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BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF
ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAJOR ELEMENT IN THE POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WITH A FEW NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS, REPUBLICANS AND
DEMOCRATS HAVE ALWAYS JOINED FORCES. IT IS, THEREFORE, A GREAT PRIV-
ILEGE TO BE HERE TONIGHT, NOT ONLY AS THE JUNIOR SENATOR FROM KANSAS,
BUT ALSO AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

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KANSAN WAS EARLY CHAMPION OF ISRAEL

CHARLES CURTIS, WHO WAS THE REPUBLICAN SENATOR FROM KANSAS FOR
15 YEARS AND WHO CLIMAXED HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS OUR VICE PRESI-
DENT FROM 1929 TO 1933, WAS ONE OF A LONG LINE OF REPUBLICAN CONGRESS-
MEN WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE REALIZATION OF A MODERN ISRAELI STATE.

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AS FAR BACK AS 1918, HE HEARTILY APPROVED THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND STATED THAT "THESE LONG OPPRESSED PEOPLE SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OUT AND DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE AND HOMELAND OF THEIR OWN."

ISOLATIONISM WAS RAMPANT FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I. AS THE MAJORITY WHIP IN THE SENATE, CURTIS FOUGHT AGAINST THIS TREND (OF ISOLATIONISM) TO WIN PASSAGE OF THE LODGE-FISH RESOLUTION WHICH, IN 1922, PUT THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION. THIS WAS NOT A PROFORMA OR ROUTINE AFFAIR -- THERE WAS OPPOSITION AND IT HAD TO BE OVERCOME.

AT THAT TIME, THE BIRTHRIGHT OF THE JEWISH STATE WAS UNDER ATTACK FROM MANY QUARTERS -- WHICH EVEN THEN WAS NOT AN UNUSUAL CONDITION. THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS WAS THEN DELAYING APPROVAL BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT ENDORSED THE DECLARATION. IN ENGLAND, THE HOUSE OF LORDS ACTUALLY REPUDIATED THE BALFOUR DECLARATION.

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AMERICA SUPPORTED JEWISH HOMELAND

NEVERTHELESS, IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, SPEAKING THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON, AFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE JEWISH HOMELAND. CURTIS NEVER LOST FAITH IN THE POTENTIAL VIABILITY AND EVENTUAL FORMATION OF THE STATE.

IN 1932, HE HELPED TO FORM THE AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE AND BECAME ITS HONORARY CHAIRMAN. THIS COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE WAS TO "ORGANIZE MORE EFFECTIVELY OUR ENDEAVORS AS NON-JEWS TO COOPERATE WITH THIS GREAT IDEALISTIC CAUSE." THE COMMITTEE DECLARED THAT IT REGARDED THE SPEEDY REALIZATION OF ZIONISM AS AN IMPERATIVE NECESSITY. IT WOULD BE AN EXAGGERATION FOR ME TO CLAIM THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS SINGULARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORT OF THE JEWISH STATE IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BIPARTISAN ENDEAVOR; SOMETIMES WE HAVE JUDGED CIRCUMSTANCES ACCURATELY AND SOMETIMES WE HAVE MADE MISTAKES. NEVERTHELESS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS NEVER DEFAULTED ON ITS BASIC COMMITMENT TO THE FORMATION AND SURVIVAL OF THE JEWISH STATE.

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GOP CALLED FOR OPENING OF PALESTINE

IN THE DARK YEARS OF WORLD WAR II, IN 1944, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS THE FIRST TO WRITE INTO ITS PARTY PLATFORM A STRONG PLANK CALLING FOR THE OPENING OF PALESTINE TO JEWISH IMMIGRANTS AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC COMMONWEALTH IN PALESTINE.

THE DEMOCRATS, TOO, HAD A STRONG PLANK THAT YEAR AND IT WAS ONLY FOUR YEARS LATER THAT BOTH PLANKS WERE TRANSFORMED INTO REALITY.

SINCE THEN, THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS THRIVED AND GROWN. I HAVE SEEN THIS GROWTH FIRST HAND AND AM CONVINCED THAT STATE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE AND PROSPER -- WITH THE SUPPORT OF MOST AMERICANS, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY.

