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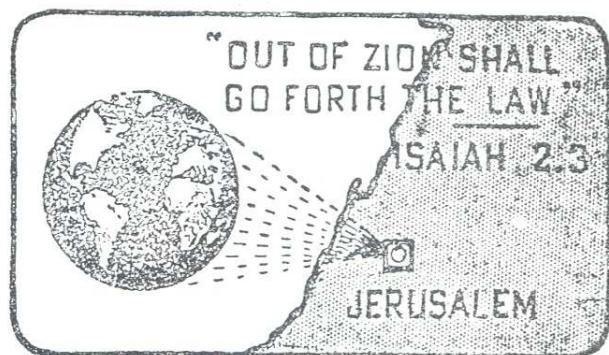
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## A Commentary on Recent Events

by Pastor Gordon Fauth

Quite a lot has happened in this part of the world in the past weeks — and most of it seems to concern Israel in one way or another. We are living in a time when Israel is to be a "Burdenstone" to the world (*Zech. 12:2, 3*), and already most of the world seems to regard Israel in this way.

The past months have seen Israel facing more than its usual share of political problems, international situations and turbulences, all of this at a time when the nation is going through the trauma of its general elections, which determine the make-up of the next government. I think that, considering everything, Israel has done remarkably well in the way it has faced up to the situations with which it has been confronted.

The situation in Lebanon is still critical. Syria still has missile batteries stationed in that country, and thus far all diplomatic efforts to persuade Syria to remove them have been in vain. While Israel has repeatedly warned that it will take action to destroy the Syrian missiles if they are not removed, so far nothing further has happened. A few weeks ago, Israel's air force did knock out a Libyan missile battery which Syria had allowed to be set up inside Lebanon, but Syria did not interfere in this action, and open hostilities between Israel and Syria have thus far been averted, although this could change at any time.

Another dramatic development came recently when, in a secret operation code-named "Operation Babylon", Israeli jets flew over hostile countries, all the way to Iraq, where in an air strike lasting only two minutes they completely destroyed Iraq's heavily guarded nuclear reactor, outside Bagdad. This raid, which had evidently been under consideration since last October, has set Iraq's nuclear program back at least two years — and this if the French are still willing to help.

When work on this reactor, which Iraq claimed would be used for "peaceful purposes" was first begun, it caused intense consternation in Israel, and also in many other responsible countries. At that time, it was plain that the reactor would

enable Iraq to build a working atomic bomb in a comparatively short time. Nuclear experts all over the world agreed on this — the only question seemed to be how long it would take, and how many bombs Iraq would build.

True, Iraq did repeatedly say that the reactor was for peaceful purposes only, but considering Iraq's record, and that its leader Saddam Hussein is one of Israel's most implacable enemies, it was hard to believe this. Also, Iraq had ordered everything needed to begin work on a bomb, including a large supply of highly enriched uranium, which according to atomic scientists here and abroad was more suited to the production of bombs than the fueling of a nuclear reactor. The main fact, though, was simply that about the only practical use Iraq could put a nuclear reactor to would have been the construction of nuclear bombs.

In the early stages of the yet continuing Iraq-Iran war, Iranian planes bombed some outer buildings of the nuclear reactor complex, apparently without doing much damage. Iraq lost no time in publicly assuring Iran and the Arab world that its reactor would only be used against the "Zionist" enemy — Israel. An even stranger note was added when Iran's government made a statement actually apologizing for the bombing. They said it had happened by mistake, that their planes were sent against another target. This statement added that Iran would not do anything to weaken the Islamic struggle against Israel. Both these statements were quite clear, without much chance of misunderstanding.

The point I am trying to make is that, if Iraq's atomic reactor was going to be used for "peaceful purposes only," as some Western countries have lately been claiming, Iraq itself did not seem to know this.

Israel made history when its planes knocked out Iraq's reactor. This was the first time since World War II that military

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# The Problem of War

by Samuel K. Kamuyu

This may seem at first sight a strange subject to choose for Bible study. The fact is, however, that whilst the problem of war finds no solution among the statesmen of the world, it is a subject which is plainly spoken of in the Bible. The word of God not only explains why war has always overshadowed the affairs of nations, but it gives the reason for the futility of man's efforts to establish lasting peace in the earth. It also shows that what man cannot do, God will accomplish through the work of His dear son, the Prince of Peace.

In modern times, at any rate, the subject presents a problem in the minds of most people and to a large extent it centres in the relationship between the two great world powers, the United States of America and Russia. With the growth of these two great powers has come the development of more powerful weapons of war. For many years scientists worked on the theory that matter itself was a form of concentrated energy and that in the atom was a force which, if it could be released, would make all previous weapons of war almost like toys. Hundreds of millions of pounds were expended by the powers to find the secret, until at last it was discovered, and in 1945 the first atom bomb fell on Japan.

This particular weapon has not since been used in warfare but it has been developed into something far more powerful, the destructive force of which it is fearful to contemplate. The possibility that in the event of another war, atomic and suchlike weapons would come into use, has had an almost frightening effect upon the average person. The newspapers often find space for the subject, and there have been talks and hopes concerning the possibility of a permanent peace being established as the result of an understanding between America and Russia.

It is safe to say that any proposal for a permanent world peace will be abortive, for, says the Apostle Paul: "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape." 1Thess. 5:3.

## The Futility of the Conference Tables

Inevitably, where there is freedom of speech, as in Britain, there will be different opinions in regard to the method of avoiding war. There are those who argue that the best preventative is to be heavily armed and ready to meet any foe. The majority of people consider that the problem would be solved if the nations always brought their differences to the conference table, or, alternatively, if total disarmament could be achieved. Some people feel strongly that if this country would only set the example in this respect it would give a lead which other nations would respect and follow.

These ideas, however, are not new and unfortunately the history of the past, even as close as 1898, provides no grounds for confidence in any of the foregoing suggestions. In that year a peace conference was held at the Hague at which representatives attended from the leading powers of the world. Limitation of arma-

ments and arbitration in the event of national differences were discussed and urged, but within twelve years the Boer war, the Russo-Japanese war and war between Italy and Turkey had taken place.

In 1912 a further conference was held in St. James's Palace, London, and the same subjects were discussed. But two years later came the 1914-18 war. When that was over, the League of Nations came into being, but its conferences did not prevent Italy from going to war with Abyssinia, nor Germany from starting the 1939-45 war. After the latter conflict the United Nations was formed, but for all practical purposes it was abortive almost from the start. There has been no world war since 1945, but conflicts have been waged between some of the smaller powers, which the United Nations has been powerless to stop. The war in Vietnam comes to mind, the conflicts within various states in Africa and the confrontation between Israel and the Arabs. Yet, in spite of this long record of failure, there are still those who put their faith in the Conference Table.

It might be asked why it is that men today — as indeed in the past — who are genuine and sincere in their efforts to establish peace, have failed to do so. The answer is plainly indicated in the gospel record by Luke in the angelic message to the shepherds. ". . . a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." Luke 2:13,14. For nearly two thousand years since the shepherds heard those words the angelic message has been ignored. Men have desired peace and there have been expressions of goodwill, but a total absence of glory to God.

The Apostle Paul declared truly: "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. . . Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known." Romans 3:10-17.

The "way of peace" is God's way and it will never be attained by any other means. Jesus Himself declared: "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, false witness and blasphemies." Matthew 15:19. Whilst the prophet Jeremiah said: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Jeremiah 17:9. This is not the material on which to build up peaceful intentions in the world.

Thus it is that when men meet around the conference table they are subject to the thinking of the human mind. Some have bitter envying and strife in their hearts, whilst others have vested interests which have to be taken into consideration before all else. Even those who look on often appreciate this bearing of the matter, although they do not understand the Bible point of view in regard to cause and effect. For example, a cartoon appeared in one of the newspapers dealing with the efforts of a certain peace conference which was in process. The cartoon depicted the men

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# Richie Rich in Russia

by Jonathan Fauth

- Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi, visited Moscow two months ago.
- King Hussein of Jordan, visited Russia a few days ago.
- P.L.O. chiefs are always going and coming.
- The Syrian's have signed a treaty with Russia, and are always there.

BUT — Richie Rich in Russia?



(Richie Rich) A comic book character of Harvey Comics.

Three Russian astronauts were mugged outside their New York hotel. It came as no surprise to them. According to Russian propaganda, they thought they would be mugged in every big city in the U.S.A.

A Russian pilot flew his top secret plane to Japan, and then defected to the U.S.A. His American guide who showed him around took him to a super-market, and could not convince his Russian charge that the regular run-of-the-mill super-market was for real and not, in fact, a government showcase to impress him.

There are large government agencies in Russia, who are devoted full time to manufacturing propaganda, to show how stupid the capitalistic free system is. Recently they have been distributing western comic books, that are available in western countries at super-markets and news stands, to show how warped the capitalistic way of thinking is. Example: "Richie Rich" who is a totally fictional comic book character. He portrays a wealthy boy in America, so unbelievably rich that he has diamonds as big as mountains in his backyard, money and gold in every closet and vault in his mansion of hundreds and hundreds of rooms on his unbelievably huge estate.

Anyone with any understanding of the western way of living can plainly see that this comic is purely fictional, and just a silly funny book for little kids. But these Russian institutions are actually distributing these comic books, to their pupils, along with the usual socialistic Russian line. They show a rich American boy with all his amazing wealth. And the robbers who try to rob him around every corner, in the Richie Rich comic books, are portrayed by the Russians as the poor common peasant folk who are thrown in jail, by Richie Rich, for their efforts to get their fair share of the wealth belonging to the citizens. These lines of propaganda, taught in schools as textbook material, on the western way of living, are taken as pure fact and gospel by Russian pupils.

