

THE Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress and  
GOLDMANN former President of the World Zionist Organization, recently re-  
AFFAIR requested the Israeli government to approve a possible meeting be-  
tween him and Egypt's President Nassar.

Apparently Dr. Goldmann had reason to believe that President Nassar might talk to him. Dr. Goldmann sought the "acquiescence" of Israeli Prime Minister Meir. She consulted with the Cabinet which disapproved of the visit, which was intended to be private and outside of public view.

While Israeli hawks saw the bid as a trap, other segments of the Israeli public reacted unexpectedly to the public announcement. Some demonstrated against the government and spoke bitterly of the government's inflexibility.

THE Dr. Goldmann's views are expressed in an article, "The Future of  
FUTURE Israel," appearing in Foreign Affairs for April. Recounting his  
OF role in the creation of the State of Israel, as a long time Zion-  
ISRAEL ist, Dr. Goldmann sees today's Israel as a "state like all other  
states in structure and form," and a distortion of the Zionist  
ideal of a state which would "save Jews suffering from discrimination and  
persecution by giving them the opportunity for a decent and meaningful life  
in their own homeland" and "ensure the survival of the Jewish people against  
the threat of disintegration and disappearance in those parts of the world  
where they enjoy full equality of life." The Zionist conviction was that  
the Jewish people could insure survival only through a country of their own,  
and there has been over the centuries a "peculiar attachment to Palestine,"  
the country of origin.

Today, Israel's first problem is its relation to "the Arab world in whose midst it exists." Zionism never anticipated armed conflict with the Arab world to create a Jewish state, and initially hoped for Arab consent to the creation of the Jewish state in what was then sparsely settled Palestine. However, the armed hostility of the Arab world has forced Israel to adopt a posture of armed defense.

Three wars have not led to stability and peace. Arab resentment grows with each Israeli victory. "When defeated, Arabs attach their hopes to a new war with possible victory." Arabs have a tremendous numerical advantage over Israel, while Israel's defense posture has been related to its technological superiority. Yet the emphasis on defense has diverted Israel's efforts from social and economic progress to military efforts.

Internationally, Israel is becoming more and more isolated, having "lost much of the sympathy aroused by the brutal Arab threats of 1967 to annihilate the Jews in Israel..." The Communist world and France are now unfriendly as are twenty Arab and Moslem states, and nations like India which have a sizeable Arab minority. The only decisive support comes from the United States and a few small European powers. The United States may find that its policies in the future "are determined by day-to-day interests rather than by great visions or moral concepts, 80 to 90 million Arabs and many more million Moslems in possession of the Middle Eastern lands with the richest oil resources in the world."

Dr. Goldmann believes that today, Israel "is more admired...for its military brilliance than for its spiritual achievements..." In many countries reactionary nationalists now support Israel and the progressive liberals, who were its early supporters, have become "disappointed and antagonistic."

Most Jews live outside of Israel, and there will be no new, large-scale immigration "unless something tragic and unexpected happens." Without the interest of the World Jewish community, Israel will be in trouble. Policies of Israel as a state may conflict with policies of nations where Jews live, thus creating difficulties for them.

"An Israel at war, in permanent mobilization, cannot" be "a center of attraction, the greatest challenge for the best, most idealistic elements of the young generation, which is in great danger of largely being lost to the Jewish people within a few decades."

**SALT TALKS** The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks have opened in Vienna. Ralph E. Lapp, a nuclear physicist who has devoted much attention to the problem of limiting arms, suggests that these talks represent the first real arms control effort since World War II and "represent a real threat to the Pentagon." Analyzing Defense Secretary Laird's 1970 Defense Posture Statement to Congress, Lapp sees curious logic about the potential nuclear threat from Communist China. Laird saw 25% of the American population living in our 10 largest cities while only 11% of the Chinese population live in her 1000 largest cities. Said Laird: "Consequently the Chinese could inflict on us a proportionately greater number of fatalities in a smaller attack than we could inflict on them in a very large attack." Laird concluded that we therefore need to proceed with the ABM, overlooking the fact that the blast-heat and nuclear fall-out of our bombs and missiles would inflict many fatalities on the Chinese. Similarly, Lapp points out that Laird again trotted out the deployment of SS9's in the Soviet Union as justification for the U.S. proceeding now to put MIRV's on Minutemen and Poseidon Missiles. Lapp believes that the U.S. is proceeding to make impossible success at SALT. ("Correcting Our Posture," New Republic, March 28, 1970)

On Earth Day, I.F. Stone spoke at a rally, and called attention to the possibility that concern about Ecology might very well be diverting attention from sabotage of the SALT talks by Secretary Laird and the Pentagon. (CBS Radio News, April 22, 1970)

It is interesting that the morning papers of April 24th carry alarming headlines, "Red Missile Sub Off East Coast: Pentagon." The article following also called attention to the completion of a nationwide radar system in the Soviet Union as a prelude for a large-scale antiballistic missile system. William Beecher (New York Times, April 24), said "officials conceded that the timing of these disclosures was aimed in part at influencing the Congress and the Russians.

