

# Begin's turn to compromise in Middle East

If blame can be assigned to any one character in the faltering peace negotiations in the Middle East, Israeli Prime minister Menachem Begin has become the most likely candidate, particularly after the recent invasion of Lebanon. Begin's obstinance in developing Israeli settlements in still disputed areas and his bizarre interpretation of U.N. resolution 242 have for the most part caused the breakdown in negotiations — a breakdown that could all too easily break into war, as shown by the retaliatory strikes on Lebanon.

Though Begin and the Israeli government are justifiably outraged by Palestinian Liberation Organization raids on Israeli territory, their eye, leg, arm and ear for an eye extremism has brought a shift not only in U.S. but also world opinion against the Israelis. Begin has shown again and again that he will accept no peace that does not serve the interests of Israel. His resort to the strange argument that the West Bank is really a part of Israel because of ancient ties — even though this is in

opposition to the U.N. resolution — slams the door to any meaningful negotiations on the West Bank. Begin himself has remained adamant on the West Bank despite pleas by President Carter and key congressmen to be more reasonable.

The land-grabbing in Jordan

adds another card to the Israeli hand, and that is perhaps a more driving reason for the attacks on Lebanon than the pure revenge motive. The Lebanon crisis has already changed the face of the negotiations, and what effect it will have on the total outcome is yet impossible to predict,

though it can't aid the chances for peace. It is disheartening that Begin has done very little to date that will aid the chances for peace.

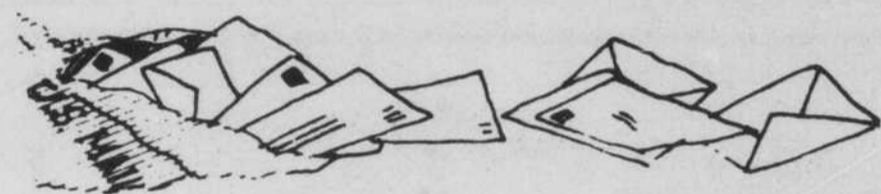
Begin, of course, is deeply concerned about the security of Israel's borders, whatever they may be after peace negotiations. With PLO ter-

rorist attacks against Israeli villages a fairly regular occurrence, Begin has a right to be concerned. But his unwillingness to compromise and his unwise moves such as the Lebanon invasion do not bring pressure against the PLO by other Arab sources, nor do they convince the Arab world that Israel's aims are other than expansionism. Israel's neighboring states have long viewed Israel in exactly that way, and as long as Begin feeds that notion, peace will be more and more difficult to attain.

Without the willingness to negotiate and compromise, peace may become a mere memory of a hope that once existed. Without peace, as the Lebanon crisis has shown, may be inevitable. And more than anyone else, it is Menachem Begin who must go to the negotiating table with reasonable proposals — proposals which don't give away Israel's security, but which contribute constructive ideas and sound compromises on that ever-elusive Middle East peace.



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### Return to reason

Please allow me to respond to Betty Luginbill's statement entitled "Irrational" (3/28/78) that "any view that espouses an 'infallible Bible' for 'rules of living' is an abdication of personal responsibility, and is inconsistent with rational mind."

The statement merits some consideration, at least, if it were made by anyone other than one who claims a campus ministry as the Director of the Wesley Center. While assuming that Ms. Luginbill has at least a basic knowledge of the Bible, my conclusion was that she either, 1) does not know the purpose of the Bible — to function as an absolute (II Timothy 3:16, 17) in a world characterized by the fallibility of rational thinking and the despondency of moral and social compromise or, 2) does not want to believe the Bible in its entirety, but is willing to "espouse" portions that "conveniently support" what she attributes to the "rational mind."

If one cannot claim that the Bible is, indeed, an absolute and is not subject to the whims of man and the times, one's trust must inevitably return to the use of something we all think we have — a rational mind.

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### Koser listens

I am writing in support of Barbara Koser, Candidate for District 4J School Board, Position #3. I have known Barbara well for seven years and observed her in a variety of work and leisure activities. In my estimation she is an independent thinker, strong in

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leadership roles and willing to expand vast amounts of energy to get a job done.

Barbara does not take a position on an issue unless she has thought it through. She is extremely fair-minded. In thinking through a position, she welcomes divergent opinions and will solicit them.

