

# Israel, Vietnam differences cited; aid urged

It's not too often that I find Democratic utterances very quotable, unless, of course, I'm berating the Democratic politician who spoke them. While browsing through the *Congressional Record* last week, however, I came across a particularly insightful comment by Rep. William Lehman (D-Fla.) that I would like to share with you. The story, entitled "Israel is not Vietnam," possesses a current significance which we can ignore only at our peril. It is printed below:

"There are many reasons for American support for Israel and for the judgment that Israel is different from South Vietnam.

"South Vietnam is a military dictatorship where opposition politicians and religious leaders are jailed and newspapers critical of the government are suppressed. Israel is a democracy with strong opposition parties and freedom of speech.

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"In Southeast Asia, the fighting was Vietnamese vs. Vietnamese. Israel is the victim of attacks across recognized ceasefire lines by military forces of other nations and other peoples.

"The South Vietnamese government asked for U.S. troops from the beginning of their war and Americans did most of the heavy fighting there for a number of years. In four wars, Israel has never asked for American troops. It has proven it is willing and able to fight its own wars.

"Our effort in the Middle East is limited to counterbalancing Soviet arms sent to the area. In Vietnam, the mistake was sending American troops, in addition to equipment, while the

Soviets and Chinese were supplying only equipment.

"In Vietnam, American psychological warfare experts felt it was necessary to launch special campaigns to win 'the hearts and minds' of the South Vietnamese people to the cause of their government. There is no such problem in Israel.

"The United States spent years trying to force the South Vietnamese to sit down at the conference table with their adversaries. Additional months were spent quarreling over the shape of the table. For years Israel has been actively seeking to sit down and negotiate all differences with its adversaries.

"It is no secret that South Vietnamese officials pocketed millions of dollars in U.S. economic aid. Aid to the Israelis has meant the draining of swamps, the building of factories, and the resettling of refugees in desert areas which were barren for a thousand years.

"There is one last reason why Americans know that Israel is different from Vietnam. They know a Vietnamese nation will survive regardless of the outcome of the war in Southeast Asia. If Israel loses its war, it would be the end of the Israeli nation."

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