

Opinion

# Jewish people are denied self-defense

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Only a month ago, no less of an authority on the extinction of peoples than Idi Amin, murderer of 80,000 Black Ugandans, was given a standing ovation in the U.N. as he called for the extinction of the Jewish State. Yet, as Amin asserted, there was nothing 'antisemitic' about his proposal.

His stunning popularity seemed to show that he had judged the world climate correctly: the nations, if they are to stand by the destruction of the little democracy of three million Jews are unwilling to use Hitler's word for the slaughter.

The latest attempt by the Arab-Communist block to facilitate the destruction of Israel has been the November tenth resolution stating that "Zionism is a form of racism."

The Arab strategy, at present, is to gain what objectives they could not attain through wars, by harnessing Jew-hatred.

But who are these nations sitting in judgement over Israel?

There is Iraq, which has massacred at least 15,000 Kurds over the last three years in an effort to expropriate (along with Syria, Turkey and Iran) Kurdistan. Syria, the home of the severest Jew-hating regime in the modern world, is confining Jews to ghettos, curfews, denying them hospital facilities, emigration and synagogues, while, at the same time, torturing and raping teenagers as part of government policy.

One might argue that these were not 'classical examples' of racist persecution. For that, one might well turn to Sudan (which also voted for the resolution where the northern Sudanese Arab dominated government allowed its army to butcher close to a million Black Sudanese, because they are neither Arab nor Muslim).

What all these nations do have in common, however, is that they support the PLO, the terrorist group whose covenant, on the one hand denies the entity of the Jewish people, while on the other states that "the Palestinian personality is an innate, persistent characteristic that does not disappear, but transferred from father to son." Apart from being quite sexist, the covenant is blatantly racist, in the classical Aryan-Hitlerian tradition.

The calumnious charge against Israel, is only serious in that it endangers Jewish lives in such countries as the Soviet Union, Syria and Argen-

tina, where Jews are already persecuted for being Zionists.

What is 'racist' Israel's response? Arabs can become citizens of Israel; Arabic is an official language, on par with Hebrew, found on currency, signs, and spoken in the Israeli parliament, where Arab members sit. Contrast this with Syria, where Jews cannot even vote, never mind hold office.

The fact that the Arabs have reverted to the big lie demonstrates the moral deprivation of their cause. While in the West the Arab manipulation of language, where black equals white, has temporarily backfired, not so in the 72 countries. To them, the only refugee is a Palestinian one; the only Diaspora is the Arab one; the only people, the Palestinian ones; the only suffering, Arab suffering; the only rights, Arab rights.

The U.N. resolution does not even define its victim. Like Hitler's 'Final Solution', the vague solution to the Jewish presence in the Mid East is the end of that presence.

On November 4, seven PLO terrorists crept into Israel, unusually armed: not with guns, but with axes. They were trained in head chopping. Their mission was to bring back the heads of settlers. On November 13, the PLO, pleased with the go-ahead UN resolution happily blew the heads off six innocents in Jerusalem, while maiming the arms, legs and faces of 42 others. No, butchery is beyond the confines of the vaguely defined anti-Zionist 'solution'.

As for the local Jew-hater, who still reserves the right to assert that he is an 'anti-Zionist' but not an antisemite, and that he has a right to criticize Israel, we must remind him that to criticize is one thing, to call for the destruction of Israel quite another.

The U.N. resolution denies the Jewish people the right to defend themselves at a time when their enemies are powerful. Israel is the Jewish people's self-defense. The UN resolution, comes only 30 years after Adolph Hitler. The Arabs have learned nothing from the holocaust, except techniques of Jew baiting.

Canada, in contrast, can learn, from studying Hitler's ear, that anything but direct opposition against bloodstained tyrants, is to the advantage of the tyrant. We must immediately re-channel our U.N. funds to more useful purposes, such as, feeding, the starving people of the world, instead of feeding the Growing Beast.

# Toronto's 4 days against racism



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Racism has become a matter of increasing concern among Canadians, and the Four Days Against Racism conference held in Toronto last weekend reflected this concern.

Organized by the Toronto Alliance against Racism and Political Repression, the series of meetings and activities attracted over 300 people. The conference featured speakers from native, black and workers' groups from across Canada, the U.S., Europe and the Caribbean.

The conference began with a showing of *Minimata*, a film which records the journey of natives from Grassy Narrows Reserve in Northern Ontario to Minimata, Japan where the river system has been polluted with mercury by the Chisso Corporation.

Dryden Metals is doing the same to the English River system in Ontario which is the source of the natives' staple diet.

The meeting collected over \$150 for the *Minimata* struggle.