Propaganda and disinformation are not only taught in Russia to Russian pupils, but are taught in other countries as well, especially in the third world countries. The objective is to turn the local people away from the capitalistic system to the socialistic system, where the state owns everything and the individual nothing. They've been hitting particularly hard at America in the past few years.

Many people seem unaware of the anti-American broadcasts going to many Arab countries, from the Soviet Union, and in turn used by Arab countries in their daily news. The Soviet Union with its hate-filled propaganda, causes as much unrest and turmoil as possible in this region. They have no trouble finding candidates such as terrorists, dictators, and even fanatical religious leaders such as the Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran, who with his many accomplishments against the capitalistic American imperialists, was the actual cause of the eruption and violence carried out against the American embassy in Pakistan, in which two people were killed and the complete embassy burned out.

Khomeini stated that the Americans were responsible for the assault on the holy Islamic shrine at Mecca, Saudi Arabia: "It is not unlikely that criminal U.S. imperialism did this in an attempt to infiltrate the solid ranks of Islam. Moslems must not let down their guard and should expect this kind of dirty act by American imperialism and international Zionism." (L.A. Times 11-22-79).

There has been a noticeable increase of forged letters and documents. Egypt has been the target of numerous suspected Soviet forgeries of U.S. documents. There is strong evidence of ill winds blowing to undermine the Egypt-Israel peace initiative, with strong support by Arab countries and terrorist organizations. Russia not only supplies all the propaganda and forged documents needed in the Middle East, but is also big in giving military and economic aid to radical regimes, aid which has risen to record levels in the past few years.

## Middle East

In the last few weeks there has been noticed a large increase of Russian propaganda in the Middle East. Soviet Russian intelligence agencies are hard at work in

all the Arab countries surrounding Israel. And they are producing good results in sowing seeds of dissension and unrest in all the vital areas around Israel. The Soviet aim is not one of peace, but rather of turmoil. Any time one neighbor fights another in this region, the Soviets gain by it. Examples: The Iraq and Iranian war; the war in Lebanon.

Lenin, the father of Communist Russia, wrote as one of his 'ten commandments': "The Communist must be prepared to make every sacrifice, and if necessary, even resort to cunning schemes and strategems to employ every illegal method to evade and conceal the truth... We communist comrades must use one country against another to break up the ranks of the opponent, to destroy, to wipe his organization off the face of the earth."

Russian missiles deployed in Lebanon and the Syrian and Libyan involvement in Lebanon, are all part of a master plan to undermine the American-Egypt-Israel peace treaty. They are eagerly working to promote their own treaties for this region, and have used Syria and Lebanon as their door in.

Recently Jordan's King Hussein took a trip to Moscow and toured the Ukraine. He expressed his total support for Russia's peace plans for the Middle East, including the P.L.O. and all parties involved, except America, Israel and Egypt.



In the past few weeks there has been an increase of P.L.O. and Russian propaganda broadcasted over the Arab T.V. and radio waves, here in the Middle East. The Islamic world is leaning toward the Soviet Union more and more. They tend to exploit every item and situation that happens in world news. Example: The day the Pope was shot, I was listening to Radio Jordan. The news broadcast started with the usual "His Majesty the King." It went on to say that the king had sent his sympathy and his hope for a speedy recovery to Pope John Paul II. Next it mentioned various heads-of-states of major countries, including Brezhnev, who had also cabled messages of support. But what hit a funny cord with me was that they then threw in the P.L.O. statement of well wishes to the Pope, which condemned the attack on human life as a "terrorist outrage." This was strange coming from the

P.L.O., especially when later the assassin stated that, along with other terrorist organizations, he was involved with Palestinian terrorist organizations.

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi visited Moscow two months ago, since then visitors from Beirut report a large population of Libyan troops in hotels there. The recent deployment of Libyan Sam 9 missiles in Lebanon (supplied by Russia), which were lately knocked out by Israel's air force, well illustrates the Libyan involvement in that war-torn country. And, as for the Russians, recent reports are that they actually have advisors and technicians serving with the Syrian forces in Lebanon. It is not very hard to see the link between Russia and the trouble in the Middle East.

At the same time that Russia has been tearing down the western way of life, China has been promoting capitalism and free enterprise. If you think it's funny to see Chinese drinking Coca Cola, wait until you see a Russian reading Richie Rich. □

### THE PERFECT PLAN FOR MAN

#### Capitalism?

*Freedom is for me,  
Profit is my plea,  
Money is you see,  
Very good for me.*

#### Socialism?

*Welfare is my game,  
Everything's the same.  
Union is my name,  
A pill for all your pain.*

#### Imperialism?

*Royalty is me king,  
All me peasants sing.  
Loyalty we bring,  
To our Queen we cling.*

#### Communism?

*Comrade, do what you are told is best,  
Work and wait is the test.  
Community will beat the west,  
For we shall be the strong-est.*

#### God's-Wisdom!

*(The Bible)  
It does not rhyme like all the rest,  
But makes more sense than all their best.  
If you read it you will see,  
The plan He gave to you and me —  
Is the Key to Eternity.*

— by Jonathan Fauth

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# The Lord's Work Around The World ...

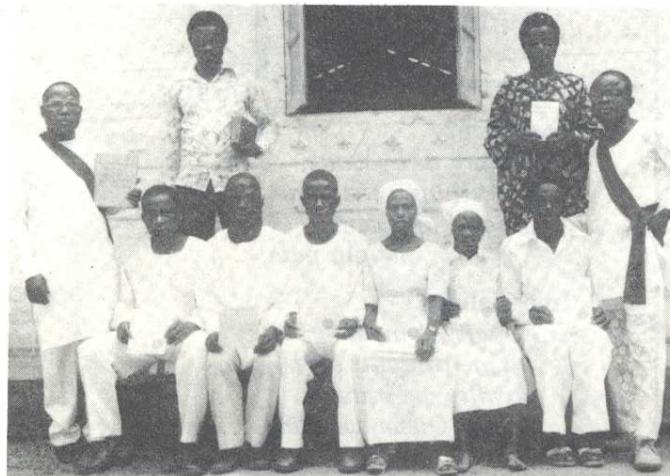
Praise the Lord! His work around the world is pressing onward, and many precious people are being reached with the message of salvation so vital to these times we live in. Our co-workers in many countries are working hard, and many souls are being saved. We wish we had the room to share with you all the many good reports and testimonies we constantly receive, but we will devote a few pages of The Mt. Zion Reporter to this from time to time, as space allows. Please pray with us that the Heavenly Father will bless His people around the world, and that He will pour out His Spirit on all of us, everywhere, making us true soul-winners — shining lights in a darkening world.

— Gordon Fauth

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Congregation in Tranzoia, Kenya, East Africa.



Members of the Church of God in Ekpene, Nigeria, West Africa. The six pictured sitting were recently baptised. Praise the Lord!



The Church of God 7th day, in Andhra Pradesh, South India.



Congregation of The Church of God in Gertrine, St. Lucia, West Indies.



Newly ordained workers in the Master's service. From the Church of God in Ekpene, Nigeria, West Africa.



Baptismal service in Kedowa, Kenya, East Africa.

## Report from Gertrine, St. Lucia, West Indies

Dearest Beloved,

Shalom! Shalom! Shalom! Greetings to you in the name of the loving Saviour and Redeemer, Yashua the Messiah.

We had the Lord's Supper a night ago and what a wonderful time we had. It was indeed a pleasurable experience meeting so many brethren and eating the supper with them.

This experience was especially joyful to the small congregation from my district. We are very small in number and live in an area divorced from the remaining part of our island. It is only a small country hamlet and the cost of travelling to other parts of the island is relatively high. Therefore, when we have the chance of meeting others of a similar faith we have great joy.

However, small as we are, we feel as vibrant as any of the large church gatherings. We are certain that Christ is with us and so, what more do we need. It is for this reason, that we are determined to do the Father's will, by going out to tell others of the love of Christ and win lost souls to Him. To this end, Beloved, we have teamed ourselves and refer to our team as "The Mount Zion Messengers". Our objective is to preach the Word, distribute tracts and Bibles, and have house to house counsels. For this reason, Beloved we do not only seek your prayers but also we desire to have your assistance by supplying us with a constant supply of tracts.

I enclosed two photographs of the Church of God, of Gertrine, St. Lucia. This is the small group with which I gather. Unfortunately, I was the photographer and so my own picture does not appear.

May the blessing of the Lord and Saviour rest upon you as you labour in His vineyard.

Yours in the Faith,  
Vincent J.M.B. Atkins



#### BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My Holy Mountain. Let all the inhabitants tremble for the day of the Lord cometh, it is nigh at hand."

— Joel 2:1.

#### Twinning With Terrorists (cont. from page 12)

twinning proposal by a margin of 27 votes to 25. But Gowans feels that the most common response to the move is apathy.

"I'm a pacifist," he said. "If I thought anything undesirable could occur as a result of the twinning, I would be horrified."

The reaction of the local Jews was "regrettable," Gowans says. "But the mayor of Nablus gave the flag to me and it is only right that I fly it. It would be contrary to the spirit of the group decision of my council to say that the twinning itself was regrettable."

The mayor accepted Arab League financing for his trip to Nablus to finalize the twinning as "a necessity," since the "Conservative opposition objected to my trip to the Middle East because of the expense."

BUT GALLOWAY is regarded by local observers to be the real motivating force behind the Nablus-Dundee pact. Sitting behind his desk ornamented with the Palestinian colours, Galloway makes no bones about his support for the Palestinians and the PLO.

"Ernie Ross and I formed the Trade Union Friends of Palestine one year ago to bring the injustices suffered by the Palestinians to the attention of the United Kingdom," he says.

He pulls no punches when it comes to the motivations for his support of the twinning. "Of course, my acts are political," Galloway states.

