

# Middle East accord still just paper

By KEN LEONARD

The world watched as two great powers of the Middle East, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Republic of Israel, signed a treaty that will, according to its authors, bring peace to the region. This is hard to believe.

For years, Israel has been pushed toward some kind of "land for peace" settlement with its Arab neighbors. Handing over

land that Israel captured from nations sworn to shove the Jews into the ocean, advocates claim, will make them all stop hating Israel. When the Arabs started the invasions, though, all of this land belonged to them. What Israel seized is strategic land that helped the Arab nations in their offensives. Without it, they would hardly dare attack Israel's better trained and better-equipped military.

Hafez al-Assad, the brutal dic-

## Packing traumatic

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structed to do in my handy-dandy travel tips. I wonder what I will want to wear the day I go out to Kew Gardens and go check my umbrella and raincoat situation.

Finally, I fall asleep on the pile of possibilities.

I wake up and know that I've once again put off the decisions too long. The day has arrived! I am leaving! Now is the time to cut to the bone: what is essential, what will I really need?

I grab my two pieces of luggage. I suddenly remember that I forgot to cancel the paper and stop the mail. I take care of these details. Only an hour now!

I slash myself twice with the oldest known razor blade. I pull on some socks from the floor. I begin stuffing in whatever I find that looks clean (wasn't I supposed to do laundry a couple of days ago?). I wave at my ride: one more minute, one more minute!

I arrive at the airport looking as if I am coming home from a suddenly-canceled trip — shirt sleeves hanging from the suitcase, papers sticking out of my pockets, one blue sock, one yellow sock.

And I settle in next to a guy with a paper sack and matching socks.

## SGA seeking input

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say "This is what I want done, but no, I won't help;" and the ones who will say something but only after you've dragged it out of them. Granted, I have met with a few groups that were very vocal with their opinions; however, I still had to approach them. It's like pulling teeth, and, people, I'm not here for a degree in dentistry!

I guess what I'm trying to say, in a long, drawn-out way, is that your SGA is here for you and because of you. Use us! Tell us what you think, because, contrary to popular belief, we will listen.

Now that I've probably of-

fended all of the organizations on campus and those few people who did actually speak their minds, I would like to say this letter was in no way, shape, or form meant to degrade any of those people who so graciously offered their remarks to me. Actually, I can't tell you how much I appreciate your openness and honesty.

However, I do hope that in the future I won't have to hunt these people out — they'll hunt me out. And please keep in mind that whether you voted for me or not, it's still my job and I will listen.

Tommy Allen  
SGA President

## Opinion

tator of Syria, still demands the return of the Golan Heights, land which is key to the defense of Israel's northern border — or to an invasion through Israel's northern border.

There is no real reason to trust in this treaty, unless one relies heavily on blind optimism. Yasir Arafat does not speak for the entire PLO, which in turn does not speak for all Palestinians, and there are many non-Palestinians with an interest in wiping out Israel. Arafat himself is a terrorist who has boasted of how many Jews he has slain.

The U.S. government seems

determined to follow this treaty through, and to establish normal relations with these terrorist nations which now promise to behave themselves. President Clinton's judgment in this case is far from sound.

The only reason that the Arabs are backing down is that they have lost their source of weapons. After the "peace through strength" policies of Ronald Reagan and consistent pressure on human rights issues, the Soviet Union fell. Now, nations which relied on the Evil Empire for weapons could be brought down by the same means. The Arab nations are no better on human rights, yet the public seems committed to letting up on them.

When Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin promises to bring peace to

the region in this agreement, it rings through the ages just as did the words of British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain when he swore to bring "peace in our time" by giving land to Adolph Hitler.

When Yasir Arafat speaks of the treaty, we would do well to remember the words of Kaiser Wilhelm from World War I. His defense of himself as he invaded neutral Belgium was to refer to the treaty Germany had signed as no more than "a scrap of paper."

Given Israel's history and the nature of her enemies in the region, the United States should protect her interests by seeing to it that the only Middle East democracy has strategic advantages to assure peace, not just another scrap of paper.

## CAB CORNER...

### Homecoming Update

Plan now to be a part of a Wesleyan tradition! This action-packed week of Homecoming is bound to be a blast! See you there!

**Monday, Oct. 4** — "When The Music Mattered." A multi-media event by Barry Drake. We will discover the 60's era and the Woodstock age. The show will begin at 9 p.m. in the SAC.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5** — ΣΠ's "Airband." It's Baaaack!! Perhaps one of the longest-running traditions of Homecoming at Wesleyan. Join the brothers of ΣΠ in a complete "air" competition. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. Start preparing your lip sync now and watch for sign-up sheets outside the cafe.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6** — It's a ΣΘΔ day. Join the sisters of this jammin' sorority as they sponsor the *second annual pudding pool*. Get a team together to play leap frog and other games in a pool of pudding. Pudding pool will begin at 4 p.m. on the Nash lawn.

Also tonight at 9 p.m., join ΣΠΔ and CAB as we co-sponsor *Singer Barbara Bailey Hutchinson*, whose voice to millions of TV viewers and radio listeners is instantly recognizable. The show will be in the SAC starting at 9 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 7** — Yum, Yum, Yum! Join ΠΕ for their legendary *Pizza Eating Contest!* It will be in the SAC, and the time will be announced later. Just watch for the sign-up posters and join us for great fun. Prizes will be awarded to the best pizza eaters!

**Friday, Oct. 8** — *Karaoke Night!* Come be a star! Gospel Choir will be sponsoring this evening in Doc's, and it is guaranteed to be a blast. Warm up your vocal chords and we'll see you in Doc's (time will be announced).

**Saturday, Oct. 9** — "A Royal Night" it will be. The *annual Homecoming Dance*, sponsored by NGF and CAB, will be at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre. The dance, featuring a live band and catered food, will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dress code is semi-formal and tickets are only \$5 per person. Don't miss this royal night!

**Sunday, Oct. 10** — *Homecoming soccer game.* Be at this great game to support our men's soccer team. Our Homecoming court will also be presented at half-time. Go, Bishops!



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