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Prospects for Peace

After a series of false starts, reported threats by the Soviet Union to unilaterally intervene there and the U.S. alert of its military forces, perhaps the conditions now exist for peace in the Middle East.

A primary consideration would be negotiations between the Arabs and the Israelis, whatever the form it takes. Another would be the security of Israel, on which even the Soviet Union agrees.

Once these conditions are met, as they have Once these conditions are met, as they have in all previous peace negotiations throughout recent history, it would be possible for Is-rael to consider, although perhaps reluctantly release of territories added as a result of both the conflict of 1967 and the Yom Kippur war.

Since the Arabs can even point to a victory of sorts, and their national machismo satisfied, they may have incentive to agree to a settlement.

One of the prime considerations motivating both sides about which little is said, is the casualties. Egypt, as well as Syria, by neutral count, have suffered enormous losses, so has Israel. An unofficial figure quotes 5,000 Israeli dead and wounded, comparable to a quarter of a million in a country the population size of the United States. Israel can ill afford such losses.

Perhaps now, once and for all, peace can

be negotiated in the Middle East.

It is to the interest, not only of Israel and the Arabs, but the rest of the world as well, provided all parties adhere to the letter and spirit of the UN resolution of October 25th.

Who's with Israel?

by ROBERT E, SEGAL

A few days after Egypt and Syria exploded the Yom Kippur War against a religiously-preoccupied Jewish people, a Gallup Poll indicated that only 47% of Americans questioned supported Israel.

What about the rest of the United States? Some 25% expressed no opinion (too busy with the World Series, football, and the high cost of groceries). Many of these undoubtedly can and will be won over.

Twenty-two per cent backed neither side. In that segment one could expect to find millions weary of American involvement in Vietnam and millions more who have been mumbling about a plague on both your houses by way of cop out through the years since 1948.

Only 6% permitted themselves to be counted as pro-Arab. If the poll's results were to stand up under a tough test, this would put 12

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BY JACK TELL

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package deal -- Israeli withdrawal in exchange for an agreement establishing peace. Then, but only then, Israel would withdraw to 'secure and recognized' boundaries established by the peace agreement," pursuant to a timetable specified in the agreement.

This concept has been traditional U.S. policy, he said, and should be continued as the only basis for a lasting peace which would secure American and Allied interests and prevent Soviet

dominance in the entire area.

Mr. Rostow, a former Yale Law School Dean and now Sterling Professor of Lawthere, pointed out that Israel's armed forces were legally stationed in the West Bank, the Golan Heights, and Sinai "undera series of 1967 Security Council resolutions, which authorize Israel's presence in those areas as an occupying power under international law, and forbid the use of armed forces to disturb it." The Arab attack on Israel three weeks ago was therefore "the most blatant case of aggression since the North Korean attack on South Korea in 1950," he said.

He added that Egypt had consistently refused carry out the provisions of the resolution calling for a conference of the parties to negotiate peace but instead had called for unilateral withdrawal of the Israelis from those territories. Such a construction of the Resolution had been expressly repudiated even by Soviet spokesmen at the time, as well as British and Americans who had been involved in the effort, he declared.

The former Undersecretary cautioned that some U.S. officials might now be contemplating a retreat from the 1967 policy to the "disastrous policy we followed in 1957, when we obtained Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai without a peace treaty, in exchange for private and public assurances from Nasser -- commitments he repudiated and thus made the Six Day War of

1967 nearly inevitable."
"That history of broken promises." Mr.
Rostow continued, "determined the form and content of the 1967 Security Council Resolution. This time, the international community said, there should be no Israeli withdrawal from the 1967 cease-fire lines until the parties had made

an agreement establishing peace -- an agreement which would fix the 'secure and recognized boundaries' to which Israel would withdraw."

Mr Rostow hailed the new Security Council Resolution, despite certain ambiguities, as the most constructive single step taken by the United Nations in twenty-five years to solve the Arab-Israeli dispute, because it embodies a binding decision of the Council that the parties proceed at once to negotiate a just and durable peace, in accordance with the principles and provisions of the 1967 Resolution.

