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WE MAKE OUR BOW

This is the first issue of a regular newsletter on Jewish Affairs, speaking in the name of the Communist Party. Its primary purpose is to provide information and views not otherwise being made available on events and issues affecting the Jewish people. We shall welcome questions and comments from our readers.

The Editorial Committee.

(Excerpts from a speech by Meir Vilner, M.K.)

The anti-Soviet incitement on the part of the ruling circles of Israel is from day to day becoming more savage and unrestrained. On March 4, 1970, the Government initiated a further debate in the Knesset against the Soviet Union. At the last minute, however, it changed its mind and instead of holding the debate, contented itself with a governmental statement without subsequent debate. In this manner the representative of the Communist parliamentary group, comrade Meir Vilner, was prevented from appearing and reacting to the new statement of incitement of the Government against the Soviet Union, which this time was delivered by the Foreign Minister.

The Speech That Was not Delivered

This is the third time in the last half year that the Government initiates a special debate in the Knesset against the Soviet Union. And each time, the pitch of the governmental statements and of the speakers on behalf of the Zionist parties is getting higher.

The more the pitch is being raised and the more poisonous the expressions are becoming, the more distorted becomes their rationality, and nothing is left of all this talk but bad taste.

Gentlemen, you are shouting because you do not have the courage to admit the failure of your policy. The nearer the day of withdrawal from the occupied territories, the more isolated your policy is becoming in the international arena, the more do you try to falsify the facts about Soviet policy and to wriggle out of the responsibility resting upon yourselves and the Washington rulers for the continued bloodshed, for the non-establishment of a stable peace, which could have been carried out long ago, if you had lent a hand to implementing the Security Council Resolution.

Our boys are falling on the Suez not because of the Soviet Union, but because of your nationalist superiority complex, which prevents you from freeing yourself from your delusion that you will be able to make territorial annexations and to dominate another people, the Palestinian Arab people--and that in our days, when the balance of forces in our region and on the international scale ceaselessly changes to your detriment and to the detriment of your protectors in Washington. Is this not adventurism and lack of national responsibility, to play with the destiny of our people and blindly to rely on U.S. Phantoms and Skyhawks, on U.S. money, on the U.S. Sixth Fleet, and not to care a damn for the whole world?

The Soviet Union works for stopping the bloodshed, for ensuring peace in our region, and thereby it also acts for saving the Israeli people from the national disaster into which you are pushing it.

The struggle for the withdrawal from the occupied territories, for peace, for the benefit of all the peoples in our region, cannot cease in the Soviet Union and other countries, as long as we do not withdraw from the territories occupied in the June 1967 war and do not lend a hand to fully implementing the Security Council Resolution. A withdrawal will make possible the establishment of a stable and just peace. And peace will bring us security and normal relations with the Soviet Union.

When the Soviet Union declares day in, day out, that it stands today, as it did in 1948, upon the right of Israel to sovereign existence as state within recognized and secure borders, there appears the Prime Minister, Golda Meir, and declares last week from the rostrum of the Knesset in the name of the Government not more and not less than this: the Soviet Union is Israel's enemy.

Her declaration has perplexed many in Israel, even though she is known for her political extremism and for her anti-Soviet and anti-Communist fanaticism. I wish to say to Mrs. Meir who relies so much on the U.S. Phantoms, on napalm and time bombs discharged from aeroplanes: If the Soviet Union were really an enemy of Israel, we should not have any future in this region. However, the truth is that the Soviet Union is not Israel's enemy, but Golda Meir is the enemy of the Soviet Union and of Communism, and not only from today.

The Soviet Union conducts a Leninist foreign policy. Therefore, it does not identify Golda Meir and her Government with the Israeli people and its national rights.

In 1948 the Soviet Union supported the right to self-determination of the Jewish people as well as of the Arab people of Palestine. Today the Soviet Union supports the struggle of the Palestinian Arab people against the occupation, and for its legitimate rights. At the same time the Soviet Union supports the existence of the State of Israel. Now just as then the Soviet Union conducts a principled Leninist policy of support to all the peoples in their struggle against imperialism. The Soviet Union distinguishes between the ruling class of Israel with their aggressive occupationist, pro-imperialist and anti-national policy, and the Israeli people and its legitimate national rights".

This is the truth about the position and policy of the Soviet Union, and not the malicious falsifications and provocations of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister.

