

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

DEDICATION CEREMONIES FOR THE DAVID BERGER MEMORIAL

Cleveland, Ohio

October 5, 1975

We are gathered here today to honor the memory of a young man who devoted his life to peace.

The life of David Berger which was tragically extinguished on September 5, 1972 has meaning for all of us.

He is a symbol of all Americans and Israelis -- both young and old -- who yearn for peace among nations.

He is a symbol for all people who want competition between nations to take place on the playing fields and not on battle fields.

He is a symbol of the quiet struggle of the youth of America and Israel who are dedicated to the cause of peace and greater international understanding.

David Berger lost his life in this struggle because those who advocate violence do not stop at the barriers of human decency and dignity which protect the peace fighters.

The violence which consumed David Berger has threatened the peace time and time again.

It is a violence that claims its cause is just. It is a violence which says that innocents are the enemy. It is a violence which we condemn because it is barbaric and a cruel substitute for a real solution to the problem.

I want to say today that those who advocate that the United States should recognize the PLO have forgotten the David Bergers, Munich and the other victims of their violence. For the United States to offer international legitimacy to this organization is to condone violence and terrorism.

Our nation has undertaken a solemn obligation to help bring about peace in the Middle East. And this responsibility will involve sacrifices for the American people. But the PLO has no role in our plan for peace until it is willing to accept peaceful and negotiated change as a principle of its existence. An organization which advocates terrorism has no place at a Geneva Conference, in the United Nations or any other forum dedicated to peace.

Yes, the Palestinian people cannot be forgotten in any settlement in the region. But the United States cannot and will not deal with terrorists as the legitimate representatives of a people.

David Berger loved Israel and believed in its people. He became one of them and devoted his gifts to that small nation.

I never knew David. But I am sure that he was a strong believer in the words from the Twentieth Psalm which say:

"Some may trust in chariots, and others in horses, but for us, we will rely upon the spirit of the Lord our God."

This is part of the story of Israel. It has relevance to every Jew and non-Jew who believes in that country. Israel has prevailed because its people have faith in each other and in their God. It has endured because its friends in America and around the world have been willing to make sacrifices for freedom.

This was the sacrifice made by David Berger and the others who were struck down at Munich.

Today as we talk of peace, I want to make a proposal which I believe would bring peace one step closer in the Middle East.

With the official encouragement of the United States, I believe that Israel and Egypt could begin to work together on a broad range of educational and scientific projects in the Sinai and in the region for the betterment of their peoples.

-- Israel has special capability in the fields of desalinization and land reclamation. These could be shared with Egyptian scientists.

-- There is no reason why the Hebrew University and the University of Cairo could not begin to share information and develop exchange programs in the field of health care and medical research. I know that the Hebrew University has a research program on the dreaded Nile River parasitic disease call bilharzia. The work of Israeli scientists could be of great benefit to Egyptian scientists and to the people of the Nile River basin.

-- The exceptional work of Hadassah Hospital could be expanded to treat patients from neighboring Arab countries in an effort to directly aid those in special need.

-- Finally, both Moslem and Jewish scholars could expand their cooperative efforts at archaeological sites in the region, since this discipline is so important to both Israel and Egypt.

These projects could be the first step towards Israeli-Egyptian reconciliation. The way has been paved by the recent Sinai Agreement. The time has come for the people of these two countries to join their diplomats in making peace. They do not need conference tables. Nor do they need special shuttle diplomacy. All that is necessary is the will to begin, to work together in the pursuit of peaceful ends to help each other.

There is a lesson for both Israelis and Egyptians in Henry Kissinger's successes in international diplomacy. They have been founded on close personal contact with heads of state. These contracts foster trust and confidence.

This is the technique I am proposing today on a non-governmental scale.

Let Israeli and Egyptian doctors, scientists, archaeologists, and farmers begin working together, and the time will not be distant when Prime Minister Rabin and President Sadat face each other across the table.

This type of contact does not involve territory, troop placements or concessions by either side. It has to do with understanding among people as the key to peace.

We have turned the corner of peace in the Middle East. The next step is to preserve the peace that we have worked so hard to create.

David Berger stood for this people-to-people approach to peace. He fought for it and died in the process of achieving it. In honoring his memory, we recognize that true peace takes the will of the people more than it does the skill of diplomats.

The creation of trust and understanding among people can come about only if they work together and know each other as human beings. This is what David Berger was trying to do that sad day in Munich when he was taken from us.

