

Moral perspectives

Peace treaty reflects real change in Mideast

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war" might have been John Milton's commentary on the remarkable signing of a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, achieved in great part by the strenuous efforts of the president of the United States.

As the leaders of these three countries signed the official documents before a television audience that reached millions world wide, one marveled at the unrelenting, intense and dynamic labor that was able to overcome three decades of hostility between Israel and Egypt.

We witnessed an event both of enormous political importance, and also of great moral significance.

NATIONS KNOW HOW to wage war. Military academies are established, business and industry are mobilized, soldiers are recruited, sacrifices are demanded, and the people are summoned to deeds of valor. A religious leader once noted: "The tragedy of war is that it used man's best to do man's worst."

Unfortunately, nations have not learned the skills of making peace. In his remarks, President Carter appropriately referred to the "waging of peace." He demonstrated that service in the cause of peace requires moral courage, resolute will, indomitable faith, and exhausting effort.

Begin and Sadat similarly gave witness that peace has a price in labor and sacrifice as great as the commitments demanded by war. All men desire peace, but few desire the things that make for peace.



By RABBI IRWIN GRONER

BEGIN, SADAT and Carter, who differ in personality, spiritual heritage, and national background, shared in a bond of spirituality that each expressed in the idiom of his own faith.

That faith exercised a deep influence upon their passionate determination for peace, a critical factor in their achievement.

In the religions of Judaism, Islam and Christianity, the quest for peace is revered as a sacred ideal. Each of these religious affirms and celebrates the glory of "waging peace."

The Jewish tradition expresses its hope for peace in the admonition "Seek peace in your own community and, if necessary, pursue it abroad."

The efforts of these leaders were successful for an additional reason. Begin and Sadat represented and understood the hope and yearning of their people. Many thousands of Jews and Arabs, soldiers and civilians, have died in these 30 years of conflict.

Despite the risks of negotiation and the compromises required for settlement, the leaders of these countries knew that the risks and dangers of

peace were preferable to the degradation, waste and misery of more wars.

JOURNALISTS have been quick to point out that the many issues of conflict between the two countries have not yet been settled: the Arab claim to East Jerusalem; the political future of the West Bank; and the fate of the Palestinians.

Meanwhile, other Arab states are organizing a coalition of opposition to the peace treaty, and forcing moderate Arab leaders to join them.

In response to these predictable developments, skeptics have challenged the value and denigrated the achievement of the peace accord.

What they have failed to recognize is that something has happened between Israel and Egypt that will, given a chance, change the attitudes and relationships of these two nations and, with time, the moral climate of their region.

PEACE IS A MORAL fact as well as a political fact. It provides for a process of reconciliation between those who were enemies. In that process, old barriers fall away and new structures are built.

As trust is nurtured and confidence restored, as Jew and Arab encounter each other without bitterness or hatred, a force will be generated that will overcome the hostility and violence that have held sway for too long in this troubled part of the world.

We know at least this — for the people of Egypt and Israel, faith in peace is no delusion. The dream of peace can now become the reality of their future.



Clown ministry

A special ministry, described as one in which faith and fantasy meet, will be the subject of a workshop in the center for pastoral ministry on the Orchard Lake campus 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 6. Led by Rev. Floyd Shaffer, pastor of Salem Memorial Church in Detroit and founder of the clown ministry in this area, the workshop will show how gospel and liturgy

can be seen and heard through the symbolic gestures of the clown. Pictured are Ernie Ruff and Margaret Stine, graduates of an earlier clown ministry workshop, who appeared in a special celebration in St. Edith Catholic Church of Livonia recently. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

Interfaith dialogue planned

"Faith Without Prejudice" is the theme of an interreligious dialogue scheduled at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield.

His book analyzes Christian teaching materials, liturgy and attitudes toward Judaism.

Respondents to Fisher include Miles Jaffe, chairman of the American Jewish Congress national Interreligious Affairs Commission, and David Noel Freedman, professor of biblical studies at the University of Michigan and director of the U-M program on studies in religion.

Rabbi Irwin Groner, senior rabbi of Congregation Shaarey Zedek, will be host and moderator.

The meeting, open to the public, is the second in a series, Judaism and Christian Beginnings, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Detroit Chapter of American Jewish Committee, Round Table of Christians and Jews, Christian Communication Council and Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

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