

Supporters of Israel unite to discuss fears, concerns, pride

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More than 100 men, women and children stood shoulder to shoulder yesterday in front of the Chapel Hill Post Office singing Israeli songs and speaking solemnly about the difficult times Israel now faces.

The pro-Israeli rally, sponsored by the Carolina Association For Israel Support (CAIS), was organized to allow Jews and non-Jews in the area to unite in support of Israel, which has suffered 25 Iraqi SCUD missile attacks since the onset of the Persian Gulf War 10 days ago.

"Today we are here to proclaim a simple truth that must not be forgotten: that the Israelis, whatever their flaws, are lovable and worthwhile people, and that the destruction of them and of their country would be a stunning tragedy for the whole world," said Rabbi John Friedman of the Judea Reform Congregation while addressing the crowd.

"In this sense all men and women of goodwill can count themselves as supporters of Israel," he said.

Becca Freedman, co-president of CAIS, said she agreed with Friedman and added that this was a crucial time to show American solidarity for the Israeli people.

"When you see bombs falling on Tel Aviv, you want to be around Jews," Freedman said.

Rabbi Frank Fischer of UNC and Duke's Hillel agreed: "We're standing here because it gives us the sense of comradeship and togetherness in these very difficult and trying moments."

Much of the rally focused on Israel's commitment to peace.

After closed talks with U.S. government officials last week, Israel promised not to retaliate against the Iraqis. This decision has temporarily alleviated U.S. fears that the Gulf war could turn into an Arab/Israeli conflict causing the United States to lose much-needed Arab support.

"Missile after missile has come, but yet our brothers and sisters of the land of Israel have stood fast and determined that they will be human and not animals; that they will seek peace and not seek to escalate the strife," Fischer said.

But decisions not to attack have left Israel feeling helpless, according to Robert Book, a Jewish student at Duke University and one of a few students who remained after the rally.

Jackie Hershkovitz, a student at UNC, agreed.

"I understand why the United States is asking Israel to restrain," Hershkovitz said. "But I don't think it's realistic to expect Israel to not respond."

Despite the nation's restraint, some students said they thought Israel might retaliate soon if Iraqi attacks continued.

One counter-protester at the rally carried a sign that read: THE IMMORALITY OF ISRAELI NATIONAL POLICY IS AND SHOULD BE CONDEMNED. UN-RESOLUTION 672. The man, who identified himself as Kevin, said he was an American who supports Palestinians in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. His presence spurred a short heated debate between himself and one of the Israel supporters.

"I don't wish death or harm upon the Israeli people at all, but their government is doing some things with the help of my government that I and most of the nations of the world find reprehensible."

"That all seems to have been a bit forgotten," he said.

Despite this minor interruption, the rally was marked by a strong sense of respect for the Israelis.

"I watched Israel this week, and they really are heroes ... perhaps more than the heroes on the battlefield," Fischer said.

NCPA panel discusses media's influence on popular view of war

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Although Americans can immerse themselves in 24-hour Persian Gulf media coverage, the information provided often gives the public a "manipulated" view of the conflict, said a three-member panel for the North Carolina Press Association Friday.

"There is a lot of speculation and elaboration (by the press) because there is not enough hard news here," said panelist James Leutze, chancellor of UNC-Wilmington and a specialist on military history.

The hard news that is reported by the press unfortunately concentrates on specific military tactics instead of helping the public to see the "big picture" through strategic analysis, Leutze said.

Ed Yoder, a nationally syndicated columnist who also served on the panel, said Americans get the feeling there is something inconsequential about the war.

"It seems there are not real people and death involved," Yoder said. "It is critically important for Americans to understand that we are getting a strictly manipulated view of the war."

Leutze said the public is manipulated because the press is not pointing out the sense of urgency in the war. There is a naive view about civilian casualty, he said.

"War is not waged in cold blood ... it is waged in hot blood," Leutze said. "War is not fought with a scalpel, it is fought with a bludgeon."

He added that the press should not stress target locations or the number of tanks and sorties.

"I think the press and public need to be a bit more patient and not rush for each tidbit of news," Leutze said. "The press shouldn't be unhappy not getting answers."

Yoder said he feared the media's competitive nature within the profession to be the first "horse at (the) racetrack end" is showing during war coverage.

The press continues to ignore the magnitude and significance of the Gulf war by not emphasizing the importance of words spoken by leaders, said panelist William Balthrop, UNC professor of speech, communications and debate and a specialist on the rhetoric of war and peace.

"I think the press failed the American public in recent months by not following rhetorical analysis," Balthrop said.

In other ways, however, the press is doing its job, and it will be condemned no matter how it reports the news, he said.

