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## FOREWORD

November 10, 1975. This day will be remembered as one of the darkest days in the history of the United Nations. On that day, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 3379 equating Zionism with racism. I was then serving as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations. I denounced the resolution as one of the most pernicious lies of our time; one which licensed anti-Semitism and granted it a new international respectability. It is a lie which corrupts the very ideals embodied in the United Nations Charter. This resolution was opposed by nearly every democratic nation on earth, and by many nations which were not so democratic but which opposed the resolution out of sheer revulsion.

I believe that the events of the past fifteen years have proven me all too correct. I am pleased,

however, that many of the nations that we once referred to as belonging to the "Soviet bloc" have repudiated this calamitous resolution. This has been as dramatic evidence of the moral rebirth of the governments of Central Europe as any we have seen. What immoral regimes assented to, moral governments instantly repudiate.

It is far past time that we right this wrong. The American Jewish Committee's *Anti-Zionism: The Sophisticated Anti-Semitism* is a valuable history of anti-Semitism and the United Nations resolution. I believe it will provide important support for the growing effort to revoke Resolution 3379.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
*U.S. Senator from New York*

## **ANTI-ZIONISM: THE SOPHISTICATED ANTI-SEMITISM**

It is the perpetual trick of the racist to force his victim to appear to be the hater. . . . If I were a Jew, I would regard the UN action as a stern warning [that] the wide-spread hatred of the Jewish people did not disappear with the fall of the Nazis.

-- Claude Lewis, journalist

On November 10, 1975, ambassadors from around the world walked into the United Nations General Assembly hall. One by one they announced their country's decision. Seventy-two nations voted in favor of General Assembly Resolution 3379, 35 against. Zionism -- the philosophical underpinning of the state of Israel, and the world's most multiracial national liberation movement -- was classified in international law as a form of "racism and racial discrimination."<sup>1</sup>

Those nations and people hostile to Jews and their organized presence in the Middle East

celebrated their cynical victory. Israel was now open to every conceivable attack with no possible defense. For if a country's *raison d'être* is "racist," then that society, regardless of its policies, practices, or leaders is, by definition, illegitimate.

But Resolution 3379 was not intended only as an attack against a state. For "[w]hen people criticize Zionists," the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had observed, "they mean Jews."

### WHAT IS ZIONISM? WHAT IS ANTI-ZIONISM?

Anti-Zionism,<sup>2</sup> the philosophical underpinning of Resolution 3379, distorts Judaism and defames Jews. And it is based on an anti-Semitic lie: that Jews have no significant historical connection to Israel.

The fact is, Judaism is an inextricably land-linked religion, and that land is Eretz Yisrael, the land of Israel. The Jewish patriarchs and matriarchs from the Hebrew Bible -- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel -- lived and were buried there. The first and second Temples -- the centers of spiritual and political Jewish life centuries ago -- were there, in Jerusalem. The Exodus from slavery in Egypt -- retold every year during the Passover seder -- was a return to Israel. Jewish holidays celebrated today in all corners of the globe, regardless of local seasons, focus on the seasons of Israel.

Jewish liturgy is filled with references to the land where Judaism was born. The Hebrew Bible refers to Jerusalem -- the capital of ancient (and modern) Israel -- 750 times. It also mentions "a small mount just outside" of the Old City 180 times. That mount is Mount Zion.

Jews lived in Israel in ancient times, and continued to live there throughout the ages. Jewish governments were destroyed by invading armies -- the Babylonians and later the Romans -- but to the Jews dispersed around the world, the land remained the focus. When Jews began their Babylonian exile, a psalm was written: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." And another: "By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down, yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion."

Anti-Zionism not only denies the historical bond of a people to a land, it also ignores the historical need for Zionism -- the survival of the Jewish people.

For two thousand years Jews have been constant victims of religious-based discrimination and violence around the globe. They were slaughtered during the Crusades. They were expelled from Spain and run out of South America during the Inquisition.

In Arab countries, Jews have never been allowed full citizenship. In Christian countries, Jews were "emancipated" less than two hundred years ago, a recent event in the 4,000-year history of a people.<sup>3</sup>

Only a hundred years ago anti-Semitism was the official state policy of the czars. Starting in 1881, and continuing into the early twentieth century,<sup>4</sup> Jewish communities were massacred and terrorized in pogroms (from the Russian word for "devastation"). To be a Jew in Russia meant living in constant fear of violent death.

Life was not secure elsewhere in Europe either. Theodor Herzl, a French correspondent for a Vienna newspaper, reported on the trial of



Captain Alfred Dreyfus -- a Jew wrongly accused and maliciously convicted of treason. Hearing a frenzied mob scream "Down with the Jews!" in the streets of "enlightened" Paris, Herzl concluded that "We are a people . . . that will not be left in peace." Herzl wrote *Der Judenstaat* (*The Jewish State*) in 1895, urging that "sovereignty be granted us over a portion of the globe large enough to satisfy the rightful requirements of a nation." Others soon joined him in articulating modern Zionism -- the need for Jews to exercise self-determination.<sup>5</sup>

On November 2, 1917, the British government (which would win the land of Israel from the Ottomans in World War I) issued the Balfour Declaration, viewing "with favour" the reestablishment of "a National Home for the Jewish People" in the land that would again become Israel.

Jews from all over the world returned to the land of Zion from the late 1800s on. They were of all races. Blacks from Africa. Orientals from Asia. Caucasians from Europe and the United States. Sephardi Jews from Arab lands.<sup>6</sup>

The Arabs protested these new arrivals, and the British, in turn, restricted Jewish immigration. In 1922 they cut off 80 percent of British Mandatory Palestine to create the new Arab state of Transjordan (now Jordan).

By the early 1940s, however, the logic of Zionism became increasingly clear. Jews, trapped in Europe during World War II, suffered the Holocaust -- six million dead from a Nazi effort to murder every Jew in the world.

In 1947 the United Nations divided the remaining

20 percent of British Mandatory Palestine into two states: one Jewish, one Arab. The Jews accepted the UN's vote. The Arabs declared war, proclaiming that they would "drive the Jews into the sea."

Israel survived that war, and others thrust upon it by its Arab neighbors, including full-scale wars in 1967 and 1973. To this day, only one Arab state -- Egypt -- has recognized Israel's right to exist and made peace with her. The others have never suspended their 1948 declarations of war. Israel is surrounded by twenty countries that still call for the elimination of what they call "the Zionist entity. "

Zionism -- the idea that Jews have the right to self-determination -- in practical terms means nothing more than a belief in Israel's right to exist.