According to native leader Tom Keesick, 16 people on the reserve have shown early symptoms of "Minimata Disease", which affects the nervous system.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Pakistani revolutionary Tariq Ali who spoke on the "international context of racism", particularly in Western Europe.

Ali described how immigration in Europe followed the rate of actual employment needs in the industrial countries.

A shortage of labour in the period after World War II created a flow of immigrants from the Third World, he said.

This immigrant labour force now is in a majority in many high intensity industries and constitutes up to 20 per cent of the working class in some countries.

Although in many cases, immigrant workers have become the natural leaders of militant worker organizations, Ali said that "the European ruling classes hope that this pattern of immigration will decrease the weight of the working class by helping create racism and denying immigrant workers equal economic, political and trade union rights."

"The working class remains divided and racist because of the continuing domination of bourgeois ideology," he said.

Sunday night featured George Archer, a black economist working in Montreal. He spoke

specifically about the historical development of the former Portuguese colony of Angola.

For 500 years, he said, Portugal has used its colonies in Africa as places to which to export its surplus population while extracting their mineral resources.

Angola, he believes, is probably the richest country in Africa. However, its strategic importance lies in the fact that the Canadian and American governments are committed to protecting South Africa as a white-dominated society. They won't let countries in Africa fall like dominos as they did in Indochina after the American pull-out from Viet Nam.

Rosie Douglas, for whose defence a collection was taken at the meeting, spoke little about his threatened deportation, except to say that he might not be around when the order comes through. Instead, he took the opportunity to reflect on his own past experiences and describe how he came to see the racist nature of Canada.



## Let's be Frank

Remember Scrooge, the loveable miser who changed his misanthropic ways after a little friendly coercion from the Spirits of Christmas?

In a moment of Christmas hysteria, Scrooge offered his workers' union a substantial wage increase.

The year is 1975; the nation is bound in wage and price controls. Bob Crachit, president of the union is at this moment ratifying the agreement.

Crachit: "Oh, thank you Mr. Scrooge. Bless your soul. Bless you. The agreement is more than adequate. Now I can get braces for Tiny Tim. And with the goose we'll be fed this Christmas. Bless you, Mr. Scrooge."

Scrooge (to himself): "Oh boy, I'm regretting it already. (Aloud.) Listen, Crachit, enough of the ham, let's sign the contract."

Suddenly, a loud roar is heard from outside. Voice: "What the hell is going on? Stop that contract." Into the room file seven bureaucrats and a Beryl in a Plumb Tree.

Crachit: "Oh, dear, mercy me." Scrooge: "Who are you guys? Snow White and the seven dwarfs?"

Jean-Luc Pepin: "We, monsieur, are zee seven members of zee Price and Wage Control Board. And she is Beryl in a Plumb Tree." We have come to pooh-pooh your wage settlement. If I may add, we have joos recently nixed a similar proposal. What are you trying to

do, Mr. Scrooge, destroy zis country's economy, maybe?"

Scrooge: "Buzz off, Pepin. I'm filled with Christmas cheer. 'Tis the season to be jolly. Crachit gets his raise."

Pepin: "Parehaps, we must convince you of zee gravity of zee zituation."

Crachit: "Oh, dear; oh dear, gentlemen, let's be merry. It's Christmas."

Scrooge and Pepin: "Keep out of it, Crachit."

First bureaucrat: "Mister Scrooge, I'm the Bureaucrat of the Economy Past. Let me show you slides of better times."

A half hour passes. Scrooge: "Those were touching

slides. Did a quarter really buy all that? But, boy were they dull."

Second bureaucrat: "Mister Scrooge, perhaps you'd be interested in the current national picture. I'm the Bureaucrat of the Economy Present. Could I interest you in a film? It's in colour."

Crachit: "Oh, joy. I love home movies."

A half hour passes.

Scrooge: "Yawn, what a bore. All of you get out of my office. Crachit, take your goose and get out of my sight. Pepin, I'm withdrawing my donation to the Liberal Party. You guys have ruined my Christmas."

Crachit: "Oh, oh, peace, gentlemen, peace."

Suddenly, a roar is heard. The

wrath of Beryl in a Plumb Tree had been raised.

Beryl snarls, roars, hisses, wags her finger at Scrooge's nose.

Beryl: "O.K., Scrooge, listen and listen good. I'll say this only once. If you don't keep your offer within the guidelines, I'll tax you to bankruptcy; I'll fine you to death. We'll cut off your federal subsidy..."

Scrooge: "Not my federal subsidy. Please Miss in a Plumb Tree, not that. All right, you win. Crachit will get a gallon of two per cent cream and a turkey for his Christmas dinner."

The Board: "No turkey." (These days you can't tell who the real Scrooge is. I wish you all a merry and a frank Christmas.)