Galloway dismisses out of hand the objections of local Jews to the agreement. A Jew who would claim that the Arabs are being offered influence for sale in Dundee is ill-equipped to talk, he asserts, as "Jews have used their financial influence to control the media for years."

Galloway stresses, however, that there was no one further from being a anti-Semitic than himself. "You can quote me as saying that it's wrong that Jews have had their land confiscated in Arab countries."

He is deeply convinced that PLO chief Yasser Arafat wants peace, an opinion he has formed from discussions with Arafat. The PLO covenant is simply a "propaganda bargaining point," according to Galloway.

"I also don't accept that the PLO is a terrorist organization," Galloway says. "Nobody under 40 in the Labour Party supports Israel."

THE VOTERS do not always know what is best for them and "we're elected to lead them," Galloway says. He is certain that the wisdom of his leadership will be apparent to all someday.

Rather pointedly, he adds: "You Israelis should reflect on that."

*This news article, reprinted from "The Jerusalem Post" is interesting in that it well illustrates an alarming trend which seems to be sweeping Western Europe at this time.*

— Ed.



#### JERUSALEM POPULATION REACHES 412,000

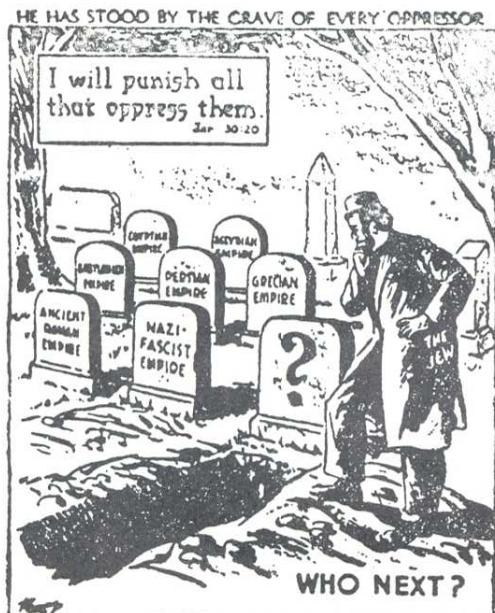
The population of Jerusalem has grown 53 per cent since unification 14 years ago — from 269,000 to 412,000 — according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The Jewish population has grown by 49 per cent to 295,000, an increase of 97,000. The non-Jewish population, mostly Arab, has grown 65 per cent to 117,000, an increase of 46,000.

## The Problem of War — (from page 3)

sitting at a table, and entering through the window were shown four horses with riders labelled respectively "suspicion", "hate", "rivalry", and "greed". Those and similar characteristics, often govern the minds of those who sit at the conference table. Such minds have no place for God's glory, and until there is glory to God in the highest there will never be peace and goodwill among men.

The position is put clearly by James in his epistle: "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:13-18.



From Whence Come Wars?

Sometimes people blame God for the outcome of the evil thinking of men. They argue that if there were really a God who was interested in the affairs of man, surely He would not permit war and other terrible happenings to take place. The answer is that God is not responsible for that which is but the out working of human nature. If men would turn to God and follow the paths of righteousness which are indicated by Him, then they would control their earthly desires and make God's word the rule of their lives. James makes it quite clear that men alone are responsible for the dreadful things which take place in the earth: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" James 4:1.

This can only be understood by reference to the time of Adam and Eve in Eden; as recorded in the book of Genesis. There is no need to be deterred in this study merely because Evolution has displaced Genesis in the minds of the majority. Evolution is an

unproved theory and whilst accepted by many scientists, it is challenged by others of equal learning.

The issue is quickly settled by reference to the Lord Jesus Christ, for He upheld the record in Genesis with the declaration: "In the beginning God made male and female." Matthew 19:4. It is therefore impossible to be a follower of Christ and believe in Evolution.

The record in Genesis relates how Adam and Eve lived in Eden at perfect peace with God, until they disobeyed His commandment. This disobedience brought sin into the world, and all was changed. Fear, shame, suffering and death followed, and to this day continues to be the portion of man. Thus the inspired Apostle Paul declared: "As by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12. The world in general lives according to "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life." 1 John 2:16. And yet it thinks, notwithstanding, to secure peace altogether apart from "the wisdom that cometh from above".

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The only lasting solution to "the problem of war" is prophesied in Micah 4:1-3.  
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The general state of man is well described by the prophet Isaiah: "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith the Lord, to the wicked." Isaiah 57:20,21. This is the reason why men fail to establish harmony between themselves: because, as a troubled sea, their sin-natures — their carnal minds which are not subject to the will of God — are continually casting up mire dirt in the form of hatred, jealousy, suspicion and greed. Therefore it is utterly impossible for communities of people to be at peace the one with the other for any length of time. □

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# The Rainbow Theory

by Sarah Fauth

You've heard the story about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow: Just find a rainbow and the pot of gold is yours. Of course mature adults know that this is just a fanciful saying. Yet the world today is actually following this same "rainbow theory". Life times are spent in search of the 'jackpot'. Worldly success is measured by the amount of wealth and fame a person accumulates, and most of us are constantly engaged in the rainbow chase.

## Give Me My Money

Money brings pleasure, and pleasure satisfaction. This is a common belief in the world. But what if I were to tell you that "*The love of money is the root of all evil*". This popular old saying is, in fact, taken from the Bible. Its meaning and significance are, to say the least, magnified in the ever increasing amount of crime in countries overflowing with wealth and prosperity. One would think that industrialization, hiked living standards, and the abundance and overabundance of the modern world, would cause crime to decrease rather than increase, as people, having more, would be more content with what they have. But instead it has sadly seemed to make the situation worse.

Greed is one of Money's close companions, and Crime is Greed's loyal disciple.

## The Untouchables:

Now let's take the average law-abiding Christian: You may say "Money has not been the root of evil in my life. I'm a Christian and have overcome it all!" Well, if this is absolutely true, then Hallelujah! Just be sure that you have not entered the 'rainbow race', that you are indeed a child of the kingdom to come, and not of this present earthly one. "*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.*" Matt. 6:33. Our chief concern in life should be to save the lost, and our pleasure should be to 'seek His righteousness'.

Let us examine ourselves and see if we truly are free from the world, if our desires are what they should be, and if our standards and beliefs are actually being applied in our hearts and revealed in our actions and desires.

Tell me, how many times have you lay awake at night thinking of that new car you would just love to have if you could scrape up the money, or all the ways you could improve your life style if only you had the means, instead of using the time in praying for your unsaved neighbor? Aha! Think about that some.

## Could it be?

In the book of Revelation we find some striking revelations on just what effect money can have on us Christians, and how bad it really is. "*Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing: and knowest not that thou are*

*wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*" 3:17.

It speaks of God's people being deceived by riches and becoming lax in their faith, obedience, and reverence for God. A lazy people not concerned for a dying world. "*I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot, I would thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*" 3:15,16.

This warning was sent from heaven to you. These words apply to the Christian population now, more than any other time in history.

The average poor person in the modern Western world today, would be as rich as a king in primitive times. In fact, we have many conveniences and luxuries a king back then would not even dream of.

## As A Result

Christians are fast becoming conformists to the desires of the world. It has gone so far that many have actually adopted a 'heaven on earth' attitude. "Be a Christian and be prosperous. God wants us to be rich and happy!" Now don't get me wrong, I don't believe Christians should be glum-faced sufferers in life. But this 'heaven on earth' attitude is largely selfish and even blasphemous.

In the Bible it tells us that we as Christians must take up our 'cross' and follow Jesus. Jesus carried His cross up Calvary's hill and suffered and died there for the whole sinful world. We are to follow His example. Jesus wants us to care about the lost and dying, not just sit back in comfort and ease, soaking in the sun of the world and enjoying the fringe benefits of being a Christian too. God does not tell us that heaven is here now, on earth, if we are Christians: He tells us that the world will hate us because we are "*not of the world.*"

No, there is nothing wrong with living comfortably, and God surely does want us to be happy and to enjoy the blessings He has given us. But those of us who are called to a higher duty (in Christ) than just working for our own 'rainbows' and 'pots of gold' must rise out of our 'easy chair religion' and really practise what we believe, or, God says, He will 'spue' us out of His mouth.

## Conclusion

In concluding our rainbow story; it would be wise to remember that a rainbow never stays, but after a while just vanishes away. Incidentally it takes the pot of gold with it.

*"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."* Rev. 3:18.

"He that hath an ear let him hear." □

# Extracts From Readers' Letters

**WASHINGTON, U.S.A. —**

Dear Brother Fauth and Co-workers,

Shalom, Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do hope this finds all of you well and happy in the work of the Lord. We here are all well and happy in the Lord.

It is a pleasure at this time to write to you expressing our continued love for the Holy City and the work going on there in the name of Christ.

May the Lord bless you all is our prayer. Love and best wishes to all.

Yours sincerely in Christ our Lord,  
E.S.

**BURMA. —**

Dear Brother in Christ,

Greetings to you from Burma.

I am still serving the Lord with volunteer basis, and came down to Tangoo last year from Tahan, Kalemyo.

I request you to send me Sabbath School Lessons, and Magazines and also some books which show the teachings of the Bible.

The work is going on in progress, many people are coming to our worship services and join with us in our Fellowship. Please pray for us. May the Lord extend the work in Burma.

I do want to keep in constant contact with you. May the Lord continually bless your good ministry.

Your brother in the faith,  
R.H.S.

**DEHLI, INDIA. —**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Grace of Jesus Christ be with you always. Let me take this opportunity to thank Christ who has given me this privilege to testify to you all.

Dear brothers and sisters, my original name was Kaliappan and I am hailed from Kothayam. a village near Palani (Madras) in a Hindu family. My village people hate Christians very harshly. Till the age of 20 I was living in darkness as I was following and praying to Hindu gods, to whom my parents and grandparents prayed. As far as my parents were concerned, I was a gift of God to them. But from my childhood onwards all types of diseases enveloped me. In order to get my diseases cured, my parents started praying to Kali (a Hindu female God) and so they named me Kaliappan.

