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A WEEKLY COMMENTARY ON THE COLD WAR

"We will bury you . . . your children will grow up under Communism . . ." Krushchev.

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Thought for the Week: "Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with importunate chink, whilst thousands of great cattle, reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew the cud and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field". - Edmund Burke.

EXPLOSIVE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION: "Israeli's air attacks on what are said to be the headquarters of guerrilla forces in Syria are not likely to deter the Arab fanatics who have been raiding along the Israel border. The dangerous dilemma is that neither restraint nor retaliation show any sign of leading to peace. Much of the trouble stems from the failure of all concerned to solve the problem of the Palestinian Arab refugees. From the camps of misery in which scores of thousands of these displaced people have existed for more than 20 years a succession of what might be called hereditary terrorists can be recruited into the Arab movement for liberating Palestine." - From Melbourne. Herald editorial, February 25.

From time to time readers write questioning, or criticising, our comments on the Middle East crisis. The distinguished American Jew, Moshe Menuhin, father of the famous violinist Yehudi Menuhin, has observed in his book, The Decadence of Judaism, that discussion on the Arab-Israeli is impossible with those who refuse to go back to the start of the story. Like many other Jews, Moshe Menuhin is strongly critical of the International Political Zionist Movement, the terrorist methods by which the State of Israel was established, the subsequent failure of the Israelis to accept the boundaries allocated to them by the UN., and to even make a start towards implementing a policy of justice towards the million natives of Palestine who were uprooted from their homes in 1948.

Because the basic facts of the Middle East crisis receive comparatively little publicity, Political Zionist propaganda being much more effective than anything the Arab nations can present, does not alter the reality of the facts. Our duty is to present truth even though many well-meaning people find it unpalatable. It is something that one Australian daily paper, The Herald, (Melbourne) does draw attention to one of the running sores of the Middle East situation, the dreadful refugee problem, which has been a source of tremendous profit to the Soviet strategists.

No realistic discussion is possible on the Middle East crisis without a consideration of the following background: During the First World War the British and French made firm promises to Arab leaders that they would enjoy freedom and independence after the war if they rose up against their Turkish

overlords and joined with the British forces. Arab leaders accepted British promises and Arab forces played a major role in the defeat of the Turks. Specifically listed for independence was Palestine, where Arabs had lived for over a thousand years. This was their native land.

But the Western Allies were being hard pushed by the Germans. The great German-Jewish international financial groups, including men like Jacob Schiff and the Warburgs, were pro-German and strongly opposed to America entering the conflict on the side of the British and French. The Political Zionists, with Dr. Chaim Weizmann as their spokesman, applied increasing pressure on the British Government to agree that their plans for Palestine should be accepted. This led to the infamous Balfour Agreement, under which the British Government led by Mr. Lloyd George not only broke the British promise to the Arabs, but promised to hand over another peoples country to another group of people. It was only after the British had capitulated on this question that America entered the war and the German-Jewish international financial groups changed their attitude towards the Western allies. Not generally known is that most British Jewish leaders opposed the Zionists' proposals.

The Palestinians were outraged when they discovered that they had been betrayed. They attempted to resist as the British, who took over Palestine as a Mandate, permitted a massive Zionist influx into Palestine to take place. The British were forced in 1939 to adopt once more a more sympathetic policy towards the Arabs, as stability in the Middle East was essential for defeat against Hitler's Germany. Hitler attempted to exploit the Arabs.

Under cover of the Second World War the Political Zionists intensified their campaign to dominate Palestine, making increasing use of terrorist tactics. Endeavouring to maintain control, the British were faced with a campaign of worldwide vilification, organised by the Political Zionists, and a flood of illegal Jewish refugees ruthlessly used by the Zionist leaders to achieve their objectives. Zionist terrorist methods after the war resulted in such terrible events as the bombing of the King David Hotel, when large numbers of woman and children died. Eventually the British decided they could take no more of Zionist terrorism. And they were under heavy pressure from the Truman Administration in Washington. They relinquished the Palestine Mandate .

With the firm backing of the Soviet under Stalin, and of Washington, the Zionist declared the new State of Israel immediately the British left. But in spite of the Zionist campaign, the Jews were only a small minority of the total population, and owned only a small part of the country. The UN had decided that Palestine be partitioned. Fighting broke out when the British left and the Israelis, supported by the Soviet with military equipment essential for success, scored a major victory and seized even more territory than that allocated by the UN. This was the period of mass exodus by the Palestinians, leaving behind their homes and properties to the Zionist invaders. They were forced out by dreadful terrorist activities by the Zionists.

The UN has not even attempted to enforce its own decisions concerning Palestine and the mass refugee problem, further increased by the 1967 Arab-Israeli conflict when Israel took the whole of the West bank of the Jordan. Not surprisingly, those forced out of their homeland by the Zionist invaders are prepared to listen to anyone, even the Communists, who will promise them the justice which no civilised person can deny they should get.

