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News and the Jews

The week in review

Coalition With Or Without PA

NRP leader Effie Eitam said he'd join a coalition government even if the guidelines mention the US "Road Map" plan as long as the establishment of a PA state is not specifically mentioned. Asked about this distinction, MK Benny Elon (National Union) said "I'm not sure Eitam saw the Road Map, which specifically mentions the establishment of a PA state as its end-goal. I can only say this: We've tried a left-wing government and received Oslo, we've tried with all sincerity a unity government and we received a government of paralysis both economically and politically. We therefore have no interest in joining governments of this nature. For us to join a coalition with Shinui would simply be a waste of time, for it would be clear that the goal would be a PA state. Our goal is for a government that has a chance to last its full term, with the NRP, Shas, etc., in which case we'd very liberal in our demands: We won't demand that the government guidelines be a replica of our own party platform, but only that it be clear that a PA state won't be formed.

PA Against US

While Pres. Bush struggles to make its case in the world against Iraq, the PA continues to incite its people against the US on precisely this issue. PA Interior Minister Hani al-Hassan declared this week that US action against Saddam is part of a scheme by Pres. Bush to control Arab oil: "Bush believes that he has to impose the new world order, and drive home the message that there is only one superpower that rules the world and has the right to distribute oil quotas to other countries."

The ZOA reports that Al-Hassan said, "The US is striving to control every drop of [Arab] oil. The war against Iraq is first and foremost aimed at taking control over Iraq's oil and dominating the entire Middle East." Al-Hassan has been made responsible for reforming the PA security forces as a first step towards the implementation of a plan calling for the establishment of a PLO state.

In addition, the ZOA reports, the PA continues to permit mass rallies supporting Saddam and denouncing America. In a rally in Gaza on Feb. 1, top Arafat advisor Imad Falouji said that the Iraqis and the PA Arabs are together "in one trench facing imperialist and Zionist conspiracies."

Source: IsraelNN.com

STUFF you should know

Road To Disaster

The Council of Jewish Communities of *Yesha* released a position paper to right-wing parties, ahead of their decision, to join a possible coalition headed by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. The Council calls the US president's "Road Map" plan worse than the original Oslo Accords.

The position paper presents the following: "In the introduction to and at the basis of the Road Map it is said that it is based on 'resolving the conflict' according to the Saudi initiative, and based on decisions taken by the Arab League at its Beirut meeting. Those decisions state explicitly that the settlement will be carried out by a total Israeli withdrawal to the '67 lines (incl. Jerusalem), and complete fulfillment of the [Arab] 'Right of Return'."

The Council points out that, under the Road Map plan, Israel will be forced to take part in two international conferences, which will impose solutions on the Jewish State. The oversight of the implementation of any Road Map solutions, the *Yesha* Council says, will be in the hands of the 'Quartet', most of whose members are prejudiced against Israel.

Furthermore, the Council notes, the plan does not include any mechanism at all for judging the extent of the PA performance of its obligations.

PEOPLE of the BOOK

Giving Away Territory Lays The Groundwork For Defeat In War

One should take a lesson in Divine service from the unfathomable incident that occurred with Sadat. It was Sadat's strong stand which showed others the door. The lesson to be learned: when one stands firm, one succeeds. The approach of making concessions caused hundreds of deaths in the Yom Kippur War. Israel had enough weapons even without Washington's help, so this was no reason to refrain from attack. One must confer only with military authorities who are well versed in the latest strategies. The rabbis must issue a ruling that surrendering territory is forbidden according to the Torah. The great demands of the Egyptian President are only for negotiation purposes, and one should not be frightened by them. America would be happy were Israel to stand firm on not surrendering territory, and hopes that they will be strong about it. In addition to being forbidden, giving away territory lays the groundwork for defeat in war and certain danger to life (while the chances for peace are doubtful!).

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SAY WHAT?

"Leaping With Joy"

"The whole world heard about the shuttle crash. Undoubtedly, the heart of every believer leaped with joy at the disaster of his greatest enemy."

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