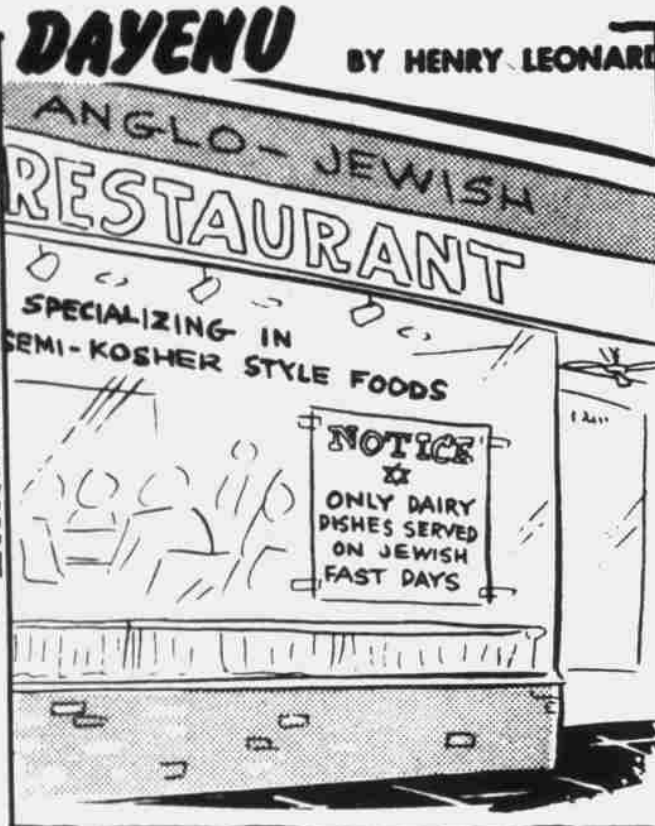


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are getting comforting support from nations that should remain neutral, especially the U.S. It started with the first Cease Fire of the undeclared war over the Suez, brought about by the urging of President Nixon. We're not sorry, because it has saved some lives to this day. But the Cease Fire terms were ignored almost immediately by Egypt with the building of Sam 2 and 3 emplacements in the demilitarized zone. Israel objected, of course, but was appeased by the U.S. Then the Arabs got stronger. They would talk peace only if and when the Israelis withdrew to pre-1967 borders. Israel insisted on no pre-conditions to a peace negotiation. Then U.S. Secy. of State Rogers made his infamous announcement that Israel should withdraw. Said Rogers, geography is not important in this day and age. Naturally, the Arabs were encouraged to make stronger demands, especially when the Rogers' statement was accompanied by the serious threat of WW 3. U.N. Mediator Jarring threw up his hands and said he wouldn't make any further efforts until Israel came to terms. Jarring went off to a leave of absence in Russia. The U.S. suggested an international force to keep the peace along the Suez. The force would include Russian troops. Did anyone expect Israel to agree to that?

Geography and Security

Some American officials and publications have mounted a campaign to convince the American public and Israel both that a withdrawal of Israeli forces to the pre-war 1967 borders would be in Israel's best interests. They argue that a peace guaranteed and secured by an international peace-keeping force would provide more security for Israel than can be secured by Israel's maintaining armed forces in certain of the occupied territories. The argument is difficult to refute unless one wishes to remember that in 1956, and again in 1967, the international guarantees given to Israel by the UN and the Big Powers, including the U.S. were not honored even when Israel's very existence was at stake. Or realize that while Secretary of State William P. Rogers says that geography alone will not provide Israel with security, the U.S. insists, for its own security, upon maintaining control of the former Japanese held Marshall, Mariana and Caroline Islands that sprawl for thousands of miles throughout the Western Pacific. And sees a map in the March 3, 1971 edition of "Al Goumhouriya," the organ of the ruling Egyptian party. The map, shows the entire area of the State of Israel of pre-June 1967 marked "occupied Palestine." When one looks at a map of Israel and realizes that a return to the pre-June, 1967 borders would place every major Israeli city except Haifa and Safed within range of guns now possessed by the armies of Egypt, Jordan and Syria--and recalls the words of Mohammad Hassanain Haikal, ex-Minister of Information and editor of the semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram": "If the Arabs wish to retract their agreement to the Security Council resolution, it is easy for them to do so by a single word. But if Israel would wish to retract the implementation of this resolution--it will have to fight a new war in order to occupy again the territories it will have to evacuate in accordance with that resolution," one can better understand Israel's reluctance to please Secretary Rogers by withdrawing to its old borders.