When I was a boy of 10 years of age, I began to worship Palani and composed many songs of praise to him. I even shaved off hair from my head and spent almost seven years in and around Hindu temples. But these things failed to free me from my diseases. I knew I was not far from death.

At the age of 17, I started worshiping Sabarimalai Iyyappan, and began to sing songs of praise of him, with a hope that he would be able to heal me from my sickness. But I was deceived by him also. Then I started thinking as to where will I go after my death.

Then I went to Wardha to join in a training programme in a institution run by the central government. Here I started following many rituals and customs of the Hindu religion such as, applying kunkum and sandal and wood ashes on my face. I even went around the statues of Rama and Sita several times, and pleaded before these statues to help me if they were living gods.

On the 19th of May, 1974, I had a dream. I heard a voice saying unto me in Tamil language "Dear son, believe on me and your fear of death will vanish". I further heard the voice saying to me "I am Jesus and I want to liberate you from your bondage". Faith began to grow in my heart and for the first time in my life I felt that a huge burden had been removed from my heart. I experienced a great release as Jesus touched my heart.

The Lord Jesus has changed my life and a new hope and joy He has placed in my heart. Afterwards I had the privilege to follow my Lord through the waters of baptism. At present I am working as a Pastor in Delhi. I am really happy to tell you all this, because Jesus did great things for me. Let all glory be to His wonderful name!

Dear friends, do you want to be relieved from the bondage of sin, sickness and from the fear of death? I want to tell you that Jesus can help you. Jesus is living. Believe on Him. The Bible says in Psalms 105:4 "Search Him and you will find Him". Yes, Christ is real and living.

Yours in His love,  
K.S.M.

**NIGERIA, W.A. —**

Dear Brother in Christ,

Glory be to God!

Thanks for all the work you people are doing over there to propagate the name of the Lord in many parts of the world. May the Lord of the Sabbath repay you a thousand fold.

I shall be very grateful if you could, as a matter of urgency, send me 2 Calendars (one for the Mission here and one for my use).

Yours in Christ,  
Elder J.C.E.O.

**PIETERMARITZBURG, SOUTH AFRICA. —**

Dearest Gordon, Naomi, family and co-workers,

Shalom! I greet you in the wonderful name of Yeshua. Baruh Hashem! (Praise the Lord!).

I received the wonderful magazine "The Mount Zion Reporter". All the years I have received it I have never ceased to be thrilled, it brings me so close to Jerusalem, to you all and above all our dear Lord, and I see so vividly the prophesies being fulfilled.

The Lord bless you all beloved, also the dear brother and sister in Beit Jala. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and shelter you "under His wings".

Your sister in Him,  
M.W.

**ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA. —**

Dear Elder Fauth,

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, I feel I must thank you for the wonderful and gracious message which I received from you. I believe this has not only been enjoyable to me but also a blessing.

May the Lord bless you and the rest of your family, including all fellow workers in the work.

May the Lord bless Jerusalem as we continue to watch the prophetic world events towards the second coming of our Lord.

Christian greetings to all.

Yours in Christ,  
M.D.K.

# Life in Israel

by Naomi Fauth

Shalom!

"I will mention the loving kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness towards the house of Israel, which He hath bestowed on them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving kindnesses." Isaiah 63:7.

Another month has come and gone, and we are all well and continuing on by His grace. Recently, there have been very real threats of war hovering over this Land, caused by the confrontation with Syria in Lebanon and by the tense situation following Israel's bombing of Iraq's atomic reactor. We are thankful that the Lord has, despite all, been able to keep the nation of Israel in peace.

Israel is very much concerned over the plight of the besieged Christians in Lebanon. Syria's show of force against the Christians in that country has brought it into confrontation with Israel, and the situation is serious.

It would be expedient for all Christians throughout the world to pray for their fellow Christians in Lebanon who are struggling for survival under heavy Syrian bombardment. It is truly a sad thing to think of the bloodshed and suffering men bring upon one another. Yet, there will be peace on earth, in that not so distant day when the Lord of Peace comes to rule. "Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

It is summer here in Israel now, and we are enjoying nice sunny weather. Some of the days have been a little cool for this time of the year, but all in all we have been having nice weather. Other parts of the country, especially down South, get very hot in the summer, but one of the nice things about Jerusalem is that it has a fairly temperate climate all the year around. It does get hot in the summer, but is still cool compared to many other parts of Israel. This is probably due to the elevation. Jerusalem really is a "city built upon a hill."

Watermelons and grapes are back in season. There are especially good watermelons in the markets at this time. Just outside the Old City walls, by Damascus Gate, there are many large watermelon stands, in rows, with hundreds and hundreds of stacked melons. The interesting thing, though, is that they do not cater only to housewives and grocery shoppers, but set up coffee tables and bamboo stools on the plain earth outside the watermelon stalls. You buy the melon, and they'll slice it for you, and provide cold drinks to go along with it if you want. They always have a lot of business, especially on hot summer nights, when they stay open very late.

My husband, Gordon, just officiated at a baptismal service at the Jordan River. It was a beautiful and blessed service. One young man had journeyed all the way from Calif., U.S.A. just to be baptized in the Jordan; another was from Nigeria, Africa; and two others were our children, which made it an especially happy occasion. We are always thankful for young men

and women that choose to be set apart from the world, entering into a new life of faith.

We usually hold our baptismal services at the Jordan River, near Galilee. It is also a popular site for many Christian pilgrims that come to Israel from many countries. Recently, the Israel government began construction nearby of wide stone steps leading down into the water, as well as other facilities, all for the convenience of Christians holding baptismal services there. We felt it good of Israel to be so thoughtful of the Christians.

Recently, some of our children and friends went with my husband for a short stay at Israel's southern town of Elat, along the Red Sea. They all had an enjoyable trip and returned home safely. The Red Sea is said to have the most beautiful underwater scenery in the world. Just outside of Elat, there is an underwater observatory where you can walk down under the sea and look out at the coral reef through glass windows. There are many colorful fish swimming outside that seem almost as interested in swimming up and looking in at the people as the people are in looking out at them! There is also an aquarium nearby with many strange and interesting-looking fish and other creatures captured in the Red Sea.

By this time next year, Israel is to have given most of its Red Sea coast back to Egypt. The new border will be right outside Elat. It will then be impossible to visit many of the nicest places along the Red Sea without first crossing into Egypt.

Since the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, there has been a constant stream of Israelis touring Egypt. It is a totally new experience for the people of Israel to be able to visit a neighboring Arab country in peace. The number of Egyptians visiting Israel, though, remains very small yet. The Egyptian government seems to deliberately make it difficult for its people to visit Israel. Perhaps this will change in the future, if relations between the two countries continue to improve.

The Lord's work in Jerusalem and abroad is moving right along, Praise His Name! We are truly thankful for friends throughout the world who, with their prayers and support, play a vital role in the continuing of His work here. It is truly wonderful to receive letters of testimony and encouragement from our dear Brothers and Sisters in God's family, and we do look forward to hearing from you.

Please pray for the "peace of Jerusalem" especially now, during this time of unusual tension.

Shalom till next month!

Naomi Fauth

# Twinning With Terrorists

ISRAEL DOES NOT exist in the Dundee headquarters of the Scottish Labour Party. On the office wall of its 26-year-old chairman, George Galloway, hangs a map of "Palestine". There is no map of Israel.

Galloway stands at the centre of the furore known as the Dundee-Nablus twinning agreement, a pact joining the Scottish port city of 190,000 with the West Bank agricultural market town of 90,000. The twinning idea was first broached last year when Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a was in Britain for medical treatment after losing both legs in a bomb attack. The arrangement was formally inaugurated last month when Dundee Lord Provost James Gowans and four city councillors paid a visit to Nablus.

Meanwhile, the sight of the PLO flag hanging in the Dundee city council chambers and subsequent outbreaks of anti-Semitic acts have stirred the normally apathetic Scottish Jewish community to extreme anger.

A rally held three weeks ago by the British Board of Deputies to protest the twinning decision packed the hall at Dundee University with representatives of the Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh Jewish communities, along with an impressive array of Politicians.

THE PRACTICE of twinning, which arose after World War II, was designed to promote international understanding and appreciation of the problems of towns of similar size and character all over the globe.

The handbook issued by the British Local Authority Associations clearly states that twinning must be non-political and "a free, independent arrangement between two communities," unrelated to the promotion of other objectives.

Until the Nablus agreement, there had been no headlines about these principles being abused.

The founding of a Scottish Labour-affiliated pressure group called Trade Union Friends of Palestine early last year brought the first moves towards the twinning with Nablus.

Local Jewish leaders claim that they would not have objected to such an arrangement with a Palestinian town, providing there were no political overtones.

Dundee Jewish leader Dr. Albert Jacob stated at the rally: "I extended the hand of friendship to Bassam Shak'a. But that was until they flew the PLO flag in Dundee."

"We don't have to say that the PLO are terrorists. They say so themselves."

Jacob also referred to passages of the PLO Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel, and to the thorny emotional issue of the PLO flag flying in the council chambers.

Swastikas have been daubed on the home of Jacob's octogenarian father and on Dundee's small synagogue. Jacob called the unprecedented outbreaks of the anti-Semitic vandalism "the direct result of flying the PLO flag."

The front pages of most of Scotland's leading dailies featured photos of the swastikas being examined by Jewish Board of Deputies president Greville Janner MP. Also pictured was local MP Ernie Ross, co-founder with Galloway of the Trade Union Friends of Palestine, looking on rather shamefacedly.