"If the media only reports good news, it will be accused of being a mouthpiece of the government. It will be accused of

aiding the enemy if it reports only bad news," Balthrop said.

Leutze said he thinks the American public can and wants to understand the news, and the media needs to present it in terms the public can understand.

"The press should pursue bigger stories such as what is Israel going to do, is Iraq going to be dismembered by the end of the war, and what do we need to know of the history of the war," Leutze said.

He also said the press has placed far more emphasis on the peace movement than polls indicate it warrants.

"The peace movement is confrontation, and the press loves confrontation," Leutze said.

But the actual number of people involved in the peace movement is not as great as the press makes it seem, he said.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 104 Union. Items of Interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

Rich Oppel, editor of the Charlotte Observer, led the panel discussion held at The Carolina Inn and asked the audience of NCPA members and visitors if the press has really done what its readers expect of it.

"Have we asked why we are in Iraq, and have we answered it?" Oppel said. "Can we tap the renewed enthusiasm of readers and turn it into loyalty for newspapers?"

Business, economics and industrial relations majors are invited to sign up for Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity rush. Today's the last day to sign up!

Candidates for campus offices are sure to stop by the Elections Board Office, Union 215-B, regularly to check on new decisions and regulations.

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The University Counseling Center is offering a group for women in Enhancing Self-Esteem. For info and to sign up, call 962-2175.

UCPPS will sponsor The Survival Skill Workshop, the last program in the Competitive Edge Series, on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 3-5:00 in Union 205. Four panelists will provide hints for handling discrimination and coping strategies for graduate school or for the first job. Information in Hanes 211.

UNC Recreation Society and UCPPS will host Camp Day 1991 on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 10:00-4:00 in the Great Hall of the Union. Fifty summer camps will be represented to discuss all types of summer positions.

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- MONDAY**
- 3:00: Internships 101: Introductory sessions on the basics of internships and experiential learning will be in Hanes 306.
 - 4:00: UCPPS will hold a Careers in Science Panel in Hanes 209.
 - UCPPS will hold an informational/resume workshop until 5:00 in the Black Cultural Center.
 - 5:00: La sobremesa es una nueva funcion de la casa espanola. Todos que hablan espanol son invitados al North Dining Room en Lenoir cada lunes desde cinco a siete. Ven y hable espanol y coma la cena por los dos horas completamente o en parte. Vamos divertido. Llame Claire a 933-0924 si tiene preguntas.
 - The American Advertising Federation is holding its first meeting of the spring semester in Howell 203.
 - 6:00: The N.C. Student Legislature welcomes anyone interested in learning and/or using debate skills to come and find out what we are all about. Our meeting is tonight and every Monday night in Union 226.
 - 7:30: Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association (CGLA) will hold its general body meeting in Gerrard Hall. Guest speaker will be Esther Carp of "Ask Esther" in the North Carolina Independent.
 - Epsilon Sigma Alpha, an international co-ed service organization, will have a meeting for anyone interested in our Spring 1991 Rush in Union 213. All are welcome!
 - Sigma Theta Alpha (HOSA), the co-ed fraternity for all interested in health-related occupations, will meet tonight in Union 211. New members are welcome!

- ITEMS OF INTEREST**
- The Carolina Athletic Association announces that ticket distribution for The Citadel game is tomorrow, Jan. 29 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (No numbers this time!)
 - Living/Learning applications are due to faculty advisers today.
 - Gain valuable business experience with the UNC Student Agencies. One manager, four assistant managers, and two desk clerks are needed. Inquire in Union 216-A or call 962-1512 by Jan. 31.
 - CPSPF provides information for students interested in applying for in-state tuition status. Check the bulletin board outside Union Suite D.
 - Live in the French House of Carmichael Hall! Have a great time while being exposed to the French language and culture. Applications are available in Dey 225, the Union desk, or the Carmichael desk. They are due today! For more info, call Ben at 933-1005.
 - The Tar Heel Recycling Program announces that today's mobile drop is on Berryhill Hall loading dock for newspapers, glass and aluminum.
 - The Campus Y is accepting applications for leadership positions. Co-president, co-treasurer, and secretary applications are due Feb. 4. Interested students must attend an informational meeting at 5:00 in the Campus Y tomorrow, Jan. 29.
 - La casa espanola esta aceptando solicitudes para el ano que viene. Son para todos que quieren aprender mas de la lengua y la cultura espanola. Los solicitaciones se encuentran en Union Desk, Carmichael Desk, o a nuestra programa, "Charlemos," los jueves a los ocho. Preguntus? Llame a Claire 933-0903. Deadline is today!

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