Barbara works well in both group and one-on-one situations. I find her to be direct in her approach to people and to problems. If she knows someone in need, she is quick to help. If there is a problem to be dealt with, she focuses on the issues of that situation and moves fairly and speedily to a resolution.

Barbara Koser is a refreshingly honest person. She is warm and personable, with a good reserve of humor. She listens, yet is not afraid to speak out on issues which concern her. She acts, but never haphazardly. She is accountable for her actions and positions and demands accountability from others. As the mother of two children, myself, there is no one I would rather see on the school board of a district in which my son and daughter attend school than Barbara Koser.

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### Give me a break

I am writing to explain a complaint by J.T. Sanders of the Religious Studies Department concerning the ASUO course guide, "The Guide."

Sanders is complaining because The Guide omitted one course in this spring's edition and also one in the winter edition.

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I would like to say to Mr. Sanders and any other professors or department heads at the University that I don't randomly or routinely drop courses from inclusion in The Guide.

In the practical business of putting together a publication it at times is necessary to make adaptations to changes, sometimes unexpected changes.

The Guide is printed on newsprint and to accomplish our laying out of the course guide we must either add or subtract the size of our publication by increments of four pages. To be honest, we didn't have enough copy to expand by another four pages.

The same thing happened last winter and I had previously explained this to the teacher of the Marxism/Leninism class.

The really nitty gritty of what's happening with the course guide is that it's a new publication with an entirely new direction and outlook. I don't want to say that any excuse will do for dropping a course; for the fall issue we will hopefully have received all responses for that issue by the end of Spring term and thus be better able to ascertain the size of the fall issue.

The Guide was expecting, as in the past, that the response from the professors for spring term would be smaller than the response for fall and winter.

But this complaint brings out an interesting fact: now, the course guide is being taken more seriously, so mistakes glare out.

Give me a break, will ya? I think the young people who work and sweat for practically nothing (and no thanks) on this publication deserve better than that.

But from a simple letter to the editor must come the promise of better accuracy. We are human and in the same boat. Let's all be a little more christian.

Rich Riegel  
Editor, The Guide

### For LCC board

A public vote will choose three members of the Lane Community College (LCC) Board of Education, which determines class offerings, tuition and pay levels, among many other important things. University of Oregon students, staff and faculty members can help keep up community educational standards and do a favor for your counterparts at Lane by voting in the LCC Board elections.

The LCC Student Senate endorses the following:

**Catherine Lauris** has a warm, personal concern for the people of Lane Community College and is a highly dedicated public servant whose knowledge leadership is much needed. She really stood up for the rights of LCC work-study students when they were prematurely laid-off a year ago.

**Leslie Hendrickson** is employed as an administrative evaluator for the Eugene School District. His expertise and keen mind will be a valuable asset to the Board as it tries to cope with utilizing the college's limited resources in the fairest possible way.

**Charlene Curry** has a background which includes student government, education legislation, teaching at the University of Oregon, serving on the LCC Board and a committee, the mental health field, the Oregon Women's Political Caucus and the League of Women Voters.

Your polling location can be found out by phoning 687-4234. Please vote on April 4 for Catherine Lauris, Leslie Hendrickson and Charlene Curry.

Tom Ruckman  
LCC Student Body President

### Wrong paper

Actually, it wasn't the New York Times that headlined "Ford to City: Drop Dead", as your March 30 editorial indicated. It was the New York Daily News. The distinction is roughly the same as

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that between the Army Times and Army Laffs.

A rule of thumb your editorial writers might wish to remember when attributing headlines to New York dailies: if the words contain less than five letters, its probably the News.

Mitchell Shannon  
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### Mine is to obey...

I believe in an omnipotent, omniscient and personal God. I further believe God chose to communicate to us corporately through the Bible. In both the Old Testament and the New Testament we are instructed to obey God's word (e.g. Palm 119:2 and John 14:15). I look to the Bible for my rules of living. My personal responsibility is to obey. To choose to disbelieve the Bible is to place some other source (such as my intellect, modern psychology or contrary teaching) as an authority above the Bible. The omnipotent, omniscient God is capable of preserving for us His commandments and teachings (i.e. the Bible).

Accepting His Word as the guiding light for my life is neither an "abdication of personal responsibility" nor "inconsistent with a rational mind" as asserted by Luginbill (Emerald letters, March 28). Rather, it is the height of rationality to humble oneself before the Creator. God sums it up rather well in Proverbs 3:5,6:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths."

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