John T
Mayor Boyle - Cleveland Heights

The Honorable Justice
Hyam Cohan

(Dorothy)
Dr + Mrs Ben Berger
Son - Fred - (Brother)
Daughter - Barbara (Sister)

Sculpture by David Davis
Ambassador Dintz

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~~Senator~~
Edward + Shirley Metzger

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~~Joe Tate~~
Justice Cohan
Max Friedman

Robert Rosenberg

Mrs Jackson

Mayor Boyle

Dr + Mrs Berger

Fred

Barbara

+ David's Grandparents

+ Family

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ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1972 HAS MEANING FOR ALL OF US. <sup>Brilliant student,
Strong body,</sup>

^{man of compassion, ~~and~~ eyes -}
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YOUNG AND OLD -- WHO YEARN FOR PEACE AMONG ^{peoples + nations,}

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↳ DAVID BERGER LOST HIS LIFE IN THIS STRUGGLE BECAUSE

THOSE WHO ADVOCATE VIOLENCE DO NOT STOP AT THE BARRIERS OF
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↳ THE VIOLENCE WHICH CONSUMED DAVID BERGER HAS THREATENED
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A VIOLENCE WHICH SAYS THAT INNOCENTS ARE THE ENEMY. ↳ IT IS
A VIOLENCE WHICH WE CONDEMN BECAUSE IT IS BARBARIC AND A CRUEL
SUBSTITUTE FOR A REAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

↳ I WANT TO SAY TODAY THAT THOSE WHO ADVOCATE THAT THE
UNITED STATES SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE PLO HAVE FORGOTTEN THE
DAVID BERGERS, MUNICH AND THE OTHER VICTIMS OF THEIR VIOLENCE.

↳ FOR THE UNITED STATES TO OFFER INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY TO THIS
ORGANIZATION IS TO CONDONE VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM.

L OUR NATION HAS UNDERTAKEN A SOLEMN OBLIGATION TO HELP
BRING ABOUT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THIS RESPONSIBILITY
WILL INVOLVE SACRIFICES FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. BUT THE PLO
HAS NO ROLE IN OUR PLAN FOR PEACE UNTIL IT IS WILLING TO
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THIS IS PART OF THE STORY OF ISRAEL. IT HAS RELEVANCE TO EVERY JEW AND NON-JEW WHO BELIEVES IN THAT COUNTRY. ISRAEL HAS PREVAILED BECAUSE ITS PEOPLE HAVE FAITH IN EACH OTHER AND IN THEIR GOD. IT HAS ENDURED BECAUSE ITS FRIENDS IN AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR FREEDOM. ~~It~~ Israel has in America a trustworthy friend.

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SINAI AND IN THE REGION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR PEOPLES.

↳ ISRAEL HAS SPECIAL CAPABILITY IN THE FIELDS OF
DESALINIZATION AND LAND RECLAMATION. THESE COULD BE SHARED
WITH EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS.

↳ THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO COULD NOT BEGIN TO SHARE INFORMATION
AND DEVELOP EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE

AND MEDICAL RESEARCH. I KNOW THAT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY HAS

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OF GREAT BENEFIT TO EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS AND TO THE PEOPLE OF

THE NILE RIVER BASIN.

← THE EXCEPTIONAL WORK OF HADASSAH HOSPITAL COULD BE
EXPANDED TO TREAT PATIENTS FROM NEIGHBORING ARAB COUNTRIES
IN AN EFFORT TO DIRECTLY AID THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED.

← FINALLY, BOTH MOSLEM AND JEWISH SCHOLARS COULD EXPAND
THEIR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN THE REGION,
SINCE THIS DISCIPLINE IS SO IMPORTANT TO BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

← THESE PROJECTS COULD BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS
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THESE CONTRACTS FOSTER TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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NON-GOVERNMENTAL SCALE.

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Scholars

AND FARMERS BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER, AND THE TIME WILL NOT BE DISTANT

WHEN PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND PRESIDENT SADAT FACE EACH OTHER

ACROSS THE TABLE.

L THIS TYPE OF CONTACT DOES NOT INVOLVE TERRITORY, TROOP
PLACEMENTS OR CONCESSIONS BY EITHER SIDE. L IT HAS TO DO WITH
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*Sinai
Golan*

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TO CREATE.

L DAVID BERGER STOOD FOR THIS PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE APPROACH TO
PEACE. L HE FOUGHT FOR IT AND DIED IN THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING

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