ALL PARTIES point with pride to Dundee's record of ethnic harmony. Scotland, in fact, is one of the few Western European countries never to have practised organized anti-Semitism.

However, despite the racist tenor of the recent van-

dalism, the sponsors of the Nablus twinning agreement remain firm about continuing the arrangement, and most especially about displaying the Palestine flag.

The speeches at last month's protest rally had more than a note of outrage over the fact that Dundee's enviable record of ethnic coexistence had been shattered.

Said Winnie Ewing, Scottish Nationalist member of the European Parliament: "There's real anger. This move has provoked racism, and I only wonder if the Pakistanis will be next."

"Twinning has nothing to do with politics and this is an outright act of political provocation."

Dick Douglas, MP for a neighbouring constituency, said, "People should know better." Douglas happens to be a member of the Scottish section of the Labour Party, which is considered to be one of the major groups supporting the Dundee city council in its actions.

"These people are trying to make the Labour movement as a whole recognize the PLO. If such moves engender anti-Semitism, then they ought not to call themselves members of the Labour movement," Douglas said.

Church leaders at the rally affirmed their support for the Jewish community's struggle against the twinning, and the rally concluded with a resolution demanding an end to "political twinning" and the lowering of the Palestinian flag.

The flag still flies.

THERE ARE two main factors behind the recent events in this northern Scottish city.

First, the city council has been casting about for new ways to stimulate the seriously depressed economy and to solve some of the city's pressing social problems.

Dundee is a primarily industrial, blue-collar city with a 16 per cent unemployment rate, 5 per cent above the national average. Its crime rate is one of the highest in Scotland, and there is more suicide in Dundee than anywhere else in the country. Thus people say the twinning smacks of curry favour with the Palestinians as a means of attracting Arab petrodollars.

Mayor James Gowans emphatically denies this. "It's ridiculous that anyone can even suggest such a thing. If my motives were financial, I could be accused of taking bribes."

THE SECOND factor — politics — is perhaps the more insidious and dangerous of the two. George Galloway, leader of the Dundee branch of the Scottish Labour Party, is a declared member of the party's far left, and is also a long-time PLO supporter.

Many members of the Scottish Jewish community feel that Mayor Gowans allowed himself to be pressured into the twinning by the Scottish Labour Party, which controls the city council and holds 44 out of 71 Scottish seats in the House of Commons. They feel that Gowans should have stuck to the simpler issues involved in running a medium-sized city, and kept away from the international political arena.

Gowans dismisses the idea that political motives lie behind his stance. "This is just a twinning in the same nature of any of our other twinnings," he said. (Dundee is already twinned with three other cities: Orleans, France; Wurzburg, West Germany; and Zadar, Yugoslavia.)

The major acknowledged that there was some opposition to the arrangement among the local population — his own city council only barely approved the

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# Questions And Answers

**QUESTION. —**

Please give me your view on "What is Anti-Semitism?"

**ANSWER. —**

We believe, in all honesty, that it is a wicked spirit of hatred towards God's people (The Jews), devised and spread by none other than Satan.

The results of Anti-Semitism are plainly seen in the past Jewish holocaust in Europe; where millions of Jewish men, women and children were killed in the most savage ways, simply because they were Jews and according to Anti-Semitists the Jews were to blame for everything.

There are, of course, good and bad in every race under the sun, the Jews are not excluded. But to pick out a people and say they are wholly bad, is foolish. Every human on earth has their own makeup of good and evil, regardless of their race or blood. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. "As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10.

Bad can be found anywhere we care to look for it. If the critical eye is focused on the Jew, bad will be found. On the other hand, if it is focused on that of another race, an equal amount of bad will also be found.

Let's face it, it is not the Jews who are evil, it is the

whole of humanity. The only hope we have of escaping the evil in the world is through Jesus Christ (Yeshua Ha Meshiah), the Jewish Messiah: A Jew by birth and in whom there is no room for hate.

**QUESTION. —**

In what languages was the Bible originally written?

**ANSWER. —**

Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

**QUESTION. —**

Are any of the original manuscripts of the Bible, still in existence?

**ANSWER. —**

No, the original manuscripts of the Bible were written on papyrus and other perishable materials and have long since disappeared. We do, however, have ancient copies from the originals, and more are constantly coming to light. For instance, in 1947 a scroll of the book of Isaiah was discovered in a salt cave near the Dead Sea, preserved by a wrapping covered with pitch. Experts have assigned this manuscript to the First Century B.C., making it by far the oldest of the Hebrew manuscripts of the Bible.

There are three principal Greek manuscripts of the Bible, now in the British Museum and in the Vatican Library. These all date back to about the Fourth Century A.D.

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### IN MEMORY

We are sorry to announce the passing on of a dear brother and co-worker in the Master's service, Elder Morris Tafatu Sr. of Niue Island, who went to his rest July 11, 1980.

Morris Tafatu Sr. was born July 6, 1900. He was a school teacher for thirty years, but was forced to retire at an early age due to ill health. In his early twenties he was a prominent Bible Scholar, and received many awards for Bible exams. But, it was not until his baptism in 1977, in the Lord Jesus Christ, that he became active as a teacher of the "Good News". He was ordained as an Elder of the Church of God in 1978, and in that capacity he devoted the rest of his life to the service of the Lord.

We wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Sister Tafatu, and to his son, Brother Morris Tafatu Jr. (Overseer of Niue Island), and to all his family and loved ones.

Elder Morris Tafatu Sr. now awaits that glorious resurrection morning, when he (along with all who sleep in Christ) will arise to his reward everlasting.



The Tafatu family: back row: Mele, Karaponi, Grace, Malama; middle: Mrs. Ofa Tafatu, Elder Morris Tafatu Sr., Mrs. Morris Tafatu Sr., Elder Morris Tafatu Jr.; Front: Vickey, James, Mouga.

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### SUSPECT HELD IN HAIFA GRENADE BLAST

HAIFA. — Police yesterday arrested a 19-year-old West Bank resident whom they suspect placed the hand grenade that exploded in one of Haifa's busiest streets on Wednesday night. No one was injured, but two cars parked on Rehov Herzliya were damaged. It is still not known whether the incident was related to an underworld feud or a terrorist action.

### MINE KILLS SHEPHERD

BETHLEHEM. — A young shepherd from Rashidiya, a village near Bethlehem, was killed yesterday when a mine he found exploded. Police believe the youth caused the explosion by playing with the mine.

### 2,254 OLIM IN MARCH

The Jewish Agency disclosed yesterday that aliyah in March decreased 27 percent compared to the same period last year, with 2,254 immigrants arriving last month.

# NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

## RUSSIAN ADVISERS IN LEBANON — BEGIN

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Menahem Begin said last night Soviet military advisers are serving with the Syrian troops in Lebanon.

Begin told the 32nd Convention of the Federation of Building Contractors, in an almost offhand comment, that Soviet advisers were part of the deadly array of Soviet weaponry facing Christian forces in Lebanon.

Begin said the Christians have told Israel, "We are ready to hold out, to fight bravely and set an example, but our civilian population cannot hold on, they are bombarded, shot at. The Syrians have the T-72 tank, the largest in the world that can swallow any American tank made. . . in total the Syrians have 3,600 tanks concentrated with Soviets advisors who go with Syrian units into Lebanon," Begin said.

Israeli officials have never before said the Soviets maintain a military presence in Lebanon.

Begin also lashed out at *Ha'aretz* for claiming Israel had made a written commitment to Christians in northern Lebanon to intervene on their behalf in the event of a Syrian air force attack on their strongholds.

The commitment, he said, was made orally three years ago and approved by cabinet members and advisers.

It was restated on May 7 when, the Christian stronghold of Zahle turned into "a living hell," Begin said.

"We decided, on our own initiative, to repeat the promise we made three years ago," Begin said.

"Unanimously, we agreed that if the Syrian air force attacks the Christians and they ask for help, we can't tell them: be killed," Begin said.

The unwritten agreement, he said, called for the Israel Air Force to protect the Christians if they came under Syrian air force attack.

## 'NOT ONLY JEWS AGAINST AWACS SALE'

There is widespread opposition in the U.S., to the proposed sale of sophisticated weaponry to Saudi Arabia, and that opposition comes not only from American Jews, a leader of the U.S. Jewish community said yesterday.

At the end of a meeting with Prime Minister Menahem Begin in Jerusalem, Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told reporters that he "cannot recall a single editorial or newspaper column that has supported" the U.S. administration plan to sell AWACS planes to the Saudis.

Squadron said many Americans oppose the sale not only because of the threat to Israel, but because they fear that such advanced technology might fall into the hands of a future radical regime — as in Iran — or even reach the Soviet Union.

## ISRAELI-SYRIAN CLASH WON'T AFFECT PEACE, SAYS SADAT

President Anwar Sadat said in Alexandria yesterday that "whatever may happen between Syria and Israel," the Israel-Egypt peace treaty is a "firm reality."

Sadat's remark, made to reporters following a two-hour meeting with Michael Sterner, deputy U.S. assistance secretary of state, was the first official indication Egypt would take a neutral stand if a Syrian-Israeli war broke out.

## ORTHODOX 'WHO'S A JEW' BILL DEFEATED IN KNESSET PANEL

A private member's bill stipulating that converts to Judaism entering the country under the Law of Return be recognized as Jews only if they were converted according to *halacha* (orthodox religious law), was defeated yesterday in the Knesset Law Committee.

The bill, an amendment to the Law of Return, was introduced by Rabbi Kalman Kahana of Poalei Agudat Yisrael, a one-man opposition faction. It was defeated by 10 votes to seven.

A similar bill attempting to resolve the "Who is a Jew?" question in the spirit of orthodoxy cannot be tabled during the life of the present Knesset.