Anti-Zionism -- the idea that Jews alone among the peoples of the world have no right to self-determination -- means nothing less than what Farouk Al-Kaddoumi, the "foreign minister" of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), said: "This Zionist ghetto of Israel must be destroyed."

Anti-Zionism, propelled by the UN's cynical resolution, is the quintessential Orwellian newspeak: a nicer-sounding, antiseptic anti-Semitism. War is peace. Love is hate. And, now, Zionism -- the national liberation movement of a multiracial people -- is somehow racism.

## THE PASSAGE OF UN RESOLUTION 3379

The anti-Zionist campaign is not uninformed bigotry, it is conscious politics. We are dealing here not with the primitive, but the sophisticated.

-- U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

The czarist secret police disseminated *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* during the early years of the twentieth century. The *Protocols*, a notorious forgery, alleged a Jewish conspiracy to rule the world. Everything that went wrong anywhere was the fault of, and designed by, diabolical Jews. This attack on "Zion" was the philosophical fuel for many pogroms.

When the Bolsheviks took power in 1917, they redefined Zionism as a "bourgeois imperialist deviation," and propagandized against it with special vigor. In Marxist vernacular, "Zionist" was no better than "fascist." In usage, "Zionist" was no different from "Jew."

This anti-Semitic slander -- that Zionism was racism -- first appeared at the United Nations in the early 1960s. During a debate on a "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination," the United States suggested that anti-Semitism be condemned. The Soviet Union, impressing her Arab clients, wanted Zionism listed as another example of racism. A compromise was reached -- no special form of racism, except *apartheid*, was denounced.

Dr. Meir Rosenne, later Israeli ambassador to the United States, called this a "double victory" for Moscow. "It prevented the explicit definition of anti-Semitism as a form of racism," he said, "and it established the precedent for linking Zionism with Nazism."

The stage for Resolution 3379's passage a decade later had been set.

At UN conferences the Soviet Union, Arab states and Cuba increasingly equated Zionism with *apartheid*, sex discrimination, and every other

imaginable evil. The "automatic majority"<sup>7</sup> at the UN cheered every diatribe against Israel and Israelis, including those with genocidal overtones.<sup>8</sup>

By August 1975, the Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organization had perfected the United Nations as a forum to attack Israel and Jews. They proposed a resolution calling for Israel's expulsion from the United Nations. Only the United States' threat to withdraw from the United Nations if Israel were expelled defeated that strategy.

By the fall, a resolution equating Zionism with racism had been drafted as an expulsion substitute.

The debate on the resolution to declare "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination" had Arab speakers, one after the other, libeling Jews, Judaism, and the Jewish state, almost interchangeably.

Speakers from many non-Arab countries were enraged by the ludicrousness of the resolution, and the bigoted venom of its proponents.

Ambassador Sikivoy from Fiji said: "Why we should single out Zionism for branding as a form of racial discrimination is incomprehensible to my delegation. One has only got to look around this hall -- if one needs reminding -- to recognize that the nationhood of many of us was achieved after the expression of our nationalism: in the case of some, for long and painful periods, over hard and difficult roads. As far as Israel is concerned, Zionism inspired its people -- a people persecuted throughout history in several countries -- to achieve nationhood and to establish, at long last, a national home for itself in the land of the Bible

and of its ancestors. . . ."

Ambassador Kamarake of Sierra Leone noted that "the word 'Zionism' was not unknown in . . . Western African countries, for it had been used in their early struggle for political emancipation. Thus authors such as . . . the late Dr. Nkrumah had used the term 'black Zionism,' which referred to a movement to encourage the return to Africa of displaced Africans whose forebears had been uprooted from their homelands and sold into slavery . . . . He did not believe that . . . advocating black Zionism was racist."

Chaim Herzog, ambassador from Israel, defined Zionism as "nothing more -- and nothing less -- than the Jewish people's sense of origin and destination in the land linked eternally with its name."

Despite these and other pleas, including an impassioned speech by U.S. ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan, UN Resolution 3379 passed. Joining the Arab countries attacking Israel were Soviet satellites maligning an American ally, African countries supporting their Arab bloc partners, and other nations either too beholden to oil or insufficiently concerned with morality to vote no.<sup>9</sup>

"The claim of a historical or spiritual tie between Jews and Palestine does not tally with historical realities. . . . The liberation of Palestine . . . is to purge the Zionist presence. . . . Zionism . . . is a racist and fanatical movement in its formation; aggressive, expansionistic and colonialist in its aims, and fascist and Nazi in its means." So proclaims the Palestinian National Covenant.<sup>10</sup>

"[T]he goal of our struggle is the end of Is-

rael . . . we do not want peace, we want victory. Peace for us means Israel's destruction, and nothing else." So proclaimed PLO chairman Yasir Arafat.<sup>11</sup>

On November 10, 1975, the world community embraced a kindred anti-Semitism as official UN policy.

Jews alone among the world's peoples were denied "national liberation" and were called racist for wanting a small part of the globe under their own sovereignty. Ambassador Herzog stood, held a copy of Resolution 3379 in his hands, and ripped it apart.

### **THE LEGACY OF RESOLUTION 3379: THE REACTION**

The important aspect of the Assembly resolution is the negation of any moral, human or social basis for the existence of Israel. This resolution condemns the ideological foundation on which Israel arose -- namely, the Zionist idea and movement. What this resolution says, in effect, is that Israel has no right to exist and develop . . .

-- Radio Damascus, November 15, 1975

A great evil has been loosed upon the world. The abomination of anti-Semitism has been given the appearance of international sanction.

-- U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan

Forty years ago, in the aftermath of World War II and the establishment of Israel, Zionism was a frequently used term. It had joyous connotations, and was coupled with words such as "hope," "freedom," and "justice."

Today, even many Jews avoid the word. Some do so from ignorance -- not knowing what Zionism is, but having heard negative connotations. Others

do so from fear. If Zionism is a form of racism, then to call oneself a Zionist means risking people thinking of you as a bigot.

The pejorative use of the word has exploded both in the extreme left and in the extreme right. Neo-Nazis -- still enamored with *Mein Kampf* and the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, talk of the "Zionist Occupation Government," and claim that America is controlled by an international Jewish conspiracy. The Liberty Lobby's newspaper *Spotlight*, with a paid circulation of over 110,000, regularly targets "Zionists," "dual loyalists," and "international bankers."

