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The Fantastic Imbroglio Of The Middle East

BY DR. CHARLES W. LOWRY 22,000 of them, posted to keep request of President Eugene soldiers, without which there Reichstetter, to the Rotary Club would certainly be open civil war of Southern Pines on the con- in Ireland. tinuing, unending crisis of the Finally, and without parallel,

Middle East. I was bold enough to predict suggest the PLO), there is the that there would not be war this cancer in Lebanon which may be round. Neither the Jews of Israel nor the Syrians want war, and which include the aggressive, the respective leaders of these irredentist guerrilla leaders who two States are alike in being on live for revenge and to keep alive the hot seat politically. Both are the weapon of terror. motivated in consequence to The sixth and last factor in this practice brinkmanship.

When I say "War" I mean hot super-powers, the U.S.A. and the war, the outbreak of all-out U.S.S.R. hostilities, the continuation, paraphrasing von Clausewitz, of is too well known to require policy by other and extreme comment. I can never forget the means. War of course is going on- remark to me of a young -war between Israel and the Palestinian in Jordan: "Israel is excluded and embittered native the child of America, as I am my Palestinians, assisted by most of father's son." the surrounding Arab states but The U.S.S.R. has long been only to a limited extent.

The ongoing affair, ac- the strategic and oil-rich Middle cordingly, is a "cold war," a East, with limited success to guerrilla enterprise, a date. A factor here is religion. protracted political struggle Islam is more elemental and utilizing the methods and in- vehement in opposition to struments of terror. The danger atheism than modern is an explosion which will engulf Christianity. Egypt has never the whole area in flames, with allowed a Communist party legal unpredictable consequences.

The first necessity is un- its borders no Communist derstanding-grasping clearly mission of any kind. the elements of the situation in Syria next to South Yemen their fantastic complexity. I remains the power most in doubt whether history records a league with the Soviet Union. The condition as tangled and in- Syrians regard this as a tricately knotted as the Middle marriage of necessity and think East is in our time. One wonders they have a comfortable margin whether it can be unraveled and of safety. The Soviets want straightened out.

But miracles do happen. An- troubled area, and are giving war Sadat's conversion to peace their clients, the Syrians, a loose and his brave, bold journey to rope. Herein lies the danger, Jerusalem were an instance of along with Israeli sensitivity and the unpredictable, of the security complex. seemingly miraculous in history. Nevertheless, I do not an-

The first factual element in the ticipate a fifth Israeli-Arab war Middle Eastern situation is a at this time. The Syrians, deep as nation-state of three and a half is their bitterness toward Israel, million people, armed to the are not in a position to have a teeth, with three years of showdown. Begin has an election military service required of all coming up. The Israelis males and two years of all moreover, like the Egyptians females-the Sparta of the 20th following the 1973 war, are tired century.

Palestinian Arabs in the area commonly called the West Bank

veterans On May 15 I spoke, by special order, suggest the British

It is not entirely without a conscience in relation to the Arabs. unless it be the IRA (which does to power in June with his Labour Party, there could be a definite fatal--the 400,000 Palestinians toward pacification and accommodation of the Arabs. crazy quilt is the role of the two

Labourite and the most eloquent The role of the first, ourselves, voice in Israel, has spoken against continuing "to exercise coercive rule" over a million and quarter Arabs against their will

Peres' plan calls for reunion with Jordan of 80 percent of the meddling and maneuvering in West Bank Arabs and 70 percent of the territory. Jordan is not responsive to this, holding that all the territory including East Jerusalem is rightfully hers. I believe that Peres is moving in the right direction. But it may be necessary to go ahead without

status. Saudi Arabia has within Jordan, offering autonomy and eventual independence to most of the West Bank (with federation with Israel if desired). There is no other possibility for a Palestinian state; and only this

can siphon off the bitter emotions and dangerous irredentism of the Palestinians. They have been unjustly treated by a clever and trouble intensified in that victorious Israel. But it is a fait accompli and there can at this date be no restoration of the status quo ante. It is much like our treatment of

the Indians and Mexicans. We cannot undo history, but it is good that in our time we show that we have a national conscience. The Palestinian problem

remains the nub of the Middle East crisis; and the West Bank offers the only feasible solution and start of a healing process. of fighting and dying. There is a Israel's interest and possibly This is an occupying power. It strong peace party in the ultimate survival hinge on vision sits on a million and a quarter country, including many war and action in this direction.