ISRAEL STILL MENACED

TODAY, HOWEVER, THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS A BELEAGUERED NATION. HOSTILE NATIONS SURROUND IT. BUT THIS, IN ITSELF, WOULD NOT BE AN OVERWHELMING CHALLENGE TO THE RESOURCEFULNESS AND COURAGE OF THE ISRAELI PEOPLE WERE IT NOT FOR THE SOVIET THREAT.

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THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE LIVED WITH RUSSIAN HOSTILITY ON MANY FRONTS OVER THE CENTURIES. ALL OF US KNOW ABOUT THE POGROMS OF CZARIST TIMES -- POGROMS WHICH BROUGHT MANY OF YOUR FOREBEARS TO THIS AND OTHER LANDS OF REFUGE.

EVEN AFTER THE BOLSHEVIKS OVERCAME THE CZARISTS, THE ANTI-JEWISH ATTITUDE REMAINED BASICALLY UNCHANGED. THERE WAS THE CONTINUING BIGOTRY, DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWISH INSTITUTIONS AND, MOST OF ALL, HOSTILITY TO ZIONISM, A HOSTILITY BASED ON IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS, FOR THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY FOUGHT THE CONCEPT OF A JEWISH STATE AS COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY. INSIDE RUSSIA, JEWS WERE IMPRISONED AND ZIONISTS EXILED, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT CARRIED ON AN UNRELENTING ATTACK AGAINST THE HEBREW LANGUAGE, JEWISH INSTITUTIONS AND THE RELIGION ITSELF.

IN 1948, THERE WAS A BRIEF INTERLUDE WHEN THE SOVIET UNION SUPPORTED THE FORMATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE JEWISH STATE. ONE MUST REALIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A TACTIC TO SERVE LONG-TERM SOVIET EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS. THIS SUDDEN AND BRIEF REVERSAL OF POLICY WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE ZIONISTS WERE FIGHTING TO END BRITISH RULE IN PALESTINE.

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USSR DENOUNCES ISRAEL

WITHIN A FEW YEARS, THE USSR WAS DENOUNCING ISRAEL AS A REACTIONARY AND IMPERIALISTIC PUPPET BECAUSE THE JEWISH STATE REFUSED TO BECOME A SOVIET SATELLITE AND BECAUSE IT WAS TOTALLY ORIENTED TOWARD DEMOCRACY. NOW, SOVIET ENMITY FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAD A GEOPOLITICAL RATIONALE.

RUSSIANS WOO ARABS

REBUFFED BY ISRAEL, THE SOVIETS SET OUT TO WIN THE FAVOR OF THE ARAB STATES BY EXPLOITING ARAB HOSTILITY TOWARD ISRAEL. HOSTILITY TOWARD ISRAEL ABROAD HAS PARALLELED HOSTILITY TOWARD JEWS INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION. SINCE CZARIST DAYS, RUSSIAN ANTI-SEMITISM HAS BEEN INGRAINED.

INTRODUCED RESOLUTION FOR SOVIET JEWRY

IN PROTEST AGAINST THIS AND THE RECENT RECURRENCE OF SHOW TRIALS AND REPRESSION IN THE SOVIET UNION, I INTRODUCED INTO THE SENATE LAST DECEMBER A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS "GRAVE CONCERN" OVER THE TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWS. I URGED IN THAT RESOLUTION THAT THE USSR "PROVIDE FAIR AND EQUITABLE JUSTICE FOR ITS JEWISH CITIZENS."

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UNFORTUNATELY, WE MAY HAVE A LONG TIME TO WAIT. THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE ON DECEMBER 29, 1970.

RUSSIANS OBJECT EXPANSION IN MIDEAST

SOVIET TACTICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONCENTRATE ON ISRAEL BUT THE MAIN SOVIET OBJECTIVE IS EXPANSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IF THERE WERE NO ISRAEL, THE RUSSIANS WOULD DOUBTLESS EXPLOIT OTHER CONFLICTS IN THE AREA. THEY WOULD SUPPORT EGYPT AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA, OR SYRIA AGAINST JORDAN. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT IF THERE WERE NO ISRAEL TO MENACE, THEY WOULD HAVE TO INVENT ONE.

THUS, THE ARAB WAR AGAINST ISRAEL SERVES THE SOVIET UNION AS A CONVENIENT PRETEXT TO FURTHER IMPERIALISTIC DESIGNS WHICH GO BACK TO CZARIST DAYS.

