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*Support for Israel
 Eroding in Congress*

There is growing concern in the American Jewish community about the erosion of support for Israel in Congress. This weakening of support is due partially to the American economic situation and partially to a sophisticated propaganda campaign by the Arabs, and especially the Palestine Liberation Organization which is having some effect on one time firm supporters of Israel.

Perhaps the most shocking example of this for American Jews is Sen. Charles H. Percy (R. Ill.), long considered a staunch friend of Israel, who after returning from a trip to the Middle East, called Israel intransigent. In Israel and in Washington, Percy said the United States would not automatically back Israel if it started a new Mideast war. More revealing is his statement that Israel is making a mistake in refusing to negotiate with PLO leader Yasir Arafat whom he termed "relatively speaking a moderate." Rep. Paul N. McCloskey (R. Cal.) also told a Jewish group in California that Israel would have to negotiate with the PLO or go to war again.

Both men seem to be accepting the new line that the PLO has abandoned terrorism and is ready to negotiate with Israel. Nowhere in these statements is any realization that the PLO has not abandoned its aim to destroy the State of Israel.

McCloskey also said that American industry will have to accept Arab oil money because no other capital is available. In this light the move by Sen. Harrison A. Williams (D. NJ) to introduce legislation to keep tabs on Arab investments in the United States is welcome. But while the danger of Arab investments in U.S. firms should not be underestimated, even more disturbing is the move by American companies to increase their markets in Arab countries by reducing trade with Israel. The Israeli government reportedly is concerned by this trend.

Adding to these developments, Sen. James McClure, (R. Idaho), told Israelis on a visit there not to expect all of the \$2.5 billion in economic and military aid it has requested because of the economic crisis. McClure expressed the move in Congress as the economic situation worsens against sending military aid abroad.

All these signs do not mean that lawmakers will abandon support for Israel, but Israel will have a tougher time in Congress than even before.

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Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ
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Here We Go Again

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- It is happening once again.

Andrei Gromyko and Henry Kissinger, each trying desperately to gain an upper hand in what appears to be diametrically-opposed efforts to win over specific commitments from Egypt's President Sadat on a Middle East settlement with Israel, are on the go again.

Gromyko, rushing to Cairo this week, is carrying with him the known Soviet policy package including Moscow's unchanging demand for a speedy convocation of the Geneva Conference to the detriment of the Jewish State. The Kremlin will insist on a vital role in any Mideast development.

Kissinger, according to the latest reports, is scheduled to visit Egypt and the area soon thereafter and continue discussions on his step-by-step approach which procedure the Russians are not happy about; neither are the radical Arab states.

The big question troubling Washington is: Will Gromyko, with all his tempting offers of aid to the Arabs, succeed in upsetting the American peace-effort appletart? Everything, of course, depends on what position Sadat will take in the light of what Kissinger has to propose on the next step to be taken in the Sinai and how he will react to the question of Syria and the PLO.

But, above all, there is Israel to consider, and Jerusalem will not rush into accepting any compromise agreement that will jeopardize its security. All the parties concerned, especially the United States, are fully aware of this fact.

So then, what we are witnessing is a fast-growing Gromyko-Kissinger confrontation with Sadat of Egypt as the central element in the battle of diplomacy.


As far as America's policy vis-a-vis the Middle East is concerned, there has been a great deal of criticism from many American circles, Jewish and non-Jewish. The latest came from AFL-CIO President George Meany who, at the recent 8th annual Jewish Labor Committee Dinner held here in New York, spoke out bluntly against what he termed Washington's current "giveaway policy" in its dealings with the Arab states.

Meany's statement relative to the Mideast, the U.S.S.R., the UN and the United States, is worth recording. Some of the highlights of his historic address follow:

"Our best friend in the Middle East is not the Israelis, but Saudi Arabia's King Faisal. We've given him fighter planes. We've given him all sorts of military hardware, and he's making arrangements to meet with Arafat and he announced that he's ready to finance at least one third of the millions of dollars needed for what he calls 'the Arab confrontation with the Israelis.'

"What the hell kind of a policy is this? We are supposed to be on the side of the Israelis. That's what we say and Henry goes around

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 "One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"
 BY JACK TELL



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forthcoming Geneva Conference. There is no doubt that the hedging was caused by the Arab billions being invested in American properties, helped no little by the multi-million-dollar Arab propaganda machine. What some people will do for money.

When a staunch friend of Israel like Sen. Charles Percy volunteers outlandish suggestions to undercut Israel's position and undermines practically every reasonable stand in the confrontation, it must be believed the Arabs got to him. If not, he is the foil guy for higher-ups in the Republican Party who are attempting to lead the Administration's shift away from Israel.

Percy said Israel should negotiate with Arafat, who he called "a relative moderate." Some moderate, who sends maniacs to kill innocent women and children in buses, theatres and market places.

Percy urged Israel to withdraw from Arab territory to the 1967 boundaries. Even the Arab nations would settle for much less, but Percy magnanimously wants to sell Israel down the river.

If that wasn't enough, the Illinois Senator warned Israel against a pre-emptive war because the U.S. would no longer back it, "right or wrong." Percy's "sincere opinion" was a contemptible misstatement of fact as borne out by history. Israel has never engaged in a pre-emptive war. Every conflict was thrust upon her. And Israel has never been wrong because each time she had the enemy thoroughly beaten. Israel stopped and withdrew without following to wrap it up for once and all. Israel never sought to conquer. Merely to hold her own with secure borders.

His Jewish "friends" in Chicago didn't buy Percy's preachings. His remarks about Arafat were likened to Chamberlain after the British Prime Minister met with Hitler.

Whatever Percy's purpose, it failed miserably to kindle support for the Arabs. When the effects of his contentions are brought to the attention of decent people nationwide, Americans in 50 states will voice their objections, just as the Jews in Chicago.

All of us are well aware of the valiant little nation that brought civilization to barbarity; that turned arid sand into farms and schools and hospitals and industry; that brought progress and science and culture to an emptiness.

And most important, leave us not forget, Israel is the only democracy in the entire Middle East, surrounded on north, east and west by kingdoms and sheikdoms, all dominated by Communist Russia. The only true friend to the U.S. in that area of the world.

No, Mr. Percy, the U.S. will never abandon Israel, under any circumstances. Israel and America are as one. And for good reason. The time may come when the U.S. is embroiled in conflict. Israel, first and foremost will declare for our side.

Who knows?

dropping these goodies here and there. Of course, these fighter planes that were given, were they guaranteed that they were never going to be transferred to Egypt, or anything like that? Oh, no.

"And then we're giving Sadat a nuclear reactor, isn't that great. This is a great policy...But these are all part and parcel of our giveaway policy. We cleared the Suez Canal with American money, did you know that? Millions and millions of dollars of American money plus American technical help.

"So, I say, this is a rather strange policy. I am sure the American people would respond to strong leadership if we were given a real policy and a policy to understand and were given the true facts.

"Were we given the truth about the recent attempts of the Administration to give the Soviet Union trade concessions in return for a promise to sign up for a solemn obligation they were committed to anyway in the UN on the Human Rights Covenant, where they signed with great fanfare a declaration that they believe in the right of any citizen to migrate, the right to go to any other country on earth and leave any country including his own."