"The Pentagon officials hope to improve the case in Congress for expanding the safeguard missile defense system....."

**ANTI-WAR LAW** Governor Francis W. Sargent of Massachusetts signed into law anti-Vietnam War legislation which was authored by John M. Wells, minister of the First Parish Church, Unitarian-Universalist, in Lexington, Massachusetts.

The Law challenges the authority of the President to carry on undeclared wars by authorizing the Attorney-General of Massachusetts to bring a suit before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the first Massachusetts serviceman who requests defense by the state government.

--Unitarian-Universalist, World, April 15, 1970

Similar legislation was introduced into the New York legislature in the 1970 session, but was killed. James Reston suggested in the New York Times, April 12, that the Massachusetts legislation is significant because it says, to President Nixon, that opposition to the war is widespread, and it is now clearly present among members of "the establishment." That is encouraging.

**IT COSTS MORE THAN WE THOUGHT** "Economists have not even begun to make an appropriate measure of the cost to the nation of the sustained high level of military and allied activity. At least a two-fold cost is involved: the resources actually consumed for these purposes; and second, the value of the goods and services whose production is foregone because of the present priorities."

--Seymour Melman, "American Needs and Limits on Resources: The Priorities Problem" New University Thought, Special Issue, 1966-7

**WE'RE WORRIED** American officials in Saigon -- and perhaps in Washington also -- see the Cambodian situation, so full of promise in May, as "fast beginning to sour." Doubts have grown as to the capacity of the new government to control the Cambodian people among the very Americans who were initially enthused by the coup d'etat which overthrew Prince Sihanouk.

--New York Times, April 20, 1970

We cannot dispel a lurking suspicion that the overthrow of the present ruler of Cambodia is a step towards a new, more democratic, and more

### CAMBODIA VIGIL

As a way for peace people to express their outrage at the invasion of Cambodia, the Peace Council organized a silent vigil downtown Tuesday May 6. Numbers swelled by Syracuse University strikers, 4,000 people lined both sides of Salina Street along the entire downtown area.

### LETTER WRITING

Peace Council phoners in the past two weeks have spent a great deal of time making calls urging persons to write to their Congressmen demanding an immediate end to the war in South East Asia. If you have not yet written a letter, please do so as the letters are presently very important. The Peace Council also has a large stock of petitions on "the Amendment to end the war!" Please pick these up at the office.

### STUDENT STRIKE

Few people realize how constructive and creative the student strike at Syracuse University has been. The normal business of the school came to an end as students and faculty gathered in many different meetings and forums to discuss how to end repression in the US and how to end the war in South East Asia.

Plans are progressing for a School of Non-violence to be established at SU. A new and active group, Veterans for Peace has been formed. This group took a petition to the Common Council and has sent Vietnam Veterans to speak to many groups. Law students are sending teams to speak to each law firm in Syracuse. These teams speak to lawyers about the strike and about the need to end the war. Teams of SU students went to most churches in Syracuse on Sunday May 10. The Psychology Department has set up phones and is calling all persons in Syracuse to talk to them about the war. Students from the drama school are attempting to go door to door canvassing throughout Syracuse to raise money to go to a fund raising 10 million dollars to spend on a television advertising campaign against the war. One committee has contacted over two hundred community groups for a meeting to discuss the war. Another committee is providing speakers for community groups. In addition a draft resistance group has been established which among other things is flooding draft boards with mail.

Onondaga Community College was on strike for two days. The Onondaga Community College Moratorium Committee is serving to co-ordinate strike activities for community colleges across the state.

During this time the Peace Council office has been a very busy place, as most of these committees have turned to the Peace Council for ideas, speakers, films, literature, and just plain help.

### KENT STATE

Two students from Kent State, Shelley Stewart and Jan Schlesinger, one of whom witnessed the murders, attended the May Executive Committee meeting. Consequently, the Peace Council arranged a press conference as well as several speaking engagements so that they could tell their story.