The editor-in-chief of the Soviet magazine in the Yiddish language, "Sovietish Heimland", Aaron Vergelis, is absolutely right, when in his reaction to the anti-Soviet incitement conducted by Zionist factors and by the Israeli Government, he writes in the weekly "Nedelya" of March 1, as follows:

"The progressive forces in Israel and outside her must defend the Jews against the Zionists, who more than once have mobilized the anti-Semites to assist them". And he continues:

"Zionism is highly interested in arousing strife between the Soviet Jews and the Russian and other peoples in our country. As they are not successful in this, they maliciously slander the Soviet Union. The Zionists very much need victims of anti-Semitism, as they continue their activity only under circumstances of national quarrels."

The common basis of Zionism and anti-semitism is anti-Communism, enmity towards the Soviet Union, towards anything progressive, the nationalistic sense of superiority and racist exclusiveness. This is also the basis for partnership between Zionism and imperialism.

The Soviet Jews, as all Soviet people, want peace; they remember and will never

forget what the German Nazis did to them and to the whole of mankind. They know that the danger of a third world, a nuclear war, exists. They know that every war, that is called local, is liable to expand and turn into a world war. Therefore, their fury mounts against you. The Soviet citizens, Jews included, just as citizens of all other countries of the world, are not ready to reconcile themselves to your play, which endangers the peace of the entire world, while you yourselves are playing in the hand of the American strategists and monopolists, who use Israel for their global objectives in our region against the anti-imperialist Arab national movement and against the Soviet Union.

The true interest of the Israeli people is compatible with these aims. The interest of the Israeli people is the establishment of peace in our region and the maintenance of friendly relations with the Soviet Union and not wars and anti-Soviet incitement.

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ON JEWISH CULTURAL LIFE IN POLAND

By: Hyman Lumer

In an article some months ago on the 25th anniversary of People's Poland, Dr. Avraham Berman, a leading figure in the Mikunsi-Sneh group in Israel, said the following: "In the last two years, all the Jewish institutions in Poland have been almost completely destroyed. Nothing has remained of all the cultural institutions but a few remnants". Implied in this statement is the charge that the destroyers were the leaders of the Polish United Workers Party and the government. The statement is, however, untrue.

During my visit to Poland last December, I had an opportunity to meet some of the leading figures in the Cultural Society of Jews in Poland, and to get their picture of cultural life there. Among those with whom I met were Edward Rejber, Chairman of the Society, Szymon Szurmiej, Director of the Jewish State Theater and Shmuel Tenenblatt, Editor of Folks-shtimme.

They spoke, I thought, very frankly. They had gone (they told me) through a very difficult and trying period. Many Jews had left Poland, among them a considerable number of important cultural cadres. The work of the Cultural institutions was greatly weakened and disorganized. However, they had succeeded in maintaining and stabilizing certain fields of activity on the basis of the remaining, though smaller Jewish community.

As for the Society itself, all regional organizations remained intact, and were reorganizing and rebuilding their activities in keeping with the new situation. The Party and government organs, I was told, were doing what they could to help. Contrary to some stories, money was no problem. The government was prepared to finance adequately any activities which could be organized. The Society had been provided with a new building containing, in addition to offices and other facilities, a new, modern theater. The only limiting factor in their work was the availability of cadres.

Folks-shtimme had stabilized itself as a weekly. It now had an adequate editorial staff and was in the process of improving its content and makeup. It had been left short of typesetters but the government had helped by training some typesetters in Yiddish.

The Jewish State Theater was, as I had a chance to see for myself, doing well. It had mapped out a full program for the coming year, beginning with a premiere of The Dybuk at the new theater in January. Though a number of leading actors and actresses had left, a solid core remained, and they had been able to train a number of young Jewish actors and actresses to perform in Yiddish.

I attended a performance of Peretz Hirshbein's play "Green Fields" and had an opportunity to meet with the cast. They were very angry about stories appearing here to the effect that the theater was on its last legs and could keep going at all only by employing non-Jews as actors, Certainly what I saw was far from a corpse.

The Historical Institute was continuing its work and a museum had been established in connection with it. Other institutions, however, had not fared so well. The schools had been closed down; there simply were not enough students to keep them going. The book publishing house had suspended operations but it was hoped to resume book publication some time in 1970. Still others had ceased to exist.