The Law of Return in its present form defines a Jew as one who is born of a Jewish mother, or who converts. Kahana wanted to add one single Hebrew word, *kahalacha* ("in accordance with *halacha*").

The Kahana bill was defeated because the Likud split over it, with Herut voting alongside the National Religious Party in favour, and the Liberals voting with the opposition, against.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim laboured long but in vain to persuade the two Liberals on the Law Committee, Moshe Meron and Menahem Savidor, to support *halachic* conversion.

But the two contended that the coalition agreement did not obligate the Likud to vote for *halachic* conversion. The agreement merely said that Prime Minister Menahem Begin would attempt to muster a majority for it.

## HONOURS FOR RIGHTEOUS GENTILES

An Austrian woman who hid a Jewish fugitive in her house during the Nazi era yesterday planted a tree in the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Maria Saidler was rewarded the right to plant a tree and a special certificate in 1979 for the help she gave to Tirza Somer in Vienna. Somer first met Saidler when she found refuge with the Jewish Fleischer family where Maria Saidler was employed as a housekeeper. She also offered to hide the Fleischers, but they refused and were transported to Auschwitz.

Three Dutch families will today be awarded Yad Vashem's highest honour — the Yad Vashen medal and a tree in the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles. Jahan and Petronella Roostee lived in central Arnhem and were active members of the Dutch Resistance. They took Miriam Esther — then a 14-year-old girl — into their home with two other Jews. Miriam Esther hid in their home for two and a half years except for periods when her refuge was threatened. At those times she was sent to stay with the Roostee's relatives, Dick and Veem Roeper and Chris and Hertha Bosveld, who will also be awarded medals and trees. Miriam Esther, who now lives in Haifa, will plant the trees in the three families' names.

Klaas Oosterkamp and his daughter Hendrika took in Louis Goldsehlak, a Jewish baby, into their home in 1943 when his parents were sent to a concentration camp. The baby was raised by the father and daughter during the war, and when she married was adopted by the family. Klaas Oosterkamp has died in the meantime, and his daughter Hendrika will plant the

tree.

**YAD VASHEM** will honour Gabriel Boule of Paris who gave refuge to a family of six Jews and several American and British pilots.

### EX-LIBYANS WANT TO SUE GADDAFI FOR LOST ASSETS

**TEL AVIV.** — The Libyan Immigrants Association has asked the government to sue Libyan ruler Muammar Gaddafi for compensation to Libyan Jewish emigres who were forced to abandon property there.

At a press conference here on Sunday, association chairman Avigdor Rekach said at least \$500 million in property was lost by Jews who left Libya. He said that, with the government's permission, the association would file suit in the International Court of Justice, armed with Libyan property deeds and letters of attestation from Libyan banks.

### U.S. JEWS EXULT AT SUCCESS OF MASADA TV SPECTACULAR

**NEW YORK.** — Jewish and Israeli organizations are already calling *Masada* — the \$20 million ABC-TV spectacular which had its premiere last night on stations across the U.S. — the "Exodus of the Eighties."

There is good reason to expect that the eight-hour made-for-television film, which will be broadcast in two-hour instalments on four consecutive nights, will provide a major *hasbara* bonanza for Israel.

The adaptation of Ernest K. Gann's novel *the Antagonists*, not only tells the story of Jewish struggle for survival against a foreign power, with Peter Strauss playing Jewish leader Eleazar Ben Yair and Peter O'Toole cast as Roman general Flavius Silva. The show also begins and ends with shots of Israeli soldiers at Masada, reciting the motto "Masada will not fall again."

A great deal of public attention has already been focussed on the show, which is a major TV "event." *The Chicago Tribune* has published a special supplement on the show and the story of Masada, and the network's cultural information service has distributed copies of a special viewer's guide for the programme to schools across the country.

The producer of the ABC "Novel of Television", George Eckstein of Universal Studios, told the press last week that *Masada* "is the story of man's determination to live in freedom, wherever or whenever that struggle may occur. It's the story of a relationships between two men of goodwill, who want only to bring peace and some form of tranquillity to the Land of Israel. And despite their best efforts, external forces prevent this."

The external shots were filmed in Israel, on a reconstructed Masada very near the real site of the mountain palace-stronghold.

### LEBANESE PROTEST PLO, SYRIA AT UN

**UNITED NATIONS.** — More than 1,000 people of Lebanese-Christian origin demonstrated against the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syria at UN headquarters here yesterday.

More than a dozen of the demonstrators entered the Security Council chamber to stage a peaceful sit-in against the Syrian occupation of Lebanon. They left after meeting with a UN official.

Those outside the UN building carried posters which read "Syrians Leave Lebanon," "PLO Go To Hell," and "Americans Help Us."

Maroun Asma, head of the American-Lebanese

Committee for Saving Lebanon, called on the American public to support the freedom of Lebanon and to prevent the genocide of Lebanese-Christians.

At Nakoura in South Lebanon, some 500 villagers led by priests and nuns demonstrated at UNIFIL headquarters, demanding that UN troops help Christians being attacked by Syrians in Beirut and Zahle.

The demonstrators tore down the protective wire fence around the UN camp and fist fights broke out between some of the villagers and UN soldiers who sought to eject them.

### WORK ON SOLAR POND BEGINS AT DEAD SEA

Land clearing operations for a solar pond that will generate five megawatts of electricity began Friday at a site near the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea. The project is sponsored by the Energy Ministry and the Solmat Company.

A smaller, experimental pond has been operating at Ein Bokek, at the southern end of the Dead Sea. The electricity is generated as the sun's heat is trapped in salt water below the fresh water on the surface of the pond.

The new pond may become a focus of controversy because of a recent ruling by the High Court of Justice giving the Jerusalem District Electricity Company the sole right to generate and distribute electricity on the West Bank — which includes the site of the new solar pond.

### BAHA'IS INAUGURATE NEW MONUMENT ON MT. CARMEL

**HAIFA.** — The monumental new building that is to house the Universal House of Justice, the supreme administrative body of the Baha'i religion, is nearing completion on the slopes of Mt. Carmel. Only some auxiliary structural work still remains to be done, and the administration is to move into the building in the course of the 138th Baha'i year, which commenced yesterday.

The building was started in 1977, and is entirely faced in white marble from Greece, with a green tile roof and a marble cupola. It is surrounded by an 11-metre-high colonnade, elaborately carved in Italy from Greek marble quarried from the same source that provided the marble for the Parthenon in Athens. The building cost an estimated \$20 million, and was carried out by the Paul S. Goldschmidt contracting company.

The Baha'i New Year, which coincides with the beginning of spring, follows a fasting, during the month of Loftiness and starts with the month of Splendour. The Baha'i year has 19 months of 19 days each.

The Baha'i religion, which has spread rapidly during the past decades and now counts millions of adherents worldwide, dates from 1844 when an Iranian young man from Shiraz, Ali Mohammed, publicly declared that he was embarking on a mission bearing a divine message announcing the imminent arrival of a new prophet of God who would illuminate mankind and bring it moral and social regeneration. Ali Mohammed, who became known as the Bab was executed by the Shia Moslem authorities in Tabriz in 1850 at the age of 31. He is buried in Haifa. In 1863, one of his followers, a Persian nobleman, Masaya Ali, experienced a divine revelation while in prison in 1963 and declared himself the Prophet of the Bab. He became known as Baha'ullah, the Glory of God. He was persecuted and exiled and now is buried in Acre.

In Israel, the Baha'i denomination was given official recognition as a religion in 1971.

### THREE FATAH TERRORIST CELLS UNCOVERED IN GAZA STRIP

Security forces recently uncovered three Fatah terrorist cells alleged to be responsible for 14 murders and numerous grenade attacks in the Gaza Strip in which 22 people were wounded, the army spokesman announced yesterday.

According to the spokesman, the army yesterday morning demolished five houses in the Jebalya refugee camp where the alleged terrorists either lived or stored arms and ammunition. The spokesman did not say how many were arrested, but it is believed to be about 10.

Security forces seized scores of grenades, explosive materials, detonators, pistols, a sub-machine gun and a mortar in the course of their operation.

### TIME RIPE TO GO NUCLEAR, HOREV TELLS KNESSET PANEL

Israel can buy nuclear power plants at increasingly convenient terms nowadays because the foreign firms manufacturing such plants have excess production capacity, a Knesset sub-committee on nuclear electricity generation was told this week.

Technion President Amos Horev, who briefed the sub-committee on his recent visit to nuclear equipment manufacturers in Europe and North America, said that nuclear power plants for electricity now being sold did not require sea water for cooling purposes and hence could be built inland.

Horev said that the brackish waters available in the Negev, which were too salty for farm irrigation, could be used to cool modern power plants, and the water could be recycled continually so that moderate quantities would be adequate.

He said nuclear power could provide current at one-third of the cost of an oil-fired station and half the cost of a coal-fired station. Nuclear generation would decrease Israel's dependence on foreign oil and coal suppliers, he said. Hence, from every aspect, the time was ripe to buy, Horev said.

Horev said the decision to go nuclear was a political decision. However, technological considerations should influence a decision to buy from manufacturers making small-size plants, and plants in which Israeli know-how could provide auxiliary installations, or even complete elements, he said.

### IRANIANS ARREST TEHERAN CHIEF RABBI

KIRYAT MALACHI. — The chief rabbi of Teheran, Baruch Cohen-Tzedek, his wife and other Iranian Jewish leaders have been arrested in recent days in Iran, according to MK Moshe Katzav, chairman of the Iranian Immigrants Association.

Katzav has appealed to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to seek the release of the imprisoned leaders.

### BOMB BREAKS EL AL'S WINDOWS IN ISTANBUL

ISTANBUL. — A bomb blast shattered the windows of the office of Israel's El Al airlines late Saturday night, Turkish police said. No injuries were reported.

