

**MUBARAK FACES TEST**

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a peace treaty. One would think that Egypt might at least show some understanding of Israel's plight and difficulties created by those who seek its dissolution. What kind of 'partnership' is this? It might be asked. And how can the Israelis feel secure and trust this 'partner-in-peace' for the future with the April 25th deadline around the corner?

Peace cannot be a one-way street. To date, as the whole world knows, Israel has lived up to its commitments in every aspect of the treaty. Egypt has not. The score is an uneven one, and there's cause for concern.

President Mubarak is faced with three basic tests as proof of his sincerity and failing these this writer would caution the Israelis to postpone their withdrawal from the Sinai strips still in their hands in the same way Mubarak had postponed his visit to Jerusalem. Postponement would not necessarily mean the abrogation of the treaty.

These tests are:

First, in the spirit of the late President Sadat, Mubarak must state clearly that he stands for an undivided Jerusalem and to prove himself a real 'partner-in-peace' he should visit the capital of his peace partner.

Second, Mubarak must denounce the terrorist PLO whose leader Yasir Arafat along with Libya's Qaddafi and other radical Arabs publicly and unashamedly rejoiced in a holiday mood upon hearing the news of the assassination of Anwar el-Sadat; moreover, he should look forward to dealing only with the moderate Palestinians for any future settlement of their status in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and

Third, Mubarak must seriously consider Prime Minister Begin's benevolent autonomy plan as a feasible solution to the Palestine problem and call a halt to his appeasement of the PLO terrorists.

The New York Times is not renowned for its friendly reporting on Israel. Earlier last month, however, when it was reported that Mubarak had refused to include Jerusalem on his scheduled visit to Israel, this paper, for a change, came out with a significant editorial under the heading "President Mubarak Is Losing His Way." Part of this editorial is worth recording:

"Somewhere along the trail beaten by Anwar Sadat, President Mubarak seems to have lost his way. He needs a swift reminder from Washington that the path to peace, as well as the return of Sinai, leads through Jerusalem.

"The new Egyptian leader owes the Israelis a visit, and before the turnover of the last

of his territories in April. Though he could, like Mr. Sadat, say anything he wants once in Jerusalem, the new Egyptian leader wants his itinerary to speak louder than words. He asks to avoid Israel's capital altogether. Even to request the detour is provocative.

"It provokes the worst Israeli fears: that they will soon pay in blood for once again exchanging strategic territory for a promise. They are yielding Sinai -- lock, stock, airfields and oil -- for the promise of peace and full recognition. They agreed to it with an Egyptian who failed to survive the exchange and who some think was murdered for it. They do it despite Mr. Mubarak's difficulty in pronouncing the words Camp David; despite his notice that with Sinai in hand he aims to repair relations with Israel's enemies; despite the anguish of Zionists who cannot bear to evacuate settlements....

"Israel cannot trust a peace process that perverts a friendly visit into a protest demonstration. To ask Israelis to act like usurpers in their capital -- because half the world does not accept its integration with parts of the city captured from Jordan -- risks the most destructive expression of their anxiety.... Whatever chances remain for transforming the Camp David accords into a stable peace depend upon Israel's serenity and confidence--confidence expressed by the exchange of residential visits, ambassadors, tourists, goods. Egypt meets those commitments sluggishly while Israel uses its army to uproot Sinai settlers...."

President Mubarak must still prove himself. "For all concerned," the Times concluded, "he had better" go to Jerusalem.

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