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Stop Pressing Israel

The Carter Administration has begun pressing Israel on the negotiations for Arab autonomy on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip despite Carter's assertion at a recent news conference that it would be "counter-productive" for the U.S. to "pre-empt" the negotiations now going on between Israel and Egypt. Evidence for this pressure could be seen in the speech by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in which he made a strong pitch for including the Palestinians in the negotiating effort.

The United States is understandably concerned about the almost unanimous rejection in the Arab world of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's efforts to make peace with Israel, even by such so-called "moderate" states as Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Of course, little attention seems to be given to the belief that the Saudis' position may be influenced by the overthrow of the Shah of Iran and the threat it demonstrates to the feudal desert kingdom in Saudi Arabia from the Palestinians who make up a great deal of that country's work force.

But while the Carter Administration has been concerned with shoring up Sadat in Egypt and appeasing the other Arab states, it has given little attention to the fact that the government of Premier Menachem Begin, like Sadat, has to deal with problems at home as a result of the Israeli - Egyptian peace treaty.

Amos Perlmutter, the American University political scientist with close ties to Israel, pointed this out in an article in the current issue of "Foreign Policy" magazine. "It would be in the best interest of all the parties involved if the United States adopted a more gradualist diplomacy," Perlmutter wrote. "The Israelis will eventually learn to live with the linkage embodied in the preamble to the treaty negotiated between Israel and Egypt. But they are not yet ready for any more territorial concessions. What is needed now is a period of respite to prevent a swelling of the rejectionist coalition in Israel, to stop the growing constellation on the right, to help stabilize the Israeli political system, and to reverse the deterioration of Israeli - American relations."

The outcome of the autonomy negotiations could depend on whether Israel gets that "respite." Pressure by the United States for a quick conclusion to the negotiations could endanger, not only the autonomy talks, but the entire peace process.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ
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UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- With the basic first phase Camp David Framework for Peace in the Middle East practically concluded -- the Egyptian - Israeli Treaty -- the world is now confronted with the second and no doubt most difficult phase involving the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza district. As was to be expected, here at the UN the PLO and its many friends are intensifying their vicious propaganda campaign with documents which bear the official world organization emblem.



PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN OBSERVING AS PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT CONGRATULATES NESSIM D. GAON, PRESIDENT, WORLD SEPHARDI FEDERATION AFTER DR. GAON DECLARED, "BLESSED BE THE PEACEMAKERS, BLESSED BE THOSE WHO HAVE LED US TO THIS DAY," AT CEREMONIES AT BEN GURION UNIVERSITY AFTER THE RECENT TRANSFER OF EL ARISH.

And while the U.S. professes not to give recognition to the PLO in UN organs -- although Ambassador Young not so long ago termed its spokesmen "moderate" and "decent human beings" -- the State Department and the White House 'un-wittingly' give credence to their propaganda by their insistence on terming the Jewish settlements in the territories "illegal" and the establishment of new ones as "an obstruction to peace."

The latest Israeli Cabinet decision -- by a vote of 8 to 5 with 3 abstentions -- to permit a new settlement near Nablus, the biblical Shechem, capital of the northern kingdom of Israel, evoked wrathful responses from the State Department and the White House. Said Mr. Vance's spokesman, Hodding Carter 3rd: "I think the point we would find most disturbing about the announcement of the settlement is that the establishment of new settlements is harmful to the peace process...We deeply regret the Israeli Government action."

Jimmy Carter's Press Secretary, Jody Powell, was more blunt: "We consider the settlement to be illegal and an impediment to peace."

There is absolutely no reason for President Carter or, for that matter, for President Sadat, to be so surprised over this latest Israeli action. Surely, both of them must have discovered, through the several summit meetings, especially those intimate ones held at Camp David, that Prime Minister Menachem Begin is a man who means what he says and says what he means, and that he does not tolerate double talk. He had put all the Israeli cards respecting every issue involved on the table between them. There were no secrets.

Jimmy Carter, as it turned out, was deeply impressed with Begin's utter sincerity and forthrightness. And no doubt Sadat recognized these traits, too. Thus, when the former Irgun Underground chief placed before Carter his 26-point autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza, the President saw in it much hope for a settlement. He termed it "constructive." In connection with the latest uproar in Washington, it is worth noting what clause 20 of this plan says:

"Residents of Israel will be entitled to acquire land and settle in the areas of Judea and Samaria and the Gaza district. Arabs, residents in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district who, in accordance with the free options granted them, will become Israel citizens, will be entitled to acquire land and settle in Israel."

In the light of this fact -- originally not disputed by the White House -- it is difficult to understand why Mr. Carter failed to recognize the historic reality of the Land of Israel and permitted himself to term Jewish settlements "illegal" and "an obstruction to peace." This is especially hard to comprehend when weighed against his oft-repeated pronouncements to the effect that he did not favor the establishment of an independent Palestinian

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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Like garden, like gardener.
As the breath of the potter, so the shape of the vessel.
Remember the virtues you lack and the faults you have; forget the good you did and the wrong you received.
In this world, one who is a dog can become a lion, and one who is a lion can become a dog.
Character is tested through three things: business, wine and conversation.
As is its fuel, so will be the fire.
The man who keeps silent in the face of abuse is a true Hadid.

state on the West Bank. Moreover, he was not unaware of the fact that President Sadat, too, for obvious reasons, did not favor a PLO-dominated Palestinian state. Let it also be noted that Sadat signed the Peace Treaty with Israel in the full knowledge of Menachem Begin's position with regards to the Palestinians. In his 1977 address before the General Assembly here on the issue of Jewish settlements as linked to Resolution 242, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan -- currently engaged in talks with the Egyptians on the Palestinians -- declared (take note, Jimmy Carter):

"Under international law, neither Jordan nor any other Arab state has any sovereign territorial rights in the West Bank or in any part of what was Mandatory Palestine in 1948 when the United Kingdom surrendered the Mandate. No state today has any claims of sovereignty to what was Mandatory Palestine that are better than, or even equal to, Israel's claims."

Dayan then reminded this world organization about something the delegations -- and, among them, certainly the U.S. Mission -- had apparently completely forgotten. "The Arab states," he said, "rejected the UN Partition Resolution and, in violation of the Charter, they used force in an attempt to prevent its implementation. The Arab use of force in 1948 was an act of aggression, and not of self-defense....No rights accrued to them from that act, and they were in fact subject to the restrictions that international law imposes on a conquering and 'occupying' army..."

Bill Safire struck a right chord when he concluded in this recent essay "Those 'illegal' Settlements," that "we should be on guard against phony Administration claims that only by pressuring Israel to give up its settlements policy can we induce the Saudis -- and the other Arabs -- to embrace the Egyptians again."

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HENNY YOUNGMAN
Man Of Many Talents

A JEWISH WOMAN HAD TWO CHICKENS AS PETS. ONE CHICKEN GOT SICK, SO SHE KILLED THE OTHER ONE TO MAKE CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SICK ONE.