In short, while Jewish cultural activities have been much reduced in scope, there is nothing in this picture to indicate that they have been "almost completely destroyed" or "reduced to a few remnants." And there is no basis for asserting that the Party and the government have pursued a deliberate policy of destroying them.

On the contrary, there exists a cadre dedicated to maintaining these activities on whatever scale is feasible in the present situation. And these comrades insist that they are being helped, not hindered, by the agencies of the Party and the government.

Recently the Cultural Society held a national conference at which progress reports were given and problems and difficulties discussed. Some reports of the conference appearing here were extremely derogatory. No meaningful Jewish cultural life in Poland is possible, it was contended. Only the old and infirm are left. All competent cultural cadres are gone; those who remain are "third-raters," incapable of carrying on real cultural activity. If the government finances these activities, it is only to cover up its sins by making a display of supporting Jewish culture. And so on.

But this seriously misrepresents the picture. Furthermore, those Jewish cultural workers who have remained in Poland, who are striving to maintain cultural institutions, and who are carrying on the fight against anti-semitism and for the building of socialism in Poland, deserve encouragement and support, not misrepresentation and ridicule. Certainly they are more worthy of support than the former members of the editorial staff of Folks-shtimme, virtually all of whom resigned because they would not accept the position of the Party and the government on Israel. One would think that progressive Jewish publications which devote page after page to the stories of those among them who left Poland and bitterly attack it could find some space to tell the story of those Jewish Communists who support Party policy and continue to work as Communists in Poland.

A LETTER TO THE MORNING FREIHEIT

(A copy of the following letter, addressed to the Editor of the Morning Freiheit, was sent to us by its author. We publish it here in English translation.)

Dear Sir:

I read in Frei Yisroel (Free Israel) excerpts of an editorial printed in the New York Jewish daily, Morning Freiheit, on the 15th of March, 1970, relating to the press conference recently held by noted Jewish personalities in Moscow. I want to comment on this editorial in order to acquaint the Morning Freiheit readers with the true facts in this situation.

I quote from the editorial:

"Such words as 'Hitlerism' and 'Nazism' which were used at the press conference are an insult not only to the members of the Israeli army but also to the Jews in Israel who still carry numbers of the Nazi concentration camps on their arms; all Jews are hurt by such expressions. Such accusations as Nazism, Hitlerism and Fascism against Israel must stop once and for all. Somehow we don't very often hear such accusations against the Pentagon and American militarists.

We must put a stop to one-sidedness and extremism everywhere!"

These few sentences contain so many misrepresentations that I want to go into them more thoroughly.

1. Neither the statements of the 52 prominent Soviet Jews who participated in the press conference nor their answers to the questions put to them contain such epithets addressed to the ruling circles of Israel as "Hitlerism", "Fascism" "Nazism". Professor Volodarsky compared, in his statement, the deeds of the ruling circles of Israel with similar deeds that occurred in the past. He said: "We receive daily reports about crimes of the Israeli army that remind one of Hitler's barbarism." (Pravda, March 6)

In my estimation every honest person, in dealing with these matters, must first of all enumerate the deeds that were perpetrated and must call the attention of the readers to their criminal nature and not to the expressions that were used in describing them.

2. We do not find in any Soviet publication summary accusations against the people of Israel. Again I quote from the editorial:

"A statement against the Israeli militarists must not be turned into an accusation against the whole people of Israel..."

The facts are just the opposite. In the statements on the Middle East printed in all Soviet publications it is being particularly emphasized that the responsibility for the aggressive actions falls upon the ruling circles in Israel and not on the masses. I also find it necessary to call attention to the misrepresentations by the rulers of Israel who exclaim "How can you accuse a people who had suffered so much of perpetrating such ugly deeds!"

The Morning Freiheit, following this line, puts everybody in the same boat--the rulers of Israel and the Israeli masses.

3. I am surprised that you write: "We must put a stop to the attacks only on Israel."

Is it possible that you are not acquainted with the numerous statements in the world press which deal in detail with the persecutions and tortures of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories, especially in the Gaza strip.

Even the Israeli newspapers have repeatedly reported facts about arrests of prominent Arab personalities--lawyers, teachers, students, etc., just because of their convictions. We find among the arrested a great many Communists. They are being evicted from their homes and kept away from there for weeks or end, and expelled from the territories. For showing their faces in the streets, they are sometimes being shot at without warning. Such incidents are becoming daily occurrences.