The left repeats similar canards, complaining about the "Zionist lobby," or the "Zionist controlled media."<sup>12</sup> "Smash Zionism," a recent leaflet from a pro-Qaddafi organization proclaimed, "Zionism is racism (United Nations Resolution 3379 -- November, 1975). . . ."

Zionism-as-a-dirty-word has even crept into our national institutions. Less than ten years after the resolution, NBC television news referred to Jewish Defense League founder Meir Kahane as a "militant Zionist." But a "militant Zionist" is anyone who believes strongly in the continued existence of the state of Israel. David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir were "militant Zionists." Peace Now activists demonstrating against the Israeli government are "militant Zionists." Kahane's malady is that he is a fascist and a racist. The word NBC used to describe him was "Zionist."

It wasn't always so. Immediately after the resolution passed, leaders from all over the world condemned the UN's association of Zionism with racism.

Christian religious leaders called the resolution anti-Semitic. "To charge Zionism with racism," said the presidents of the French Roman Catholic Bishops Conference and the French Protestant Federation, ". . . means to forget history and to repeat a language which has been the source of incalculable evils for Jews throughout the world."

"We should not be deceived by the use of the term 'Zionism,'" said the president of the United Church of Christ. "The sponsors of the resolution meant by it Jews and Judaism as well as the State of Israel."

The AFL-CIO denounced the resolution. The YWCA deplored it. Vernon Jordan, of the National Urban League, said: "Smearing the 'racist' label on Zionism is an insult to intelligence. Black people, who recognize code words since we've been victimized by code words like 'forced busing,' 'law and order,' and others, can easily smell out the fact that 'Zionism' in this context is a code word for anti-Semitism."

Protest rallies were held around the world. A hundred thousand people demonstrated in the streets of New York City. Chants of "Zionism yes, racism no!" were heard in Boston, Columbus, Dallas, Kansas City, Chicago, and Houston. Placards reading "Anti-Zionism Is Bigotry" were carried in Atlanta, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Wilmington, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Leaders of the Greek-, Lithuanian-, Latino-, African-, Irish-, Belgian-, Chinese-, Japanese-, Polish-, Ukrainian-, Vietnamese-, Burmese-, Byelorussian-, Serbian-, and Mexican-American communities joined together and declared that "To equate Zionism, a humanitarian movement,



with racism is both a blatant lie and an insult."

In France, *Aurore* said: "For men of goodwill the UN . . . ceased to exist yesterday. . . [the resolution] is enormous, unbelievable, monstrous . . . an infamy with terrible consequences."

All fifty of the United States' leading newspapers condemned the resolution -- more than two-thirds equating it with anti-Semitism.

The *Washington Post* editorialized: "Every wayward international impulse to undermine Israel . . . has been given the blessing of a UN majority."

The *Boston Herald-Examiner* warned that "the imprimatur of the UN gives every anti-Semite in the world an excuse for hating Jews."

The *Herald-Examiner's* warning was prophetic.

Three days after the resolution passed, a band of PLO terrorists set off an explosive device in Jerusalem's Zion Square. Six teenagers were killed. Dozens of people were wounded. Other attacks followed. A week later three students were killed.

Radio Damascus, on November 20, broadcast: "The Fedayeen take one copy of the resolutions adopted at the UN, mix them with TNT and blow up Zion Square! These resolutions were adopted at the UN in order to enable each and every inhabitant of the stolen land to carry a copy that will convince him to join the Fedayeen, mix it with dynamite and blow up Zion Square or one of the other occupied squares or streets. Now the resolutions of the UN are turning into deeds. . . ."

## THE LEGACY OF RESOLUTION 3379: EFFECT ON PERCEPTIONS OF ISRAEL

The charge of racism against Israel is so manifestly absurd, one's first reaction is not even to dignify the charge with substantive response. But recent discussions and inquiries make it clear that there is much ignorance and confusion about the nature of Israeli society, the result of massive propaganda efforts designed by Israel's adversaries to support their absurd charges.

-- Vice President Hubert Humphrey

Generations before the birth of Hitler, mass murderers already knew that you must first corrupt the words before you can corrupt those who use these words, so that they may be capable of murder in the guise of purification. . . . We must treat words like hand grenades.

-- Amos Oz

Many Americans in their thirties or older remember an American love affair with Israel. The country had been formed through adversity: Holocaust survivors on a desert land the size of New Jersey -- ten miles wide at its narrowest part -- attacked by armies from the surrounding Arab countries. Israel survived, and it survived again against massive odds in 1967 and 1973.

Egypt made peace with Israel in 1978, at Camp David. But no other Arab country has rescinded its 1948 declaration of war.<sup>13</sup> Coupled with those declarations is another in their arsenal: that Zionism has been officially classified as a form of racism.

The legacy of the UN resolution is that there is an unchallenged double standard in attacking Israel. Israel is Zionist. Zionism is racism. Therefore, Israel is fair game.

This is not to say that Israel should be immune

from criticism; far from it. Israel, just like any other country, is imperfect. Israel, just like any other country, has policies -- including discriminatory ones -- with which well-meaning people may disagree.

The difference is, when Israel is attacked by anti-Zionists, the premise and purpose of the assault is tautological and cynical. Israel is Zionist. Israeli policies, it is posited, therefore reflect an inherent and inescapable racism. Israel, since it by definition cannot be anything but racist, must be destroyed.

Many Zionists may not like, or may be outraged by, the configuration of the current Israeli government. Or that some members of the Israeli government want to hold on to the West Bank. Or the reaction to the *intifada*. Or Israel's relations with South Africa. But Zionists who may want these policies to change remember that Israel is surrounded by twenty countries with no democratic tradition, still sworn to Israel's annihilation, countries such as Syria and Iraq which shoot or gas their own people.

For anti-Zionists, Israel's real security needs are of no concern, and Israel's deficiencies are weapons with which to attack, rather than programs and policies to be changed. Anti-Zionists are not interested in making a better Israel -- they are interested in an end to Israel and, consequently, to the Jews who live there.

UN Resolution 3379 has become the underpinning of that anti-Semitic effort -- an ideological virus that has taken hold.

One young American Jewish man recently suggested that Zionism is racism "because Meir

Kahane was elected to the Knesset." Racists have been elected in democratic countries without calling the legitimacy of those societies into question. Would he have advocated the destruction of the United States as a society because former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke of Louisiana was elected to the legislature, or France because nearly one in five French voters support Le Pen's National Front? And why does he fail to note that the Knesset passed a law removing Kahane and his party from the Israeli parliament while the American and French governments have been slow to denounce and distance themselves from Duke and Le Pen?

