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**Dampening Mideast  
 War Rumors**

Crystal balls about the future of the Middle East are notoriously clouded but some perspective seems to be needed about the latest freshest of rumors that Syria may attack Israel again.

Earlier this month, the speculation reached such a peak that Premier Shimon Peres felt it urgent to publicly declare Israel did not intend to attack any Arab state.

Such speculations have been revived by a private visit to the United States by Jordan's King Hussein, who met informally with President Reagan. Hussein let it be known that the peace process was moribund and that this meant an inevitable "drift" to war.

The memory must still be vivid for Hussein and President Assad of Syria. In the Yom Kippur War, Syria joined forces with Egypt in a two-front assault on Israel. Under United States pressure, the conflict ended with a large Israeli force on the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal and Israeli spearheads not far from Damascus.

Assad, like Hussein, is a master of survival. Why would he believe the Syrian armed forces could do alone what they and the Egyptian military failed to do together?

The rumor mills have it that the Soviets have made good all of Assad's losses and that he hopes he will be able, with much more help, to match and surpass Israel's powerful armed forces.

It seems safe to predict that it will be years, if ever, before Syria can develop its military forces to the point where Assad could hope to defeat Israel. The United States can be counted on to assure Israel the weaponry it would need to defeat any Arab attack. Israel could be counted on to do the rest.

It is painful to contemplate what another war would mean for Israelis, where there is hardly a family which has not paid with a father or a son for Israel's security. But Israelis will again pay the price, if they must.

The odds seem to be that, for the foreseeable future, they will not have to pay that price.

**Behind The Scenes**

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

**King Hussein's Single  
 Road To Stability**

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — It is probably now becoming clear to King Hussein, who met with President Reagan in Washington last week on the current apparent Mideast stalemate, that the single road open to him now for stability and survival is the road already paved for him many years ago by Israel.

Time and again, ever since the Ben-Gurion-Golda Meir periods, Israelis have held out the olive branch to the Hashemite ruler who on each occasion not only rebuffed the call for direct negotiations but arrogantly joined his Arab neighbors in violent attacks against the Jewish State in their vain attempts to destroy the resurrected nation.

Whether or not the grandson of the late Emir Abdullah has learned the bitter lesson of his past defeats at the hands of the people prophetically ordained to reoccupy their ancient homeland remains to be seen. Although he has been flirting with Syria and Moscow on future possibilities versus Israel, he is shrewd and clever enough to realize that any military option, minus Egypt, to regain what legally never belonged to him, is out of the question.

Moreover, politically speaking, without the full backing of the U.S. -- which will certainly never limit or deprive Israel of its sovereign rights or jeopardize its security -- he'll still be confronted with a dead end. His only option then is to follow the example of the late President Sadat by entering into direct negotiations with Israel which, in establishing a working economic union with Amman, has already offered Hussein an outlet to the sea.

In addition, an Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty minus any PLO involvement -- King Hussein has already dismissed Arafat and his PLO -- should open the door to the rights of the Palestinians who, in enjoying autonomy, will not only find satisfaction in the newly-established peace treaty but also derive both economic and political benefits therefrom.

It's now up to King Hussein to make the bold and courageous move and once and for all establish tranquility in the Mideast crescent. Surely, the most powerful Arab State, Egypt, will stand with him, and he'll have the full support of Washington.

In a new book entitled "East Bank/West Bank -- Jordan and the Prospects for Peace," the author Arthur R. Day -- who leans strongly in favor of the Hashemite Kingdom and thus omits certain historic facts pointing to Israel's rights -- notes that "on the Arab side, Jordan offers the best hope for a solution to the Palestinian problem, or at least for its peaceful management. A solution cannot be reached," he adds, "without the participation of the Palestinians themselves. But, left to their own devices, the Palestinians -- with no leadership but the faction-ridden exile groups that make up the PLO -- cannot organize and pursue effective negotiations. The Jordanian Government cannot substitute for the Palestinians, but it just may be able to pull and prod them into a negotiation position to which Israel can relate."

Interestingly, author Day -- who had spent some 28 years in the foreign service of the U.S. connected especially with Middle Eastern questions -- makes it a point to say that "Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians are in a sense hand-

cuffed together. When one twitches the others feel it. And the United States feels it, given its stake in Israel and in the region as a whole."

While author Day has given us a detailed account of the history leading to the rise of the Hashemite Kingdom, he has, as noted above, omitted a number of basic facts, one of which is the League of Nations Mandate establishing both sides of the Jordan as the National Jewish Home. However, he does quite accurately show how the British illegally partitioned that home by turning the East Bank over to Hussein's grandfather Emir Abdullah. "Churchill persuaded Abdullah to abandon a hopeless Syrian enterprise and accept the title of Emir of Transjordan... He was appointed Emir on April 11, 1921," Day records. "The British kept Transjordan separate from the Palestine Mandate, to be developed as an Arab principality..."

It is incumbent upon King Hussein to take this fact into account as he contemplates which his next move will be and President Reagan might also take a look back and study the League of Nations map of the originally-adjudicated territory of the Jewish National Home twice cut up and partitioned.

**B'nai B'rith Expresses Regret  
 Over Election Of Waldheim**

WASHINGTON — B'nai B'rith International expressed its regret over the election of Kurt Waldheim as president of Austria.

Gerald Kraft, B'nai B'rith president, said in a statement that "it is most regrettable" that the voters have chosen a man "who, since the disclosures about his role in the army of Adolf Hitler, is a symbol of Austria's complicity in Nazi barbarism."

Kraft declared that Waldheim's refusal to admit, or come to terms with his past -- "and especially his refusal to repudiate that past -- make him thoroughly unfit" to represent his country on the international scene.

"Now that he has been elected, the Austrian people will have to deal with the consequences," said the B'nai B'rith leader.

**Why The Saudi Arms Sale  
 Will Stabilize The Middle East**

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rate of about 12% was not justified. Israel spends approximately 25% of its gross national product on defense. We spend in the area of \$130 billion for Nato and are unable to fly planes across parts of Europe. We spend approximately \$30 billion to insure the defense of Japan, and they spend less than 1% of their gross national product for defense. Without Israel spending such huge sums, America would have to spend countless billions more for defense of the Middle East.

"My other concern was the plight of the Soviet Jews in Russia. I told President Reagan that my late mother was an immigrant from the Soviet Union, and only by the grace of God am I standing before you today in the United States Senate. I urged the President to place increased emphasis on the release of thousands of Soviet Jews before the next summit conference. Those who are allowed to leave the Soviet Union, Mr. President, should not be just elderly, but children, teenagers, doctors, and scientists. All should be allowed the basic human right of freedom. President Reagan expressed tremendous concern, and I feel he should be given the opportunity to continue to expand his foreign policy with the backing of the United States Senate on the broad peace process which he has undertaken.

"In my deepest conscience, I want to re-iterate that I believe that this proposed sale poses no threat to America's strongest ally in the Middle East, Israel.

"Mr. President, my decision to support President Reagan is not taken lightly nor without considerable thought and deliberation. But as I have stated, and I firmly believe, the interests of both the United States and Israel are met in this sale and I urge my colleagues to support the President."

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