly terms with the Arab nations is beneficial for world peace and in the long run it is good for Israel too. Secretary Kissinger worked hard trying to achieve this. It will always be well remembered and appreciated. Where many people depart sharply is the methods used by Mr Kissinger.

The principle to appease the Arabs and make Israel pay for it was, if not invented, greatly intensified by Secretary Kissinger. The thesis that the only way to lure the Arabs for their friendship is the un-American and un-ethical way of humiliating Israel and oppressing her to a degree as to endanger her security, this thesis became a standard Kissinger approach and the Jewish people could not possibly stand for it too long.

On November 2nd, Election Day, New York became a key state in Carter's victory. The Jewish community voted enthusiastically for Carter and they voted more heavily for him than any other religion group did.

The moderate "Jerusalem Post" calls the Secretary's decision to add America's voice to the Security Council consensus: "Kissinger's partin shot".

It is a sad exit indeed.

Thank you,

/(Rabbi) Dov Rapaport/

Encl.

Rabbi Dov Rapaport 2423 Avenue I Brooklyn, New York 11210

November 20, 1976

Dear Secretary Kissinger:

There must be some other incentives in the arsenal of this great country of ours with which to get Arab friendship, than the high price of constant and systematic humiliation of Israel.

At this hour of departure we will admit our conviction and our knowledge that your intentions were good, but perhaps we did not have the sufficient strength and patience to go along with your methods. We knew that you mean well, but we felt that, unknowingly, you overlook Arab irrationality. The Arabs' deep mythological image of Israel and Jews is frightening, but it is real. By pressing Israel to give up territories without peace, we allow the Arab states to continue to hope that somehow, someday, with Soviet help, they will be able to liquidate Israel. To Israel the dispute is life itself; to be or not to be.

Enclosed are some copies for your kind attention. We sent them in connection with the latest shameful submission at the United Nations,

Thank you, (

/(Rabbi) Dov Rapaport/

4211 Colie Drive Silver Spring, Md. 20906 Dec. 14, 1976

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

Referring to your circular letter of December 1976, was the advertisement in the New York Times, "UN - The Farce Turns Ugly", intended as the start of a national public relations campaign to be supported by the entire American Jewish community?

May I make a suggestion? It is important that Jewish public relations emphasize that support of Israel is in America's interest. Specifically, **OPEC** will be a prominent issue next year. No matter what President Carter and Congress do to alleviate inflation and unemployment, their efforts will be futile until they face and overcome the challenge of **OPEC**. Therefore, I suggest that next year Conference public relations concentrate on attacking **OPEC** as a menace to the American economy, American independence, American leadership in the world, etc.

Sincerely yours,

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Benjamin Adelman

P.S. For your information, I have inclosed a copy of my article, "OPEC Wages War on West" which appeared in the Capitol Hill Forum.

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Food Stamps

JULY 28, 1975

OPEC Wages War on West

By Benjamin Adelman

Economic warfare has many advantages over old-fashioned military warfare. In an economic war, you can achieve all your political aims without risking the life of a single one of your citizens or losing a dollar of your national wealth. Indeed, you can make hundreds of billions if you play your cards right. Even more delicious, you can persuade your enemy to cooperate eagerly in his own destruction while he trains your armed forces, builds up your industries, and donates enormous numbers of the latest planes, tanks, warships, and missiles. All the while, he will spread your propaganda and thank you fervently for the privileges you are bestowing on him.

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MONDAY, JULY

every war has a political purpose.

There is a catch to this game. To win an economic war, you must have something that others want—condition one; and, condition two, they must believe they can't get it elsewhere.

Consider the sad case of the Vermont maple growers as an example of condition one. Early each spring, they tap their maples for sugar and sell it to the large food firms. The companies sell it to the consumers, usually highly diluted and therefore labeled as imitation maple syrup. Some brands contain no maple syrup at all and state as much.

This spring, the ambitious maple syrup growers raised the price of pure maple syrup to \$12 a gallon—and were stuck with it. It seems that the American consumer prefers the imitation to the pure maple syrup.

Sugar illustrates condition two. The cane sugar growers of Central and South America decided that if OPEC could do it with oil they could do the same with cane sugar. In 1974, raw cane sugar soared from 15 cents to a record 65 cents a pound. Last November, representatives of all the Latin Amer-*(Continued on page 5)*

You couldn't miss it. The ad was right in the middle of lune 8th's Parade magazine disguised as a feature. "How To Save \$120 to \$2,400 A Year By Participating in The U.S. Food Stamp Program" it was titled. The pitch was that by investing \$3.50, you could obtain a booklet that would enable you to determine whether you were one of the 15 million eligibles missing out on benefits. The lure was the picture of a not-very-needy looking woman seated at her foodladen dining room table. cheerily waving a fistful of cash at the camera.

