

Israel was vulnerable to attack, says columnist

"There is no need for a nation to survive if there are no people," said Dr. Ralph Kaplan, a foreign affairs analyst, in a speech at the Temple Beth Israel, Thursday on the celebration of the Jewish holiday—Simchas Torah.

Kaplan, a syndicated columnist and former College Dean at Tel Aviv University, advocated support for the Israeli people: Israel is a very small country, but it is situated in a very important location, especially because of the Suez Canal. It has had to defend itself against attack in the war of 1967 and again in 1973 because of this reason. For example: A Russian oil tanker now must travel 60 days by the Persian Gulf to reach its destination, where it would take only 12 days if they had the use of the Suez Canal.

"The war was begun by the Arabs with perfect timing," stated Kaplan. He went on to explain that "fighting began on the Jewish holiday, which is a day where the Jews ask forgiveness and forgive others. Only a small force was assembled for protection because of this holy day." Israel had also planned a hotly contested election to take place at the end of the month.

It was also harvesting time in Israel, which can give an advantage to any country that attacks at that time. The fighting in the Mideast began at a time when the United Nations was in recess, and the United States was preoccupied with Watergate and Agnew. "Israel was in a poor position to be attacked, and the Arabs took advantage of this situation," said Kaplan.

"Israel is a nation that stands alone. It has no pacts, no treaties or alliances with any other nation in the world," he noted. "Israel does not even have a defense pact with anyone else in the world. Fortunately, the interests of the U.S. run parallel with Israel."

Kaplan also stated: that the United Nations is a forum which is "deaf on Israel. There are 15 members of the Security Council, five of which are permanent members. It takes two permanent members to have the power of veto, which includes

the countries of Russia and China. Seven members of the Security Council refuse to acknowledge that Israel exists. Israel's only friend in the United Nations is America. America itself cannot do anything positive in the forum, it can merely soften the blow."

Israel remains alone, with its people in poor financial straits, due to the war in 1967. That war placed a great financial burden on the people. The taxes placed on the Israelis to pay war damages is extremely high. A man making \$720 a month, comes home with \$220 after taxes.

"The cost of one jet engine is equal to the cost of constructing a 35-50 unit apartment building," said Kaplan. "One battery of air missiles is equal to the cost of 6000 college students' education up to a bachelor's degree. Women and children are starving because there is no one to work in the fields or the factories. We must realize that one third of the population of Israel are immigrants and came to the country destitute; yet at the same time they have to maintain the most destructive war in history. Never has so much been destroyed in so short a period of time."

Kaplan stated that 1200 lives have been lost in this war, which is proportional to 120,000 lives in the United States. Furthermore, 15,000 have been wounded, which is proportional to 1,500,000 lives in the United States. "If that ever happened in the United States, we would have civil war," said Kaplan.

Simchas Torah was not celebrated in Israel because of the war that is now raging. Kaplan pleaded for financial support to the Israelis to help "curb the heartache of death, injury, and starvation among loved ones of the Jewish people." He said: "They are your brothers. And they have never needed your help more. For, if Israel does not come out of this war in one piece—she won't come out at all."

Kaplan fought as an officer in the Israeli War of Independence in 1948. He lost his entire family and many close relatives in World War II.

Not so long ago at the U of O

By JOYCE BOLES
Of the Emerald

These nuggets were mined from back issues of the EMERALD.

This week in 1928: An organization called the Eugene Federated Church Brotherhoods made its first moves to deprive students registered to vote in Eugene of their franchise. A major issue in the upcoming elections was whether to permit the showing of movies on Sundays in Eugene. The Emerald editorialized that the "ministers" might be afraid the numerous student voters would pass the measure. The legal issue was the definition of "place of residence." ...Also that week, a University student received two post-cards from Germany which had traveled via the Graf Zeppelin on her maiden flight. The Emerald took note of the postmarks and the several days less the mailing took during this, "the first time regular mail has been carried across the Atlantic via the air route."

This week in 1937: Masses of triumphant Beavers from Corvallis, having beaten the Ducks at their own homecoming game, swarmed into Eugene to "lord it over the vanquished" on the Monday after the game. A contingent of sheriff's deputies met the Beavers outside of Eugene to warn them "no rough stuff." More than 50 Beavers were trapped in Seymour's Restaurant on Willamette St. About 200 Beavers were "millraced." All intersections around the campus were blocked as the Oregon Ducks searched passing cars for Beavers. Law students repelled "the invaders" with fire hoses at the corner of Thirteenth and Kincaid. Students on both campuses were forgiven by their deans for violating the curfews and skipping classes.

This week in 1946: The State Board of Higher Education voted to establish separate graduate schools at both OSC and UO. ..."The purpose of a University," opined the Emerald, "is to develop each student's personality to an extent where he can adjust himself to the problems of living." ..."Women are never more lovable," mused the editor the same week, "than when they are 'feminine,' and many a man is made ill by indications of their becoming less so."

This week in 1956: A discernibly conservative Emerald endorsed Eisenhower for president over Stevenson, conceding, however, that "Both candidates for President are basically high class men." ...During this week, the Hungarian Uprising then at its height got about 12 column inches in the Emerald. Contests for Sweetheart of Sigma Chi and Homecoming Queen got, between them, about 145 inches, a difference that may be construed as indicative of where college students' interests lay.

Read the Oregon Daily Emerald

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

for
three positions on the Oregon Daily Emerald
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

apply room 315 EMU

APPLICATION DEADLINE OCT. 24, 1973

