

# CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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have amounted to one border skirmish after another, while no sign of peace from constant terrorist attacks appeared to be in sight.

Ostensibly, the relationship between the Arabs and the Jews seems to be one hairy, vicious circle to which there exists no end. However, it may now be fun to examine the exterior forces that control the situation since more often than not big powers are the factors behind wars between smaller countries.

## RUSSIA'S RELATION WITH THE U.S.

Standing in the left-hand corner we have the U.S.S.R., a country with a vested interest in the Middle East indeed, Russia has been subsidizing the U.A.R. for a number of years with military equipment. Russia's interest, of course, is an imperialistic one as is our interest in Vietnam. There is no doubt that Russia would enjoy having control over the entire Middle East someday. The Soviets have succeeded thus far in appeasing all the Arab countries. In fact, I see only one imposing force standing in the way of Russian supremacy in the Middle East: Israel may then be the reason for Russia's instigation of Arab aggression. Before a settlement is reached between the Israelis and the Arabs, we can expect the Soviet Union to be involved with both hands and both feet, maybe even to the extent that the U. S. is involved in Southeastern Asia.

## THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL

In the right-hand corner we have, what's this? The U. S. backing Israel? Actually, this country may be in the conflict more deeply than it suspects. Though the U.S. has attempted in the past to take an objective approach toward Israel and Egypt, it cannot be denied, because of the number of Jews in America, that we have been subsidizing Israel for longer than the Russians have pumped money into Egypt. Our position concerning the Middle East crisis is primarily to halt Russian influence so that a balance of power can be maintained. The United States would really hate to see the U.S.S.R. control the Suez Canal and the trade of the Middle East.

## CONCLUSION

So now I have stated many definitive points, all of which directly involve the bitter hatred which the Jews and Mohammedan's have for each other. The question now arises as to who is to blame for this terrible blight, and who is the aggressor. Who can be blamed for the blood-thirsty bickering between these

peoples? Can it be the Israelis, who have a claim to the soil through Abraham and a claim through those Jews who have never left the area of Palestine; and who have gone through nineteen centuries of extreme bigotry and torture because of their semitic qualities? Can it be the Arabs, who have been bilded and wheedled for the last two centuries by foreign imperialistic powers to a point where they became subservient while remaining autonomous? Can it be these same people who, after undergoing foreign degradation are now embittered and extremely suspicious of any group of foreigners who settle in Palestine? Or can it be those people who have been literally pushed out of Palestine by the Jews who claim that the land is theirs much like it would be if the Souix Indians demanded the entire Midwestern sector of the U. S. from the federal government because they are the original owners? Can we blame Classical Rome, England, or the U.S. S.R. forknowingly perpetrating and in fact perpetuating this hatred? If we laid fault upon them, then we would have to condemn every country in the world who has even been an imperialistic power. Who is the aggressor? Israel aggressively pushed its way into Palestine to establish a government. Ever since, the U.A. R. has taken the offensive in trying to push the Jews out. These questions are indeed unanswerable. Since no cause can be pinpointed, the embittered situation must be taken for what it is at present and some sort of truce must be worked out. Well, to date no plan of cease-fire has been acceptable to both sides. Now that the Russians have control of the U.A.R. and Syria, they will take the reins and be the aggressors in which ease obtaininy any form of cease-fire will be as difficult here as it would be in Vietnam.

## "Let the Day Answer"

If I tell my secret to the wind,  
When it whispers through the night  
Will you listen?  
Let the day answer for you.....  
The warmth of a sunny day  
Will let me know you love me;  
The softness of the snow  
Will tell me you will not be  
long in coming!  
But the tears of the rain  
Or the frown of the clouds  
Will speak to me good-bye.

by Celia Sparger

## CALENDAR

March 9 - 15

March 11 - 8:15 P.M.--W a k e Forest (Tuesday) University Drama Department: "Iysistrata," by Aristophanes. Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Studio 8-E.

March 12 - 11:00 A.M.--Salem College (Wednesday) Concert by Archway Singers. Fine Arts Center, Hanes Auditorium.

11:00 A.M.--Student Government Meeting (Officers and alternates) in Room 321, Main Building.

8:00 P.M.--French-Swedish film entitled, "La Guerre est Finie," at J.G. Hanes Community Center Theatre.

March 13 - 8:00 P.M.--French-Swedish (Thursday) film entitled, "La Guerre est Finie," at J.G. Hanes Community Center Theatre.

March 14 - 11:00 A.M.--Salem College (Friday) Winston-Salem State College Choir. Fine Arts Center.

8:15 P.M.--NCSA Music Department presents, "Cosi Fan Tutte," by Mozart. Main Auditorium, Waughtown Street.

March 15 - 1:00 P.M.--Horseback Riding. (Saturday)

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March 16 - 1:00 P.M.--Bowling. (Sunday)

## LETTERS

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