AGE-OLD RUSSIAN TARGET

IN PREVIOUS CENTURIES, TURKEY STOOD IN THE PATH OF THE RUSSIAN SOUTHWARD DRIVE. DURING THE BRIEF NAZI-SOVIET ALLIANCE, THE RUSSIANS AIMED TO GET A GERMAN PROMISE FOR CONTROL OVER THE PERSIAN GULF AND THE DARDANELLES.

AFTER WORLD WAR II, THE RUSSIANS TRIED TO ANNEX PART OF THE IRAN AND TO INFILTRATE INTO TURKEY AND GREECE. FIRM U. S. ACTION STOPPED

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THE COMMUNIST ADVANCE IN THESE AREAS. FAILING THERE, THE SOVIETS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON EGYPT, EXPLOITING ARAB NATIONALISM AND OLD GRIEVANCES AGAINST ISRAEL TO KEEP THE ENTIRE REGION IN CONFLICT.

THE TOOLS WHICH THE KREMLIN LEADERSHIP HAS USED TO GAIN INROADS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND, MOST IMPORTANT, MILITARY -- PLANES, WEAPONS AND TRAINING IN THEIR USE.

RUSSIA PUSHES MIDEAST ARMS RACE

THIS PROCESS, WHICH BEGAN IN 1955, CONTINUES TODAY. FOR, NO MATTER WHAT HER LEADERS MIGHT SAY, THE FACT IS THE RUSSIANS HAVE NEVER BEEN WILLING TO AGREE TO ANY LIMITATION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST. WHENEVER THE UNITED STATES HAS HESITATED TO PROVIDE ARMS ISRAEL HAS REQUESTED, IN THE HOPE THAT THIS MIGHT INITIATE MUTUAL RESTRAINT, THE RUSSIANS UNHESITATINGLY HAVE ESCALATED THEIR INVOLVEMENT BY SENDING MORE MIG'S AND MISSILES TO EGYPT.

THE RUSSIANS WATCH THE UNITED STATES CLOSELY FOR ANY SIGNS OF HESITATION OR WEAKNESS. THEY KNOW THAT WE ARE THE ONLY MAJOR POWER STANDING BETWEEN THEM AND DOMINATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WITHIN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, THE SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED THIS MANEUVER BY SUPPLYING EGYPT WITH THEIR MOST ADVANCED JETS -- MIG-23s.

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ISRAEL ON THE FIRING LINE

AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE FREE WORLD, ONLY ONE -- ISRAEL -- IS MENACED DIRECTLY BY HOSTILE SOVIET TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT, WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TREATY OR A SECURITY PACT. AND, UNLIKE MANY OTHER NATIONS WHICH GET MILITARY AID FROM THE UNITED STATES, ISRAEL IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT PAYS FOR ALL ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ALBEIT ON SPECIAL TERMS.

IS IT ANY WONDER THEN THAT THE SOVIET UNION REGARDS ISRAEL AS A VULNERABLE COLD WAR TARGET AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S ARAB ALLIES WATCH EAGERLY FOR THE SLIGHTEST SIGN OF U. S. HESITATION IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL? SUCH HESITATION WOULD BE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT ISRAEL INDEED STANDS ALONE AND MIGHT PROVE TO BE AN EASY PREY.

NIGHTMARE OF PAST BETRAYALS

I KNOW THAT THE NIGHTMARE OF ISOLATION WEIGHS HEAVILY ON THIS AUDIENCE HERE TONIGHT. IT CONJURES UP THE GRIM MEMORY OF THE HOLOCAUST VISITED UPON THE JEWISH PEOPLE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WHEN A PARALYZED WORLD SAT BY AND IGNORED THE NAZI POLICY OF INTIMIDATION, HARASSMENT, JURIDICAL DISCRIMINATION AND, FINALLY THE MASS MURDER OF SIX MILLION HUMAN BEINGS. IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OF HISTORY,

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SO FRESH IN MEMORY, THAT MANY OF US HAVE COME TO THINK OF ISRAEL AS A TEST CASE OF OUR CIVILIZATION. FOR IF WE FAIL IN OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HUMANITY A SECOND TIME, COULD WE OURSELVES SURVIVE?

