

# WASHINGTON LETTER

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The Honorable Ogden R. Reid served as United States Ambassador to Israel from 1959 to 1961. In 1962, he was elected to the House of Representatives by his constituents of the 26th District in Westchester County, New York.

However, Cong. Reid, a Republican, has not forgotten the commitment he was part of when the United States assured Israel of this country's support in her territorial integrity and political independence.

Nor, has the handsome and unassuming 41-year old Congressman forgotten the Hebrew language which he diligently studied during his two-year tenure in Israel. Often, when addressing Jewish audiences, he opens his remarks in Hebrew.

Mr. Reid, now in his third term in Congress, is particularly concerned with the present conflict in the Middle East.

During an exclusive interview over lunch at the George Washington Hotel in New York City, Rep. Reid stressed that the United States must stand fully behind the Tripartite agreement, which includes Great Britain and France as guarantors.

(Senator Everett M. Dirksen (R.Ill.), Minority Leader of the Senate, during his State of the Union--a Republican Appraisal, stated:

"As regards the Middle East, let me propose that the United States take the initiative in reconvening the conference of the Tripartite Guarantee Powers, and that these Powers--the U.S., The United Kingdom, and France--use this new conference to reaffirm their 'unalterable opposition to the use of force or threat of force' in the Arab-Israel area and revive their pledge to preserve the frontiers and armistice lines in the Middle East."

During our interview, Cong. Reid revealed, for the first time, his proposal that the United States facilitate Israel's entry into the European Common Market as an associate member, or to obtain a preferential trade agreement with the Common Market as a significant assist to her economic problems.

He also suggests serious talks be held between the Soviet Union and the United States, he said, as the key to lowering tensions in the Middle East. He feels that such high level - and secret - talks, would definitely reduce the tension.

Rep. Reid advocates the defusing of the tense situation on the Arab-Israel borders, including a strengthening of United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO) machinery.

"We must do everything possible to defuse the sensitive condition in the Mideast," he said. "We must start down the road to defuse and sit down to work on a lasting peace treaty for the whole Near East."

Viewing the problem realistically, however, he said that the Soviet Union must be drawn into the picture in light of the incidents on the Syrian border.

Rep. Reid also declared that Israel must have an effective "defensive deterrent at all times." He added that, ultimately, the present fragile armistice agreements must be translated into peace treaties between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

"We have no greater friend than Israel in the Middle East today," he went on. "There is no other democracy than Israel in that region. We have solemn commitment to stand by her."

Cong. Reid, who was recently re-elected to his third term -- with the largest plurality in Westchester County's history -- also charged that the Damascus Radio has broadcast was communiques, which indicated that the same Arab organizations were working with the full cognizance, if not backing, of the Syrian military regime.

Reid further said that an "unsubstantiated report reaching Washington indicated that Damascus Radio recently quoted the Minister of Interior to the effect that Syria had changed its strategy and moved from the defensive to the offensive" and that this would continue until "Israel was eliminated".

Mr. Reid told me that if this report is accurate, it was "clearly inflammatory and not conducive to reducing tensions on the border." He expressed the hope that an early ending of the Arab-Syrian conflict would be the best solution to the problem, and that there should be no further escalation.

He also stated that such a solution would be the best for the entire region.

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TEL AVIV (WNS) For the Arab Palestine Liberation Organization, an anti-Israeli force, a bloody chicken has come home to roost. Near Dishon, the body of an Arab was found, evidently that of a member of a sabotage gang that had planted a mine during a football game two weeks ago. An Israeli spectator was killed when the mine exploded, and two players were injured.

NEW YORK (WNS) A pro-Peking underground faction, "Communist Party of Poland," opposed to the official Communist regime in Poland, has made its debut by issuing an anti-Semitic manifesto, according to Yiddish journalist S.L. Shneiderman.

LONDON (WNS) Students at Oxford University will apparently be spared a lecture from a leader of West Germany's major neo-Nazi party. He is Adolph von Thadden, deputy leader of the National Democratic Party, the group that recently made wide gains in the Bavarian elections.

ELLENVILLE, N.Y. (WNS) Rabbi Zvi Eisner, spiritual leader of congregation Eras Israel here, has been chosen "Citizen of the Year" by the local residents of all faiths. This was the first time that a Jew has received that distinction. Rabbi Eisner was honored for his devotion to communal services.

LAKEWOOD, N.J. (WNS) More than 500 rabbis from part of the United States and Canada converged here for the annual mid-winter conference of the Rabbinical Council of America.

WASHINGTON--The lives, philosophies and teachings of ten great Jewish personalities, from Moses of Biblical times to the twentieth century's Brandeis, are presented in "Molders of the Jewish Mind," a new B'nai B'rith book published in paperback.

The "roasting" of Lieut. Gov. Ed. Fike, Henry Duckett and others at last week's Saints & Sinners was a memorable occasion, a fun-filled evening with no holds barred and no quarter asked. Master Sam Landi and Chief Barker Lee Fisher were at their best. Every man in our community, who seeks a night-a-month on the town, would do himself a big favor by joining this group, dedicated to worthy causes, which meets the last Thursday of every month at the Aladdin. Any problems, call Jack Tell.

A proposal establishing a small claims tax court to which citizens could bring disputes with the Internal Revenue Service will get high priority, Nevada Sen. Howard W. Cannon, sponsor of the bill, said.

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