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# Israel Today

by Ido Dissentshik

## THE SHOCK OF PEACE

It may come as a surprise to many that Israel is presently undergoing a shock that very few would expect. It has become known as the shock of peace. It takes many forms. For instance, one of the most frequently heard phrases in Israel today is something like—"Let's go quickly to the Sinai, before THEY give it back."

It will take time for Israelis to realize that they are entering a new era where no one intends to deprive them of the right to visit Sinai. When Israelis will go to Sinai in the years ahead, they will be able to visit any place they desire, almost as they are doing now. The difference will be that they will be tourists traveling with cameras rather than conquerors traveling with guns. In fact, they will probably be able to see more than they can now, because Sinai will contain no more secret military installations. The peninsula will be largely demilitarized.

But this Israeli attitude, about the need to see Sinai before it is returned, is a typical expression of the shock of peace which engulfed the nation. Israelis are still sighing in disbelief when they see their reporter on the evening television news, telling his story from Cairo against the background of the pyramids.

It is not easy for people who have known nothing but a state of war all their lives to make the adjustment to a state of at least partial peace. This will be an agonizing process of learning to live with a new and strange reality.

It is easy to foresee thousands of



Israelis crowding the roads to Egypt just as they did immediately after the Six Day War when they first were able to see these near—yet very distant—places that were taken by their army. It takes less time to go from Tel-Aviv to Cairo than from Washington, D.C. to Boston.

It is not easy to see how people adjust themselves to a freedom they never knew—to take their car and drive for days in one direction without being stopped by an ominous sign: "Beware, Enemy Frontier Ahead." Peace can bring a lot of good. But in the beginning it may be difficult to absorb.

It can also create problems in the long run. The people in Israel were held together by the outside threat. The elimination of this threat and the resultant emergence of a Western society without danger to its survival can take away the special quality of life in a pressure-cooker where a young generation is concerned with the preservation of life rather than with how to get the next shipment of drugs.

It is far from clear that Western democracy is presently serving any great idea or idealism. It may still be the best there is, but it is far from satisfactory. Israel was saved from much of the decay in the West by the fact that it had to make survival a certainty. Now things may be quite different and there is a large question mark about Israel's ability to deal with the new situation without losing some of its uniqueness and energy.

If all of this sounds a bit confused it is probably because the writer himself suffers from this peculiar shock that comes with peace. When David Ben Gurion was prime minister it was said he really did not want to have peace with the Arabs because it would spell the total assimilation of Israel into the Levant; that Israel as an emerging nation created from people who came from 70 different countries needed an outside pressure to forge a common national experience and identity. True or not, there may be something in this argument. At least it poses a major challenge to Israel's national and educational institutions.

At this writing it appears that nothing can stop an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. After the first few months of euphoria, Israelis—and Egyptians too—will be asking themselves what it is all about and they had better come up with the right answers.

It is easier to head a country under duress. It is much more difficult to be a towering leading figure when the problem is inflation, or drugs or the national soccer championship.

Israelis hope they will not be in the position of those Soviet Jews who come to Israel and find it difficult to adjust to a life and a society where the party is not the only guiding light. Israelis hope that in the land of peace, they will not be haunted by the lack of national purpose and idealism that threat, danger and war automatically provide.

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