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Peace for Peace

As the Middle East peace conference is about to open in Geneva, the focus of the American Jewish community should be on Washington. The conference was arranged by the United States in conjunction with the Soviet Union and the American attitude is crucial as to whether it will result in a real peace settlement or just an agreement that could leave Israel more exposed than ever.

The real question is whether Israel will be allowed to negotiate a settlement with its Arab neighbors or whether the agreement will be dictated by the superpowers. Israeli leaders of all shades of opinion have expressed the hope that the United States will not impose on Israel its future borders.

There are some ominous signs. It appears now that the agenda may have already been worked out by the two hosts of the conference. The well-informed New York Times columnist James Reston recently wrote that Arab oil pressure on Europe and Japan, as well as the United States, may result in an agreement that would be at the expense of Israel. Political scientist Dr. Hans Morgenthau, a leading expert on international relations, warned that Israel will be forced by U.S. and other international pressure to return to the pre-1967 borders which will result in the demise of Israel.

No one expects an American sell-out. National Jewish leaders, congressmen and Israeli officials all have voiced belief in American determination to safeguard Israel's security. But what the United States considers necessary for Israel's safety might not be the same as Israel or its supporters believe is needed.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban summed the situation up when he told visiting American Jewish leaders that if the Arabs agree to full peace, implying diplomatic relations and other normal contacts across the borders, the territorial issue would become "much less agonizing and acute." But, he stressed, "if peace was just a synonym for a fragile cease-fire, then Israel's indispensable conditions for territorial security would be 'more severe'."

Oil

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

On the first Chanuka, oil, expected to last but one day, lasted much longer.

On this Chanuka we pray a similar miracle may come to pass.

The shortage of oil seems to presage a loss of prosperity and a rise of anti-Semitism.

The Arab countries are threatening to black out the world like the ancient enemies of the Jews threatened to black out religious liberty

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by RACHEL CHERRY

The Las Vegas Chapter of Women's American ORT is sponsoring a Holiday Auction, Monday, Dec. 10th at the Flamingo Hotel.

Items to be auctioned will be on display at 6:30 p.m. Bidding will begin at 7:30 p.m. There are over 100 items to be auctioned ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$1,400. All are expected to go for less than retail price and will offer a large variety of holiday gift items.

Of particular interest to bidders will be a set of hand made Israeli cuff-links and tie bar personally worn and donated by Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel. A letter of authenticity will accompany these. There is also a leather trimmed black and white male mink Eisenhower battle jacket. Other outstanding items include: a Revere rocker; cassette tape deck with radio; sleeping bag;

54" strand of Spanish pearls; pocket transistor radios; emerald and pearl ring; a painting; garden chaise lounge; camera equipment; power tools; sports equipment; children's toys; numerous gift certificates and many, many more.

ORT, Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, is a non-profit organization which provides a vocational education for under privileged youth and adults world wide. The Las Vegas Chapter helps support our local vocational high school by means of a scholarship awarded to a financially needy student. Although all O R T schools are located overseas at present, plans are underway for building an ORT school in New York City. ORT's motto is, "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he need never go hungry."

more than 2100 years ago.

The only way to cope with the Arab blackmailers, who have oil in their veins, is to emulate the Maccabees.

Judah & Co. could have enjoyed physical security if only they capitulated to the demands of Antiochus to surrender their spiritual liberty.

Many nations today are willing to bend the knee to modern tyrants to secure their good will and their oily beneficence.

Here and there we hear voices which say that resistance to despotism must be undertaken no matter what the price.

So in a real sense the message of Chanuka is exceedingly contemporary.

The story deals with events which occurred a long time ago.

In a way the pattern recurs today.

If the Maccabees had yielded to the ancient Syrians, the light of liberty would have been snuffed out.

If we today yield to the modern Syrians and their associates, the light of liberty will once again be menaced with extinction.

The ancient Maccabees were sorely tested in their historic struggle against bigotry.

We too are being tested. It has been said that the energy crisis proves that our nation cannot "fuel all the people all the time."

But a brave stand would fuel our people with courage.

The energy crisis was not caused by Israel; it is the product of our nation's failure to plan ahead, to make proper provisions for the

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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There apparently is an unending flow of anti-aircraft missiles from Russia to the Arabs. Even the Soviet Union has a limited supply of the SAM-6, very expensive missiles. So the Russians are stripping their own first-line regiments to keep up the supply to the Arabs. It was these SAM-6 missiles which were most effective against Israeli fighter planes, which could dodge one, two, three or even four and then get hit by the fifth.

A further reflection of the uselessness of the feeling of "detente" is the abandonment of all restraint in the Mideast. Immediately after the cease-fire Russian planes have been flying over Israel. There is no attempt to conceal the intrusion. It is generally accepted that the Soviet Union now feels free to move its forces into the Mideast and to go as far as it desires with Israel.

It appears that other nations are looking the other way and ignoring the aggression and expansion actions of Russia. Israel, of course, is in no position right now to counter the Russian air invasions of high-flying Mig-25s. The answer to that problem would be the sale by U. S. of the F-14 Tomcat jet planes, which should be forthcoming, now that Russia has shown its fangs over Israel.

obtaining of sources of power other than those which emanate from the soil of Arab lands.

On Chanuka we reiterate the words of Scripture that man does not live by bread alone. Let us add to the litany the truth that man does not live by oil alone.

May a resurgence of Maccabean valor make us more appreciative of the significance of the Festival of Lights, and stir and spur civilized nations to hold on to conscience and also find ways to achieve prosperity without surrendering to blackmailers.

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