

# Purely Commentary

By Philip Slomovitz

## The Emergency: A Jewish as Well as Israeli Issue

That which is happening on Israel's borders is not a mere Israeli issue. It is an emergency situation for the entire Jewish people and all of Jewry is under threat.

So many lies have been uttered and will be repeated at the United Nations, in the press, on public platforms, branding Israel as an aggressor, that a great responsibility devolves upon Jews everywhere not to be misled by falsified reports, to beware of misrepresentations, to be on guard lest the entire Jewish people once again is subjected to the vilest calumnies as a result of blunders by world powers which have led to the new dangers confronting Israel.

The heads of the democratic Western power, including the United States, are not immune from guilt in the present situation. They are permitting another Munich by their vacillations, by having permitted Russia to turn the UN into a medium for international political bickering instead of retaining it as a rostrum for peace.

Israel stands alone against many Moslem powers. Surrounded by enemies, threatened in Nazi fashion with extermination, the men, women and children of Israel are fighting for their very lives. The free world could have come to their aid by assuring them their lifeline at Sharm el-Sheikh. There were weaselly words in Washington and in London but no action.

Who will dare blame Israel for acting when its lifeline was being cut, when its security was endangered, when Nasser's spokesmen and Shukairy said bluntly that they aimed at Israel's total destruction?

The Arab politicians have done much more: they have given comfort, under the lame excuse of themselves being Semites, to the world's anti-Semites. From Arab quarters in recent years have emanated anew the discredited, the vile, forgeries which have become known as the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. They have become responsible for the revival of a disgusting new campaign against world Jewry.

They have used as an excuse that they were attacking Zionism and Zionists and while doing so they were launching attacks on all Jews. Some Christians, and some Jews, fell victims to such propaganda and have failed to aid the Zionist movement as the chief defender of Israel.

It is time to call a halt to such vile propaganda and to let the truth be known: Arabs, anti-Semites, Christians who would assist in destroying Israel, have been parties in campaigns against world Jewry. They used as an excuse the Zionist idea. They lied and they should now be exposed for spreading this lie.

World Jewry is mobilizing to protect Israel. The united effort must not be delayed. There must be unhesitant action. Israel not only is surrounded by vast enemy forces: there are enemies within in the ranks of the 300,000 Arabs within Israel. The road to peace and to victory is strewn with obstacles and the difficulties to be hurdled include the dangers within.

All of Israel is united! Even the extremest religious group, the Naturai Karta, has called off all of its campaigns against the state and against those who do not share with them their attitudes that have been a source of internal trouble.

There is no longer a division between Occidental and Oriental Jews. There are only Jews who are under attack and who must be assured security if another holocaust is not to strike our people.

### Israel's Victories

Is there any wonder that Israel has scored such great victories? How else could an armed conflict result when our people were threatened with destruction?

Among the statements that were made by "Voice of the Arabs" Radio Station in Cairo as the Egyptian offensive began were the following, calling for Israel's destruction:

Destroy, ruin, liberate Palestine . . . Your hour has arrived. Woe to Israel. The Arab nation is on its way to render its account with you . . . Oh Israel, this is your end . . . Every Arab must take revenge for 1948 must cross the Armistice lines from all directions, in the direction of Tel Aviv.

We shall drive out of existence the shame of Zionism . . . The hour has arrived to get rid of the Zionist gangs . . . Rescue the looted Palestine . . . Hit everywhere till the end . . . There is no room for Israel in Palestine . . . This is your responsibility, oh Arab soldiers! Israel, taste death!

A people fighting against great odds, against threats such as these, could do no less than win. The alternative is obvious.

That's why Israel is "a singing army." That's why the sweet singers of Israel once again scored a triumph for justice.

### Major Factors In Israel-Arab Crisis

Twice Israel yielded to UN Security Council demands for cease fire. Once, in 1948, when Israel was about to occupy all of Jerusalem, the UN order for cessation of warfare resulted in making Jerusalem a divided city, part Israeli—the newest which was built by Israel, the other part Jordanian—the part that contains all but one of the Holy Places.

The second time when Israel yielded to a UN Security Council order to cease fire was in the Sinai Campaign of 1956; then the yielding by Israel was upon the pledge by the U. S. and the world powers that there would be freedom of the seas and that passage through the Suez and the Sharm el-Sheikh point 160 miles south of Eilat (the Tiran Strait). There was an end to the fighting which might have resulted in Israeli troops entering Cairo, but the pledge of free passage never was lived up to.

Therefore it is reasonable to believe that Israel will not again yield to UN pressure—pressure from a world movement on the verge of bankruptcy because of failure to protect a people that is threatened in Nazi-like fashion by Nasser and Shukairy with total extermination.

## 'Hooligans' Attacking Tunis Jews Condemned by Bourguiba

LONDON — President Habib Bourguiba appeared on Tunisian radio and television Monday to issue a stern warning against attacks on Tunisian Jews and Jewish property stemming from the Arab-Israeli war, it was reported here Tuesday from Tunis.



Bourguiba

The Tunisian president denounced the incidents and gave orders that they must cease, adding that all such demonstrations would be halted "by every means available in the power of the state."

The World Jewish Congress office here sent a cable of appreciation Tuesday to President Bourguiba for his condemnation of "outrages committed against your Jewish citizens who rely for protection on your sense of justice, as demonstrated by your intention to punish all culprits."

The Tunisian government formally apologized Tuesday to the Tunisian Jewish community and said that "the hooligans" who sacked the Jewish quarter in Tunis Monday did not represent the Tunisian people or government. Special police units were detailed to the section to guard it.