The response was guick-the usual crescendo of letters to the Hill denouncing the food stamp program and, on June 25, the introduction of the National Food Stamp Reform Act of 1975 (H.R. 8145), supported by 59 Congressmen who wanted to end the "public rip-off" and "administrative nightmare" they saw in food stamps. The thrust of the reform is to amputate eligibility at the powerty level by redefining income to exclude any deductions (such as the ones now available for high medical bills, the expenses of child care, excessive rent and utility costs, and payroll taxes) and include in-kind payments (such as Medicaid-valued at \$297 per per-

By John Kramer

Public Rip-Off Or Welfare Reform?

son per year—and school 'lunch—\$81 per school child per year.) The impact of this reform would be to eliminate from program rolls up to onehalf of the current recipients, which is a pretty spectacular form of housecleaning.

Senator George McGovern of South Dakota, on the other hand, had spent the spring jousting with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and demanding that Butz resign from office because he was operating the program illegally to the detriment of the 20 to 30 million people whose adjusted income might qualify them for food stamps at least one month of the year, but who either never heard of the program (insufficient outreach-a breach of the law as determined by a federal court in Minnesota), or couldn't afford it (a family of four with a monthly net income of \$500 has to pay \$138 for its \$162 in stamps), or were deterred by the long lines awaiting certification, or by pride.

Senator McGovern's complaint about the program is that it doesn't give enough help to enough people swiftly. The Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia agreed with him, on June 13, that the benefits were not as high as they ought to be to encompass the needs

of older children and pregnant women, and the higher cost of the food for large families and families living in the Northeast. The court ordered the Department of Agriculture to remedy these deficiencies by mid-September (if the Supreme Court or Congress doesn't say no.) At the same time, many welfare advocates and labor supporters were hailing food stamps as the only universal income support providing help for the unemployed and underemployed in the depression

Where does the truth reside? Is the program an extravagant rip-off or an insufficient pittance? Does it supply too much to too many or too little to too few? The answer is that nobody really knows-especially not the Department of Agriculture. As Assistant Secretary Richard Feltner admitted to House Agriculture Committee Chairman Thomas Foley of Washington, "Participation data (i.e., how many participants are students. welfare recipients, strikers, elderly, etc.) ... may be available eventually." But not now.

Food stamps, running at a projected cost of \$6 to \$6.5 billion (19.6 million recipients in May receiving \$21.48 per person) in fiscal year 1976, are the (Continued on page 4)

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OPEC Wages War on West

ican sugar growing countries met in Cozumel, Mexico, to set up an international sugar cartel. They failed.

They failed because they could not overcome condition two. All the major sugar importing nations can grow their own sugar, either from sugar beets (if they are in a temperate climate) or from sugar cane, if they are in a tropical or subtropical climate, or even both, as in the United States.

Also, the Soviet Union didn't go along. This is not according to Karl Marx, but according to Adam Smith. Each year, the Soviet Union buys up Cuba's sugar crop. Acting just like the vile capitalists, the Russians decided that they didn't care to pay their beloved Cuban comrades 50 cents a pound for sugar, or even more, when they could buy it elsewhere for fifteen cents a pound-or even less

The difference between a business cartel and OPEC is clear. The embattled Vermont maple growers didn't intend to descend upon the hapless Boston pancake eaters with fire and sword if the Bostonians didn't switch to genuine maple

syrup. Whatever their political beliefs, the Latin Americans merely wanted more money for their product. The OPEC coalition aims both at amassing wealth and at world power. Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Petroleum Minister of Saudi Arabia, and the real head of OPEC, said as much in a speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors:

"But oil's vital importance became really felt when, at the beginning of this decade, the so-called energy crisis visited the world and the scales of power were tipped in favor of the producers, giving them much greater influence and making oil a source of political power and a highly political weapon in their hands."

Venezuela and the Persian Gulf oil exporting countries started OPEC in 1960 in response to the price cuts made by the international oil companies to meet low Soviet oil prices. OPEC has long since been taken over by its Arab members. The non-Arab member countries docilely follow their lead for the sake of the glorious profits. Pierre Rinfret, the well-known

economist, believes that the "Arab oil weapon" will be used against the West, while actions and threats by Arab oil countries are blocking foreign investments in Israel, crippling its foreign trade, supporting anti-Semitism in the West, isolating Israel politically (more than 40 countries have broken off diplomatic relations with Israel), and building up the Arab armed forces with the help of the Soviet Union, Germany, France, Great Britain, and the United States. All this is in preparation for the fifth Arab assault on Israel.

The 1973-1974 oil embargo was OPEC's first major political move, and a successful one, for it showed that the West is a paper tiger.

The nascent Arab empire doesn't pay any attention to economics. It doesn't have to. Oil costs the Arabs nothing. The oil companies pay the production costs. Arab oil revenues are entirely profit. In spite of a worldwide glut of petroleum. OPEC is defying economics by keeping the price up by reducing production, and it is even announcing that it will raise the price. When OPEC puts into effect its proposed \$4 a barrel increase this fall, the weakened West will be struck another severe blow and unemployment and inflation will rise.

OPEC is strengthening its grip on oil while the West babbles. It is moving "downstream." With its victims' billions, it is buying up its victims' oil tankers. Tankers are cheap these days since there is a surplus of them due to the slackening demand for oil due to the sky high price of oil dictated by OPEC.

