

Israel's Mood

(FROM NEAR EAST REPORT)

Israel won the October war, but the mood of Israel's people is one of dis-illusionment. She approaches the forthcoming peace conference in Geneva with misgivings--fears that she will be under massive pressures to make suicidal concessions to those who sought to destroy her.

Visitors to Israel are startled by the depths of her depression. To the outside world, her victory was a brilliant recovery from a vicious attack launched by overwhelming numbers and sophisticated weapons. Standing alone, she was able to hold her ground, turn back her attackers and soon take the offensive in counterattack. She stood on the front line defending her own independence from an onslaught that was fueled and armed by the Soviet Union. That onslaught was directed not only at Israel but at the free world. But most of the free world abandoned her, surrendering their own independence to a bizarre Saudi-Soviet axis, fragmented and paralyzed by the immense power of the Soviet Union and the blackmail of Arab oil.

Only the U.S. came to Israel's assistance, with a massive airlift to replenish Israel's equipment and fire power. That assistance was decisive for Israel's survival, but it was also vital to America, for if the Soviet-equipped Arab forces had triumphed Western Europe would have become a Russian satellite. The Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf would have become Russian lakes and American influence and power throughout the world would have been irreparably undermined.

That may sound like cold war rhetoric to those who have become transfixed by the starry illusion of detente, but for the thousands of Israelis who were killed and wounded and bereaved by Soviet weapons in these dark and tragic weeks detente has proved to be an illusion bordering on nightmare.

It was Israel's isolation, perhaps more than any other single factor, which accounts for Israel's dismay. Europe's swift capitulation evokes bitter memories of Europe's vain appeasement of Hitler and Mussolini in the 1930s. Another generation of leaders now controls the governments of Europe, but they

TOWELL CALLS FOR EMBARGO TO ARABS

WASHINGTON.... Congressman David Towell has introduced a bill which calls for an embargo on the shipment of certain goods to Arab nations which have restricted or halted exports of petroleum to the United States.

"I know an embargo would not solve the energy crisis or even prompt a resumption of oil shipments, but it can be an effective way of demonstrating our displeasure with the oil cutoff," Towell said. "This act would show that the U.S. can deal firmly with any nations which attempt economic blackmail."

The Arab states named in the bill are Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Qatar and Alg-

eria. The embargo would include the shipment of all grains, dairy products, meats and medical supplies, as well as automobiles, electronics equipment, machinery and oil drilling gear.

LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE seem to have no memories and no awareness of the collective danger they face because of their inability to unite in their own self defense.

The disarray of the free world has been paralleled by the shattering desertion of the Third World, bringing to a tawdry conclusion Israel's splendid aid program in African lands.

In swift retreat, the African governments broke away from Israel, throwing in their lot with oil imperialists and with feudal sheikdoms which once traded black slaves. No one can understand or explain this irrational stampede by governments whose peoples may be the first victims of the Arab oil embargo, for they will be unable to pay its huge costs and they may be deprived of fuel and food to keep them alive.

There is another casualty list. Israel's dead and missing may approximate 2,200. Add to this the many who have been maimed, who have lost limbs and eyesight and who are incurably crippled. There are still some 700 in the hospitals. That is a large proportion of Israel's population. Almost every family is in mourning for an intimate friend and relative--a son, a brother or a father.

On top of this personal grief, there now weigh most heavily the misgivings for the national future which are fed by miscalculations in the past. For in Israel today there is an excessive preoccupation with angry post-mortems and gloomy predictions.

What went wrong? Why was Israel taken by surprise? Israel has been proud of its intelligence and its superb armies and it has felt secure at its post-1967 boundaries. And

BAKER FOR CONTINUED ISRAEL SUPPORT

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Sen. Howard H. Baker (R. Tenn.) declared here that the energy crisis will not change the U.S. foreign policy of support for Israel.

"We will not be blackmailed by economic sanctions," he told 1600 persons attending the National Jubilee dinner of the American Societ for Technion--Israel Institute of Technology.

Baker said he fully supported the Nixon--Kissinger policy in the Middle East and said that the Administration in supporting Israel, "acted wisely and bravely" in behalf of freedom and dignity.

Fifteen Nobel Prize scientists joined the

guests at the 50th anniversary celebration in inaugurating the establishment of the Samuel Neaman Institute of Advanced Studies in Science and Technology at the Technion. The Israeli-born founder Samuel Neaman was guest of honor at the dinner.

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could all this wast and tragedy have been averted by a different diplomacy?

Who blundered and why? The search for responsibility is exacerbated and focuses on personality in bipartisan and intra-party debate on the eve of election.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Central Bureau of Statistics reported that 16,200 Israelis returned home from abroad during the war, some 8000 during the first week.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Danny Kaye, the American entertainer, spent a week visiting wounded soldiers in Israeli hospitals.

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