

Israeli influence hinders U.S. Palestinian policy

Since the establishment of the state of Israel in Palestine in 1948 and the driving of the Palestinian people out of their homeland, the U.S. government has shown no concern or sympathy toward the Palestinians' tragedy.

The Palestinians have suffered expulsion, massacre and above all have suffered by being presented as a "gang of terrorists" to the U.S. public. The U.S. government indirectly has tried to crush the Palestinian people through its unlimited support of Israel under the umbrella of Israel's needs for self-defense. But why does the United States take such a strong position against the Palestinians?

Guest Opinion

The answer lies in the tremendous influence exerted by Israel; lobby through money and propaganda. The lobby is powerful, well-organized and active. It plays a significant role in shaping U.S. foreign policy. In his well-documented book titled, "They Dare To Speak Out," Paul Findley daringly and openly addresses the influence of the Israel lobby on the U.S. Congress and government.

Findley, who served in the congress for 22 years, was defeated by an Israeli-supported congressman in Chicago. Findley "spoke out" about the priority of U.S. interests in the Middle East and lost the elections. On the other hand, the latest espionage incident by an Israeli agent in the United States last fall has proven how powerful the lobby is. The incident was easily controlled and no further investigations were pursued.

Some U.S. policymakers occasionally have expressed their desire for establishing a just peace in the Middle East. This, of course, depends on securing the U.S. interests in the region and minimizing the influence of the U.S. rivals. With regard to the Palestinian right of self-determination, policymakers seem to lean toward supporting this right. However, because of the influence of the Israeli lobby, the line

appears to be paralyzed to carry out its peace plan.

Peace cannot be achieved in the Middle East without giving the Palestinian people a major role in the peace process, not as refugees but as a nation. They are the heart of the problem. In order to help establish peace in the Middle East, U.S. officials need to address the causes of the "Palestinian Problem" (as it should be called), rather than mislead the public by focusing on the results isolated from their causes and from the general context of the problem.

Asked about the causes of violence in the Middle East and the impact of the present U.S. position on the conflict, George Ball, the former under-secretary during President Jimmy Carter's administration, responded: "We are subject to these attacks by the extremist Arabs because we've taken a totally one-sided role in the Mideast. We've shown absolutely no sympathy for the plight of the Palestinians, who have enormous frustrations. U.S. Mideast policy is largely made in Jerusalem, and the net result is to escalate violence and bring discredit to our role" (U.S. & World Report, Jan. 20, 1986). This is a courageous and factual statement that tells the whole story.

The Palestinian people have nothing against the United States. It is Israel that recently has succeeded in pushing the United States in the war of terrorism. Latest incidents that have some Palestinian collection, do not, in any way, reflect the Palestinian strategy of gaining the right of self-determination.

Through its central role in any peaceful solution in the Middle East, the United States can create an environment in which peace can grow and be promoted. First, the United States needs to ignore the pressure of the Israeli lobby and initiate an open dialogue with the Palestinians. Second, the U.S. leaders can pressure Israel to change its position that prevents any Palestinian state from emerging in the region.

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Charlie Owen is a golf heretic

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Leaping to his feet, he swung his arms and said: "And what is this?"

That is your perfect Hogan golf swing. You have shown it to me countless times.

He slumped against the bar and said: "Yes. The swing, the grip. All lies, fraud, deceit."

What are you talking about? The grip, the swing, these things have evolved through the ages. They are classic, carved in stone, the golf gospel. You've told me that a thousand times.

He shook his head. "Did I tell you that I recently was hooked up for cable TV?"

So?
"They show the senior golf tournaments."

And?
"I have seen. . ." He paused, covered his eyes with his hand, sighed, and finished the sentence. ". . . Charlie Owens."

Ah, I should have known. Charlie Owens — golf's most terrible secret.

"I had never seen him before," he said, tears dripping into his beer. "And there he was winning the tournament, beating Palmer, Casper, Player, with their great swings. It was horrible, like a bad dream."

I could understand his emotions.

Charlie Owens, 56, black, a pro on the senior golf circuit.

He walks as if he has a rigid leg. That's because his left leg is rigid. When he was a young paratrooper, he shattered his kneecap and it was removed. His knee was fused so that it can't

bend. When he rides a golf cart, the leg sticks straight out.

"Do you know what that means?" my friend said. "I have six books devoted entirely to proper leg action. You cannot have proper leg action with a rigid left leg. It is heresy. But that's not the worst of it. His grip. Have you seen his grip?"

I have. It is upside down. His left hand is below his right hand. It is said that he learned it as a kid. But by the time people told him it was totally wrong, he was beating those who told him it was totally wrong.

My friend cried out: "Read Vardon. Read Hogan. Read Nicklaus. Read anyone. It all begins with the correct grip. Without it, you cannot play the game properly. It is impossible."

But Charlie does. And brilliantly, at times.

"Yes, so that means it is all a fiction. Meaningless. All these years. Everything I've believed in. A fool's quest."

Even worse, if Owens ever became widely known, it could mean the end of an entire industry — the thousands of golf books, golf videotapes, and the pros all teaching the same thing. An aging man with a stiff leg and an upside-down grip, and he goes out and shoots 65s.

My friend reached into his pocket and took out a handful of tees. He let them slip from his fingers onto the barroom floor.

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Matt Leatherwood of LT&T and Masters' of Business of Administration Student Association President-elect Beth Henke talk about career possibilities Wednesday during the career fair held at the Wick Alumni Center.

UNL's first MBA career day lets students 'market' themselves

By Jen Deselms
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Students working toward masters' degrees in business administration helped themselves find information about job-careers by planning their own career day, Wednesday.

The Masters' of Business of Administration Student Association (MBASA) sponsored the first Business Career Information Day at UNL.

The idea for a career day started after members of MBASA decided they wanted to be more than a social organization, said Marilyn Cree, vice president of administration for MBASA. She said students in MBASA wanted to do more for themselves and career day was a way to do it. "We (MBASA) felt we needed to market ourselves," Cree said.

Mike Dempsey, an MBA student, said he came to career day because he is graduating in May and is still looking for a job. He said he wanted to talk to visiting businesses to find out what they wanted in an employee and to pick up some information about companies that interest him.

Several of the companies were looking for

employees, Dempsey said, and he hopes he can get a job offer out of career day.

It's a shame UNL hasn't had an MBA Career Day before, said Richard Takac, a representative at career day for Burroughs Corporation in Omaha.

Ed Welch, also representing Burroughs, said the company came to career day because Burroughs has positions open for MBA's and they wanted to meet possible job candidates.

The career day was a replacement for a formal interviewing day on campus, Takac said. He said he liked the career day because it was less formal than an interview.

Students requested the companies that were invited to career day, Cree said. Although some companies that were invited to career day didn't accept UNL's invitation, many of these companies said they would be interested in a career day to be next fall, she said.

Forty students and representatives from Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph, Farm Credit Administration, First National-Omaha, Woodman Accident and Life Insurance, UNL Career Planning and Placement Office and Coopers & Lybrand participated.

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