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*Will Egypt Love Israel in May?*

By the end of April, Israel will have returned the Sinai to Egypt and a new chapter between the two countries will ensue. There is some trepidation in Israel and in some sections of world Jewry that Egypt, having recovered the area, will try to reingratiate itself with the radical Arab states and become militantly critical of Israel. Others, both in Israel and abroad, feel that Egypt will be satisfied with the return of Sinai and will busy itself building up the area. Both views are largely speculative because the Egyptians have given signs of swinging both ways. The real question is: which way will prevail? Will Egypt love Israel as much in May as it claimed it did in December?

Last month, President Hosni Mubarak personally condemned Israel for extending its law to the Golan Heights but at the same time affirmed that it would not affect bilateral Egyptian-Israeli relations or the ongoing peace process.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali criticized Syria for refusing to discuss any issue with Israel and declared that "the Arab common defense treaty no longer concerns us since the Arab countries chose to form another Arab League which has excluded us. We will certainly not become involved in a war" between Syria and Israel as a result of the Golan move by Israel. Hassan Ali furthermore pledged that his country will pursue its peace process with Israel even if it takes years.

But as 1981 came to a close, Boutros Chali, Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, expressed the view that only American pressure on Israel would produce a comprehensive Middle East settlement. Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir blasted this statement and warned that pressure would only make Israel more resolute and obdurate.

Egypt has nothing to gain by adopting a hard line stance conditioning its future relations with Israel, once Sinai is returned, on enticing the United States and the West European nations to try to wrest further concessions from Israel. Egypt should draw the obvious lesson, namely, that its real and only friend in the Middle East is Israel.

The basic interest of the U.S. in the Mideast is to establish bases, albeit against Soviet penetration. But this makes the Mideast a potential site for superpower confrontation. The West Europeans, once the colonial powers in the Mideast, are seeking to return to the area to find profitable markets to shore up their flagging economies. Neither the U.S. nor the West Europeans are basically concerned with developing the economy nor the culture of the Mideast.

Israel, on the other hand, is keen on developing economic and cultural exchanges with Egypt, thereby constructing a form of regional cooperation. Israel's approach and that of the late President Anwar Sadat must prevail if there is to be peace in the Mideast. The alternative is chaos.

**Behind The Scenes**

At The United Nations  
 By David Horowitz  
 A World-Union Press Feature

*Golan Showdown*

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The debate on the Golan, which had been dragging its feet in the Security Council because of the division of its members over the type of a resolution to table versus Israel, had put the U.S. to a test. Ambassador Kirkpatrick, with the approval of the White House and the State Department, had let it be known that she would veto any radical resolution invoking Article 41 of the Charter calling for sanctions.

After almost two weeks of wrangling, the Arabs finally managed to enlist Jordan -- a new non-Permanent member of the Council -- to submit such a resolution in the face of a certain U.S. veto. However, as the day for the voting arrived, Friday, 15 January, with everyone expecting a definitive U.S. veto, something unexpected happened. Thanks to the diplomatic skill of Kirkpatrick, two of the ten non-Permanent members, Zaire and Panama, whose positive votes would have given the resolution the necessary majority of nine, let it be known that they would abstain. Their abstentions, together with the announced abstentions of Ireland, Japan, Britain and France, would defeat the resolution without the need of a U.S. veto. The eight supporting the draft would be the USSR, Poland, Jordan, Togo, China, Guyana, Spain and Uganda.

In the face of certain defeat, Jordan, at the behest of Syria, decided to cancel the meeting. The Arabs raged and fumed. Never satisfied, they began to connive and contrive on what next move to take.

This U.S. test on the Golan should also determine the Administration's policy on Jerusalem as well as on Samaria and Judea. This writer believes that, come what may, the U.S. will stand the test. Washington has already discovered, somewhat late, that the so-called 'moderate' Arab States are unreliable, cannot be trusted. Without exception, even Saudi Arabia, they have been flirting with the Soviet Union warning the U.S. to grant them their wish or else....

It might be in wisdom for the Administration to reappraise its appeasement policy vis-a-vis Saudi Arabia and turn its attention to the strategic crescent involving three vitally-important nations, namely, Turkey, Israel and Egypt, with the view to strengthening the links between these states which serve as a bridge connecting Europe with Asia and Africa. Washington might even consider entering into some kind of pact with them.

In this context, one of Israel's leading in-

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