ENEMIES SEEK AMERICAN RETREAT

THE ARAB MILITANTS DO NOT NEED TO MAKE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. THEY KNOW THE SOVIETS ARE WILLING TO FOOT THE BILL FOR CONTINUED WAR PREPARATION AND WAR, ITSELF. MOREOVER, ISRAEL, IN ARAB EYES, HAS ONLY THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT HER, AND THEY, HEARING THE VOICES OF FAINT HEARTS CALLING FOR RETREAT AND SURRENDER IN VIETNAM, VIEW THE UNITED STATES AS A FICKLE FRIEND TO ANY ALLY. THEY ARE WRONG. THEIR HOPES FOR AN AMERICAN ABANDONMENT ARE AN ILLUSION. THEY MISINTERPRET EVERY AMERICAN PROPOSAL AND GESTURE WHICH IS INTENDED TO WIN ARAB FRIENDSHIP AS A SIGN OF HOSTILITY TO ISRAEL. WHEN THE UNITED STATES TAKES ANY ACTION TOWARD PEACE, THE SOVIETS CONJURE UP THE MIRAGE OF FINAL VICTORY. YES, WE SEEK PEACE. BUT WE DO NOT SEEK SURRENDER. WE SEEK A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, REACHED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED, AND FREE OF GREAT POWER IMPOSITION.

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DIVISIVE TACTICS FAIL

ISRAEL'S FOES SOMETIMES TRY TO ALIENATE US FROM ISRAEL BY ARGUING THAT AN ARAB VICTORY OVER ISRAEL WOULD LESSEN THE ARAB NEED FOR A SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THAT IS SOPHISTRY. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT ARGUMENT. ON THE CONTRARY, IF THE SOVIETS-BACKED ARAB EXTREMISTS EVER SUCCEED IN THEIR WAR AGAINST ISRAEL, RUSSIAN PRESTIGE WILL BE ENHANCED AND THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE ARAB WORLD WILL BE STRONGER THAN EVER. PERSONALLY, I AM CONVINCED THAT AMERICAN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL -- SUPPORT THAT IS FIRM AND UNYIELDING -- IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN KEEPING PEACE AND FREEDOM FOR ISRAEL ALIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I BELIEVE THAT THAT SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE.

SOVIET THREAT REAL

FEW DOUBT THAT THE SOVIET THREAT IS REAL. A WAR PLANE THAT CAN TRAVEL FROM CAIRO TO TEL AVIV IN 7 1/2 MINUTES DOES NOT SEEM LIKE "HUMBUGGERY" TO ME. YES, THE SOVIET THREAT IS REAL, NOT ONLY TO ISRAEL, BUT ALSO THE THE WHOLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST, AND BEYOND -- THE PERSIAN GULF, THE INDIAN OCEAN, EAST AFRICA, AND THE ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN -- THE SOFT UNDER-BELLY OF EUROPE.

IT THREATENS THE NATIONS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND THE PILLARS OF THE FREE WORLD.

THUS, THE THREAT TO ISRAEL BECOMES A PART OF A WIDER THREAT TO WHICH AMERICAN POLICY IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD MUST RESPOND.

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URGED PLANES FOR ISRAEL

✓ ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, I JOINED WITH 75 OF MY COLLEAGUES IN A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS, URGING THAT WE PROVIDE PLANES TO ISRAEL. I TOOK THE POSITION THEN, AND I WANT TO REAFFIRM IT NOW, THAT "THE STRENGTH OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY POSTURE IS THE BEST GUARANTEE AGAINST THE OUTBREAK OF MAJOR HOSTILITIES." IN THAT WAY THE NEEDS FOR ISRAEL'S IMMEDIATE SURVIVAL WILL BE ASSURED. ARAB LEADERS WILL HAVE TO RE-EXAMINE THEIR BELLIGERENCY; RUSSIAN EXPANSION WILL BE SLOWED, AND THE POSITION OF THE FREE WORLD IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE MORE SECURE.

LONG TERM HOPES FOR PEACE

BUT IN LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE SEEK MORE THAN THE CONTINUATION OF AN UNEASY TRUCE -- OF AN ARMED TRUCE SUBJECT TO ERUPT INTO OPEN WARFARE WITHOUT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

✓ FOR THE MILLIONS OF ARAB AND ISRAELI CHILDREN GROWING UP IN THE TENSIONS AND HOSTILITIES OF TODAY, WE HOPE FOR A FUTURE FREE OF STRIFE. SUCH A FUTURE MUST BE BUILT ON MORE THAN GUNS AND PLANES -- THOUGH WE MUST NEVER FORGET THE IMPORTANCE OF MILITARY SECURITY.