## Free Peoples Demonstrate in Israel's Defense; 80,000 at Two Rallies in Paris

By PHILIP SLOMOVITZ

PARIS, France—Jews and non-Jews demonstrated in many of the capitals of the world in Israel's defense, demanding justice, insisting upon freedom of the seas, condemning Nasser's aggression. A rally in Paris on May 31 was memorable. Never before have we

witnessed anything to equal it. On less than a day's notice, 30,000 people gathered at the Israel Embassy here on Israel Square, expressing solidarity with Israel, demanding the freeing of passage through Aqaba acclaiming Israel.

When Sammy Davis Jr. appeared in a green shirt on the balcony of the Israeli embassy, standing next to Israel Ambassador to France Walter Eytan, there was a cheer of ISRAEL, ISRAEL that must have reverberated into the home of Charles de Gaulle.

The famous Barons, Guy and Elie de Rothschild, Chief Rabbi

Kaplan, Arthur Rubinstein, noted actors, entertainers and famous leaders and the noted philosopher and literary critic Jean Paul Sartre came forth to give courage to the Israeli fighters for freedom.

Then, after that rally, another gathering of 50,000 people responded to a call for the hero of the French Free Forces, General Poerre Koenig, and came to the Cirque d'Hiver near the Place de la Republique for another demonstration in behalf of Israel.

At the same time, similar gatherings were held in all major French communities, in cities throughout England, Holland, Belgium and other lands.

## Heads Emergency Israel Campaign



PAUL ZUCKERMAN

Heading the Israel Emergency Fund campaign here, Paul Zuckerman is directing the active efforts to secure the funds necessary to assure Israel's economic security and to provide for the Jewish State the internal needs — the supplementary funds to protect the health of the people, to provide food supplies when and where necessary, to guarantee the restoration of the country's educational activities.

## Israeli Captured



This is an official Arab Republic photo of Lavon Mordacai, an Israeli pilot. The UAR source claims he was captured by the Egyptians.

## U.S. Red Magen David Seeks Packs, Not Blood

NEW YORK—The American Red Magen David for Israel, besieged at its national office in New York by volunteer blood donors, has announced that the present emergency in Israel requires blood dispensers rather than plasma. A pack is a mechanical unit for blood infusion and costs \$1.22 each.

## Boris Smolar's 'Between You and Me'

By BORIS SMOLAR  
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WASHINGTON ECHOES: The story going around now in Washington well-informed circles throws a certain light on America's obligation toward Israel to see to it that the Strait of Tiran is open to Israeli ships. . . It is a story of a forgotten agreement. . . When Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban arrived in Washington immediately after Egypt took full control of the Strait of Tiran, he claimed that there was a secret American agreement guaranteeing free access to the Israeli port of Eilat through the Gulf of Aqaba dominated by the Strait of Tiran. . . Such an agreement seems to have been reached under the Eisenhower Administration which forced Israel to retreat from Egyptian territory during the Sinai Campaign in 1956. . . However, there was nothing on it in the files of the State Department or of the White House. . . Fortunately somebody remembered that Douglas Dillon, former Secretary of the Treasury in Kennedy's Cabinet, had served in the State Department during the Eisenhower Administration. . . Doubly fortunate for all concerned, Dillon remembered the agreement dimly. . . This agreement was more far-reaching and morally binding for the United States than any public assurances made since the 1950 Tripartite Declaration issued jointly by the U.S., Britain and France, guaranteeing the borders between Israel and the Arab countries. . . It turned out that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who conducted the American foreign policy under President Eisenhower, assisted in the writing of Israel's final statement of the United Nations debate in 1957 which said that interference with shipping in the Strait of Tiran would be treated as an act of war. . . Eban reportedly produced a copy of the statement with corrections written in Dulles' handwriting. . . There was no question anymore of the U.S. being fully committed to keeping the Strait of Tiran open, and morally committed to support Israel on this issue.

JEWISH OBLIGATION: The newly created situation in Israel has naturally dislocated the country's economy and strongly affected the absorption work of the immigrants there in need of aid. . . Thus, it imposed upon the Jews in the United States the obligation to come financially to the aid of Israel more than ever. . . It is clear that American Jewry must consider the present emergency situation not as a year of ordinary giving to the United Jewish Appeal. . . This comes at a time when, under the present provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, an additional 10 per cent income tax deduction is available to individuals for contributions made to charitable organizations that are "publicly supported." . . Legal experts and accountants agree that UJA clearly falls within the definition of a "publicly supported" charitable organization. . . Thus, in making gifts to the UJA, one is not restricted to the customary income tax provision limiting the deductibility of charitable gifts to 20 per cent of his adjusted gross income. . . Instead, his gift to UJA qualifies for the additional 10 per cent deduction, making it possible to give up to 30 per cent of the adjusted gross income to UJA, and to receive full tax benefit for it. . . A contributor is also free to make gifts to UJA in excess of the 30 per cent figure, carry forward such excess gifts to future years—for up to five years—and claim the amount in excess of 30 per cent as an income tax deduction in the future year or years. . . He must, however, remember that contribution made through a private foundation cannot qualify for the additional 10 per cent deduction for the five-year carry-forward, even though the contribution is ultimately received by the UJA. . . Anyone who contemplates giving more than 20 per cent of his adjusted gross income should therefore make his gift directly to UJA in order to secure the full tax benefit, rather than by channeling the gift through his foundation.