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traffic accidents each year had alcohol in their blood at the time of the accident. 500,000 disabling injuries are

It should not be forgotten that suffered in crashes involving Israel, up to a point, is a problem drinkers. 34,800 or more than half of the democratic country, with varied

interests, parties, and passions. 60.000 non-highway accidental deaths are alcohol involved. 11,000 death certificates an-If Shimon Peres should come nually list alcoholism or alcoholic psychoses as cause. 2,000,000 (approximate) shift of policy, with a move arrests each year for public drunkenness-40 percent of all

non-traffic arrests. Peres, a very different type from \$21,700,000,000-latest annual Begin, is on record as favoring a expenditure by Americans for alcoholic beverages according to negotiated withdrawal from most of the West Bank. Abba the Distilled Spirits Institute. Eban, the number three \$15 billion annual economic drain because of alcoholism-in lost work time, health and welfare costs, property damages

> etc 15 percent (approximate) of the 400,000 patients in state mental hospitals are under treatment for the problem of alcoholism.

Over half the states report alcoholism the most frequent diagnosis for first admissions to state hospitals.

One third of all suicides are alcohol-related. One half of all homicides are alcohol-related.

Steady increase in the number alcoholics admitted to state of hospitals.

10-12 year decrease in life expectancy of every alcoholic. Impossible to estimate human suffering related to alcoholism, from broken homes, deserted families and problems of children of alcoholic parents. (Statistics used above are based on material in a statement Vernon E. Wilson, M.D., by before the Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics, March 18, 1971. Dr. Wilson is the Administrator of Health Services and Mental Health Administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare .-From The American Issue.

Kind of hard to get real excited about Moore County's profits from booze when you see 10-year old figures such as these. They're no doubt worse now. John Nicodemus

Southern Pines.

Side Effect

Doctor to patient: How did the

Patient: It had a very bad side

Patient: It gave me a very bad

Budget Time-

Oh, it's budget time again in

come alive! The fur is about to

again be the ones to suffer the

consequences, unless they hold

their commissioners to their

I seem to remember, in those

pre-election days, candidates

promising "no raise in taxes."

They claimed they would keep

the tax rate at \$.50 on every \$100

worth of property valuation. It is

time now for citizens to find out

which commissioners are still

So many times, after the

election is over, and the voters

have left the ballot box for home,

secure in the knowledge that

their elected officials will keep

their promises, those elected

officials forget the platform they

The Moore County budget is

just about to be conceived. There

is an ugly rumor circulating in

the back rooms that a certain

Republican commissioner wants

to raise taxes. We certainly hope

that is a nasty, abusive lie, but

Every citizen should make

their wishes known to their

commissioners right now, and

then watch carefully. My old

conservative Daddy always used

to say "Don't ever call a snake

by his name; There ain't no use

tryin' to hang him. Just give him

One of the uglier sides to the

problem of drug abuse is the

purely economic one. Drugs

we doubt it very seriously.

campaign promises.

owed their trust.

ran on

S. Edgar Walters

Doctor: What was that?

To the Editor:

Pinehurst

The Public Speaking

businessmen. Their only concern profit, and a big profit at that! If a drug dealer can buy cheap and sell dear, so much the better for him or her.

Perhaps this accounts for the explosion of PCP, or Angel Dust, on the "Drug Scene." Certainly, the ease of manufacturing PCP and its low cost make it attractive to illegal drug dealers. Though only a small segment of abusers prefer PCP as a "drug of choice," PCP often is what other abusers are unknowingly using. Recent lab tests made on "street drug" samples show that drugs sold as cocaine, amphetemines, qualadues, barbiturates, "THC," "LSD," and mescaline all contained large amounts of PCP.