### HARVEY BATES CAMPAIGN

Because of its tax exempt status the Peace Council cannot work for political candidates, however it can be noted that Harvey Bates, Chairman of the Syracuse Peace Council Executive Committee is running for Congress in the Democratic primary as a Peace Candidate. Workers are needed now for his campaign. Call: 472 - 6410.

MAY 3 Evening for Peace

On Sunday night May 3, 300 persons gathered at May Memorial Unitarian Church for a Peace Council sponsored Evening for Peace. Davil Miller spoke; songs were sung; and over refreshments, SPC members had a chance to become better acquainted.

MOTHER'S DAY PEACE ACTION

On Mother's day, Sunday May 10, 60 women met at Columbus Circle and then dispersed to pass out a statement by Another Mother for Peace to church people and to urge that letters be sent to Congress protesting the invasion of Cambodia. Out of this action has grown a continuing committee which is planning further projects.

APRIL 15, TAX DAY RALLY

500 persons met in Clinton Square on tax day for an evening rally to protest war caused high taxes and the continuation of the Vietnam War. Speakers for the rally were, Brad Lyttle, Georgiane Fravel, S. M. Miller, Harvey Bates, John Fuller. In addition there was group singing and a musical skit put on by a radical theater group. Tax Resistance was a major theme of the rally, which faced many people with the very real question: Should I pay taxes, 70% of which go to war?

Prior to the Tax Day Rally, 80,000 leaflets were distributed throughout Syracuse. Teams met in 15 homes spread across the city to do door to door leafleting. Other teams distributed leaflets downtown and in shopping centers.

FILMS

We have had so many requests for the Shoeburn film, "Vietnam: How Did We Get In, How can We Get Out" that we have had trouble scheduling it. If you would like to show the film to a group, please make a reservation some time in advance.

In addition to the Vietnam film, the Peace Council has purchased "Hiroshima Nagasaki 1945." This sixteen minute film shows films taken by Japanese photographers of the atomic blasts, that had been held by the US State Department from the public for over twenty years.

NEIGHBORHOOD DISCUSSION GROUPS

Six neighborhood discussion groups are already planned for the next month. Peace Council members are inviting friends and neighbors into their home to view one of the Peace Council films. Discussion leaders have been trained to lead discussion after. If you would like to have one of these groups meet in your home, call Dani Riposo at 488- 3913.

CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Church Committee held a Good Friday Service for Peace which was attended by 150 persons. It is becoming increasingly clear that there are a significant number of church people wanting to find ways to work for peace. The Church Committee is scheduling the Vietnam film in churches. Special Sunday morning peace services are being planned, beginning with Plymouth Congregational Church and First Presbyterian Church. In addition plans are being made for a fall weekend conference on peace for Church people.

STATE FAIR

Ada Carter has made arrangements for a booth for the Peace Council at the State Fair. This year's booth will be double the size of the booth last year. A committee is being formed to make plans for the fair booth. If you would like to work on this project, call the Peace Council office.

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Goldmann calls for the recognition of Israel by all peoples of the world, including the Arabs; and for its neutralization under the permanent protection of all mankind. He draws an analogy to Switzerland. Neutralization would remove Arab fears of Israeli "territorial expansion", something Israel may now feel necessary for its security. Among preconditions for this new status would be an agreement between Israel and the Arab states to end the present crisis and some constructive approach to the refugee problem which has poisoned the atmosphere since the first Arab-Israeli conflict.

CHILD CARE

The Peace Council or Syracuse New Move will provide child care for all actions or events within the Syracuse Peace movement. Volunteers are needed for child care, so that the responsibility can be rotated between a number of people. If there is some question as to the location of time of this service either the SPC office or Liz Jutton, 479-8921, should be contacted. Child care will be available May 30, for the 2nd Annual Reading of the Vietnam War Dead. It will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church beginning at 2:30 pm.

JUNE 6

In light of the recent community activities which resulted from the nation-wide student strikes, the activities for June 6 have been altered. A special mailing will follow shortly explaining this more fully.

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# DATES

MAY 26 Tuesday. Emergency Religious Convocation on Southeast Asia to be held in Washington. Called by Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam. Contact Sarah Edwards, 474-3423, for more information.

MAY 28 Meeting for women interested in creating new SPC projects for the community. At Jean Nanavati's home, 307 Albert Ave, 446-7297. 8 pm.

MAY 30 Saturday - Memorial Day .. 2nd Annual Reading of the Vietnam War dead. Senator Charles Goodell has been invited to participate in the ceremony. 3 pm, Clinton Square.

JUNE 3 SPC Executive Committee meeting. All members welcome. 8 pm, Church Center.

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