Another American Jew recently said, "People say Zionism is racism because of Israel's relationship with South Africa." Of course any country that trades with South Africa should be criticized. But would this young American Jew have challenged the mere existence of any country other than Israel as racist because of trade with South Africa? France? Britain? The United States? Twelve countries have greater trade with South Africa than Israel,<sup>14</sup> and that number will soon increase, since Israel is not entering into any new contracts with South Africa. While Arab nations continue to sell the oil that keeps the South African economy and military alive,<sup>15</sup> this young American Jew never challenges the attacks on Israel or wonders why no one ever mentions the significant Arab support for *apartheid*.

The effect of the anti-Zionist campaign, of which UN Resolution 3379 is the philosophical anchor, is that Israel is criticized, no matter what it does, while the twenty hostile states that surround it are rarely criticized, whatever they do.<sup>16</sup>

This is perhaps what irks Israelis most. The

United Nations declared Zionism racism, but Arab nations rid themselves of their Jews<sup>17</sup> while within Israel, Arabs are citizens of the state who vote for, and are elected to, Israel's parliament (the Knesset).<sup>18</sup>

Anti-Zionists are frequently so zealous in their hatred of Jews and Israel that they ignore undeniable facts. If Zionism is racism, how does one explain Israel's rescue and absorption of as many black Ethiopian Jews as it can encourage Ethiopia to release? Or its rescue and absorption of Vietnamese boat people?

Anti-Zionism is at its most ludicrous when it attacks Israel's Law of Return -- the right of any Jew (with the exception of criminals and other undesirables) to move to Israel and receive Israeli citizenship. The Law of Return provides security for Jews -- a need no one of goodwill would question in the aftermath of the Holocaust. And Israel's immigration laws for non-Jews are, in fact, more liberal than those of many other Western countries.

"Classical anti-Semitism denies the equal rights of Jews as citizens within society," explains Abba Eban. "Anti-Zionism denies the equal rights of the Jewish people to its lawful sovereignty within the community of nations. . . . All that has happened is that the discriminatory principle has been transferred from the realm of individual rights to the domain of collective identity."

### **THE LEGACY OF RESOLUTION 3379: EFFECT ON PERCEPTIONS OF JEWS**

UN Resolution 3379 has impeded the struggle against real forms of racial bigotry and has had the

incendiary effect of stimulating and encouraging anti-Semitism.

-- U.S. Representative Stephen Solarz

The Zionist entity [is connected to the Jewish] cabal which controls and manipulates and exploits the rest of humanity by controlling the money and wealth of the world.

-- Jordanian representative to the United Nations.

When Cuba's official Communist party paper, *Granma*, applauded UN Resolution 3379 in November 1975, it slandered Jews everywhere by maliciously misinterpreting the Jewish concept of "chosen people"<sup>19</sup> to mean that Jews think they are superior to everyone else. Since Judaism was racist, the paper argued, Zionism was too -- and thus the UN resolution was merely a statement of fact.

In 1990, *New American View* (a Liberty Lobby-promoted publication distributed weekly to members of the U.S. Congress) explained: the "intransigence of the Israeli government in its approach to the Palestinian situation is deeply rooted. It not only stems from the basic tenets of Revisionist Zionism, it also grows out of a zealotry embedded in the collective Israeli psyche. It is, in fact, part of the Jewish state's Hebraic tradition."<sup>20</sup>

Such blatant anti-Semitism is not the sole province of the extreme right and extreme left. Anti-Zionism as anti-Semitism is finding an increasingly welcome reception in the world's institutions.

Consider the case of Natan Scharansky, who wanted to practice Judaism. He wanted to emigrate to Israel. He was thrown into a Russian jail. "The prosecutor," reported attorney Frances Bernstein, "stated that since Scharansky was an

avowed Zionist, he was an admitted racist. Since racism is a crime in the Soviet Union, the prosecutor said that no further evidence was needed for conviction."

According to the World Zionist Organization, the UN's anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic literature<sup>21</sup> "reach[es] thousands of universities, schools, libraries, churches, non-governmental organizations and countless other institutions. The younger generation is educated on this material which is often reprinted as official teaching material in school textbooks."

The WZO tells of a "senior Israeli ambassador [who] recounts how, on a visit to university libraries in France and Belgium, he came across a textbook on international law written by a well-known Belgian professor which included such resolutions. He also found [similar references in] treatises on international relations which were required reading for students. He concludes: 'can one thus blame a youngster . . . who is studying law, for being convinced that Zionism is racism?'"

Developing countries tend to treat UN pronouncements with great juridical respect. Even in countries with no anti-Semitic tradition, Resolution 3379 has had an impact. Former ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick tells of a developing country that had never seen a Jew. Attending a celebration, she noticed a banner proclaiming "Zionism Is Racism." Kirkpatrick asked why it was there. "It was copied from a UN handbook," her host proudly explained.

Students in the United States are learning anti-Zionism-as-truth as well. The State University of New York at Stony Brook offered a course in which a professor asked his students to write

papers on the topic "Zionism is as much racism as Nazism."

"On British university campuses," wrote attorney Frances Bernstein, "various student organizations have adopted resolutions calling for the annihilation of the State of Israel and stating that Zionism is racism. As a result of these resolutions, the activities of several Jewish student organizations have been restricted by the governing student bodies. Jewish student groups have been barred from several British colleges on the grounds that as Jews they were Zionists and therefore racists. And, also in England, the National Society of Lesbians recently expelled its Jewish members on the grounds that, as Jews, they were Zionists and therefore racists. In Belgium, a new French dictionary defines Zionism as a form of racism."

The Muslim Student Association called for demonstrations in major cities in the United States and Canada on April 20, 1990<sup>22</sup> "in order to establish a united front against Zionism . . . ." The resolution in support of the demonstrations said: "The Palestinians are being massacred at will by the most ruthless form of fascism . . . similar [to] crimes committed by the Nazis. . . . Almost every male is being thrown into concentration camps. . . . With the exception of the Western hemisphere, where Zionism dictates the rules through their political and media hegemony, Zionism is recognized throughout the world as a racist Fascism parading under the label of the religion of Moses. . . . [T]he deliberate application of the biblical word 'Israel' to an occupied land is no more than a facade to provide a legitimate status to an immoral satanic entity called Zionism. . . . The so-called State of Israel is an overgrown malignant tumor which appeared in the



body of the Middle East 40 years ago. . . . We believe any compromise with Zionism serves as a means of further Zionist expansion . . . we condemn any form of concession, compromise or negotiation. . . . We demand the unconditional liberation of The Holy Land from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River."