Producing one pure dose of LSD costs about \$3.50. A dose of PCP costs much less to make. It's pretty easy to see how much more profit can be made by selling this drug. And, when the facts about PCP are added to this formula, it becomes even clearer. Chemically, PCP is 1- (1 phencyclohexyl) piperidine hydrochloride, or phencyclidine. This group of chemicals contains some thirty analogs (similar compounds) and there may be as many as 120 variations of PCP. It is easily concocted by anyone with a knowledge of basic chemistry, and the ingredients are readily available. One of the great problems with the kind of "kitchen labs" that produce illegal PCP is the absence of any quality or purity control mechanisms. If that isn't bad enough, read on:

PCP was originally developed as an anesthetic to be used in surgery. But bizzare side effects were observed in a great number of patients. These effects included paranoia, hallucinations, delusions, and the fear of dying. With large doses, nausea, confusion, and convulsions were observed. PCP was taken off the market for human use because of the effects, which sometimes, lasted for years after the dose was given. PCP was later approved for use

as a veterinary drug only. In the late 60's, PCP first appeared on the "street" drug scene. There, it received the PCP for PeaCe Pill, because the drug was reported to give the illusion of peace. PCP did not live up to its name. Drug users were not prepared for PCP's bizzare effects. PCP disappeared from the

Passing a law declaring abortion murder is also repugnant. In our present state of devolution a vote on such a law would require that we decide to vote for abortions performed by competent physicians or for abortions performed by quacks. At present far too many of our people find of Education's presentation, but themselves in situations where I'm angered that someone given abortion may be the best 'so much public trust, and solution. Certainly the best educated enough to know what solution is that our people they were doing, would try and acquire self-discipline and sell us and our children into an knowledge. over tax state leading to

For the most part the Moral socialism. Majority appears to be composed of older people who have forgotten their youth. At this Pinebluff. time a law declaring abortion murder would send the wealthy to foreign countries and the poor to quacks.

If Jesus had believed that all To the Editor: abortions are bad he would have declared His knowledge. He despised the self-righteousness and hypocrisy of the Pharisees and said so in no uncertain terms. Do we have Pharisees in our midst today?

The Swedes interest me. Probably they are the world's most intelligent and humane people. Their crime-rate is one-tenth ours. Yet they have clinics where abortions are performed upon request. They appear to be trying to make laws concerning sex relations that conform with human nature. If they are successful they will have performed a great blessing for mankind.

Let us have children that are happy and beautiful. Let us not descend to a Bangladesh. Our legislators should pass the laws advised by our great Chief

Justice. Larkin Hundley Marianne, Fla., Rt. 3

Education Budget

To the Editor: Most property owners I hope are aware of the effect our county budget has on taxes. Attending the commissioners' meeting on May 18 was eye opening. Different departments still be untold needs in every were presenting conservative area--untold hunger, unmet budgets, the same or even less physical needs, unmet spiritual than last year's, then, like a dark needs, and unmet emotional cloud, the Department of needs among thousands upon Education presented their thousands of people who have not "minimal needs." As most met the requirements to receive E.T. Baker has been employed papers recorded their rec was 44 percent more than last year's budget, including 13 new always have the poor-and of salaries, and three new vans, with no expectation in student population growth! One of the understatements of the year, I quote "Someone successful in "playing God." didn't do their homework very

well." The educators cry, "It's stand behind our elected officials for our children. Shouldn't we as they try to straighter out the give them the best." But even mess we have made and return to us our individual freedoms. this week a young couple with Bessie C. Kelly four children are forced to leave their home because of unchecked Southern Pines.

inflation. I am not sure who was responsible for the Department Moore

> County Library

> > Adult Books

Treat; SC Anal, Analog's Golden

Anniversary Anthology; Phillip

Finch, Texas Dawn; John Mac-

Donald, Free Fall In Crimson.

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To Open

Burton H. Hobson, Coin Collec-

One of the Freedom Fighters. The following is a list of new **Richard B. Taylor** books received this week by the Moore County Public Library, a member of the Sandhill Regional

Parker Commended Library System. They are available at the Moore County

Public Library and Bookmobile in Carthage I would like to highly commend Commissioner Tony Parker on the content of and spirit behind ting As a Hobby; Kent Kelly, his recent letter pertaining to Abortion: The American budget matters in Moore County. Holocaust; Judith L. Klinger, Because many people will, of necessity, be affected by a The Food Inflation Fighter's Handbook; George McRobie, cutback in county, state Small Is Possible; Jeraldine government spending, his Saunders, Hypoglycemia: The position is not a popular one. Disease Your Doctor Won't We have practically destroyed

a generation of people with give-away programs that lead them to believe that a government program or a government handout is the only answer to getting along in this world. We have taken away so much responsibility from the individual that many individuals no longer feel they should have any responsibility. When all of the social

programs, all of the health programs, all of the mental health programs, all of the educational programs, etcetera, etcetera, have been funded to the point of bankruptcy for America; when all of the Commissions and all of the Committees, all of the foreign aid programs, all the Social Security programs, all the Senior Citizens programs and all the rules for governing our lives and our homes have been set up, so that supposedly all forms of suffering have been eliminated for the human race, there will