The Minister of Police, Shlomo Halal, reported that more than 3,000 Arabs were arrested and are being held in jail without trial in accordance with the regulations of 1945. There are well-known facts about tortures of political prisoners, Communists and other jailed persons.

The Israeli press reported at the beginning of this year about the arrest of two union presidents, I. Rafala and Abdul Latif, who were tortured in jail. A leader of the Communist Party of Jordan, Neim Al Ashab, has been languishing in jail more than two years without a trial. An attempt to kill him was thwarted. Now he is in complete isolation.

Another prisoner, Hasan Isan, was young and healthy at the time of his arrest. He was tortured to such an extent that they had to amputate one of his legs. A teacher of East Jerusalem, Mahamed Diav, is being held without a court hearing. He is accused of Communist activities. He was beaten at the interrogations. A report of the U.N. Investigating Commission about the conditions in the Arab territories occupied by Israel includes the following:

"Attempts to force the Arabs of the occupied territories to cooperate with the occupation apparatus. The Arabs who do not want to cooperate are being arrested and expelled from the territories." Severe punishments are being meted out by the Israeli authorities for the slightest opposition to the occupation. Military patrols are shooting directly at the people. In the week of March 11 to 17 seven Arabs were killed, among them a woman and a 14 year old boy, under the pretext that they made an attempt to escape."

At the beginning of this year the London Times and the U.S. News and World Report published reports about mass arrests. The arrested Arabs were tortured with electric wires which stopped the blood circulation, a torture which can lead to gangrene and make necessary the amputation of the limbs. To round out the picture, it is necessary to mention a report published by the organization "Amnesty International" about tortures of Arab prisoners in Israeli jails.

On the 5th of April the Newspaper, "Haaretz" published a news item about a hunger strike of political prisoners in the Demoiner jail who were protesting against the inhuman conditions and tortures to which they were subjected.

(The unjust cruelties mentioned herein were perpetrated by the ruling class of Israel. This for clarification. P.H.)

Not publishing these facts means to hide the truth and to be guilty of assisting in the perpetration of these criminal acts.

Those who make accusations against the Soviet Union of one-sidedness are trying to distort and hide the true facts. The Soviet Union is constantly looking for a peaceful solution of the Middle East conflict based upon fulfilling in its totalities the provisions of the U.N. Resolution of November 22, 1967.

In the Morning Freiheit editorial we find a great deal of emphasis on peace in the Middle East but nowhere is there mentioned the necessity of evacuating the Israeli armies from the occupied Arab territories. Under the present conditions of occupation and annexation and attempts to colonize territories in Hebron, the Golan Heights and other places, peace is impossible. The ones who are honestly and sincerely for peace in the Middle East - the true friends of Israel, should not try to cover up the adventuristic policies and the evil deeds of the Israeli Government; their politics of occupation, annexation and suppression. We have to strive for a just peace that will take into account the rights of the inhabitants of our land, the rights of Israel to live in secure borders, while at the same time ascertaining the rights of the Palestinian Arabs.

With best regards,

Shlomo Vilensky

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STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Adopted by the Political Committee, CPUSA

April 9, 1970.

The situation in the Middle East is a grave one. A state of virtual warfare between Israel and the UAR already exists. The danger of a flareup into full-scale warfare grows daily with the attendant peril of escalation into world nuclear war.

The primary source of the growing war danger is the continuing aggressive, expansionist policies of the Israeli ruling circles in collusion with U.S. imperialism --the same policies which led to the Israeli aggression in 1967. Today these are expressed in the deliberate escalation of military actions against the UAR, Syria and Lebanon, with increasing raids on civilian targets and the widespread use of napalm and delayed-action bombs. And as the raids penetrate deeper and deeper into Egyptian territory, they are increasingly accompanied by renewed talk of overthrowing the Nasser government.

The clique which rules Israel rejects the path to peaceful solution of the conflict offered by the U.N. Security Council Resolution of November 1967. This resolution, based on both withdrawal from the occupied territories and recognition of Israel's right to exist in peace and security, and calling for implementation through the offices of UN Representative Gunnar Jarring, has been accepted in its entirety by the UAR, Jordan and Lebanon. But there has been no such acceptance on the part of Israel, which insists adamantly on only direct negotiations with individual Arab states and refuses to state any terms whatever in advance.