Jewish students in American universities and colleges are increasingly subjected to such vile, genocidal propaganda.

Kwame Toure (formerly Stokely Charmichael) is a frequent lecturer on college campuses. "The only good Zionist," he said in 1986, "is a dead Zionist."

Speaking at the University of Maryland, under a portrait of Abu Jihad, the PLO terrorist, Toure said, "Zionism is not a religion. It is a political philosophy. It's an illegal, racist, unjust, immoral, political philosophy . . . Zionism is anti-Semitic. . . . The Palestinian people . . . [have] had holocausts like you've never seen. . . . Judaism is a religion. There is no such thing as a Catholic people. There is no such thing as a Muslim people. There is no such thing as a Jewish people."<sup>23</sup>

Professor Griff, of the rap group Public Enemy, ("Jews are responsible for the majority of wickedness that goes on across the globe. . . . How come we don't talk about how the Jews finance these experiments on AIDS with black people in South Africa. . . . Is it a coincidence that the Jews run the jewelry business, and it's named *jew-elry*?") was a recent guest lecturer at Columbia University. His mentor, Minister Louis Farrakhan, who calls Hitler "a very great man" and speaks about "the Jewish-controlled mass media," is a frequent campus speaker. Farrakhan

("Jesus had a controversy with the Jews. Farrakhan has a controversy with the Jews. Jesus was hated by Jews. Farrakhan is hated by Jews. . . . They called him a devil. They call me a devil. . . .") sometimes warms up his crowds with Said Arafat, a representative of the Palestinian Congress of America. "Zionism is the cancer, and the supporters of Zionism are cancerous," Arafat says.

Jewish students are especially victimized by the equation that Zionists are racists, Jews are Zionists, therefore Jews are racist.

In the spring of 1990, at the University of California at Santa Cruz, a group of African-American students "attacked Israel's right to exist, accused Zionists of controlling the media [and charged that] people only talk about the Holocaust because they were killing white people."

At San Francisco State University, Palestinian students said Jews should not be able to run for student government "because they are Zionists and therefore racists." A Palestinian student was elected president of the student government. At his inauguration, a trio sang songs with the lyrics "Israel has blood on its hands," "forty-three years of occupation," "free Palestine now," and "Fascists and Zionists sure act the same."

At the University of California at Los Angeles, the student government has attempted to downgrade the Jewish Student Union (JSU). "The equation Zionist-racist, Jew-Zionist, Jew-racist certainly plays a part," says JSU president Charles Glick.

In spring 1990, at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Arab students held signs declaring

Israel an "apartheid state," glued the Israeli flag to an entrance ramp "forcing those leaving the building to tread on it," and demanded that the school "divest itself of . . . Israeli bonds."

To these haters, Zionism and Judaism are no different from *apartheid*, South Africa's system of oppressing its black majority. Zionism and Judaism, they claim, are based on "the postulates of racial purity. . . . They preach the hatred of mankind, apartheid, bloodthirstiness and genocide." Zionism, Jews, and Israel, all one and the same, all racist and evil. That is the intent and the legacy of Resolution 3379.

When speakers say such things on college campuses, or when public figures are quoted saying such things, it is time for concern. This is not anti-Zionism on the fringes, but anti-Semitism where it matters -- in institutions and among leaders.

It is one thing to scoff at an official of the League of Arab States who, at the Seventh UN Seminar on the Question of Palestine (in 1982), said that "an entity of . . . Jews is systematically applying Hitler's methods. . . . By putting forward the need for secure frontiers, Israel is reverting to the logic of a Hitler, whose armies invaded the neighbor states of Nazi Germany on the very same pretext . . . ."

It is time to be concerned when the seventh-grade study guide for NBC's May 1990 movie *Last Plane Out* taught that Israel was comparable to Nazi Germany. Both countries were allegedly examples of expansionist regimes which invaded neighboring states on the pretext of secure borders.

Since the passage of Resolution 3379, the

comparisons to Nazi Germany do not end there. Nazism is racism, but so is Zionism by UN definition; so the propaganda specialists combine the two, diminishing the horror of Nazism and abusing the survivors of the Holocaust.<sup>24</sup> Israeli leaders are frequently shown in cartoons in the Arab and left-wing presses, depicting them as Nazis.

But it goes even further.

Neo-Nazi Holocaust revisionists have avid supporters among anti-Zionists. The Holocaust either didn't happen or wasn't so bad, they say. The Zionists were responsible for this "hoax," helped the Nazis, or exploited a situation that was only marginally unpleasant -- all as part of a diabolical plan for world sympathy designed to bring about the state of Israel.

In December 1989 the Cyprus-based weekly *El-Istiklal* ("Independence")<sup>25</sup> alleged that the concentration camps sported sanitary conditions "of much higher standards" than those of Israeli prisons, which are "worse than those fit for animals. . . . Jews are complaining of their treatment by the Gestapo whereas the truth is they were served healthy foods. . . ."

Other recent articles in *El-Istiklal* are entitled: "How Did Zionist Propaganda Cloud Science and Mind? A First Quiet Travel Through the Climate of Fear" and "Burning of the Jews in the Nazi Camps is the Lie of the 20th Century in Order to Legitimize the New Nazism." They assert that millions of Jews could not have been incinerated because the Nazis' stoves were "very primitive," out of the "Middle Ages." And, they allege, Israeli soldiers must "undergo fascist education more extreme than the Nazis," and that the world had

to "combat Zionism because it is more dangerous to human civilization than the Nazis."

Anti-Zionists claim they are not anti-Semites -- but that is as much a transparent lie as their other claim: that Zionism is racism. For it is difficult to be an anti-Zionist unless one is either indifferent about or hostile to the survival of the Jewish people.

On the left, on the right, in today's Soviet Union,<sup>26</sup> and around the world, the word "Zionist" is becoming indistinguishable from a pejorative "Jew." There are still some post-Holocaust taboos against saying hateful things about Jews. There are no post-Resolution-3379 taboos against saying hateful things about Zionists.

### COMBATING ANTI-ZIONISM

This [United Nations resolution] is a modern version of the blood libel. Jewish communities throughout Europe were accused of using the blood of Christian children to bake their matzoh. This obscene charge is known in history as the blood libel. And it was often the prelude to executions and pogroms.

