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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS
OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

SECURITY COUNCIL
Thirty-sixth year

His Excellency
Dr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary General
United Nations, N.Y.
Your Excellency:

We are writing in the name of the Orthodox Jewish Community in Jerusalem, who have never accepted nor recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Holy City. On their behalf, we humbly beg Your Excellency, to immediately declare United Nations sovereignty over Jerusalem. This will save us from the continuous terrorism that is being wrought upon our community by their wicked and lawless "security" forces.

For almost two score years, the Zionist police forces have hounded, terrorized, beaten murderously and imprisoned hundreds of innocent people while praying in peaceful protest against their sacrilegious state and its abominations.

But during the past weeks, these repugnant acts have specifically caused alarm. Over the millenia of Jewish history in the Holy Land, countless dead have been buried around the Holy City of Jerusalem. Individual gravesites and large cemeteries dot the hills around the Holy City. When, in the course of centuries, old gravesites and tombstones were hidden and obliterated, fresh graves were dug at the very same sites.

The dead, as the Talmud tells us (Yevomos 63b), suffer when their remains are disturbed, it makes no difference whether their flesh, their blood, their bones or their dust is disturbed; any disturbance of the dead is anguish for them.

The entire world respects the final resting places of all those who lie therein. Laws have been introduced in many countries, severely punishing those who would want to disturb or desecrate any cemetery.

For this reason, Jews in the Holy City have united to protest the desecration by the present regime of the graves of our forefathers.

But this atheistic regime which is in power over our Holy City, neither respects the dead or the living. In addition to the cruel beatings of men, women and children, and the imprisonment of others in squalid dungeons all across the Holy Land, they have not demeaned from using American made tear gas against innocent people in Meah Shearim for the sole reason that they do not want to live under Zionist domination. Dozens of elderly men and small children have been hospitalized.

The latest actions leave no doubt as to the intentions of the Zionist regime: to stifle the cries of the defenseless Jews who have never recognized the Zionist occupation of the Holy Land.

Therefore, we beseech, Your Excellency, to call an emergency session to deal with the question of Jerusalem; to implement United

Nations resolutions which declare Jerusalem to be a Holy City and under United Nations sovereignty; to grant all those residing in the Holy City such status that would protect them from any external forces; and to appoint responsible people from among the member states whose duty it will be to protect the rights and interests of orthodox Jews, Arabs, and all other inhabitants of our Holy City.

We would appreciate if Your Excellency brought this appeal to the attention of the members of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest esteem.

Rabbi Uri Blau
for Neturei Karta, Jerusalem

His Majesty
King Hussein
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Amman
Your Majesty:

Authentic Jewry has a tradition of excellent relations with the Hashemite family as early as 1922.

Rabbi Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld, the chief Rabbi of the orthodox Jewish community in the Holy Land during the early years of the British Mandate, led a delegation to King Hussein of the Hejaz-Your Majesty's great grandfather-while he was visiting in Shuni, Trans-Jordan (winter 1924).

The encounter was of historic importance. Rabbi Sonnenfeld submitted a memorandum to the king, concerning the problems of orthodox Jewry. And the king gave Rabbi Sonnenfeld a large sum of money for distribution among Jerusalem's Jewish poor.

Dr. Jacob Yisroel DeHaan, who later was assassinated by the Haganah, accompanied Rabbi Sonnenfeld. Dr. DeHaan had received on an earlier occasion from the then Emir Abdullah (Your Majesty's grandfather), in his own handwriting and with his signature, a document attesting to the Emir's willingness to finance Jewish settlement in Trans-Jordan, stipulating they not seek any extra-political privileges. The letter was read by Rabbi Blau to the anti-zionist Knessia Gedola gathering in Vienna in 1922.

Your Majesty himself, in 1964, took a stand against archeological excavations in the Holy City of Hebron at the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

We would, therefore, like to request Your

Majesty's assistance, concerning the dire predicament we find ourselves in presently.

The Zionists presume to speak in our name. They have usurped the holy name of Israel for their sacrilegious state.

We, the Jews of the old Yishuv, especially in Jerusalem, were always on the best of terms with our Arab neighbors. Our parents and forefathers lived harmoniously for many years prior to the establishment of the Zionist state.

Our Rabbis, the true leaders of the Palestinian Jewry consistently petitioned the British Mandate authorities and League of Nations, concerning the religious rights being denied them through the Zionist controlled Jewish Agency.

Orthodox Jewry therefore, was naturally opposed to the formation of a Jewish state in any part of ancient Palestine. Submission of evidence and testimony were given as such to Peel Commission, the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry and the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

When our efforts did not bear the much hoped for results, and fearing the loss of our religious rights under Zionist domination, our leaders petitioned the United Nations to declare at least Jerusalem an international zone-free from Zionist domination. The United Nations did vote as much, but to this date the many resolutions concerning Jerusalem have not been implemented.

In the present situation, may we humbly propose the following suggestions which we believe will lead toward the just solution we all seek:

1) It is our understanding that according to international law, Your Majesty is the de jure ruler of the Holy City. It would seem appropriate for Your Majesty to call for immediate deliberations in the United Nations.

2) We would humbly suggest when such deliberations do take place, that Jewish and Islamic religious leaders (unaffiliated with the present occupying regime) be invited to offer their views in the United Nations forum.

We hope that Your Majesty will continue the traditional friendship between our people beyond participation in resolving the present desecration far into a long lived future.

Please accept, Your Majesty, the assurances of our Highest esteem.

Rabbi Uri Blau
for Neturei Karta,
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