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SUCH A FUTURE MUST BE BUILT ON A GENUINE, LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE BASIC DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE THE CONTENDING PARTIES IN THE MIDEAST. OBVIOUSLY, THIS KIND OF SETTLEMENT SHOULD NOT AND WILL NOT BE IMPOSED FROM THE OUTSIDE. THE IDEA OF A RIGID "AGREEMENT", ENGINEERED BY THE GREAT POWERS AND INFLICTED ON ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES IS NEITHER ETHICAL NOR PRACTICAL. IT WOULD NOT BE A JUST PEACE, AND IT WOULD NOT BE A LASTING PEACE, BY ITS VERY NATURE.

ENCOURAGE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

BUT, WHILE THE GREAT POWERS AND THE UNITED NATIONS CANNOT IMPOSE PEACE, THEY CAN ENCOURAGE IT. THEY CAN REFRAIN FROM ACTS WHICH THREATEN THE TENUOUS FIRST STEPS WHICH REASONABLE MEN AND WOMEN ON BOTH SIDES HAVE TAKEN.

WHILE ENSURING THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL NEVER IS SUBJECT TO MILITARY BLACKMAIL FROM NEIGHBORING ENEMIES, WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A WIDESPREAD HOSTILITY TO ISRAEL IN THE ARAB WORLD, THE ARAB PEOPLES AND THE ARAB STATES ARE NOT A MONOLITH.

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UNDERCUTTING AMERICAN EFFORTS THREATEN PEACE

THOSE WHO WOULD UNDERMINE EITHER AMERICAN ROLE -- BE THEY CRITICS FROM THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT -- INCREASE THE THREAT TO ISRAEL, AND TO WORLD PEACE, IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

SOMETIMES SUCH ACTION TAKES THE FORM OF DESTROYING AMERICA'S CREDIBILITY AS A WORLD POWER THAT HONORS ITS GLOBAL COMMITMENTS; SOMETIMES IT TAKES THE FORM OF TRYING TO WEAKEN OUR STRENGTH AS A MILITARY POWER IN AN AGE WHEN STRENGTH IS STILL THE FINAL GUARANTOR OF PEACE; AND, SOMETIMES, WHETHER IT TAKES THE FORM OF A NEW SPIRIT OF ISOLATION AND DISENGAGEMENT -- OF TURNING OUR BACK ON OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES AROUND THE WORLD AND BURYING OUR HEAD IN THE SAND -- WHICHEVER OF THESE FORMS IT TAKES, THE RESULT WILL ALWAYS BE THE SAME.

THE RESULT WILL PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO WOULD SEE ISRAEL CUT OFF AND HELPLESS -- OF THOSE WHO WOULD SEE THE BIRTHPLACE OF OUR JUDEO-CHRISTIAN CULTURE BECOME A SCENE OF NEW DESOLATION AND DESTRUCTION.

RISK OF GLOBAL TRAGEDY

IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST TRAGEDY OF RECORDED HISTORY IF THE CRADLE OF THREE GREAT RELIGIONS -- JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM -- SHOULD BE THE COCKPIT OF A THIRD, AND PROBABLY A LAST, WORLD WAR.

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THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION ARE PLEDGED NEVER TO LET THIS HAPPEN, AS LONG AS IT LIES IN OUR POWER TO PREVENT IT.

THIS MEANS BOTH MAINTAINING ISRAEL'S DEFENSIVE STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGING THE KIND OF MODERATE, FAIR-MINDED CLIMATE IN WHICH MEN OF GOOD WILL ON BOTH SIDES CAN MEET AND REACH ACCORD.

ARAB MODERATES ENDANGERED

THERE ARE GOOD MEN AND BAD -- MANY HONEST SEEKERS OF PEACE -- IN SOME ARAB CAPITALS.

INDEED, WE HAVE SEEN CASES WHEN THE EXTREMISTS OF THE ARAB WORLD HAVE TURNED THEIR WRATH AWAY FROM ISRAEL AND ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY MORE THAN ~~ONE~~ ^{ONE} MODERATE ARAB LEADER IN THE PAST -- MOST RECENTLY, IN THE CASE OF JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN.