-- Vice President Dan Quayle

The principle of Judaism has been formulated in the Torah. The Torah is the blackest book in mankind's history. Its main theses are that the Jews are a chosen people and should seize the territories of others . . . . The Jews have contributed nothing original, they have proclaimed the racist principle: Jews must not work, work is for the Goyim . . . All nations must become the Jews' slaves. The Zionists have planned to achieve world domination by the year 2000.

-- V. Benclianov, of the U.S.S.R's special committee for the "struggle against Zionism"

In May 1990, a New Zealand Youth Committee gave \$800 to Habonim-Dror, a "Socialist Zionist youth group that had applied for help to purchase

equipment for a summer camp," according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The Committee, however, "noted with concern [the] group's association with the Zionist Federation." Quoting from UN Resolution 3379, "That Zionism is a form of racism," the Committee said "future applications will be considered very carefully . . . in light of the UN resolution."

New Zealand was one of the countries that had voted *against* Resolution 3379.

The first fifteen years of UN Resolution 3379 show, if nothing else, that it holds disastrous potential.

The fight against tomorrow's anti-Semitism will require an understanding of anti-Zionism as an internationally legitimized means of attacking Jews and Israel. Bigotry is easier to express when it has its own built-in denial mechanism ("I'm not anti-Jewish, I'm only anti-Zionist"). As with all forms of bigotry, to ignore it is to let it grow.

First and foremost, the resolution has to be attacked and deplored and, even though the odds are long, repealed. Recent world changes have upgraded repeal from an impossible goal to a difficult one.

"Everything I had been trained to think about Zionism was wrong," admits Dr. Nobert Reemer, a member of East Germany's first diplomatic mission to Israel in 1989.

"Brazil made a mistake [voting for UN Resolution 3379]," explains President Fernando Collor de Mello. "[Brazil would] not vote that way again."

These are encouraging signs. Many countries that

voted for the resolution in 1975 say they would not do so today. But many of these newly sympathetic countries also say they would abstain on a repeal resolution, so as not to upset the Arab states. Without their affirmative votes, 3379 cannot be repealed. These states need to be encouraged -- by Jews and non-Jews -- to vote to remove this attack on a people from the UN's books. There should be no political compromise over repudiating legalized hate.

Anti-Zionism is internationally approved bigotry, but it hurts American citizens who are Jewish. Government leaders therefore need to speak out about anti-Zionism.

Some have started speaking out.

The New York City Council recently passed a resolution calling 3379 "the one lie that remains the official pronouncement of the UN General Assembly."

New York mayor David Dinkins, who criticized anti-Zionism as an early member of the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee (BASIC),<sup>27</sup> continues to speak out against Resolution 3379.

Vice President Dan Quayle, in a landmark speech on December 10, 1989, said: "The purposes of this Resolution were twofold: First, to delegitimize the State of Israel and lay the groundwork for its expulsion from the United Nations and the world community; and second, to provide anti-Semitism -- thinly disguised as anti-Zionism -- with the appearance of international approval and respectability. . . . The UN can never fulfill the dreams of its founders until it regains its reputation for moral integrity. Rescinding

'Zionism is racism' would be a major step in that direction. And as Secretary of State [James] Baker stated in a speech earlier this year, Arab willingness to rescind this odious resolution would send a powerful signal to Israel -- just as Arab *unwillingness* to rescind this resolution sends a powerful signal of another sort."

Congressman Bill Green introduced a resolution in the United States House of Representatives supporting repeal of the Zionism-racism slander. Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Rudy Boschwitz introduced a companion resolution in the United States Senate.

The resolution passed. President Bush signed it on July 2, 1990, saying: "It is long overdue that all of the member states of the United Nations join us in renouncing [Resolution 3379]."

The president is correct -- and his message has important implications for the peace process. How much faith can Israel have in the United Nations as a forum for peace when Resolution 3379 is on the books? And how trusting should Israel be of its Arab neighbors who vie with each other to attack Zionism, the foundation of its existence?

Anti-Zionism is not simply a matter of one onerous resolution the removal of which would make the world right. Anti-Zionism is bigotry. And bigotry cannot be opposed effectively when it is only the victimized group which complains. Churches and other community and ethnic groups have an important educational role to play. "We see it as urgent that Christians speak out against the vicious anti-Semitism that hides under the cloak of anti-Zionism," says the National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel. Such "speaking out" is essential.



And since anti-Zionism especially victimizes Jewish college students, they have to be given the tools to counteract this anti-Semitic propaganda. More importantly, they must be empowered to program proactively -- learning, for example, how to have a course offered on the history of Zionism, and how to build effective anti-bigotry coalitions with other campus groups.

## CONCLUSION

We have already seen in our times the tragic consequences of the refusal to face unpleasant truths. We have permitted lies to go unchallenged, which are then transformed into policies, and policies to go unchallenged which are transformed into murder."

-- Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick

The UN Resolution is an attack on a people, crafted into ideology. . . . Bigotry is at its most dangerous when it is molded into an appealing package, and sold as something noble. That the UN has, on its books, a resolution that defines anti-Semitic assumptions as truth should concern every American."

-- Sholom Comay, President of the American Jewish Committee

"Another Zionist Against Apartheid"

-- button worn by a Jewish student at UCLA

It is sometimes easy to forget how comfortable a home bigotry finds in human hearts, and how simple it is to accept lies about countries far away.

The anti-Zionism campaign, promoted by UN Resolution 3379, has allowed people to feel comfortable while expressing bigotry against Jews and Israel.

Israel can be criticized for many things. But it

cannot be criticized for being Zionist any more than the United States can be faulted for being American, or France for being French.

And Jews should not be criticized for wanting what every other people in the world seek -- the right to advocate for national self expression and security in a small part of this large globe.

To deny Jews alone that right, to call that historical yearning racist, is the inversion of fact and morality. And it is anti-Semitism.

The best way to combat anti-Zionism is to understand that: (1) Anti-Zionists are anti-Semites who want Israel to disappear -- some quickly, some slowly, they differ on tactics; (2) All who want Israel to survive (whatever their opinions on events in the Middle East, the *intifada*, and the prospect of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza) are, by definition, Zionists.

Muhammad Hallaj, the director of the Palestine Research and Education Center in Fairfax, Virginia, recently wrote, "A racist . . . is one who thinks, talks and behaves like a racist, and the description fits Zionism and the state which personifies it. . . . [T]hose who label the UN 'Zionism is racism' resolution as an attempt to delegitimize Israel in preparation for destroying it should heed the message and not growl at the messenger."