Such insistence only guarantees that there will be no negotiations of any kind, for it is crystal-clear that no Arab state will consent to negotiations in which conquered territories are used as a club to wrest concessions from it. Indeed, the demand for direct negotiations is but a cloak for a process of annexing the occupied territories through a series of accomplished facts. Israeli settlements in these territories are multiplying, with Arabs being removed to make way for them. The economy of these areas is being integrated into that of Israel. It is by now only too evident that the aim is through such actions to incorporate the occupied territories fully into the state of Israel.

At the same time, however, there is mounting mass opposition to the occupation which is being met by growing repression and brutality, by ever wider resort to collective punishment, to imprisonment and torture, to deportations, etc. Accompanying this is growing repression against Arabs in Israel, especially against Arab Communists who are subjected to virtual house arrest and to other restrictions. Israel's rulers are binding that country ever more closely to the aggressive designs of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East. Today, U.S. imperialism, seeking to offset the defeat of its efforts to overthrow the anti-imperialist governments of the UAR and Syria and to counteract the growing strength of the Left and anti-imperialist forces throughout the Arab world, is using Israeli military power as its instrument. For this purpose it is supplying Israel with offensive military aircraft despite her already overwhelming air superiority. Israel is also being tied by its present leaders to support of the criminal U.S. aggression in Vietnam.

In their ever closer association with imperialist reaction, Israeli ruling circles have joined with it in an increasingly vicious campaign of slander against the Soviet Union and certain other socialist countries. The most horrendous pictures of alleged "anti-Semitism" in the Soviet Union are painted and no effort is spared to portray socialism as inseparable from anti-Semitism, and to make it appear that Jews can find no secure existence except in Israel. No calumny is too monstrous. The Soviet Union is depicted as seeking nothing less than the physical destruction of Israel. And anyone who so much as questions the warlike, anti-Soviet policies of the Israeli ruling class is branded an "anti-Semite." Small wonder that the Soviet Jews have risen up as one in righteous anger and indignation at the slanderous attacks on their socialist homeland. At the root of these policies of the Israeli government is the reactionary, racist, expansionist ideology of political Zionism. This poisonous ideology seeks to create a gulf between Jew and non-Jew. It looks upon Jews as aliens in their own countries. It seeks to establish Israel as an exclusively Jewish state in which Arabs are regarded as second-class citizens and "fifth columnists," and it gives rise to vicious anti-Arab chauvinism. It attempts to tie Jewish working people everywhere to the coat tails of imperialism, to make them hostages of the pro-imperialist policies of Israel's rulers. It makes use of the feelings of religious identity, of anti-fascist tradition, of national pride among the Jewish people, perverting these for its own reactionary ends.

Spearheading the forces of Zionism are key sections of the Jewish bourgeoisie. It is their money which helps to finance Israeli aggression. It is they who ally themselves with the main sections of finance capital in pursuit of U.S. imperialist aims in the Middle East. It is their pernicious influence which has spread among the Jewish masses. Zionism is the enemy of the Jewish people everywhere, the enemy of all the forces of peace, progress and socialism. It must be relentlessly fought.

The policies pursued by the Israeli government can only lead Israel to disaster. The barbarities committed by the Israeli military and occupation forces are already creating widespread revulsion and isolating Israel in the eyes of all decent mankind. Efforts to secure Israel's existence through expansionist aggression can lead only to piling one aggression on another, to endless war in which Israel's present military superiority must sooner or later vanish and Israel must in the end inevitably be destroyed. More, these efforts are making of the Middle East a constant focus of danger to world peace. Clearly, this is the path to suicide. Within Israel, opposition to these barbaric and ruinous policies is now rapidly growing. Spearheading this opposition is the heroic Communist Party of Israel, headed by Vilner and Taubi, which is at the same time the chief target of government repression. But opposition to the policy of "accomplished facts", to collective punishment, to insistence on direction negotiations and refusal to accept the U.N. resolution in toto, is developing in sections of Mapam and in other circles. Particularly noteworthy is the stand of so prominent a figure as Nahum Goldmann. This opposition will undoubtedly continue to grow and will spread to Jewish communities elsewhere.

In this country, heartland of U.S. imperialism and home of the largest and most influential Jewish community in the world, the struggles on this front assume exceptional importance. It is here especially that the battle must be waged against the machinations of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East and for the liberation of the Arab peoples. It is here that powerful pressures can and must be generated to compel the Israeli government to change its course.