Gaza and with guarantees for Sinai and Sharm el-Sheikh. Rogers is a lawyer, a Cornell Law School graduate. The law is composed of statutes and case law precedents which are the ground rules upon which a lawyer relies when arguing a client's case to a judge or jury. Foreign policy and the practice of the art of diplomacy have no casebooks and no Supreme Court. Rogers is uncomfortable in this never-never land. Rather than accepting international politics for what it is, a quagmire, Rogers has attempted to create landmarks therein. That's adding blow sand to quicksand. Roger's benchmark, the facade of solid ground he has erected in his mind, is the selection of a possible result - the return to prewar boundaries - as the beginning point of negotiations between Israel and the Arabs. He feels safe and secure from his perspective of several years after the negotiations have ended. He looks upon the present as an overlong prelude. The preconceived result of Israeli withdrawal is philosophically justified and completely acceptable. If one for just a moment considers Jewish history and then the Rogers plan in its light, there is no reason to negotiate. We should just as well withdraw because after we do, no negotiation nor guarantee nor anything else man can conjure will save us. If Israel withdraws to the prewar borders, the status quo ante bellum must ipso facto exist in many ways. And as for guarantees, Mr. Brinkmanship, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, gave Israeli a swell set of those to wear and they did not fit. As for United Nations guarantees, where is that peacekeeping force that left when Gamal Nasser asked it to get out of his way so he could make war on Israel, keeping peace now?

Israel

BY EDWARD WEINSTEIN

Secretary of State Rogers asked Congress to permit him to explain the administration's policy regarding return to the pre-six day war boundaries. He reiterated the view expressed to Abba Eban Israeli Foreign Minister a few days earlier that Israel should vacate Sinai and accept the 1967 border with Egypt excluding

The Rogers plan is unrealistic. I had a friend, also a lawyer, who, while he was permitted to practice, operated the same way. He would sit alone, immersed in the sea of his thought. "I will do this...and naturally he will do that...then I will do this...and he must of course do that...then this must happen." The other fellow did not react as my friend contemplated. Does Rogers know the Russians better? How about the Arabs? Do they teach such esoterica at the Cornell Law School? Is it required or elective? Is it on the bar exam? There is something else wrong with the Rogers design. It is too grand, too rich. It seeks a simple solution to the problem - don't we all - based on an assumption that all will be well if such and such occurs. Such a glass of honey is popular for politicians to offer, but no one has yet been able to drink it. If you have any panaceas in your cupboard, send them to Bill Rogers. All those interested in forming an Israel Investment Club telephone Ed Weinstein at 878-8626.

Syndicated columnist Ray Cromley now comes up with his reflection of Washington's view that "The major immediate obstacle to a Mideast settlement is the inability of the Israeli government to agree within itself on what it would settle for." Cromley, of course, could never be more in error. He is absolutely wrong when he states Israeli indecision is a barrier to peace. Israel is very definite. She wants to sit down with the Arabs and talk peace. Cromley goes on to state what a reasonable, intelligent and ingenious man Sadat is, who means business. If Sadat means business why doesn't he agree to sit and talk to Israel? Why is Sadat allowing the big Russian build-up while making his demands on Israel? Cromley further states the "Egyptians in almost all circles are tired of this war and want peace so that they can go about their business. They see little value in prolonging a conflict with Israel which threatens to go on endlessly to no purpose and which would, in any event, bring them little, even if Egypt won." How do you like that? What a switch? Cromley contends Egypt wants peace and Israel is the war monger. How ridiculous can you get? But like we said at the outset, there will be no war if Russia so desires, and the fighting will start the moment the Commies are ready. Everything else is talk.

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