Giant tankers in the 100,000 to 250,000 ton range (that cost about \$80 million apiece to build) can be snapped up for \$30 million each. The world tanker fleet amounts to about 250 million tons. Idle tanker capacity may increase to 80 million tons by the end of this year, thanks to OPEC, and the Arabs will be in a position to buy up most of the world's tankers at bargain rates.

For comparison, the United States owns only 8 million tons of tankers. Working at full capacity, American-owned tankers could carry only 15 percent of US oil imports.

The new Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport Company will spend about two billion dollars by 1980 on the construction of tankers having a total capacity of 5 million tons. It is estimated that at present, OPEC owns 3 percent of the world tanker tonnage. It will own more than 30 percent by the 1980s at the rate it is going. **Obviously, OPEC contracts will** require the use of Arab tankers, which will make future Arab oil boycotts frighteningly effective.

The Secretary General of OPEC put it this way, as reported in the Beirut Daily Star of December 15, 1974: "This is the big challenge, the challenge of the 1980s, that faces Arab oil producing countries now that they have almost completed total control of their oil resources and pricing methods. They have to look forwards to control of world shipping and marketing sectors."

OPEC is winning its war. Since the Arab Oil War began, the Western countries have done almost nothing to defend their interests. Instead, by continual fawning on OPEC, they have built up a reputation for feebleness and self-delusion that has not escaped the attention of the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. Recently, for example, both communist-dominated Portugal and fascist-dominated Spain have refused to let the United States use its air bases in their territory to supply Israel when the next Arab attack comes. Their refusal hasn't cost them anything.

During the Yom Kippur War, OPEC had the audacity to order American oil companies to stop supplying fuel to the US Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. The American oil companies abjectly obeyed, and the United States government did nothing about it. Even now, the American oil companies can defy American vital interests without being liable to criminal or even economic penalties.

OPEC has even made the President's fear of a second Arab oil boycott an instrument of American policy in the Mideast by weakening our ties to our only ally in that vast area. Who will be next abandoned by the West?

(Trade-Energy Information Ctr.)

Questions and Answers On Benefits

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November 29, 1976

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Bravo on your magnificent statement in yesterday's NY TIMES.

I have sent it on to Ari Rath & Erwin Frenkel as I thought they would like to see it as it appeared.

Enclosed please find my personal check in the very small amount of \$25. which I hope, somehow, helps.

What else can I do, personally, professionally?

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Janet Kaplan Director North America

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8000 Shore Front Parkway (3 M) Rockaway Beach, N. Y. 11693 December 1, 1976

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Chairman Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations 515 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Hurrah ! At long last " a public relations " program is being inaugurated. I am writing to warmly commend you for your " UN The Farce Turns Ugly ", in " The New York Times" , Sunday issue of November 28th.

Generally, the public is so uninformed as to the true story that more and more " public relations " copy should be forthcoming. To help out with expenses, I am enclosing herewith my chrck of \$ 5.00. I wish I could give more, but my dollars have to he stretched in many places.

One of the most important aspects of Middle East turmoil is the Palestinian refugees. Now the PLO is clamoring to take over the Gaza Strip as well as East Jerusalem, so that tiny Israel will have her enemies nearer in her southern as well as eastern borders.

Since 1947 - 48 the Arabs have been encouraged and emboldened, first by the British and then by our own country. They have been appeased, which whets their appetites for more and more concessions. Russia grabbed up all of East Europe after World War 2, yet no one says a word about this.

When Israel was attacked in 1967 and won, she offerred to give back all the land she had captured, in exchange for a peace treaty. The Arabs replied, "No recognition, no negotiations, no peace with Israel. " The victor begged for peace !

The media is strident with the " poor Palestinians ", and no one remembers their beginnings - how their own people heartless used them as political pawns. Few people know the true facts. These should be recalled ceaselessly.

In your capacity as Chairman of the Conference of Presidents Of Major Jewish Organizations, I am aware you are knowledgable on all subjects vis - a vis the Jews and the Arabs. However, as a all subjects vis - a vis the Jews and the Arabs. However, as a busy person absorbed with your numerous duties and obligations, one can forget all the myriad details, all the complex aspects involved - so, may I take the liberty of enclosing herewith some " Letters to the Editor ", (one of which I wrote,) which are self - explanatory.

Also, I am enclosing herewith some current articles, which you may find of interest, if you have not already read them:

- 1 "Jewry aththe Crossroads," By Prof. Howard L.
- 2 " 4,000 Gaza Arabs better housed; UN's thank you -Israel demned .
- (Flease return all enclosures.)

All that has transpired in the last twenty - eight years of the State of Israel brings to mind the saying of that old, famous French philosopher,

" America is great because America is good and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great. "

- Alexis de Tocqueville .

Keep up the good work. With all good wishes,

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Sincerely, (Mrs.) Lottie Greenberg (Green)

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December 9, 1976

Mrs. Lottie Greenberg: 8000 Shore Front Parkway #3M Rockaway Beach, NY 11693

Dear Mrs. Greenberg:

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Many thanks for your letter of December 1st. I am returning the clippings that you enclosed; I found them very interesting.

Again, my thanks for your kind words of support.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler Chairman

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