The hours of operation will be from 9-5 on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-6 on Thursday and Friday, 8-2 on Saturday. Vendors will have an opportunity to rent seasonal spaces this year. Vendors interested in

The Moore County Farmers

The location will be the same

location on W. Pennsylvania Ave.

in Southern Pines as in previous

Market will open on Tuesday,

rented seasonal spaces should be at the Farmers Market at 500 West Pennsylvania Avenue in Southern Pines on Friday, May 29 at 10 o'clock.

as manager of the Market. The

and Gaza, but invariably referred to by the Prime Minister of this nation as Judea and Samaria. This country has an enormous debt, slightly larger per capita than that of the U.S.A., and an inflation rate currently of 130 percent. Two thousand of its citizens are leaving every month. This is Israel, which after 2000 years became again a State-on May 14, 1948.

There is a second basic, component element in the fantastic imbroglio we are considering. It is a displaced or occupied nation of three and a half million Arabs either born in Palestine or born to Palestinian parents--a people curiously resembling the Jews in energy, intellectual ambition, and business acumen.

I was told in 1975 by a 20 yearold Palestinian youth in Jordan that his father had been wont to wake him up as a school boy at four in the morning to study.

And the shops in Amman, capital of a backward country, are a sight to behold. It is said that these Arabs, scattered around and often huddled in refugee camps, have more Ph .-D.'s relatively than Israel.

Such is the people known as Palestinians or Palestinian Arabs.

A third factor is the great body of surrounding or territorial Arabs, numbering at least 80 million. If Algeria and Libya are counted, the figure is 100 million. In religion this people is solidly and, one might say, fundamentalistically Muslim or Islamic.

A fourth and ironic factor is oil or black gold. The Arabs are believed, or were believed, to sit on three-fifths of the oil of the planet. And this oil is close to the surface and easily extracted, which accounts for its steady flow by tanker to the ends of the earth. It is an Arabian Nights tale, if there ever was one.

A fifth element in this storywould it were only a fairy tale!is the tragic predicament of Lebanon. This country only six years ago was the Switzerland of the Middle East, an oasis of stability and calm. It collapsed suddenly, like the one-horse shay of American folklore, and presents today a condition as seemingly hopeless and more

sanguinary than North Ireland. There are striking resemblances in the two situations. The more prosperous Christian party corresponds to the Protestant Irish minority. The Muslim majority is comparable to the Catholic Irish. The Syrian troops,

Law And Order Proposal Moreover, it would do so without The Fayetteville Times Sen. Charles Vickery, D-Orange, has challenged North Carolina to lend substance to the yearning for law-and-order

that is so much discussed these Vickery has sponsored a bill that would do everything but prohibit private ownership of handguns.

This measure would ban the Saturday Night Special, tighten the requirements for obtaining handgun permits, and set up a statewide handgun registration Bold stuff, by any American

standard. No, it would not solve the

homicide problem.

system.

No, it would not stop people from sawing off the barrels and shortening the stocks of rifles and shotguns. No, it would not do away with

the thousands of handguns already manufactured and sold. No, it would not stop a determined criminal from getting his hands on a gun.

No, it would not keep people from clubbing one another to death with tire irons and pop bottles.

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Carolina

were about it.

medicine I gave you work out? triggering another dreary debate over the constitutionality of gun control. By no stretch of the effect. imagination does the Second Amendment guarantee anyone case of ambition, and I started to the right to pack a Saturday clean out the garage. Night Special. In North Carolina, most

murders are committed with firearms, and the firearm more often than not is a handgun. At least 70 percent of the victims know their assailants, and it is therefore reasonable to assume that many of these are crimes of To the Editor:

passion, committed by people who never expected to become fair Moore County. Citizens, criminals. fly, the tempers are about to But why confine the discussion to murder? Accidents are just as flare, and the people will once

lethal. Every few days we read that a child has been killed while playing with a handgun kept in the home "for protection," or that some sportsman has accidentally shot himself or

someone else. If guns can be kept out of the hands of just a few of these people, lives will be saved.

