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decision of U.N. Secretary General U. Thant to visit Cairo and not Israel. It had been expected that Mr. Thant, whose precipitate decision to withdraw the U.N. forces from the Gaza Strip has been widely criticized here, would visit Israel as well, but the U. N. Secretary General has ruled that out.

The haste with which Mr. Thant acceded to Cairo's demand for the removal of the U.N. forces has provoked both speculation and criticism. On the other hand there was general satisfaction in Israel toward the position taken on the withdrawal order by Britain, Canada and the United States.

This development has posed the question what the signatories to the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, France, Britain and the United States, would do in the event of an Arab assault on Israel. Under that agreement the three great western powers are committed to support the security of both Israel and her Arab neighbors. Since its formulation, that principle has been restated by every President of the United States since 1950.

Meanwhile press reports from London indicate that President Johnson was viewing the situation with "deep concern" and that he had made an urgent personal appeal to Moscow to settle the mid-East crisis through diplomacy.

Former Vice President Richard Nixon, in Chicago, urged the U.S. to assume a

Russia issued a strong statement it will use every force at its command to

policy of Non-intervention for either side. (Ed note: He showed his true colors.)

help the Arabs repel an Israeli aggression. (Ed. note: What aggression?)

U.S. JEWS SUPPORT

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Similar appeals were sounded by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at its annual national dinner by Rabbi Joseph Karasick, national president of the organization, and Rabbi Pesach 7. Levovitz, president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Expressions of concern also came from many rabbinic groups and individuals throughout the United States, including a statement by the Synagogue Council of America expressing its "profound concern over the deteriorating situation in the Middle East."

There was also critical reaction to the development and to Mr. Thant's hasty decision to withdraw U.N. forces from

the Gaza strip in Washington, where many lawmakers termed Mr. Thant's action capitulation to Nasser's bluffs. One leading Senator, Henry M. Jackson, Washington Democrat and a strong supporter of the Johnson Administration, said U Thant "has pulled the props out from under the precarious Near East peace." Another Senator, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, a Republican, called the U Thant decision "a shocking development." Still another Republican, Jacob Javits of New York, urged an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to deal with the situation. Another New York Senator, Robert F. Kennedy, a Democrat, voiced concern over the rising tension in the Middle East.

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relationship with Korea and Viet Nam on the one hand, and Israel.

Israel is a counterpart of the U.S. in the Middle East. It isn't necessary to fight to establish democracy. It is already there, in some instances more evident than even here in America. There are other meaningful contrasts between what has happened and is happening in the Far East and what could happen in the Mideast.

While on the surface Arab leaders are claiming a high spirit of nationalism among their peoples, somehow we are inclined to feel that the man in the streets of Cairo and Damascus and Bierut is not so antagonistic against the little country that has brought so much progress in education and medicine and industry to their little corner of the world. This phase would become more evident as circumstances progress. Surely, 19 years of productivity must have some effect on a percentage of level-headed members of Arab communities.

Of one thing we are certain.

Jews, and friends of Jews throughout the world, and especially in America, who have heretofore supported Israel, in her struggle to become and maintain independence as a nation, will not let her down at this crucial time.

The first step, we believe, should be correspondence to our senators and congressmen requesting a firm declaration from Congress stating the exact position of the American people in the current crisis. Here in Nevada letters should be addressed to Sen Alan Bible and Sen. Howard Cannon, Senate Office Building, Washington D.C., and to U.S. Congressman Walter S. Baring, House of Representatives, Wash. D. C. We know they'll do the right thing.

The Israelite reminds all rabbis who receive this publication to urge their congregations to communicate with their congressmen in Washington D. C. If ever we needed a show of strength, now is the time.



PROFILES

by Percy Villa

One thing about the Sahara Hotel -- it is an establishment that makes news. With hundreds of major entertainers opening in the hotel's showrooms each year, with a string of major sports promotions, airline events, a fabulous anniversary party -- not to mention bomb scares and fires -- the volume of news releases from the Sahara each week puts it almost into a class with most small town papers.

That's why the news-dispensing department of the Sahara is unquestionably the most charged up operation on the Strip. And at the hub of it all is the person responsible for getting that news out of the world, the hotel's publicity director, NICHOLAR NAFF -- "handsome Nick" to just about everybody.

Nick's association with the Sahara is somewhat unique. He first served the hotel as a member of its advertising agency, then a member of the Las Vegas News Bureau and finally on the resort's own staff. That association carries over some five years, the last two in his present capacity as publicity chief.

Thus, he brings to his



NICK

position a background in both journalism and advertising. A journalism graduate of the University of Detroit, Nick was on the sports staff of the legendary Bob Murphy of the Detroit Times during his junior and senior college years.

He joined the Times as a regular upon graduation, but that lasted only a few months as the then Army Air Force took up its option of the young sportswriter.

After close to four years in the military, serving some eight theatres of war around the world with the Air Trans-

port Command of the Air Force, Naff returned to the sportswriting field, this time under Bill Reiser, the late sports editor of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Nick is conservative in all his clother, avoids any suggestions of flashiness. (His charm makes clothes look good.)

He likes to wear a smile since his big ambition is always doing a good job and being happy while doing it.

The ascension to his present position was a natural route, one the dynamic publicity man likes to attribute mostly to "luck" -- but to which his close friends don't hesitate and add called for a good portion of hard work.

Married to an almost equally fiery and attractive young lady, only a dozen years removed from Brazil, Claudeete, the Naff family also numbers two handsome children, Lycia 3, and Cory, 1.

Nick's favorite entertainers are: Don Rickles, Liberace, Shirley Bassey, Donald O'Connor, Dinah Shore and Sergio Franchi.

He is a baseball and football fan. During his high school and college days he played football and was a pole vaulter.

He knows how to handle

his dukes. ("Getting in the first blow was something I learned in childhood.")

Nick is a good family man and calls Claudette three and four times a day to see how she and the children are. ("maybe they want to know how I am too.")

He like most everyone he meets and trusts everyone his likes, ("I've been told this is not so good in this day and age. The last few years I've found that because of trusting people I haven't come out too well.")

He claims he'll continue to trust people. It is his big principle in life.

His reply to the question of what he like to do with his spare time only elicits something of an evil laugh to which he adds, "What spare tiem?"

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