

Political scientist optimistic on Mid-East

By NATALIE HALPERN

Political scientist Max Mark last week addressed Congregation Beth Shalom's adult education series, presenting a note of hope for a favorable non-military solution to the recent Israeli-Arab conflict.

Prof. Mark, of the Wayne State University faculty, spoke on the subject, "Israel Among The Nations."

He focused on two periods in Israel's recent history, the Cold War and that after the detente of 1973. The Cold War was a function of the confrontation situation between the U.S. and Russia in which the Arab-Israeli conflict was a subsidiary one. At that time the sheikdoms on the Persian Gulf were dormant.

1973, however, saw the rise to

power of the oil producing countries. As a result, the desire of the U.S. is to improve economic relationships with the Soviet Union. The areas of great economic growth will be within areas of the communist societies.

Prof. Mark pointed out that while Arab regimes are anti-Israel, they are not necessarily pro-Russian.

Up to now Egyptian policy has been to play off the U.S. against the Soviet Union, but there has in fact been a change in the power relationship between the two great powers due to the oil dependence situation.

"The only way open to Israel," he said, "is by way of negotiations."

"There can be no settlement of Mid East problems without the participation of the Soviet Union."

The Soviets, he indicated, are not in-

terested in the elimination of Israel or in continuing the dangerous situation in the Middle East.

The Soviets, however, do plan to make full use of the present disarray and competition among Western powers to enhance the Soviet Union.

"They have no interest at present in stirring up more trouble, and they have been enormously successful so far," he said.

They have shown the U.S. they have alternative sources of capital available in other western countries.

Soviet objectives, declared Prof. Mark, are to calm things down in Israel, to ensure the opening of the Suez Canal, and to shift their own navy into the Indian Ocean from the Black Sea. The Suez, in addition, represents an internal waterway for the Soviet shipment of her commodities.

Proposals of U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger are in line with Soviet inter-

ests. His plan is for Egypt to open the Canal and build on the West Bank.

It is doubtful, according to Dr. Mark, that Sadat has the stomach for another war. His interest really lies in building up Egypt.

The quiet pro qua, Mark believes, is that Israeli withdrawal from Sinai would signal the opening of the Suez Canal. Israel would not be willing to give up the Golan Heights and Golan Heights would return control of the Abu Rodas oil fields, which will run dry within a few years.

The problem for Egypt is one of standing in the Arab world. Sadat must do something to satisfy the demand of other Arab leaders.

Israel, Prof. Mark felt, could relinquish a few kilometers on the Golan Heights without jeopardizing its safety, which would make a possible deal with Syria.

At the Geneva Conference, Israel

has to foster the legitimacy of Hussein as the negotiator over the West Bank and West Jerusalem, according to Prof. Mark.

Israel is under attack by the confrontation wing of the PLO. Israel

must move in order to prevent the Palestinian forces from becoming more radicalized.

"We should feel better," Prof. Mark said, "because the low point of the Cold War is behind us."

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DR. HOWARD ESTEP

The World Prophetic Ministry of which Mr. Estep is president, is more than 50 years old. Mr. Estep is a veteran minister of some 35 years in the pulpit, specializing in prophetic interpretation of world events in the light of the Bible, over radio and through his writings. Mr. Estep's radio program, "The News in Revelation," is heard in the Detroit area over WMUZ-FM Monday through Friday at 9:45 a.m.

"The King is Coming" telecast is the television outreach of World Prophetic Ministry with Mr. Estep as the speaker. This program is released each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. over Channel 50.

In addition to his radio and television ministries, Mr. Estep devotes much of his time in the publishing of religious books, sermons, and prophetic writings, as well as editing the monthly internationally-known "Prophetic News Letter," which is read in all 50 states and 75 countries around the world. Dr. Estep is the author of more than 140 booklets on Biblical and inspirational subjects.

The well-known Bible teacher and author will speak on "Sparrow

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A special feature of the week-night services will be the showing of an entirely different set of full-color slides of the Lands of the Bible, starting 30 minutes before the regular service. The slides were filmed by Mr. Estep while hosting tours in the Middle East.

Plan party to aid youths

A "Millionaire's Party" to benefit handicapped young adults will be held 8 p.m.-1 a.m. March 22 at the American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River.

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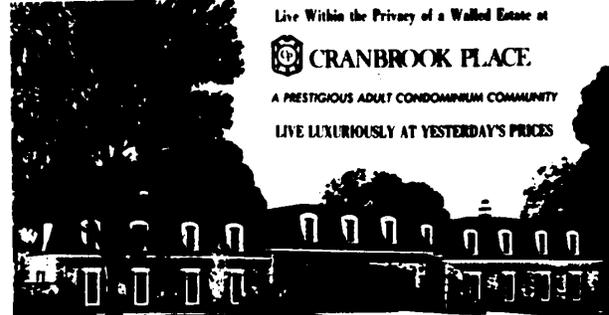
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