The public is said to be unready for an outright ban. But everyone would benefit from the ottles. approach of Vickery's bill in the But it would save lives. General Assembly.

Variety Vacationland

The Chapel Hill Newspaper the seashore and the mountains The best slogan that has ever are now constructed for been used to advertise North year-round living. Skiing on "Variety man-made snow or the Vacationland.' It came into God-given variety is available for thousands of skiers. vogue at a time when the vacation season in North Hundreds of golf courses are Carolina only lasted for about kept open the year round-not so three months, from early June many in the western part of the until Labor Day. Almost all of the state, but from Greensboro to the homes built for vacationers at coast you will find them in the beach or in the mountains abundance.

were considered summer homes Instead of waiting until June, and nothing more. There was no many people are now taking their vacations in the spring of thought of either heating or air the year while just as many wait conditioning. The very rich might spend a few months in until after Labor Day. mid-winter in Pinehurst or North Carolina has become a Southern Pines, but for the aver-

age North Carolinian and the Vacationland," and all of us are thousands of others who had better off for it having come to discovered the Tar Heel state as pass. the mecca for the perfect vacation, those summer months

AT CAMP LEJEUNE

"Variety Vacationland" is no Balsley, son of Lorenzo V. and longer in vogue as the proper Palmer C. Balsley of New York way to advertise North Carolina Ave., Southern Pines, has these days, but there have never reported for duty with Headbeen two more powerful words quarters Battalion, 2nd Marine used together to advertise living Division, located at the Marine here or vacationing here. The new houses and condominiums at Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.

West Coast, resurfacing in New York City as "hog."

In the early 70's, PCP staged a comeback. Times had changed. The same bizzare effects that had turned off earlier users attracted a new generation of users. PCP began to spread, both as a masquerade drug and preferred drug. By 1978, the national media began to recognize PCP abuse. Recent episodes on prime time T.V. series testify to the fact that

PCP is a major drug problem. The effects of PCP use are well documented. PCP does live up to its bad reputation. We, in the drug abuse treatment field, view PCP as the most dangerous and unpredictable drug of all. Case after case of deaths and psychoses have been associated with PCP use. Death or psychosis are final terms. PCP, or Angel Dust, can truly be called the "nightmare drug."

The economics of PCP make it difficult to avoid, if you use "street drugs." PCP is made into a powder or liquid, and in tablets of any shape or color. It is used to increase the potency of marijuana, as well as sprinkled on parsley leaves and smoked. Any one dose can be that "bad trip" of all "bad trips."

If you want further information about PCP or any drug contact your local Substance Abuse Counselor at the Sandhills Center for Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse. The telephone number is 295-6853.

May is Mental Health Month. Your support of Sandhills Center's programs and services is needed and most welcome. Chuck Meek

Senior Counselor Pinehurst

Repugnant Law

To the Editor:

With only brief periods when we used good sense we have been spending beyond our means for many years. The election of Reagan appeared to give us an unprecedented opportunity to stop inflation. But at a time when we must increase spending for defense we won't stop inflation by taking from the poor and giving to the rich.

And at a time when crime is destroying our nation it seems asinine to make more criminals. National Prohibition should have taught that it does not pay to make laws that a large percentage of our people will not support.

aren't usually given away like balloons at a shoe store, but are I do not know of a person who likes the idea of abortion. sold for money. The people who Certainly it is repugnant to me. deal in drugs are far from model

The Bible tells us that we will course this can mean poor in spirit, poor in mind, poor in body or poor in this world's goods, so the government will never be Let's accept the hardships and

rules and regulations have been revised by the Farmers Market Advisory Committee which was appointed by the Moore County Board of County Commissioners. For a copy of the rules and regulations, contact the Moore County Extension Office.





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enough rope, daughter, and he'll hang himself." year-round "Variety Barbara Richie Marsh Southern Pines 'Angel Dust' ---

To the Editor:

Marine Staff Sgt. Nathaniel E.