Communists must be in the forefront of all these struggles. Jewish Communists in particular are called on to lead the fight against the policy of making Israel a tool of imperialism, against the aggressive actions of Israel's rulers. It is necessary to work among the Jewish people in this country and among the people of the U.S. generally, to achieve the following ends:

1. Reversal of present Israeli foreign policy; abandonment of annexationism; acceptance of the U.N. resolution in its entirety (which means agreement to withdraw from the occupied territories), thereby opening the doors to implementing the resolution.
2. Exposure of the poisonous ideology of Zionism in the eyes of the Jewish masses and destruction of its influence among them. An end to equation of the concept of the State of Israel with the racist Zionist concept of a Jewish state.
3. Development of an all-out fight against the slanderous attacks on the Soviet Union and other socialist countries.
4. A struggle against the Zionist-rooted policy of soft-peddling the fight against anti-Semitism in the United States and the launching of an all-out military campaign against anti-Semitism. Condemnation of the so-called Jewish Defense League and a fight to end its fascist-like hoodlum activities.
5. A campaign against the rise of racism and chauvinism among sections of the Jewish people.

Our Party approaches the conflict in the Middle East from the Marxist-Leninist standpoint of proletarian internationalism. We stand for the rights of ALL states in the Middle East, including Israel, to exist in peace, security and freedom. This has always been our position. By the same token, we stand for the right of self-determination of the Palestinian Arab people, whose exercise demands in the first place, a just solution of the refugee question. We stand with the forces of national liberation against those of imperialism, and we most strongly oppose the pro-imperialist acts of aggression against Arab countries by Israeli ruling circles.

In recent years we have had to fight for our position against powerful pressures of bourgeois nationalism. Some in our ranks, however, have been guilty of opportunist capitulation to such pressures, and have taken a line in direct opposition to that of the Party. The National Committee took note of this in its letter to the Party clubs of a year ago. It is now necessary to place the matter much more sharply. The escalation of military action by the Israeli government with the encouragement of U.S. imperialism has brought matters to a critical stage. It becomes increasingly urgent that the Party enter fully into the struggle, particularly in the ideological sphere. Under these circumstances, looseness with regard to following Party policy can no longer be permitted. It is incumbent on every Party member to fight for the Party's policy in this area and to work to carry it out to the best of his or her ability. The Party can demand nothing less.

EVENTS AND VIEWS

In an article in CHRISTIAN CENTURY (April 29, 1970) Rabbi Balfour Brickner, berates those Jewish leaders who are today stifling opposition to the war in Indochina. He notes that many "American Jewish 'peaceniks' who only a few months ago were conspicuously vocal in opposition to their government's conduct of the war in Vietnam now seem to have lost their tongues, silenced by a fear, whether imagined or real--that such criticism might jeopardize American political or military support for Israel."

He adds: "The loss of momentum is obvious. And the silence of Jewish spokesmen is deafening. Only two national Jewish organizations, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the American Jewish Congress, have refused to succumb to the threats and pressures."

Thus does reliance on U.S. imperialism in the Middle East injure the fight against its aggressive actions everywhere.;

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The American Jewish Congress, at its recent national convention, called upon Jews to "condemn and repudiate the indefensible recourse to lawlessness" shown in the beating of three Arabs in New York in retaliation for an Arab attack on an Israeli school bus in which several children were killed. The resolution adopted said: "We cannot allow the horrifying acts of Middle East terrorists to push us into committing or condoning irrational attempts to take violent reprisals against Arab representatives in our country."

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Asked whether the Jewish Defense League took credit for the attacks on the three Arabs, the League's founder, Rabbi Meir Kahane, replied: "If we did we'd be open to all sorts of problems so obviously we can't. You can quote me in exactly that manner." In other words, the implication is: "We did it but we can't publicly take credit for it."

This is in keeping with the hoodlum tactics of this storm-trooper like outfit, most recently displayed when a gang of them forced their way into the offices of the

DAILY WORLD. This invasion was editorially condemned by the New York Times.

A growing number of Jewish organizations are repudiating the Jewish Defense League. The Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith has denounced it as a "self-appointed group of vigilantes whose protection the Jewish community does not want or need." Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of Hebrew Congregations, has referred to the JDL's patrols as "goon squads." But much more than this is called for. Significantly, the police do little to interfere with the JDL's hoodlum actions.

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