

WASHINGTON LETTER

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Major General Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's new Ambassador to the United States, recently addressed the National Press Club here. Previously, this column presented portions of the Ambassador's Press Club remarks, namely what have been the achievements in the Middle East since the June conflict. Today's column deals with what has NOT been achieved.

Ambassador Rabin explained that it would not be appropriate to speak in terms of what Israel failed to achieve because the war was not initiated by her. "It was forced on us," he stated. "It was not we who wanted it."

Therefore, Israel's major achievement of the war, he went on, is no doubt that the enemy failed to achieve its aim. "But, it must be admitted that after it was over, we might well have thought that the very dimensions of their military defeat, the very extent of their collapse, evident as it was, would produce a change in Arab attitudes and policies toward us," he continued.

Ambassador Rabin pointed out that the "Six-Day War" might surely have demonstrated to the Arabs the futility of a continuation of their hostility and belligerency. "Their vast efforts over a good number

of years to create armed forces capable of destroying us had proven of no avail. They expended the best of their resources, in terms of wealth and manpower, on their armed forces, instead of on internal economic development," he said. "For all that, it was demonstrated that all our neighbors, in concert, were unable to defeat us, although we were on our own, with no outside help."

Rabin noted that it would have been reasonable to expect that the complete failure of these Arab policies would bring some change, either in these policies or in their regimes.

"No one can say with certainty that this was the final war in the Arab-Israel conflict. The "Six-Day War" is over, but the Seventh Day -- the Day of Rest -- has not yet come to Israel."

Gen Rabin suggested that there may be two main reasons why the June conflict has not yet led to an abandonment of a policy of belligerency against Israel -- since, for twenty years, it has brought nothing but defeat and disaster upon the Arab world; (1) The very hatred of Israel that Arab leaders have nourished against their people has come to limit their own freedom of manoeuvre in view of considerations of their public opinion at home. Mili-

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tary and totalitarian regimes do not change overnight. It's difficult for the Arab states to rid themselves of a policy they have preached for many years. Only special circumstances and a leader of courage and conviction are required to divert the Arab world from its present path and policy.

(2) The 'Six-Day War' can possibly provide the basis

and circumstances for such a change in Arab policies. Were the conflict insulated from certain other, outside factors, Israel might well have already been witness to such a change. The Arab States have more than a mere feeling that a Great Power is backing them up, and holding out hopes of their recovering what they lost in the war, without budging

from their basic policy towards Israel. Vast military and political support from the same Great Power is breathing new hope amongst some Arab leaders, and they believe if they play their cards well, they need not abandon their policy of war. So far, President Nasser's most recent pronouncements to his people show no abatement in his belligerent attitude and objectives regarding Israel.

"I doubt whether the Great Power would like to see a renewal of the war, particularly not in the immediate future," Gen. Rabin told the Press Club. "But I would say that she would not like to see a peace settlement and an end to the tensions in the region unless it be on her own terms."

He added that the continued tension and instability in the area was one of the factors which enabled her to establish herself in the Middle East, to extend her influence and to establish a military presence in the area.

"The Arab military defeat, especially that of Egypt, was a defeat for her, too," he pointed out. "What was demonstrated was her failure to train an effective Egyptian Army, despite all the manifold efforts of the past thirteen years. And she, too, must surely be a little anxious that the Egyptians may draw certain conclusions about her failure to promote Egyptian policies successfully."

In conclusion, the new Ambassador emphasized that the two major obstacles to any fundamental change

leading to normal Israel-Arab relations, based upon peace and mutual respect, are (1) the psychological moment in any departure from the old emotional policies towards Israel and (2) the firm backing of the Great Power in question.

WARSAW RALLY

TEL AVIV (WNS) Minister of Information Israel Galilee, addressing a huge rally marking observance of the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, called the current anti-Jewish campaign in Poland an unbelievable nightmare.

The rally, called by the World Organization of Polish Jews, drew thousands of Israelis. Premier Levi Eshkol, attended the rally.

Mr. Galilee centered his fire on Poland's Deputy Minister of Culture M. Rozenek, who charged in connection with the observance of the Warsaw ghetto revolt that world Jewry had deserted Polish Jews during the Nazi occupation and that the "Zionists" were employing Nazi tactics against the Arabs. Such language, the Israeli Minister of information said, "evokes stones which are sweet to the ears of the Nazi SS." Poland, he said, "upon whose soil Jewish genocide took place, where millions of our brethren and people of other nations were slaughtered, should have been the last country to fall prey to anti-Semitic propaganda which is now engulfing it." At the same time he linked the attacks on Polish Jews with Soviet policy in the Middle East.

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TEL AVIV (WNS) Life came to a halt for two minutes in this city last Thursday morning as thousands of Jews joined in prayer and in remembrance of the six million Jews who perished in the Nazi holocaust.

NEW YORK (WNS) Disclosure that 300 American students have applied for admission to Tel Aviv University in Israel was made here by Dr. George S. Wise, president of the institution, who simultaneously reported that the university had completed arrangements for admission of additional students at the opening of the school's fall semester in November.

NEW YORK (WNS) A record budget of \$15,109,500 for 1968 was adopted here at the 46th annual convention of the American ORT Federation following submission and consideration by the 400 delegates of reports showing the need for higher allocations because of increased costs of operation.

NEW YORK (WNS) Initial contributions of \$2.4 million in a \$20 million development campaign for Bar-Ilan University, an American-chartered institution in Israel, were announced here by the University's chancellor, Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein.

NEW YORK: More than 20,000 elderly newcomers to Israel have benefited from the Ma'anak program which this month (January) celebrates its tenth anniversary, it was reported by Harold Trobe, Joint Distribution Committee director for Israel. The JDC is one of the three participating agencies.

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