FORTUNATELY FOR THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE AND STABILITY, THAT ATTEMPT FAILED. JUST AS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS DETERMINATION TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ISRAEL THE ARMS AND MATERIAL NEEDED FOR A SECURE DEFENSE, THE AMERICAN NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WAS A POWERFUL FACTOR IN HELPING END THE SYRIAN INVASION AND IN PREVENTING AN EXTREMIST TAKEOVER OF JORDAN.

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THE EFFORTS OF SECRETARY ROGERS TO PRESERVE THE REPUTATION OF THE UNITED STATES AS AN HONEST BROKER IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS IMPORTANT TO THE LONG RANGE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. SECRETARY ROGERS IS IN THE MIDDLE EAST TONIGHT TO BRING WHAT INFLUENCE HE MAY HAVE TO BEAR ON BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE. OF COURSE, HE RECOGNIZES, THAT THERE ARE MANY DIFFICULTIES THAT LIE AHEAD BEFORE WE CAN BE SURE OF PEACE IN THIS AREA. ~~X~~ HOWEVER, I THINK THAT I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT SINCE LAST JUNE WHEN SECRETARY ROGERS FIRST UNDERTOOK NEW PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, THERE HAS BEEN MORE PROGRESS MADE INVOLVING BOTH PARTIES THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS. ~~X~~ IT IS WELL TO REMEMBER ALSO THAT IT HAS NOW BEEN NINE MONTHS SINCE THERE HAS BEEN ANY SHOOTING IN THIS AREA. ~~X~~ NO ONE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION IS PREDICTING ANY SUCH THING AS A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN PEACE NEGOTIATION, BUT I HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT SECRETARY ROGERS HAS HIGH HOPES OF NARROWING AREAS OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. IF HE CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS HIS TRIP WILL HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE AND PERHAPS IT WILL EVEN ALLOW US TO PREDICT WITH SOME DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S DREAM OF A GENERATION OF PEACE WILL NOT FOUNDER. (ON ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN ENMITIES)

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SEEKING PEACE

SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT, WE ARE TOLD IN THE 34th PSALM, FOR
"THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN
UNTO THEIR CRY."

IT IS THE YOUNG, THE INNOCENT ON BOTH SIDES WHO HAVE PAID THE
GREATEST PRICE IN A GENERATION OF HATRED AND VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. FOR 23 YEARS, THEIR PRAYERS FOR PEACE HAVE GONE UNANSWERED.

PEACE CANNOT BE WON OVERNIGHT

STRIFE THAT HAS LASTED THIS LONG CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO END OVER-
NIGHT. ENDING IT WILL BE A LONG, HARD BUSINESS. BUT WE MUST CONTINUE
"TO SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT", IN THE WORDS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

FOR UNTIL THERE IS REAL PEACE, THERE WILL BE NO REST FOR ANYONE
IN THE HOLY LAND, AND NO REAL SECURITY FROM WAR FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF
THE WORLD.

X ISRAEL MUST AND SHALL SURVIVE AS A FREE NATION. BUT BEYOND BARE
SURVIVAL, LET US WORK FOR THE DAY WHEN A GENERATION OF ARAB AND ISRAELI
CHILDREN CAN BE BORN INTO A WORLD AT PEACE -- A WORLD IN WHICH OLD EN-
MITIES AND INJUSTICES NO LONGER POISON THE CHANCES FOR PEACEFUL DEVEL-
OPMENT AND COOPERATION.

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NOT AN UNATTAINABLE DREAM

X TO SOME, THIS MAY SEEM AN UNATTAINABLE DREAM. BUT, THEN, THERE WERE MANY WHO SOCFED AT THE IDEA OF CREATING A STATE OF ISRAEL IN THE FIRST PLACE. THEY SAID THAT, TOO, WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

X YET, TODAY, THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS A STRONG AND PROUD REALITY. IF THAT DREAM OF COUNTLESS CENTURIES COULD BE TURNED TO REALITY; IF THE DESERT COULD BE MADE TO FLOWER -- SURELY PEACE IS NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE GOAL.

I DO NOT BELIEVE SO, AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT EITHER. YOUR STRENGTH AND UNDERSTANDING CAN HELP TO MAKE IT A REALITY.