Mr. Rostow also urged that the Security Council immediately convene a conference for the purpose, on a specified day and at a specified place, to initiate the peace-making process before the momentum for peace is lost. "With-out such action." he said, "the new cease-fire could be no more than a prelude for more and

more dangerous war."

Turning to the origins of the Yom Kippur War this year, the former diplomat said that the Egyptian and Syrian attack upon Israel was a "deliberate and carefully planned Soviet move, threatening fundamental security interests of the U.S. and its allies. The Soviets trained and supplied the Arab forces to initiate a war which, they hoped, would draw the U.S. into conflict with all the Arab nations, separating the United States from its NATO allies, and thus transform the Middle East and the Near East into a Soviet camp, outflanking NATO. and controlling space and oil supplies vital to the economies and the defense of Europe, the United States and Japan."

"It demonstrates that the goals and methods of Soviet policy are unchanged," he asserted. "They continue to sponsor limited wars, in open violation of the United Nations Charter, and to terminate them only when they face un-acceptable risk."

The Soviet plan, Mr Rostow said, was frustrated" by the brilliant and courageous success of Israeli arms, backed by the staunch and thus far effective support of American diplomacy." The U. S., in its own self-interest, must continue to protect its position and that of its NATO allies in the conflict, Mr. Rostow

Here, as in other parts of the world, the goal of a secure peace requires that all nations must be induced to accept and respect the rules of the Charter governing the international use of force," he said. "There is little chance for peace if the U.S. and its allies respect the rules of the Charter, and their adversaries violate them at will. The United Nations Charter is not a suicide pact."

16 Arab nations and the side of unabashed aggressors.

How can we reasonably evaluate such a sampling? In the anti-Israel column, we would naturally expect to find Americans of Lebanese and Syrian origin, people sympathetic to the Arab cause by virtue of cultural ties, Muslims. Aligned with these, however, we would undoubtedly find right wing zealots and the Oil First people who couldn't care less if Israel went down. Yet, irony of ironies, these ranks have to include hundreds of thousands of Americans who have gated Russia and Communism with such passion that this bitterness became their way of life, And who is their ally now: that same Russia, cheering the Arabs on and supplying them around the clock with the sinews of modern, relentless, awesome, fiendish warfare --- SAMs, planes, the ample know-how of post World War II assault.

Russia has something special going for her in the Middle East. She is getting what she has long wanted, but at bargain prices. No soldiers to be killed, no enemies to face on her own borders, no tightening of the belt at home. Blood spilled is Arab blood, not Russian.

So adroit has Moscow been that she is not only able to manage a war unbruised from the coach's bench but she also seems in position to eat her detente with the United States without really losing it. And should Suez open to traffic, Egypt would most certainly award high passage priority in that important waterway to the Russian navy.

Given these obvious truths and given the fact that even United Nations observers had to acknowledge that Arab forces launched the present war, we can react only in sorrow to certain, important reactions.

Senator Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is a grand mar-

shall of this dreadful parade; implacable opponent of Israel, he still maintains that this government is giving planes and other weapons of war to Israel when he well knows that Israel pays for these necessities. Not far behind Senator Fulbright is Senator Mansfield, a powerful leader of that opinon bloc in America cool toward Is-

In church ranks, these lawmakers find their views echoed in the National Council of Churches.

Still, we are really not alone. For Christians who have looked boldly into the ghastly face of cruelty in our day, the Right Rev. John Harris Burt, Episcopal Bishop of Ohio, has articulated a profound judgment: "If Israel is now deserted by the Christian World in her hour of peril," he said a few days ago, "this betrayal will be of greater magnitude than that of the Holocaust in Hitler's Germany,

Well What D'Ya Know

When former J. P. Bob Reid refused to prosecute prostitutes, everyone screamed and the County Commission passed a quick law, Now J. P. Legakes declared the law unconstitutional and acquitted 40 ladies of the evening.

Former V, P. Spiro Agnew is found quilty . and fined as a common crook. So he goes on the air and says he was innocent. Jails are full of guys who shout "We Wuz Framed."

Syria starts a sneak Yom Kippur attack on Israel, gets its brains kicked in with losses of more than 2,000 Russian-built tanks, and at cease-fire Israeli troops were 20 miles from Damascus. So Pres. Hafez Assad announced to his people: "The fighting ended in victory for Syria."