In Beirut, the little-known "May 15 Organization for the Liberation of Palestine" yesterday claimed responsibility for the attack. The organization also claimed responsibility for the last Friday's bomb blast outside El Al's Rome offices. There were no injuries and damage was slight in that incident as well.

### NEW WAY TO HARNESS SUN'S ENERGY TO INDUSTRIAL USE

TEL AVIV. — The Luz International firm of Jerusalem has signed contracts with two firms to supply energy from its "Shemesh Utility System" (SUS), said to be the world's most advanced commercial method of harnessing the sun's rays for industrial purposes. The firms are Tapud, of Shaar Hanegev, which processes potatoes into prepan chips, and Gibor Textiles, of Kfar Sava.

"The units are very expensive to install, so we have taken it upon ourselves to set them up and maintain them at our expense. The contracts are to supply energy to produce steam costing 10 per cent less than oil would cost," Ya'acov Dweck, finance director of Luz, says. "The company using our 'steam' can't lose money."

The firm was set up in Jerusalem three years ago by Arnold J. Goldman, 39, formerly of the U.S., who has settled in Jerusalem. Actual work on the prototypes began a year ago.

Goldman, who is president and chief executive of Luz, founded the Lexitron Corporation in the U.S., which was the first company to design, manufacture and market a cathode ray tube display word processing unit (now being widely used in newspaper offices abroad).

The SUS consists of parabolic reflectors which focus the sunlight with high intensity onto a selectively coated heat pipe, containing a fluid capable of reaching temperatures of 300 degrees centigrade. The heat absorbing fluid is then used directly or circulated to a heat exchanger, which produces the industrial process steam.

Dweck notes that the SUS is composed of units of 5 sq.m. each, which can be joined together to form units of several thousand square metres of solar collectors. Tapud ordered one of 5,000 sq.m. (which will take up an area of ten dunams), and Gibor one of 2,500 sq.m.

"Our main market is not Israel, but the U.S.," Dweck notes, pointing out that in the U.S. industrial firms receive considerable government help for installing them in the form of tax credits and energy tax credits.

Each SUS unit is guaranteed to last for 20 years, and despite the heavy initial cost — a 5,000 sq.m. system can cost several million dollars — should pay for itself within five years. The units can be used most profitably in the "sun belt" in the U.S., and in most parts of Israel, where land is available cheaply, since they take up considerable space.

The first systems are being erected in Israel, and not in the U.S., "to prove their effectiveness," he says. (Of the \$5m. promised to get the new industry started, some \$4m. has already been raised. Of the total, some \$3.5m. has been raised in the U.S., with the rest coming from the Binational Institute for R & D; from the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism; with a small part being raised by Luz itself.)

Dweck believes that by 1987 a million square metres can be installed in Israel, if the authorities will grant every SUS system the status of an "approved enterprise."

### EGGED BUS BOMBED NEAR DAMASCUS GATE

Two fire bombs exploded yesterday inside an Egged bus parked near the Damascus Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem.

There were no injuries, but the rear of the bus was slightly damaged. It was parked in Egged's new terminal near the gate.

## RADIO SAYS SYRIANS SHOT DOWN OWN PLANE

The Syrians apparently shot down one of their own planes last week, Israel Radio reported on Friday.

Basing the report on western sources, the radio said the plane was shot down by one of the missile batteries deployed either in Lebanon or on the Syrian-Lebanese border.

The plane shot down was believed to have been a MiG-21.

## REAGAN FOR MAGEN DAVID ADOM RECOGNITION

U.S. PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan has registered his support for recognition of the Magen David Adom emblem - alongside the Red Cross, the Iranian Lion and the Moslem Crescent.

In a cable to Louis Rosenberg, national president of the American Red Magen David for Israel, Reagan noted that "The U.S. and Israel are bound together by our common democratic institutions, our commitment to freedom, and our devotion to the peace and welfare of each of our citizens." In Israel, Magen David Adom "has worked tirelessly, bringing aid and medical care to the victims of war, conflict and accident, and performing a very important service in Israel's unceasing efforts to improve the welfare of its citizens."

The U.S., he added, "fully supports" the efforts of Magen David Adom to achieve full recognition from International Red Cross bodies.

The International Red Cross has repeatedly refused to recognize the Star of David as the emblem for the Israeli first aid organization. Israel is invariably invited to the International Red Cross conferences in an observer status only.

## NETANYA YOUTH WINS WORLD BIBLE QUIZ

Naftali Makhlouf, a 17-year-old pupil from Netanya and son of Libyan-born immigrants, yesterday won the World Jewish Bible Quiz for Youth by scoring a perfect 102 points and displaying the instant recall of the computers he hopes some day to study.

A pupil at the Bar-Ilan school in his home town, Makhlouf was cheered on by his nine brothers and sisters and his parents. At the end of the two-hour quiz at the Jerusalem Theatre, he was kissed by Prime Minister Menahem Begin, who composed a three-part question for the third round that all seven finalists answered correctly.

Because Israelis usually take the top spot in the contest, the Gadna organizers decided to award a Diaspora Bible Quiz crown to the top contestant from abroad. The winner was 16-year-old Alon Moghilner of Brooklyn's Yeshiva of Flatbush who, with 98 points, tied second-place Israel contestant Asher Hafuta of Ashdod.

The 28 contestants from Israel, Europe, North and South America, South Africa and Sweden all showed proficiency in the 400 biblical chapters that supplied source material for Yosef Sha'ar, who has composed questions since the quiz was inaugurated 18 years ago.

Obviously aware of the enthusiastic audience of 900 and the large audience who were watching the quiz live on TV, the prime minister offered a much longer than usual, sentimental speech that he delivered with election campaign fervour. He had arrived late at the theatre because of an interview he gave to the American TV show, *Good Morning America*.

Begin asserted that, having walked in Jerusalem's streets the night before, he was certain that the people were "happier than they have been" in 10 years. "Jerusalem will remain our united capital forever, we'll

continue to build Eretz Yisrael in its length and width."

Noting that many people abroad have told him that Israel has "the best army in the world," Begin said he prefers modesty and would say the IDF is "one of the best. . . but I will say that I've never found a better army."

The premier revealed how his father, the secretary of the Jewish community of Brest-Litovsk, met his death. His voice almost breaking, Begin said that 500 Jews, led by his father, were herded together by the Germans, who shot them as they entered a river. "The waters turned red with their blood, which flowed to the Vistula, to the Baltic and to the Atlantic, where there is no remnant." Noting that the martyred Jews sang *Ani Ma'amim* and the *Hatikva* before being shot, he surprised the choir by asking them, at the end of the ceremony, to sing *Ani Ma'amim* before the national anthem.

## 120,000 VISITORS EXPECTED IN AREAS

Up to 120,000 summer visitors from the Arab countries are expected in the West Bank and Gaza Strip this year, military government sources said yesterday. Last year a similar number of people crossed the bridges.

The period for summer visits by residents of Arab countries starts on June 1 and ends on October 19. Visitors may remain in the area for up to three months, and the same permit can be used for visits within the Green Line, the pre-1967 border.

## MEXICAN DELEGATION POSTPONES VISIT HERE

A top-ranking delegation of Mexican oil officials, which was due in Israel yesterday, has postponed its visit, apparently because of the tense security situation.

The delegation was to have been led by Jorge Diaz Serrano, director-general of PEMEX, the national oil company. It was to have flown here from a visit to Moscow.

## SIX — AND KIBBUTZ — RECEIVE THE ISRAEL PRIZE

SIX OUTSTANDING Israelis last night received the Israel Prize for 1981 in a ceremony in the Jerusalem Theatre. President Yitzhak Navon and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer awarded the prizes.

An Israel prize was also awarded to Degania Aleph, the country's first kibbutz, which last October celebrated its 70th anniversary.

Recha Freier, the 88-year-old founder of Youth Aliya, received the prize for a special contribution to state and society. In 1933, she conceived the idea of sending young people to work and study in kibbutzim and schools in Eretz Yisrael. She thus helped save some 170,000 Central European young Jews from annihilation by the Nazis.

The prize for mathematics was awarded to Prof. Yoram Lindenstrauss and Prof. Ilya Piatzky-Shapiro. Lindenstrauss was cited for his discoveries in the geometry of Banach spaces and for developing research techniques that have made Israel a centre for Banach space research.

Piatzky-Shapiro immigrated here from the USSR in 1976 and teaches at Tel-Aviv University. His main contribution to mathematics has been in automorphic structures theory.

Prof. Meir Yaakov Kister was awarded the prize for Arabic language and literature. He is a world-renowned expert on the Jahiliya, or pre-Islamic period, and on the transition from Jahiliya to early Islam.

The prize for Tora literature went to Rabbi Prof. Avraham Sofer-Schreiber for his life's work in deciphering manuscripts of the *Rishonim* (the early medieval commentators-legislators), particularly *Ha'meiri*, and preparing them for press with illuminating introductions and notes.

Gurit Kadman was awarded the prize for dance, for laying the foundation of modern Israeli folkdance, training generations of folkdance teachers, and preserving the heritage of Israel ethnic communities.

#### ISRAELI JETS DESTROY LIBYAN SAM-9 SITES

An estimated 80 terrorists and several Libyan military advisers were killed or wounded yesterday when Israel Air Force jets bombarded Libyan SAM-9 missile sites in and around Damour, 15 kilometres south of Beirut, according to reports from Lebanon.

According to an announcement for the army spokesman, all four Libyan-operated SAM-9 sites, each containing four missiles, were destroyed in the attack. The spokesman reported that all Israeli aircraft returned safely to base, and that the pilots reported accurate hits.

Yesterday's air force action was the first in almost two months. It came less than 24 hours after U.S. mediator Philip Habib left Israel for consultations in Washington over steps to defuse the crisis caused by Syrian SAM sites in Lebanon.

