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An Insidious Move

It is no secret that since the 1973 Yom Kippur War the Arab states, rich in petrodollars, have been trying to turn American public opinion against Israel. The most insidious move in this attempt is the effort to subvert American colleges and universities through the establishment of grants, scholarships, programs and other means.

No one can blame universities and colleges, which are now hard-pressed for funds -- partly because of the inflation - recession in the industrial world caused by the numerous increases in the price of oil since 1973 -- for seeking funds from Arab sources. There can be no quarrel with Arab financing of legitimate programs of Arab or Islamic studies such as other foreign countries have done.

But there is cause for concern when the Arab donors set up programs such as Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and the University of Southern California in which the study of Israel is strictly forbidden and courses and instructors are heavily weighted against Israel. There is also concern that Arab donors have put in requirements that Jewish instructors and students be barred from these programs. We know this from several major universities who have rejected these proposals because of the discriminatory requirements. But how many schools have secretly agreed to go along?

The American Jewish Committee, which has studied the problem, has sent suggested guidelines to 187 leading colleges and universities throughout the country to prevent this problem. The guidelines set up criteria to prevent any discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, sex or national origin in any aspect of a transaction between a school and a foreign donor.

The nation's institutions of higher learning are of course not obligated to accept the AJ Committee proposals. But they must set up some sort of safeguard to let potential foreign donors know that their funds are welcome for educational purposes but not for propaganda; that funds cannot be accepted if they require discrimination against any person, institution or country. To do less is to destroy the integrity of our colleges and universities, a situation that would also result in undermining the freedom of the United States itself.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The Carter Administration -- which, in its bewilderment over the disturbing developments in Iran, Indochina and elsewhere has feverishly tried to press for a Middle Eastern settlement at the expense of Israel -- must still learn the lesson that the American people in their majority, as reflected by the Congress, support the position of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, a position fully consistent with the original Camp David accords and not with the post - Camp David Egyptian 'amendments' which appear to have



ART GEFFIN, LEFT, PRESIDENT OF LAS VEGAS CHAPTER #1075, CITY OF HOPE, SHOWN ACCEPTING A COMPLETE STEREO SYSTEM PRESENTED TO THE ORGANIZATION BY DAN JOYCE ON BEHALF OF THE FISHER ELECTRONIC CORP. OF CALIFORNIA.

the approval of the White House.

No wonder President Sadat did not want to come to Camp David. His latest 'amendments,' as reported to the Israeli Cabinet by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, would transform "the peace treaty into a war treaty," as Begin himself termed them. The Egyptian chief of state must have known that the Israelis would never accept his impossible anti - Camp David proposals.

Apparently, following the Iranian upheaval which brought Yasir Arafat back into the limelight as a sort of Islamic hero coupled with Saudi Arabia's seemingly cooling off towards the U.S. in the wake of the Shah's demise, Sadat is having second thoughts as he has possibly always had in one corner of his mind ever since his Jerusalem visit. Hoodwinking is an old art of Egyptians and Sadat is a true disciple of his shrewd and cunning forebears.

The thought of a Khoumeini - Arafatian-inspired vihad not only excites the fanatic Saudi rulers but it also must run through the mind of the initiator of the infamous Yom Kippur War who may be looking for an "out" from his Camp David commitments. How else can one understand his retreat from the accords signed so auspiciously in The White House.

But that Carter and his aides should have fallen for Sadat's hoodwinking, to the extent that they have, could only be attributed to a fear complex bordering on 'betrayal.' Not only that. By refusing to see and understand Israel's genuine security needs -- which would be jeopardized by Sadat's new demands -- the Administration would also betray America's own security. For the Jewish State is the only nation in the entire Near East region that can be trusted in any future East - West showdown.

This is another lesson Washington must still learn, better said, the Carter Administration. For there are many in the House and in the Senate who see through the facade of the current bungling of U.S. policy. Among them may well be the next President. Take Senator Frank Church, for example. As the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, his voice must be reckoned with, and President Carter might well take heed and wrest himself from the tightening cocoon that has been spun around him by conflicting advisers.

"Unfortunately, in the immediate aftermath of Camp David, we did not follow through with the logic of the strategy that had been adopted. King Hussein publicly asked fourteen questions seeking clarification of the accord that had been so laboriously worked out at Camp David. What the Administration should have done, if it had been faithful to the strategy, was to have thanked him politely for his interest, taken the questions under advisement and told him privately that the answers to his questions could only be found by entering into negotiations.

in favor of the Arabs against Israel. This created the impression that the American Government believed that Sadat had not gotten all he should have at Camp David with respect to Israeli concessions on the West Bank.

"The results were predictable. The answers

"Instead, President Carter sent Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders to Jordan and the West Bank with written answers to the King's questions, answers which were perceived by Arabs and Israelis alike, as indicating that the U.S. was prepared to support Arab aspirations on the West Bank beyond what was set forth in the Camp David accords.

"Despite the fact that at Camp David, the Israelis had repeatedly emphasized that their total withdrawal from the Sinai should not be interpreted as a precedent for the West Bank, Saunders sought to allay Jordanian and Palestinian misgivings by citing the Sinai as a precedent for what might be anticipated on the West Bank.

"In a region where every nuance of can be emotionally charged, Saunders referred to remaining Israeli security personnel as the only presence that would exist at the end of the autonomy period, whereas the accords referred to Israeli security forces, the implication being that something less than what had been agreed at Camp David would result. And Saunders pushed to the fore the delicate issue that had been deliberately put on the back burner at Camp David, East Jerusalem, by referring to it as occupied territory -- a characterization offensive to Israel...

"Thus, even before the peace treaty negotiations had begun, the Saunders replies seemed to prejudice the most sensitive West Bank issues to King Hussein's questions did not go far enough for the King or the Palestinians. They were not won over to participate in the negotiations. And Sadat was placed in the untenable position of appearing to have settled for less than he might have obtained. Accordingly, he reacted by making new demands: firmer linkage between the peace treaty and resolution of the West Bank issue through establishment of a target date for putting in place the self-governing councils, precisely the point that had been left open in the Camp David accord in order to create pressure on Jordan and the Palestinians to join the negotiations.

"Moreover, Sadat demanded that a key section of the proposed draft treaty be dropped, Article 6, which in effect, provided that whatever Agreements Egypt had with other Arab States, the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt took precedence. For Israel, of course, this was the heart of the negotiations. Without Article 6, there was no real peace treaty."

Senator Church concluded that "the Saunders mission had opened a Pandora's box. It stood the strategy of Camp David on its head: it put first what should have been last -- the West Bank issue -- and, consequently, made it more difficult to achieve what should have been the priority goal, the signature of a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt."

Here we have the voice of a true American, and Jimmy Carter and his aides must realize that this is also the voice of most Americans throughout the nation....And to Carter himself, this writer would suggest: Go over your pre-election speeches and note well the pledges you made with respect to Israel and Jerusalem her capital. A word given is holy. You owe to honor it in the eyes of both God and man. It is your move now, Mr. President!



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