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Negotiations not Talk

The success of United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's forthcoming trip to the Middle East may depend on how much rhetoric we hear from the capitals of the countries he will visit, especially Jerusalem and Cairo. The less we hear the more likely that progress is being made toward serious negotiations.

The 25-year history of the Arab-Israeli conflict has shown that discussions at international forums only lead to exchanges of polemics which further exacerbate the problem. This was again demonstrated at the recent Security Council general debate on the Middle East which the Arab states and their supporters in the Soviet-African bloc used to verbally attack Israel. Had the US not vetoed the resolution condemning Israel's occupation of the territories, the Waldheim trip might have failed even before it began. Israel, which already feels it cannot get fair treatment from UN bodies, would have balked and probably would have refused to see the Secretary General.

Mr. Waldheim, who wants to involve the UN more in seeking a Mideast settlement, said that public debates would not lead toward an agreement. This is why he is trying quiet diplomacy.

Unfortunately, the Israeli government which is now moving into an election campaign may be forced to take a harder line by persons within the government and in the opposition who favor the status quo. Even more serious is that Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat, who initiated the invitation to Mr. Waldheim, may be using the visit as only another means of stalling on his reckless promise to his people that if diplomatic efforts fail to remove Israel from Egyptian territory he will use other means.

However, Israel is on record repeatedly as demanding negotiations. Mr. Waldheim, who apparently also favors negotiations between the parties involved, will have to convince Sadat that this is the only realistic policy. Perhaps he can recall Churchill's famous saying that "jaw jaw is better than war war."

Need of Graduates

By Robert E. Segal

Graduation time this year coincided with sunset at the Watergate. And the commencement speakers found their texts and came on with durable truths that only the most obtuse and partisan rejected.

A June orator could acknowledge his debt for inspiration to Jeb Stuart Magruder who con-

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EIN KAREM, JERUSALEM ISRAEL'S NEW FIRST LADY -- NINA KATZIR, WIFE OF PRESIDENT EPHRAIM KATZIR, ADDRESSES A NATIONWIDE ASSEMBLAGE OF YA'AL VOLUNTEERS AT THE HADASSAH-HEBREW UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER. OCCASION WAS THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF YA'AL, WHICH BEGAN AT HADASSAH AND NOW SERVES 24 HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT ISRAEL.

cluded with sorrow, but with wisdom, that his old ethics teacher, William Sloan Coffin, was correct when he said that Jeb had flunked the Coffin course in ethics. "I saw people that I was very close to breaking the law without any regard for any other person's pattern of behavior or beliefs," young Mr. Magruder told the Erwin committee. Illegal acts seemed justified to achieve that which the ad men and the business men and the lawyers in and near the White House felt to be the highest good of the hour -- the re-election of the President. "We had become inured to using some activities that would help us in accomplishing what we thought was a legitimate cause," so Jeb Magruder explained.

The new surveys of the college generation were revealing that most protest movements have been put on ice, that hard drug consumption is down, that there is a dwindling demand to be copartners with administration and faculty in running the colleges. It's not that the collegians have made a return trip to apathy; the interest is in getting the school work done, digging in, finding a place in the world, snatching off a chunk of the good life.

That's encouraging and disheartening in one package. The change is better in that impulsive political activism that sometimes ended in violence seems done with; but discouraging in that a preponderance of self-interest squeezes out some of the pursuit of peace and equality.

We can still hope that the young people with college diplomas tucked under their arms will not break ranks and disappear. We need them to help lick the ancient enemies -- famine (now a threat in Africa); war (always a possibility in the Middle East); racism (still an evil in America). Bombs have been falling in Cambodia; pollution thickens in our big cities; people in power in Washington have upped military expenditures by nearly five billion dollars while chopping more that four billion off programs designed to meet social needs.

When Notre Dame's Ted Hesburgh faced graduates a few weeks ago, he appealed for an acknowledgment of the interdependence of all mankind. "Unless the equality, the oneness, and the common dignity of mankind pervades the vision (of social justice)," he asserted, "the only future of this planet is violence and destruction at an ever increasing scale, a crescendo of man's inhumanity to man."

About the same time, Kingman Brewster was telling the Yalies that the people who brought on Watergate would have to come to realize they erred in "deprecating the deference due to human beings just because of their humanity." He asked critics to shun vindictiveness while all of us together sought to rediscover that power without humanity is unworthy.

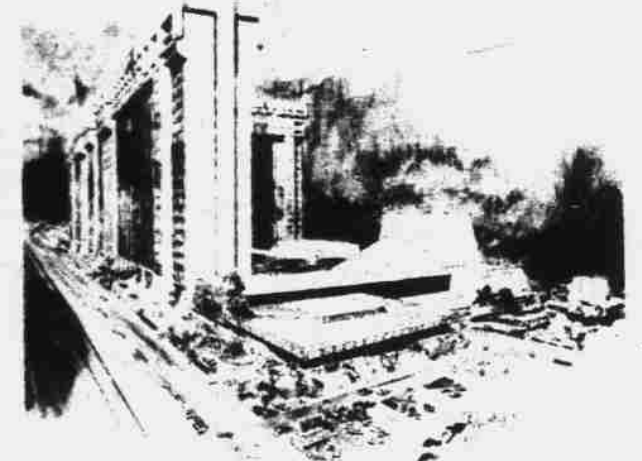
"Give me back my good name!" a key figure questioned by the Erwin committee implored at graduation time. Perhaps he would have done better to help all suspected wrongly of subversion to gain back not only their good name but a good government protective of all its citizens.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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MGM GRAND HOTEL

entertainment.

On the dining side, it will be "decisions, decisions" among a gourmet room, steak and lobster house, Italian restaurant, 24-hour New York-style delicatessen, round-the-clock coffee shop and seafood bar, plus an ice cream parlor for the calorie chasers.

Add to these a Jai Alai fronton, seating 2200 and providing food and beverage service and pari-mutuel betting, and convention facilities totalling 145,000 square feet, including one room of 40,500 unobstructed square feet, a mini-football field with adjoining grandstand room.

There will be 2100 guest rooms, which will

areas as far as the eye can see and embracing all traditional facilities and more will trap the unwary and, on all levels, service with the attention and warmth of the old Las Vegas will entrance the merry.

Within the Grand Arcade will be spacious, completely equipped and professionally staffed men's and women's health clubs and a youth center with game rooms and TV lounge.



BERNARD ROTHKOPF

range from individual accommodations, each given a suite effect by inclusion of a sitting-room alcove, to multi-roomed, multi-leveled suites measuring up to 5,000 square feet and named for such movie characters as Rhett Butler--"dammit, Scarlett, where's the connecting door?"

And there will be unconventional presentation of conventional facilities, swimmingly devised swimming and therapy pools in garden settings, more dining and drinking diversions and cabanas, a waterfall and five night-and-day tennis courts adjoining. On the ground level, shopping



JACK CAMPBELL

And there will be gambling--in the casino--when the football schedule allows.

Chief executives and department heads selected to direct the more than 3100 employees at the \$106 million Grand Hotel read like a "Who's Who" of the hotel and business world.

Headed by Fred Benninger, chairman of the board, Alvin Benedict, president, and Bernard Rothkopf, executive vice president, many of the top personnel have been working for more than a year in planning department functions and manpower requirements.

Here's MGM Grand Hotel's own "who's who." Fred Benninger chairman of the board, is a long-time associate of Kirk Kerkorian, well-known financier, who formed the MGM Grand management team. Benninger previously served as

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