

TSOMET

Presents the facts:

Even in times of peace, continued Israeli control over Judea and Samaria is essential to ensure the physical existence of the state.

Why?

Because:

- ★ Even if the historical rights of the Jewish people to Judea and Samaria could be forgone
- ★ Even if one could ignore the security problems involved in withdrawal, at every level – strategic, tactical, and the maintenance of day-to-day civilian safety
- ★ Even if one could discount any malicious design on the part of hostile elements in the “West Bank”

Even then:

Withdrawal from Judea and Samaria is a Step that Mortally Endangers the State of Israel.

This is not Chauvinistic Demagoguery. Not Extremist Scare Tactics. These are the Cold Hard Facts:

The Water Problem – Withdrawal Means Relinquishing Control over 60 percent of the Country's Water Supply

Approximately 60 per cent of Israel's water supply is contained in geological structures (aquifers) which serve as natural underground reservoirs. These structures (Yarkon-Taninim and Coastal Aquifers), and the waters they store are affected, directly and indirectly, by civilian and ecological activity in Judea and Samaria – both as to the quantity and the quality of the water. Excessive pumping of uncontrolled sewage and waste disposal are liable to cause serious depletion, salination and pollution of the aquifers. Relinquishing the western slopes of the Judean and Samarian hills will bring about a situation in which the fate of the national water supply is left to the tender mercies of whatever Arab authority would control the evacuated areas after withdrawal. It is important to note that critical dangers implicit in such a situation could arise even without there being any malicious intent on the part of the Arabs. They could result with equal severity from simple municipal mis-management, poor planning, lack of knowledge or awareness, or plain neglect. However, whatever the reasons may be, Israel might easily find herself facing irreparable damage to the supply of one of her most vital strategic resources – a situation which could in the most tangible way endanger her continued survival. Then noble phrases regarding “the rights of other nations” will sound a little hollow... and very irrelevant.

Demilitarized State – A Dangerous Illusion Leading to a Lethal Dead-End!

The mortal dangers that the establishment of a militarized political entity in Judea and

“If you believe that you don't have to be a “leftist” to be “enlightened,” “progressive” or “politically sane”; if you believe that there is a dire need for firm resolute Zionism, but that its proponents have been inarticulate, and awkward in presenting their case; if you identify with the content and style of this message – help us spread it. Spreading ideas costs money and, faced with an unsympathetic press, we have to pay for the publication of our views. We need your support to continue with similar messages.
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by definition, have the forces to do so! And if there were an attempt to overthrow the incumbent government (not a rare event in the Arab world), financed by extremists opposed to the agreement with Israel, and if the local police could not put down the uprising, Israel would be called on to preserve the stability of the regime, lest elements backed by Syria or Libya take over power. Or if Gaddafi or Assad finance acts of terrorism from within the demilitarized territory (as they undoubtedly will) and the local peace-keeping forces are unable, or unwilling, to curb these acts, Israel will be faced with a cruel dilemma regarding the demilitarized entity: to either arm it (then it would no longer be demilitarized); or to police it (which means reverting to the present situation but under more difficult circumstances); or to invade it (what would the reaction be in the Arab world and the international community to the annihilation of the fledgling and defenceless Palestinian state?). Therefore, given the nature of the regimes and the prevailing realities in the Middle East, the establishment of a demilitarized political entity in Judea and Samaria will not contribute to the security of Israel. On the contrary, it will be an additional burden, obliging her not only to see to her own security but also that of the neighbouring Arab regime... and the realities of the “security zone” along the northern border will be duplicated along the Hadera-Kfar Sava frontier!!!

“The Right of Return” – An Impassable Obstacle

Even if one were to suppose that the inhabitants of the refugee camps were to give up their dreams of returning to Haifa, Jaffa and Acre, and were to resign themselves to the fact that they will never cultivate their former lands now cultivated by kibbutzim of Hashomer Hatzair, there are still hundreds of thousands of refugees living in camps in the neighbouring Arab states. And by what moral or legal standard could these refugees be denied return to their newly established “National Home”? Moreover, it is far from unlikely that the Arab states themselves would forcibly “transfer” these refugees to

Samaria would involve for Israel have been extensively detailed in the past by former Minister of Defence Shimon Peres in the Labour Party newspaper "Davar" and by Professor Amnon Rubinstein ("Palestinian Lies" and "The Pitfall of the Third State" in "Ha'aretz"). There is therefore a wide consensus that any territory evacuated by Israel would have to be *demilitarized*. But even if one ignores the substantive and legal contradictions implicit in the idea of a "demilitarized state" (on which Professor Rubinstein elaborates in his articles) and one supposes that one could find a hypothetical Arab with the *willingness, the sincerity, and the authority* necessary to conclude a treaty with Israel regarding the establishment of a demilitarized political entity in Judea and Samaria, even then the setting up of such an entity would still constitute a grave and complex source of peril for Israel. Why? Such a demilitarized entity would be totally dependent on Israel for the prevention of incursions by foreign forces into its territory. And if such an attempted incursion took place (not a rare event in the Arab world) *Israel* would have to fight and sacrifice her own soldiers to keep it demilitarized – as the local government would not,

unlikely that the Arab states themselves would forcibly "transfer" these refugees to their new "motherland." The result? A huge wave of poverty-stricken humanity placing impossible pressures on the new regime, and the growth of huge slum areas, concentrations of misery, frustration, and crime on the very doorstep of the coastal metropolis and Jerusalem. This additional population, caught in a trap of despair, deprived of minimal living conditions and of the hope of ever improving them, must inevitably intensify the already grave problems of: Uncontrolled water consumption, unplanned sewage disposal and the resultant pollution, growing discontent with the incumbent regime (the one party to the agreement with Israel) and the attempts to overthrow it because of this discontent. Therefore if Israel wishes to prevent the dangers implicit in the large-scale return of Palestinians to their newly formed national entity, and the creation of impossible social and economic pressures on its administrative systems, she will have to keep absolute control over all immigration and transit procedures into and from the Palestinian entity. Otherwise those pressures will be directed *westward* towards Israel's coastal plain with the tantalizing narrow waistline of only 10 miles.

Therefore in order to ensure the continued existence of the state, in order to obviate mortal danger, which **need not originate from any purposeful malice on the part of the Arabs (!)**, Israel must have absolute control over all aspects of the water supply, the sewage and waste disposal system, immigration and travel procedures, and be a dominant factor in security matters. It must therefore be obvious to anyone with even an inkling of knowledge of political theory that these constraints *preclude* any solutions involving a sovereign *Palestinian state*; any *confederation* of doubtful composition, or even *autonomy*. Israeli control of all these factors vital to its existence implies – **full Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria!!** It is not possible to find within the territorial limits of Judea and Samaria a solution that is consistent with the existence of the State of Israel, on the one hand; and fulfilment of Palestinian national aspirations on the other. Any solution that ensures the existence of Israel does not allow an honourable solution to the question of Palestinian nationalism. All talk of "confederations," "corridors" and "demilitarization" are nothing but dangerous illusions, distorted caricatures of a "solution" which would bring not national *honour* but national *humiliation* and *degradation* to the Palestinians. Only EAST of the Jordan, where most of the Palestinians live, in a population which is mostly Palestinian, can the question of Palestinian nationality be honourably resolved in a way that does not imperil the existence of Jewish nationality.

Tsomet: Zionism unmistakably resolute