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## Reassessment Pressure

Punishing Israel." Turning "the screw" on Israel. Pursuing a policy that would lead to the "diplomatically expedient destruction" of Israel. This is the way three Congressmen -- respectively Reps. Benjamin Rosenthal and Jonathan Bingham, both New York Democrats, and Sen. Lowell Weicker (R. Conn.) recently termed the Administration's Middle East policy.

While the Congressmen may have been over dramatic it is becoming more and more clear that the Administration's reassessment of American Mideast policy is becoming -- and may have been designed -- as a means of pressuring Israel. The Department of Agriculture's announcement that Egypt, Syria, and Jordan are receiving 14 times as much grain from the U.S. as is Israel, appears to be part of this policy. And one State Department offi-cial even said that the high amount of grain for Egypt and Syria was not based on need but on attempts to reach "a peaceful development in the Middle East."

Even of greater concern is the disclosure the U.S. will supply Jordan with 200 vk" ground-to-air missiles. This is a none-too-subtle hint to Israel,

There is no doubt that the Ford Administra-n sincerely wants to achieve peace in the idle East. But pressuring Israel to make concessions that could endanger the Jewish State

is not the way to do it.

It is therefore heartening that members of Congress are willing to contest the Administration on this point. As Sen Frank Church (D. Idah.) said recently "One does not pressure a friend by trifling with its survival."

## Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ World-Union Pre

U.N. in the Dark

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Officials here the UN, worried that the mandates for UN Mideast Forces soon to expire will not be renewed, are completely in the dark as to whether or not there'll be a Geneva conference or another step-by-step approach. UNDOF in the Golan terminates later this month and UNEF in the Sinai in June.

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news from Moscow where the Russian leaders have been meeting a succession of Arabs including Arafat. Whatever Yassir during these meetings, reports indicate that the Soviets now are showing some hesitancy as to the wisdom of reconvening at Geneva at this time. They are deeply concerned about the disunity among the Arabs themselves and the lack of a common stand vis-a-vis Israel. Moreover, the Soviets dread facing a deadlock in Geneva which confab they have been so consistently advocating in their attempt to offset the American initiative.

The one thing that offers some hope at the present during the current stalemate period for the UN is the announced plan by President Ford to meet with President Sadat and Premier Rabin with the view to resurrect the abortive Kissinger initiative on a Sinai agree-

Whatever develops, one thing is certain -under no circumstances can Israel agree any temporary or long-range undertaking unless the Arabs, principally Sadat and Assad, evince a genuine spirit of good will in accepting at least the minimum of what the Israelis have asked for as another step towards an eventual Mideast

This minimum was made crystal-clear by Israel during the Kissinger mediation efforts, namely, a simple renunciation of belligerency, position still held by Jerusalem. Acceptance by Egypt of the minimum would prove at long that Cairo is genuinely sincere in ending the 28-year long state of war.

The fact that Sadat refused to consider elementary principles only serves to prove that he had no intentions whatsoever of coming to grips with the basic problem of peace with the Jewish State and that all along, deep in the re-cesses of his mind, he entertained a future military confrontation.

Intoxicated by his Yom Kippur sneak attack 'victory' and hopeful that the United States -- in the light of the Vietnam debacle -- would refuse to entangle itself in any future Mideast conflict. Sadat now believes he can eventually implement the avowed Arab aim of destroying Israel through a coordinated Egyptian-Syrian-Jordanian-PLO onslaught. He is fortified in this 'dream' by the knowledge that his country and most of the other Arab states are being heavily armed both by the United States and the Soviet Union while the American arms commit-ment to Israel has been stalled.

Yes, U.S. arms for Israel have been stalled during this so-called 'reassessment' period during this so-called 'reassessment' period -- a sort of pressure procedure. But there is no stalling on providing the Arabs with weapons. Last week, Washington announced that it will supply Jordan with missiles in the amount of \$100 million. Now, King Hussein may be a moderate, yet in a speech delivered in Charleston, N.C., he assumed the role of spokesman for both Egypt and Syria declaring that they and his country "are eager to make peace and recognize Israel, etc.," but he added "all of recognize Israel, etc.," but, he added "all of recognize Israel, etc.," but, he added "all of

ne Man Plus The Truth

BY JACK TELL



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"last a day," they told her.

Tahsin Basheer, Sadat's press spokesman, defended the PLO position, even admitting that Arafat means to "replace Israel as it now

\* Chalad Mohadeen, head of the "Egyptian Peace Committee," attacked the religious exclusivity of Israel -- dismissing the fact that Egypt is officially Islamic. "If any other Arab tells you that he is not against Israel, he is a liar," Mohadeen admitted. Mohadeen admitted.
Foreign Minister

Ismail Fahmi adhered to his earlier pronouncement that Israel must be replaced by a "secular, democratic state" or return to the 1947 borders. He justified his call for a 50-year ban on immigration to Israel as a deterrent to Israel's "plans for expansion."

\* Samira, a leading demographer who is "representative of the new breed of Egyptian women ... a truly intelligent, reasonable woman, bitterly attacked the United States, said she was fed up with talk of the Holocaust and Israel's historical rights, and declared that "Israel

has no right to exist."

\* During a three hour meeting with a group of educated men and women, Peters found agree ment that the only reason for Israel's existence was to "make trouble all over the world." that Israel should be replaced by Arafat's "secular state," and that Shylock is "the universal bloodthirsty Jew." They defended PLO terrorism: "What should matter is to kill as many Jews -- as many Israelis they can." The group ended in laughter, assuring each other that ultimately "Israel won't exist any more."

The only ray of hope we see in the disillu-sionment of Joan Peter's report, is that she is quoting professionals, intellectuals and semi-

We still would like to know how the hundreds of millions of middle and lower class Arabs feel about Israel. They are the ones who have to leave family and job, don uniform and go off to war, with the chance of being killed, wounded or captured.

A cross-section of opinion, if this were possible, from the Arab masses, could ascertain a different state of affairs,

We hope so.

MT, FREEDOM, NEW JERSEY -- Challeng-ing what he called "the myth that the Jewish family was historically the primary transmitter of Jewish values, Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, said that the disturbing phenomena in Jewish life which we Jewish life which we commonly attribute to the breakdown of the family, are in reality 'painful manifestations of the erosion of basic values which pervade our society'."

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith facilities and manpower are being made available to assist in the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees.

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith has appealed to the U.S.S.R. to include the Jewish "prisoners of conscience" in a Soviet amnesty program announced to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the surrender of Nazi Germany.

JERUSALEM (WUP) -- More than 15,000 copies of a new book by Haim He zog have been sold our within days of publication.

LONDON (WUP) -- This 'sunless' nation has begun importing solar heaters from Israel.

these we accept on condition that Israel withdraw from all Arab territory -- including Jerusalem, the Golan, etc. -- and recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinians in their homeland. It is as simple as that," he stressed. "It's as simple as that," 'friend' Hussein, to dwarf Israel land, a simple duck posture.

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