If the West really desires to save the Middle East, it has got to insist that Israel accepts at the very minimum the borders laid down by the UN, and to make some contribution towards solving the refugee problem created by Israel. It will have to be made clear to the Arabs that they must accept Israel as a small State in the Middle East. This means that Israel must cease to be merely an instrument of International Political Zionism, helping to remove Arab fears, justified to some extent by events to date, that Israel is but a manifestation of Western "imperialism." This type of approach would have the strong support of moderate Arab leaders like King Hussein. And it would strike a major blow at the very roots of Soviet strategy in the Middle East. Many of the Arabs are strongly suspicious of the Soviet, as well they might be as they note that Israel's Chief Rabbi has been invited to Moscow, and has accepted the invitation. It is also reported that the Soviet is cutting down on deliveries of spare parts of Egypt's Soviet military equipment.

The Middle East situation is now so serious that it is essential that every effort be made to ensure that as many people as possible have an understanding of the background of developments. Mr. Eric Butler has contributed a special article on the subject for the March issue of Intelligence Survey. It is recommended for the close study of all On Target readers.

RUSSIANS IN INDIAN OCEAN TO STAY: "The Russians now have a permanent naval squadron in the Indian Ocean in addition to that in the Mediterranean. The Sunday Telegraph reported that it had been confirmed in Whitehall that there are now about 12 to 14 Soviet naval vessels, including missile ships and submarines, in the area. Two Soviet ships, a guided missile destroyer and a supply ship, are on their way to reinforce the Indian Ocean from the Mediterranean." The Australian, February, 24.

The evidence continues to show that having seized the initiative in filling the vacuum created by the British withdrawal from East of Suez, the Soviet is vigorously expanding and consolidating its naval strength and political influence in countries bordering the Indian Ocean. A little - publicised aspect of long-term Soviet planning for the Indian Ocean is the quiet Soviet build up at the Somali port of Berbera, directly south of Aden. This is beyond doubt part of the Soviet plan to control entrance to the Red Sea. The Soviet have made a major effort to develop at Berbera a port to provide themselves with a base for their growing Indian Ocean Fleet. Berbera will supplement the existing main harbour at the capital, Mogadishu. There was a ceremonial opening of the new port in January, with Soviet representatives present. Subsequently an announcement from Moscow said that because of the "exceptional importance" of Berbera Soviet "experts" will be taking charge of the port's operation for the next few years. Further deepening of the harbour is being undertaken, and a modern radio station will be under Soviet control.

The West now has no naval base facilities on the Eastern Coast of Africa north of the Portuguese port of Beira in Mozambique. Mr. Harold Wilson is still blockading this against that "threat to world peace", Rhodesia! Mr. Wilson has denied the South Africans the essential equipment necessary for the development of Durban as a base for Western warships. The Soviet strategists should be pleased with their progress in the Indian Ocean. Soviet Indian Ocean developments must concern thinking Australians about their future. They underline the vital importance of the League of Rights' special brochure, "Australia's Front Line In Southern Africa", being

distributed as widely as is quickly possible. (Order from Box 1052J., G. P. O., Melbourne. 3001. Prices: 10 c per single copy; \$1. per dozen; \$3. per 50.)

DEFICIENCY FUND ADVANCES.

A further \$151. was donated and pledged last week to the League's £5000. Deficiency Fund, bringing the total to \$1848.20. We were moved by the note from the supporter sending \$5. who said that this was his limit because he was attempting to keep his wife and three children on an average of \$31 per week. But he said he "had faith" in the League. Northern NSW and Queensland readers may send contributions direct to Mr. Don Martin, P.O., Box 3, PADDINGTON, BRISBANE.

COMMUNISTS TRUE TO FORM ON VIETNAM: "The state Department has started an urgent review to see if the Communists have broken the 'understanding' by which the U.S. stopped bombing North Vietnam last October. The Communists could have violated the informal agreement with the series of attacks they launched on South Vietnamese towns since the week end."

- The Herald (Melbourne) February 25.

There is nothing surprising about the latest Communist military offensive in Vietnam. The main objective is political, not military. The Communists are running true to form.. They know that in spite of the military mauling they have received in the Vietnam War, they have made tremendous political and psychological gains. Documents recently captured in Vietnam reveal that the Communist high command has told Communist troops how they are confident of a great political victory. One document reads, "We can have moderate victory any time we want, but we must preserve our standpoint and force a U.S. withdrawal." Further military pressure by the Communists will be exerted when felt necessary to assist them at the Paris "peace" talks.

If South-East Asia is to be saved from the Communist thrust, the non-Communists have got to demonstrate, much more will than they have. Australia could give a valuable lead by strongly supporting the much more realistic viewpoint of the South Vietnamese leaders like Vice-President Ky.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF: Conservative British MP Mr. Duncan Sandys has pointed out that in Britain since 1965 the number of murders which would have been punished by death under previous legislation had increased by more than 100 per cent. Conservative leader Edward Heath has indicated that the Conservatives may be considering making law and order, and capital punishment, an issue at the next British Elections.... Washington's crime rate, an issue in the last Presidential Elections, continues to soar. Armed robbery is for this year estimated at an average of 24 a day, rape every two to three days, murder every second day, and burglary about 50 a day.... In an agreement between Soviet Russia and Czechoslovakia, under which the Soviet will pay the full cost of keeping their troops in Czechoslovakia, and Soviet soldiers will be subject to Czechoslovakian laws, it is revealed that the Soviet will keep 70,000 troops in Czechoslovakia.

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