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Jews can take comfort from the tragedy of the resumption of war in the Middle East in the courage and fighting ability of the Israel defense force, the determination and high morale of Israeli civilians and the unity of the Jewish people everywhere behind Israel's latest struggle for its existence and independence.

Israel is now in the midst of a hard war. Many of us still living under the glory of Israel's lightening victory in the Six Day War of 1967 may have forgotten that Israel is a nation surrounded by enemies who outnumber it greatly in men and military equipment. We may have forgotten that Israel can not keep a large standing army on duty at all times because it needs the men and women to run its economy.

The Arabs did not forget and that is why they launched their massive surprise attack on Yom Kippur. Yet Israel's civilian soldiers were able to mobilize quickly and push back the large forces of the Syrian invaders and contain the Egyptians.

Premier Golda Meir told the Knesset, Israel's "soldiers fought like lions and inflicted grevious blows on the enemy." Israel has suffered heavily too. She reported 656 killed and 2000 wounded in the first eight days. This is a huge loss for a country with Israel's small population. "I am not brave enough to attempt to comfort the hundreds of families who have received the terrible message," Mrs. Meir said. "They are the sons of all of us...the pain is all our pain."

Israelis who feel deeply the death of even one soldier are taking the casualties with stoic determination. Jews in the United States also feel the Israeli losses deeply for they are our sons and brothers too. Confident of Israel's victory, American Jews have responded magnificently to Israel's call for help.

Farewell to Spiro Agnew

by ROBERT E. SEGAL

There at the end of Spiro Agnew's political road, America glimpsed much more than Attorney General Elliot Richardson's careful but compassionate lawyer's brief against the Vice President and the latter's passionate disclaimer of the serious charges of bribery and extortion, Rather, we saw exposed the fragile nerve ends of all that makes our country great, the body of democracy well nigh dissected, the danger revealed when the cheerleaders for the Silent Majority taste too deeply of the heady wine of power.

Some who shy away from seeking to understand the true significance of the Agnew phen-

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BY BARBARA FIGLER

Fun and prizes will be the theme for Hadassah's annual Nite of Games, Monday, Oct.29 in the Crown Room of the Dunes Hotel, highlighted by a \$500.00 cash

The individual prizes, be used for particularly this year search. The purchased or from are valued at several hundreds of dollars, each and every game and child

will feature "good neighbor" prizes. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and games start at 8:00 PM.

Chairman of the event is Mrs. Jackie Fields, assisted by Mrs. Sol Bromberg and Mrs. Sam Ferer. Proceeds will be used for cancer research. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from Hadassah members.

The public is invited and children welcome.

omenon may continue to remember him (and in many cases) admire him for his glistening rhetoric. His eager ghost writers fed him the cute words and in glee he mouthed them: "A spirit of national masochism prevails, encouraged by an effete corps of impudent snobs who characterize themselves as intellectuals." In a time when he felt secure in his high office, with millions applauding his slashing attacks upon the characters of fellow Americans, he assailed those he shamefully branded "the self-righteous guilty of history's worst atrocities," "impudent snobs," "parasites of Passion," "vultures," "Judas goats."

Titillated by such recklessness, his admirers howled with glee when Mr. Agnew asserted Hubert Humphrey was squishy soft on Communism --- an American Neville Chamberlain, when he berated Averell Harriman as one having a penchant for trusting Communists, when he called for the resignation of President Kingman Brewster of Yale. His fans were quick to forget his red-baiting later when Richard Nixon pronounced Red China fashionable and trade with Red Russia camp.

Along the way, the Vice President, regarded by some as the fastest gun in the White House, mounted his campaign against permissiveness, libeling millions of our finest young people as he branded them "garbage." Drawing from his fund of vulgarity, he brazenly insisted that those who disagreed with the Administration on the Vietnam issue should "make your points with you minds, not with your butts." Which vice president before him would have thus sullied his high office?

If he had had his way, he would have tossed "dissident students" into the penitentiary for they belonged there and not in a dormitory, he asserted. But this was only windy prelude to much more serious abuse of the institution of the Vice Presidency.

For it was Mr. Agnew's assaults upon cherished freedoms and guaranteed rights that really hurt the nation most. Speaking at Loyola College in Baltimore in 1969, he turned his wrath against those who "charge that our society is guilty because it protects the majority." Here perhaps is the heart of the Agnew misadventure: this nation achieved its fine name in large part precisely for a reason opposite to Mr. Agnew's

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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a lasting Mideast peace, Russia can bring it about. The very near future will tell the story.

At some future time, after the dust settles, we will attempt to ascertain, I) the cause of the latest outbreak, which may have been the oil interests, 2) the effect of the war, which showed the continuing superiority of Israel's military capacity, along with the solidity of world-wide Jewry, and 3) the result of the war, which we can only hope will lead to peace in the Mideast.

On the home front, we've had Vice President Spiro Agnew resigning and Representative Gerald Ford being nominated by Pres. Nixon for the office. The Senate Judiciary committee investigating the qualifications of Ford became bogged down because of the latest developments

in the Watergate case.

The Circuit Court of Appeals had determined that Pres. Nixon surrender the tape recordings made in the President's office, involving Watergate. Nixon offered a summary of the tapes

authenticated by a respected member of Congress, Sen. John Stennis.

Special prosecutor Archibald Cox said this was not acceptable because the summary could not be introduced as evidence in court. Nixon, because Cox would not accept the compromise gesture, asked Attorney General Elliot Richardson to discharge Cox; Richardson refused and resigned from office, followed by Deputy Atty, Gen. William Ruckelshous, who also refused to follow Nixon's instructions. Acting Atty, Gen. Robert Bork finally fired Cox.

Then the country got up in arms with an over whelming demand by the public to impeach Nixon. Telegrams flooded into Washington offices of U.S. Representatives, who must

initiate the inquiry, if it comes about,

Musterings became rumblings in the House of Representatives, where action was commenced, for the first time in 100 years to impeach the President. The stock market started to slide. Political leaders, even Republicans, slowly shook their heads, non-plussed.

Suddenly, news came over the wire that Nixon reversed his earlier decision and agreed to surrender the tapes, as requested in August, to Dist, Judge John Sirica, who is handling the Watergate trial. The stock market jumped 20 points. Washington breathed easier.

creed; we became great because we gave, and continue to guarantee, protection not only for the minority but for each of us --- for this child, that woman, these men. Dissent, so offensive to Mr. Agnew, has nourished us; diversity has brightened our motivation as Americans.

Stop quarterbacking the government, the Vice President demanded, oblivious to the truth that all of us are the government.

And yet, as the polls showed, everyone hated Mr. Agnew except the people. That tremendous populace of America for whom he became the spokesman loved him, in part, because he jabbed at "fat Japs" and unwittingly denigrated Poles, and articulated his jealousy of the editors and commentators in the Eastern Establishment.

So in the end, the Spiro Agnew who accused honorable political foes of "feeling more affinity for totalitarian dictatorship than for America," the man who accused those differing with him of "destroying the fabric of American democracy," he who asserted that protests such as those mounted by Martin Luther King should not be allowed --- this bumbling and now greatly pitied fallen statesman did serve us well after all: He led us to the brink of reckless speech and reminded us that in the final reckoning we do learn best by noting what men do with the power and trust accorded them --- what they do rather than what they say.

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