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The Week That Was

The week that began on May 22nd and ended on the 29th saw two events which dramatize much of what is wrong in the world today. While the mission of President Nixon to Moscow produced what appeared to be treaties for the limitation of arms and promises for trade agreements, built in to the communiques were the permissibilities for expanding the destructive power of the limited number of weapons. What was by-passed, or had failed, was a peaceful resolution in the Vietnam conflict and the lack of a giant step in the "journey of peace" in the Middle East. Also, no mention was made of bias towards Russian Jews.

To cap it off, three hired Japanese killers of Arab terrorists, managed to make to Lydda and there, at the airport, unleashed an attack of wanton murder, killing and wounding more than a hundred innocent civilians. Were it not for the viciousness of the tragedy and the senselessness of the killings, one could say it was an absurd moment in history equal to what appears to be two superpowers ignoring violence elsewhere, and promising not to let it provoke them, provided it did not affect the vital interests of each. Unless there is a secret deal, and this is denied, then the summit produced what the reporters called an atmosphere -- which can of course dissipate at the very first rough wind.

Violence was sanctified and had its moment of hysterical glory at Lydda, the week that was.

Protesting What Comes

BY ROBERT E. SEGAL

When John William Ward, President of Amherst College, advanced to the point occupied by police, marking the boundary between civilian life and the Westover, Mass., Air Force Base, he knew he was disobeying the law. And he was arrested.

His explanation of his act of civil disobedience merits entry in the log of patriotic American acts. He said:

"What I protest is not what has been done... No word of mine, no words of yours, will change it. What I protest is what may come next. I speak out of frustration and deep despair."

He risked arrest because he concluded President Nixon and his advisors had turned off their hearing aids. His act grew out of deep disquiet over the long, tragic chain of events bringing America to confrontation with the consuming pride and escalating intransigence and quixotism of the men in charge of one branch of our government ---- the executive.

Leading the bizarre parade of diplomats, strategists, politicians, generals, and think tank tenders largely responsible for our tragic

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involvement in Vietnam is John Foster Dulles. His policy of containment, a prescription for constant use in the cold war, had logic, provided escape hatches were built into it. They weren't. The more successful the Dulles camp was in selling Americans on the idea that Communist expansionism is the only form of anti-democratic structure threatening us and other free people, the deeper we sank into the quicksand of conflict between Vietnam north and Vietnam South.

At the very time our Commander-in-Chief was stepping up the bombing of North Vietnam and ordering mines laid in Haiphong harbor, Washington was preparing to give George Papadopoulos's military dictatorship of Greece \$113 million dollars worth of weapons and military grants and credits. Nor dare we forget that South Vietnam's President Thieu --- so many times wound up and made to turn again by our largesse --- ordered his police to shoot protesters on sight last September when his reelection was assured thanks in part to the undemocratic election processes we have nurtured in the country we protect against undemocratic North Vietnam.

In the 18 years of our entrapment in the civil war in Asia, we have spent \$150 billion dollars on the adventure while the loss in American lives has topped 45,000 with 300,000 others wounded. Nine thousand miles from home, young American fliers drop bombs and sow mines while many of their countrymen appear unmindful of the ghoulis fact that the number of civilians killed, wounded, and left homeless in Indochina has risen to 138,000 each month.

But the hawks and Birchmen on the radio talk shows insist it is all a matter of honor for Americans, speaking glibly of the Geneva Accords but taking care to skip over the fact that the United States pledged to eschew the use of force to disturb those agreements and neglecting to mention that President Diem repudiated that section of the Geneva Agreements of 1954 calling for free general elections by secret ballot.

General Charles de Gaulle's widow said the other day she could not leave off mourning her late husband to give hospitality to Queen Elizabeth, who wanted to visit her. One respects her decision. But could she spare a few moments to help us remind our President what her husband said after he was illuminated with the wisdom of withdrawal from Vietnam: "You Americans wanted to take our place in Indochina... You want to revive a war which we brought to an end. I predict that you will sink step by step into a bottomless military and political quagmire, however much you spend men and money."