The army spokesman, in his announcement, said that Israel aircraft were on a routine reconnaissance mission yesterday afternoon when SAM-9 missiles were fired at them. According to reports from Beirut, the Israeli aircraft bombarded Damour, a major concentration of terrorists and a terrorist naval base, as well as neighbouring Na'ameh for 90 minutes, starting at 3.15 yesterday afternoon. The reports claim that the planes returned towards dusk, and attacked both sites again for another 15 minutes.

The Libyan SAM-9 sites have been deployed in South Lebanon since early in April, in and around a camp of Ahmed Jabril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command.

According to military sources here, the sites were operated by Jabril's men, together with several dozen Libyan military advisers. All in all there are several hundred Libyans in Lebanon, deployed in the south, advising the terrorists on the use of anti-aircraft guns, artillery and other weapons.

Israel's attack against the missile sites yesterday did not come as a surprise to analysts. Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan set the tone in a television interview on Wednesday night when he said that Israel had divorced its current crisis over the Syrian missile deployment in Lebanon, and the need to carry out the country's declared policies of pre-emption against the terrorists. He further said that as far as he was concerned the Libyans were like terrorists and would be dealt with as such.

Observers here last night said that they did not expect yesterday's incident to have any direct implications on the current problems with the Syrians, or that the fighting would escalate into other regions as well.

However, yesterday's attack could also be interpreted as a clear warning to the Syrians that Israel would not come to terms with the deployment of Syrian missiles on Lebanese territory. As much was intimated by Premier Menahem Begin who told Army Radio that "we have dealt with the Libyans, we will see later what will be next."

The army spokesman's announcement yesterday specifically noted that Syrian aircraft did not interfere with the Israeli strike.

However, the Syrians have been reported to have placed their forces in Lebanon and on the Golan on an extremely high state of alert. According to sources here they have placed their army on an advanced defensive footing, as well as prepared their civilian infrastructure — food supplies, blood banks, petrol rations and electricity supplies — for war.

Thousands of Syrian reservists have been called up, and an armoured brigade has been deployed around the SAM missile sites on the Syrian-Lebanon border. In addition, armour and artillery re-enforcements have been noted entering Lebanon over the past few days.

Despite the activity, observers here do not believe that there will be a major escalation of tension between Syria and Israel in the near future. They believe that both sides, the bellicose statements coming out of both capitals notwithstanding, would prefer to resolve the crisis through diplomatic means. There was some speculation yesterday that Israel's attack on the missile sites was done with the knowledge, if not approval, of the Americans. The attack, coupled with Habib's departure from the region, it was felt, would serve as incentive for Syria to be more forthcoming than it has until now in negotiating a solution to the crisis.

#### ASSAD UNHAPPY OVER GADDAFI'S MOVES

Syria's failure to come to the aid of the Libyans during yesterday's Israeli air attack on their missiles in South Lebanon is regarded by observers here as corroborating reports that President Hafez Assad is not happy about Libya's growing presence in the region and is not prepared to let Muammar Gaddafi drag him into a confrontation with Israel.

The Libyan leader began to move anti-aircraft missiles and other weapons, as well as Libyan troops, into South Lebanon at the beginning of last month, shortly after he visited Moscow.

President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon was opposed to the move, according to Arab reports, but Assad had little choice but to come with terms to it and offer Gaddafi transit facilities through Syria, before being transferred by road to Lebanon.

Assad is believed to be particularly concerned by the growing ties between Gaddafi and PLO leader Yasser Arafat, whom the Syrian leader basically distrusts and would like to keep in close check.

Arafat visited Tripoli earlier this week and met with Gaddafi.

#### SOVIET-JORDAN CALL FOR MIDEAST PARLEY

MOSCOW. — A Soviet-Jordanian communique issued on Friday renewed support for an international conference to work out a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

A Tass report summarizing the document was released shortly after King Hussein left for Jordan following an official four-day visit to the Soviet Union.

The communique reportedly advocated "establishment of an independent state in Palestinian territories freed from Israeli occupation."

The Soviet Union and Jordan also agreed in the communique that the situation in Lebanon should be normalized by safeguarding the country's "independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity."

It did not, however, say what steps should be taken to accomplish that goal and made no mention of Syrian forces in Lebanon.

The absence of any mention of Syria reflected tensions between Syria and Jordan that led to a near-confrontation along the common border between the two countries at the end of last year.

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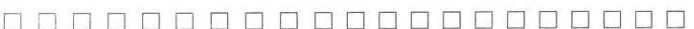
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If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of  
my mouth, if I prefer not JERUSALEM above my chief joy."

Psalms 137:5, 6.

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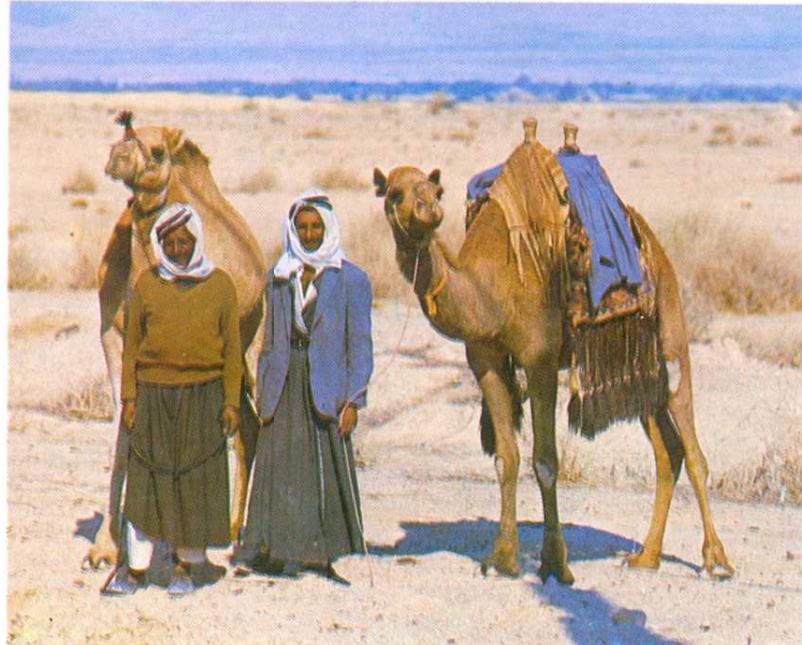
action has been taken to stop another country from acquiring the atomic bomb. Israel, though, acted out of dire necessity. According to intelligence sources, if Israel had waited only a few more weeks, the reactor would have become operational, and any attack against it would have released lethal radioactive fallout which could have killed thousands in nearby Bagdad. The only real choice, then, was between leaving the reactor alone or destroying it now. Prime Minister Begin made the decision for the strike with the firm belief that there was no viable alternative for Israel.

The Arab countries have been quick to condemn Israel for its raid against Iraq, but there is no doubt at all that many of them, probably most of them, are secretly relieved that they now do not have to worry about the impending threat that an Iraq with the atomic bomb posed — not just to Israel, but to practically any near neighbor. Iraq would like to establish itself as the dominant power in the region, and having a few nuclear bombs in its arsenal would sure give it leverage.

While Israel has come under intense criticism for its action, the consensus here seems to be that it was worth it. The scenario of Iraq with atomic bombs, which would, sooner or later, probably be used against Israel — with its small land areas and dense population centers — was just too horrifying to live with. Justification of Israel's belief that Iraq did intend to build an atomic bomb has come from nuclear scientists in various countries; and, again, the most convincing evidence of Iraq's intentions has come from Iraq itself. Just a week ago, Iraqi President Hussein stated, "*Any nation which wants peace and security and respect for people of the world... should help the Arabs in one way or another to build atom bombs, which Israel already possesses.*" Now that's pretty plain.

In the last decade or so, small countries the world over have begun programs to acquire the atomic bomb. The Middle East is no exception. In addition to Iraq, Syria has also announced that it plans to have a nuclear reactor by 1991. Egypt already has its nuclear plans well under way. Libya has for a long time openly made known its desire to have an atomic bomb, and has its own nuclear program going, in cooperation with Pakistan. Now that it has established virtual dominance over Chad, its uranium-rich neighbor, it may get somewhere with its plans. Even tiny Abu Dhabi says it plans to build a nuclear reactor by 1990. Israel probably already has the atomic bomb, or at least the capability of building one in a very short time. (This was recently confirmed by Moshe Dayan, Israel's former Defense Minister and Foreign Minister.) But while Israel would only use its nuclear weapons — assuming it had any — as a last resort, it is hard to see the same being true of some of the other countries in this region.

Many other countries in the world have had to live with the terrifying spectre of an atomic war for the better part of a



Bedouin Arabs with their camels in the desert. The Bedouin have lived in the desert parts of the Land of Israel for many centuries, and are well adapted to this kind of environment. Today, many are becoming modernized and settling down, but many still live the same nomadic life their fathers did, with few changes. Their tents and goat herds make an interesting sight in many desolate parts of the land.

generation. Now it seems that the Middle East is also on the verge of joining the 'nuclear club' — if it hasn't already. The picture this paints is frightening.

I guess we would all like to roll the clock back, and remove nuclear weapons from the world's arsenals. But that is, sad to say, impossible. There are a lot of good people everywhere, and even some nations, that would gladly destroy all nuclear weapons and live without them — but they can't. It is like the story of the man who had the tiger by the tail — once you've reached this stage, it's impossible to let go. Perhaps it's only fitting that mankind, with its natural talent for destruction and its long history of murder and war, should at last find itself in possession of a weapon with which it can really kill itself.

If it wasn't for the Bible, things would indeed look grim for this world. The direction the world seems to be heading is the direction in which lies global destruction. But, Praise the Lord!, we know that better times are coming, and that it won't be long now. "*And except those day should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*" Matt. 24:22. □

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