It is time we growl at the messenger. It is time we speak out against this legalized hate. It is too late to dismiss this sophisticated anti-Semitism as a transparent lie, and ignore it -- for there are others who are actively promoting it as truth. This slander is believed by more people every day in every part of the world.

It is also time we reclaim the word "Zionist." We must use it to describe ourselves, both Jews and non-Jews, as believers in the right of Israel to exist.

## THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE'S ACTION PLAN AND YOU

The American Jewish Committee, the oldest human relations agency in the United States, has made the fight against anti-Zionism a priority. We need your help.

The American Jewish Committee, through its thirty-two chapters around the country, is establishing local committees to combat the resolution. AJC is visiting key consulates and embassies. Your personal contact with diplomats will help lay the groundwork for 3379's repeal.

The American Jewish Committee, through its International Affairs Department and its chapters, is contacting local, state, and national representatives to encourage them to speak out against the UN resolution. Your voice, added to that of your friends and neighbors, will make a difference.

The American Jewish Committee, through its Interreligious Affairs and Jewish Communal Affairs Departments, and its chapters, is working with religious, ethnic, and other community groups to combat bigotry (including anti-Zionism) and to promote intergroup understanding. Join us.

The American Jewish Committee, through its National Affairs Department and its Institute on American Pluralism, is building effective anti-bigotry programs in communities and on college campuses around the country. Ask for AJC's highly acclaimed publication *Bigotry on Campus: A Planned Response* and give it and this pamphlet on anti-Zionism to college students, faculty members and administrators.

## ENDNOTES

### 1. The text of the resolution read:

RESOLUTION 3379 (XXX), 10 November 1975

"Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination"

The General Assembly, Recalling its resolution 1904 (XVIII) of November 1964, proclaiming the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and in particular its affirmation that "any doctrine of racial differentiation or superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous" and its expression of alarm at "the manifestations of racial discrimination still in evidence in some areas in the world, some of which are imposed by certain Governments by means of legislative, administrative or other measures";

Recalling also that, in its resolution 3151 G (XXVIII) of 14 December, 1973, the General Assembly condemned, *inter alia*, the unholy alliance between South African racism and Zionism;

Taking note of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975, proclaimed by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, which promulgated the principle that "international cooperation and peace require the achievement of national liberation and independence, the elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism, foreign occupation, Zionism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in all its forms, as well as the recognition of the dignity of peoples and their right to self-determination";

Taking note also of resolution 77 (XII) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twelfth ordinary session held at Kampala from 28 July to 1 August 1975, which considered "that the racist regime in occupied Palestine and the racist regimes in Zimbabwe and South Africa have a common imperialist origin, forming a whole and having the same racist structure and being organically linked in their policy aimed at repression of the dignity and integrity of the human being";

Taking note also of the Political Declaration and Strategy to Strengthen International Peace and Security and to Intensify Solidarity and Mutual Assistance among Non-Aligned Countries, Adopted at the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975, which most severely condemned Zionism as a threat to world peace and security and called upon all countries to oppose this racist and imperialist ideology;

Determines that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination.

2. There are ultraorthodox Jews who are opposed to Zionism for nondiscriminatory reasons of religious belief (see n. 5). The term "anti-Zionist" as used here does not include this small group.

3. For example, if you were a Jew living in Austria before 1781, you would have had to wear a badge. If you were a Jew in Britain, you could not practice law until 1833, or hold municipal office until 1845.

4. The horrifying Kishinev pogrom of 1903 was the reason for the formation of the American Jewish Committee in 1906.

5. Some Jews opposed Herzl. Many Orthodox Jews believed that Jews should only join their brothers and sisters in Israel when the Messiah came. Some secular and Reform Jews argued that Zionism would only increase anti-Semitism by suggesting that Jews -- who had lived in other nations for centuries -- were not, somehow, full citizens of those countries. Yet, as the pogroms continued the Zionistic movement grew, encompassing both religious and non-religious Jews.

6. Sephardi Jews fled intense intense discrimination. In Arab countries they were classified as lesser human beings. Even recent Syrian textbooks use "deplorable language of anti-Semitism. . . . Student exercises . . . [were] often inspired by a preoccupation with indoctrination against Jews rather than by educational aims."

Asked about the books the Syrian Minister of Education proclaimed, "The hatred which we indoctrinate into the minds of our children from their birth is sacred."

7. The United Nations General Assembly was controlled by a bloc calling itself the "non-aligned" movement -- new nations that were, in theory, neither Soviet satellites nor Western allies, but in practice frequently aligned with the Soviets. Comprising many Arab and African states, and frequently propelled by the Cubans, they commanded 101 of the 159 General Assembly votes.

8. In July 1975, the UN's World Conference on the International Woman's Year called for the elimination of "colonialism, neo-colonialism, imperialism, foreign domination and occupation, zionism, apartheid, racial discrimination, . . ."

In late July 1975, the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), meeting in Kampala, resolved that "the racist regime in occupied Palestine and the racist regimes in Zimbabwe and South Africa have a common imperialist origin."

And in August 1975, the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, meeting in Lima, "condemn[ed] Zionism as a threat to world peace and security, and call[ed] upon all countries to oppose this racist and imperialistic ideology."

9. On November 10, 1975, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 3379 with 72 votes for, 35 against, and 32 abstentions.

Voting in favor were: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mal, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, and Yugoslavia.

Voting against were: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Swaziland, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Uruguay.

Abstaining were: Argentina, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burma, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Zaire and Zambia.

10. It is important to remember that the call for the destruction of Israel in the PLO's charter was adopted in 1964, while the West Bank and Gaza were occupied by Jordan and Egypt (1948-67). Israel's existence, and not its future occupation of these territories, was the PLO's target. In fact, there was no call for an independent Palestinian state on these lands until after 1967, when Israel occupied them during the Six-Day War.

11. Arafat was quoted in a *New Republic* article dated November 16, 1974. The quote was from an interview given in 1970.

12. Not surprisingly, many anti-Semitic diatribes emerge from UN-sponsored forums that attract the left. Susan Schneider, editor of *Lilith*, reports how anti-Semitism shocked Jewish participants at the UN Mid-December Conference on Women in 1980. She quotes novelist E. M. Boner: "If Israel were not in our midst, the nations seemd to say, there would be no wife-beating, no child abuse, no sexual slave trade, no illiteracy, no malnutrician, no refugees, and no war."