The President of Amherst College concluded logically (before his arrest) that President Nixon would continue oblivious to certain insights of General de Gaulle and others. "What I protest is there is no way to protest," he said in sorrow. So say millions more.

CLEVELAND -- In a dramatic phone call placed to Moscow from the floor of the American Jewish Congress national biennial convention Soviet Jewish activist Vladimir Slepak reported that two young Jewish scientists were taken from his apartment yesterday and shipped to military camps in the U.S.S.R.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Max Melamed, executive director of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress, denied that pressure has been exerted by the World Zionist Executive in Jerusalem to make the Congress more amenable to current Zionist and Israeli policies.

NEW YORK -- The adoption of a five-year operating budget by the European Council of Jewish Community Services is another indication of the growing strength and maturity of the rebuilt Jewish communities of Europe, Samuel L. Haber, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, said on his return from a tour of JDC operation in Europe and Israel.

NEW YORK -- Increased sales of Israeli merchandise and products in this country have been reported by American importers in recent weeks as a result of a number of Israel Fairs which have been held in many American communities during the past year.

CLEVELAND -- Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon of Israel told the American Jewish Congress that American "political and military credibility" was "indispensable" to international security and stability, "particularly in the Middle East."

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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indeed takes great "courage." And if the little "courage" needed for that is lacking, foreigners are recruited.

There is no need to tell ourselves that Israel shall not be deterred by this act. We have borne the brunt of many attacks and terrorist acts, and we have always found a remedy to overcome them. I am certain that this time, too, we shall find a way.

Two years ago after the "Swissair" disaster, I made a statement to the Knesset, in which I said, inter alia:

We are convinced that the international community is capable of putting an end to piracy and terrorism in the air by taking practical steps against the terrorist organizations, their emissaries and their accessories, and against those Arab states from where they set out, in whose midst they operate, on whose soil they train, and whose governments supply them with arms, funds and refuge.

Indeed those very Arab capitals, which harbour the headquarters of the terrorist organizations and their camps, continue to be visited by the planes of international aviation companies."

This was two years ago. Who can recall all those dozens of hijackings and attempts at murder, which have taken place since, not only in our region but throughout the world. This thing has spread like an infectious disease the world over. Unfortunately, what happened then, still goes on today. It is no secret that Beirut is openly enabling the centres of the terrorist organizations to reside in its midst. There they plot, from there instructors set out to various countries, and from there come the broadcasts of their "great successes." Can it be possible that governments, that aviation companies should acquiesce in this state of affairs, on the presumption that they would emerge unscathed?

Is it possible that there is no power in the entire world, in dozens of countries in Europe, North America and elsewhere, is it conceivable that there is no power in this world to put an end to this? Will it not be elementary justice to say, that a state which harbours and enables the plotting of such crimes - where the terrorists are free to plot, to set out, to hit and return safely with impunity - is it at all conceivable, that on the soil of such a country foreign planes will continue to land?

And now, it seems to me, we may already conclude that not only Israelis are the target. But even if Israelis were the sole target, our demand would be justified. When an Israeli plane is not safe, no plane can be safe - and this has been proven, on both domestic and international flights. Yesterday it was a group of Puerto Ricans. Twelve of them were hit, maybe more. There are still seven casualties unidentified, and we do not know who they are. This hits every one of us. These organizations, the pioneers in murder and lawlessness, have placed a question mark against safety in the air.

We in Israel, shall do all we possibly can to safeguard our planes - and, indeed they are secure. We have taken all the necessary steps to make sure that everybody coming to Israel or leaving Israel in our planes can fly in safety.

We shall do everything that can be done, but I have not the slightest doubt that unless other governments and airlines will cooperate and consider this as their concern - and not merely for our sake - the scourge shall remain to plague all.

I am certain that even after this murderous crime, arrivals in Israel will not cease - neither of immigrants nor of tourists - and we shall find a way to vouchsafe this. Still, I feel duty-bound to appeal today once more to governments and aviation companies to cooperate, to take precautions, to make sure who boards every plane, and not to take these matters

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