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Negotiations before Treaty

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's suggestion that the United States sign a treaty with Israel guaranteeing its security may have sounded appealing to some American friends of Israel. But a closer look sees that institutionalizing American support of Israel presents dangers to both countries.

Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, in recent talks around the United States, have been stressing that a guarantee cannot be a substitute for safe and secure borders arrived at through negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors. They have argued that Israel's best guarantee is strength enough to deter or quickly repulse and attack if ever it does occur.

The fact that the idea of a treaty was first proposed by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright, certainly no friend of Israel, adds to the uneasiness. The Arkansas Democrat suggested the treaty as a means of getting Israel to withdraw from occupied territories without negotiations. Dr. Kissinger has not proposed substituting a treaty for negotiations but he did say if Israel was to be protected by a U. S. treaty it could not attack first.

This would result in a loss of Israel's independence. Israel would become nothing more than a client state totally dependent on the U. S. It would also be unable to retaliate against terrorist attacks from across its border since the U. S. has always been opposed to this. Such a treaty also putting Israel legally as well as nominally in the American camp might also retard its resuming normal relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

As for the United States, it is difficult to believe that after the trauma of the Vietnam War, Congress would approve another treaty that would make it highly likely that American troops will have to fight on foreign soil. Even more important, such a treaty might increase the likelihood of a Soviet-American confrontation and the dangers of a nuclear holocaust.

It is highly possible that there will be some kind of international guarantee once Israel and the Arab states reach a settlement.

But the settlement must come first between the Israelis and the Arabs or the guarantee will mean nothing.

Satire

-by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Satire never reached greater heights than it did in a recent column in his bulletin by Rabbi Harry Halpern, one of the brainiest men

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in the rabbinate.

What he wrote for the benefit of his East Midwood Jewish Center Congregation of Brooklyn ought to be digested by many more people. His piece was a series of definitions. Some of them:

Terrorist: A military act by an Israel soldier to drive away or capture "peaceful" members of Al Fatah.

Freedom Fighter: One who plants a bomb in a supermarket, theatre or other place where civilians gather.

Heroes: Men who kill athletes, aeroplane passengers and diplomats.

Zionists: Jewish men and women with tattooed numbers on their arms, all of whom are rich and have great influence. They control the U.S. Congress (consult Sen. Fulbright),

dominate the press and media of this country and have pushed their way into Palestine and displaced thousands of people.

Ceasefire: A stoppage of military conflict to enable the disciples of Marx and Lenin to replenish the arms supplies of several Near East countries.

Evenhandedness: Affording the same protection to a mugger as to his victim.

UN: An international debating society on the East River where men of many languages and colors unite to pass resolutions condemning the acts of a 25-year old member state.

Defeat: The situation of losing a war and the dictation of peace terms by the vanquished to the victor.

AGGRESSION: Land seized by a small nation defending itself against annihilation.

Golda Meir: A militant grandmother residing in Jerusalem who believes not only in women but in Lib.

Peace: The abandonment of land gained by bloody sacrifice in return for a signed statement that one has a right to live.

Anesthesia: The condition of a Jew who does not know the above definitions and is unconscious of his glorious past, his group identity or his responsibility to the State of Israel.

To which we add well-written, Dr. Halpern. Or should one say, well-bitten?

LATE NEWS ITEMS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has warned that the U. S. would not submit to the pressure from Arab-oil producing states.

"We have our commitments to the area's problems and we will not be pushed beyond that point," he told a news conference.

Kissinger, who earlier had met with officials of oil companies, said the Arab countries should consider whether their embargo undertaken during the war should continue while peace negotiations are being prepared. If the Arab oil embargo continues the U. S. will have to consider counter-measures which "we will do with reluctance," he declared.

Kissinger did not actually threaten a counter embargo but other state department officials had warned earlier that while the Arabs have oil, the U. S. produces much of the world's food and industrial products.

Meanwhile the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith during its 60th anniversary meeting in New York announced a nationwide educational program by its 28 regional offices to counter Arab oil blackmail. The ADL said its campaign would seek to tell Americans "not to be fooled by Arab propaganda that seeks to equate a shortage of oil for heating homes or gasoline for driving cars with this nation's support of Israel."

However the Arab oil threat is having effect elsewhere.

Japan, heavily dependant on Arab oil, warned Israel that it might break diplomatic relations unless it returns to the pre-1967 borders.

The Organization for African Unity demanded a total oil and economic embargo against Israel, South Africa, Portugal and Rhodesia.

Yugoslavia strengthened its ties with Libya by reaching an agreement to exchange industrial equipment for oil.

Western Europe faced with oil shortages is leaning toward the British and French policy of improving relations with the Arab countries at Israel's expense.

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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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The President's proposals to conserve energy should do the trick. If all the points Mr. Nixon made are adopted, the one we will personally miss most are those twinkling colored lights which brighten the doors, windows and framework of homes during the holidays.

As for Brinkley's encouragement to Communists, this will flurry for a while and die because it is diametrically opposed in every way to our philosophy of democracy. Those die-hard commies in America, who always are embarrassed by the self-preservation antics of their mother country, like the Russian non-aggression pact with Hitler, will find themselves in the same bind. As soon as the Soviets realize they cannot dominate America through Arab oil, Russia will do everything to increase its enmity with the United States.

As for Brinkley's patronage, perhaps unwittingly, of the Anti-Semites, the prejudicial disservice he rendered will have to be on his own conscience. While anti-Semitism needs no reasoning for its outrage, the bigots latch on to the slightest precept to launch their mayhem. Sometimes it gets out of hand.

We have one thought for the appeasers in this oil situation.

If they think that the mere cessation of friendship with Israel will mean the end of oil extortion, they are sadly mistaken. It would be just the beginning.

And that goes for European countries and Japan, as well as the United States.

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