

Guest Columnist
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Every high school lad remembers from his first course in chemistry that there are basically two types of chemical equations (which describe the chemical process). One is a reversible equation the other is non-reversible. It means simply that after a product has resulted from the chemical process, it might be reversed so that the original form or substance is achieved. In the irreversible equation, once the result has been accomplished, the process cannot be reversed.

In life, most situations are irreversible. The common cliché: If I had the opportunity to live life over again things would be different; but of course, we don't have the opportunity. Our movie cameras are reversible. They are able to show a scene over and over again, even change the speed. With instant replay on T.V. if you missed a particular "shot" at a sporting event -- ah -- by magic the process is reversed.

Life is not simple. There is no going back. But, perhaps, once in a generation, once in a century, in life itself, one is witness to a reversible process.

Our current world is a divided one. We have multiplied

world problems through division. (Usually division means to reduce, but on the world scene division becomes multiplication.)

The phenomenon that has been current since the end of the Second World War -- is -- the divided country. We have come to the realization that we will co-exist with our enemies through the divided countries, where the barriers of borders or walls separate us.

Europe, Asia, all over the world the symbol exists: a divided country; is there. And where the problems is more acute, a city itself is divided. Our involvement in southeast Asia is based upon the right of a country to remain divided so that different ideologies are able to co-exist.

No one really expects Korea to become united. Let both North and South become vibrant divided lands. Who looks forward to a unified Germany or a united Berlin. It is a patent fact of history and ideology, that these remain separate and distinct.

Many segments of the world are attempting to face reality vis a vis China and recognize the existence today of two Chinas. Communist or the mainland and nationalist China in Taiwan. Divided countries whose posture it is to live divided with a scant choice to become a one united country.

But, amidst this reality as shown by the irreversible process, there is one exception which might well serve to herald in a new era of international relationships.

The Arab world's six day war produced an unusual effect -- reversing the irreversible.

Jerusalem the Golden became Jerusalem the United.

No longer a divided city. No longer two Jerusalems - speculated at down the barrel of a rifle. No longer Jerusalem separated by hatred, nourished in animosity, built on the pyre of destruction, Jerusalem divided by nineteen years, barbed by wire, desecrated by I.M.Z.'s hemmed in, sentries, do not enter, -- no more.

Now, only a Jerusalem inhabited by Jew and Arab under Israeli rule. A city that lives, a united community for all peoples to visit as pilgrim of any religion. No barbed wire, no guns, no demolition.

The presence of the prophet walk his streets, they shall do us evil, we will not see destruction upon my holy mountain.

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