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Reassessment-For Whom?

In the light of the failure of Dr. Kissinger's Middle Eastern mission, the statement he has made a press conference and references to the so-called light at the end of the tunnel, the time has come for a reassessment on the part of the Jewish community in tune with developing events. It is short-sighted and of no value to detach Israel from the rest of the world. The situation in the Middle East is part of global developments -- in Vietnam, Cambodia, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Ethiopia, and the oil cartel.

Kissinger's statement that South Vietnam requires a program of three-year support is vapid in the face of a similar reassessment going on vis-a-vis Israel and the Middle East. It ignores domestic considerations and a distaste for an unpopular war. However, Kissinger does not offer an even-handed three year program of support for Israel. He confesses: "We are committed to Israel's survival." Survival needs definition and the nature of that definition can best come from Israel.

Kissinger also referred to the dangers of "radicalization" in the Middle East without specifying their nature. Did he have in mind the assassination of King Faisal or did he have in mind what Edmund Stillman, director of the Hudson Institute said in his article of the New York Times on March 26: "Trouble is bound to come in the region within the next ten years. Political take-overs and palace revolutions by imported mercenaries and 'craftsmen-slaves' is one of the oldest themes of Middle Eastern History."

Obviously, far-sighted statesmen have to look forward. But not with blindness. The view has to be total. Even Kissinger had to admit events elsewhere in the world had their effect on the failed attempt at untying the Middle East tangle. Perhaps, then, it would be best, as so many more Israelis are now saying, for the peace negotiations to take place in Geneva. There, under global spotlight, the world will be able to see what is going on. No executive sessions as here, or if there is a behind-the-scenes dealing, it will have to come to light in the public debate. The Soviet Union, not immune to world pressure, and just as aware of the developments in the Middle East potentially inimical to its interests, will have half the responsibility. It will not be able to take pot shots, as it has been doing, when it has no responsibility.

The major obstacle will be the PLO and Israel's attitude towards sharing part of the negotiating table with it. Ultimately, a format will have to be devised to incorporate the problem whether it be concretized by the PLO



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or another instrument. Israel, too, will have to take a world-wide look. Above all, the Jewish community will have to reassess its approaches in the light of new developments. Its commitment to Israel's survival is unquestioned and most likely equals Israel's definition of what it considers survival. But we cannot and should not go hat in hand to political aspirants and bureaucrats. We too have to reassess our relationships -- specifically and totally.

On Time

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

When Time Magazine does a feature story on Jews, many of us cringe.

In recent years, however, Time has become less tendentious.

And so a recent cover story in that magazine on American Jews and the State of Israel wasn't too terrible.

But the piece still had flaws and they have been enumerated by a glittering stylist, Rabbi Edgar Siskin, in the Chicago Sentinel.

Dr. Siskin, who Northwestern University was smart enough to invite to its faculty, hits hard at Time for:

- 1) Not mentioning the plight of the Jews in Arab countries,
- 2) failing to mention that Sen. Percy himself invited Jewish leaders, rather than having been summoned by them, for a discussion of his views on Israel. You remember, of course, that Percy said Arafat was a moderate and Israel was stubborn.
- 3) not bringing out that Israel's occupation policy is the mildest ever.
- 4) Failing to indicate the predicament of the Jews in Russia.
- 5) Pooh-poohing Arab terrorism and exaggerating American Jewish influence on Washington's policies.

The Time article was a long one, but it suffered, wrote Siskin, from "the use of suggestive phrases, a tilting of emphasis, inaccurate reporting and sophomoric slickness." That's a pretty good size-up of Time Magazine.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- "The deadlock in the Mideast persists not because of an Israeli refusal to evacuate territory but because of the Arab refusal to make peace," former Foreign Minister Abba Eban told some 100 labor leaders at a luncheon of the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Pinhas Sapir said that he had achieved a breakthrough on allya in his recent meetings with American Jewish community leaders.

TELL TALKS

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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are pleading with you to talk up right now in the interest of the United States. We, all hate war and none of us want American boys to be sent into battle for any cause. Stop it, President Ford, stop the trend right now, before it gets out of hand.

We call your attention, Mr. President, to what David Benarone of World-Union Press news syndicate has uncovered about the Arab blue print for a Fifth Round, plotting a four-front onslaught.

Respectfully,
JACK TELL

The Arab Scheme

By David Benarone

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Long before Henry Kissinger's latest abortive attempt to bring about a next-step Egyptian-Israeli agreement on the Sinai, Egypt, Syria, the PLO and Jordan -- with the support of most of the other Arab League states including Iraq -- had blueprinted a joint military plan for a four-front surprise onslaught on the Jewish State with the view to attaining their never-relinquished aim of putting to a quick end what they term a "cancer" in their midst.

That such a satanic scheme exists in documents in the hands of the military leaders in Damascus and Cairo came to the attention of the writer from an intelligence source that has close contacts with some political leaders in Beirut.

The Arab blueprint calls for a simultaneous blitz from the north by the combined Syrian and PLO forces through Syria and Lebanon, from the south by the Egyptians, from the East by the Jordanians, and from the sea by specially-trained PLO guerillas who are to invade the coast under cover of Egyptian and Syrian gunboats.

The recent Fatah attack on Tel Aviv, coming as it did from the sea, was a test within the context of the joint military scheme that landing on Israeli shores is a possibility, especially if the Israeli Defense Forces will find themselves preoccupied in defending the other three fronts. True, the Fatah guerrillas were quickly apprehended and shot, but the test in the landing proved that it could be done.

The Arab military blueprint, which has been given a code name, contains assurances for immediate aid from Iraq, the Yemens and the other radical states.

The exact time of the blitz has not yet been set, but there is a reference in the blueprint to some time after the Geneva conference -- which it foresees as getting nowhere. The scheme calls for quick action before the U.S. has had the chance to come to Israel's aid.

With both Soviet and American weapons in addition to what they are receiving from France and Britain, the Arab military leaders now believe they will succeed in a fifth round in attaining their quarter-of-a-century dream of destroying Israel.

That the United States, following the breakdown of the Kissinger efforts and anticipating the the non-renewal of the UNDOF and UNEF mandates late this month and May, is fully aware of the fact that a new Mideast war is imminent, has been borne out by the latest statements made by both President Ford and Mr. Kissinger. Said Kissinger after briefing members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week: "Reassessment means that we are facing a new situation of some peril." He noted further that it was "inevitable in such a situation that the President order a review to see what is the best policy for the United States to follow."

Having met and talked with all the Arab leaders involved in the current struggle, Henry Kissinger, of all men, knows only too well where they really stand on Israel. He knows that they have murder in their hearts -- no matter what 'concessions' they may get from the Israelis. The Ford Administration must take this face into consideration now without delay.

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