13. When Arab leader Colonel Muammar Qaddafi of Libya speaks of killing Jews and destroying Israel, he frequently mentions Zionism-as-racism. To buttress his point, he gives away free copies of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. The *Protocols* can also be found in hotel rooms in Jordan. The Saudis give a copy to every important visitor. According to one Israeli researcher, "Millions of copies are now distributed *gratis* in all parts of the world."

14. In 1987, United States trade with South Africa totalled \$3.4 billion. Japan's was \$2.9 billion. Germany's was \$2.8 billion. The United Kingdom's was \$2.6 billion. Israel's was \$0.2 billion. In 1986, the total trade of African nations to South Africa was \$1.5 billion.

15. "Despite the worldwide embargo of South Africa, those who are crying the loudest to boycott all shipments to South Africa are in fact the biggest suppliers. . . . Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Emirates, Iran, and Brunei . . . make up eighty-six percent of the South African oil supply." Robert Whitehill, contributor to *Middle East Review*, interviewed on the PBS program "South Africa Now."



16. As awful as the deaths of nearly 800 Palestinians in the *intifada* are (many of them killed as collaborators by other Palestinians), how much worse was the killing of 2,500 Palestinians *in ten days* in Jordan in September 1970? How much worse was the killing in Hama, Syria, where the Syrian government killed 20,000 people in two weeks? This is how Israel's neighbors treat their own people. Imagine if you were an Israeli official responsible for the security of Israelis -- how trusting would you be of your neighbors, who still say they are at war with you, and still attack the philosophical basis of your existence, Zionism? And how trusting would you be of the nations of the UN that rail against your existence (Zionism), and don't even mention the atrocities committed in neighboring countries?

17. All the following Arab countries had Jewish populations for over 2000 years. The numbers of Jews in each are for 1948 and 1975: Libya 1948-40,000, 1975-40; Egypt 1948-75,000, 1975-1,000; Iraq 1948-125,000, 1975-600(?), Syria, 1948-45,000, 1975-4,500; Lebanon 1948-20,000; 1975-2,000; Yemen 1948-54,000, 1975-0; South Yemen 1948-23,000, 1975-0; Tunisia 1948-23,000, 1975-9,000; Morocco 1948-300,000, 1975-35,000; Algeria 1948-150,000, 1975-1,000

18. As Ambassador Herzog noted, "Arabic is an official language in Israel on par with Hebrew. . . . It is as natural for an Arab to serve in public office in Israel as it is incongruous to think of a Jew serving in any public office in an Arab country, indeed being admitted to many of them." Education in Israel is compulsory for Arabs, as it is for everyone else, and even though the Jewish Sabbath is the official day of rest, Moslems and Christians have the option of closing their places of work instead on Friday or Sunday, respectively. America's "Blue Laws" are not nearly as liberal.

There Arabic newspapers, books, television programs, road signs, etc., and citizens may use Arabic in any court of law or government office. In fact, on the floor of the Knesset (parliament), Arab members speak Arabic, and proceedings are conducted with simultaneous translation from Hebrew into Arabic and vice versa.

19. "Chosen People," according to author Jacques Givet, means "the people who chose to include God in life." In simpler terms, it means that Judaism -- the first major religion to recognize a single god -- requires its adherents to do their best to make the world a more just place, according to God's laws.

20. Like all forms of bigotry, anti-Zionism has no need for internal consistency. While on the one hand it denies any historical Jewish connection with Israel, on the other (in the words of Hassan Haddad, speaking at the Third UN Seminar on the Question of Palestine), Zionism is a "primal crime," and "the Bible is at the roots of Zionism."

21. Arab countries are also promoting the Zionism-racism lie outside of UN sponsored events. "Arab universities and bar associations have held international symposia and seminars on Zionism and racism," the Institute of Jewish Affairs reports. "The principal lectures . . . have been collated and published in English [as part of the Arab and Islamic nations'] struggle to recruit western public support."

22. April 20, 1990 was, coincidentally, Hitler's 101st birthday.

23. How many college students know how to reject such nonsense?

"The Zionist movement has always been a democratic . . . pluralistic movement," says Dr. Areil Bar-Sela, "encompassing groups from the extreme nationalist right to the Marxist left, from the observant religious to the militant atheist."

"As to the Jews, no, they are not a race. Some argue, oblivious to the historical evidence of the Jews' own opinions of themselves, that the Jews are a religion. There were, indeed, some Jews who called themselves 'Germans of Mosaic Persuasion.' We know what the Germans thought of that. In the Arab world, we hear of 'Muslim Arabs,' and of 'Christian Arabs,' never of 'Jewish Arabs.'"

24. Princeton University professor Bernard Lewis conducted an exhaustive examination of Arab and Moslem anti-Semitism. He "was not aware of any compassionate [Arab] treatment of the Holocaust. They either deny it or they justify it. . . . [T]he Jewish enemy is not a human one, but a cosmic, diabolical one."

25. *El-Istiklal* is a PLO publication "which was started last year by Arafat as the official PLO publication for Palestinians on topics dealing with the West Bank and Gaza," according to the *Washington Jewish Week*.

26. Consider the anti-Zionist propaganda in the Soviet Union. Even in this new era of *glasnost*, raw anti-Semitism has been released and institutionalized in frightening ways. One prominent Soviet writer even claims that the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was not a forgery, but rather the writing of "an anti-human intelligence and an almost unnatural satanic will." Another prominent anti-Semite, a member of the ultra-nationalist organization *Pamyat*, was recently elevated to Gorbachev's inner circle.

In the spring of 1990, a group of Soviet writers was sent around the United States on a trip sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Many of these writers had signed a letter accusing "Zionists of causing anti-Semitism in order to make it easier for Jews to immigrate to Israel and the United States. . . . A Zionist organization *Beitar* legalized in the U.S.S.R. is responsible for slogans of Jewish national supremacy and . . . hundreds of bloody crimes and acts of terror that make the world community shudder. . . . It is precisely Zionism that is responsible for many things, including Jewish pogroms, for cutting off dry branches of their own people at Auschwitz and Dachau . . ."

27. David Dinkins signed onto a BASIC ad placed in the *New York Times* on November 23, 1975. It said: "Zionism is not racism, but the legitimate expression of the Jewish people's self determination. . . . From our 400 year experience with slavery, segregation, and discrimination we know that Zionism is not racism."



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