



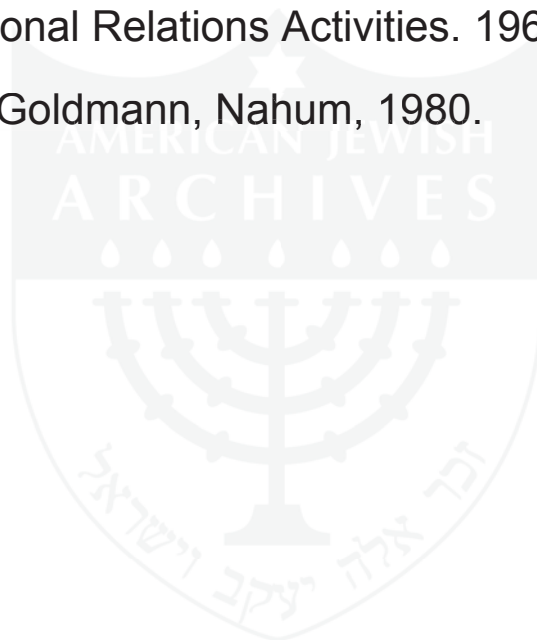
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to Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
from William S. Trosten
subject ARTICLE BY NAHUM GOLDMANN

The article entitled "Out of Concern for Israel" starts with a listing of Goldmann's Zionist credentials and goes on to describe his "agitation," "concern" and "shock" at what is happening in and to Israel. He describes Israel as being on the verge of dissolution with only two institutions -- the judiciary and the army (and there is some question about the army) not affected by the general anarchy. The moral values of the country have seriously eroded -- crime; tax evasion; Mafia-like organizations are sapping the strength of the country. The rich are growing richer at the expense of the average citizen who can barely afford a minimal living standard. The government is out of control.

The Arabs, not just the PLO, but the moderates and the Israeli Arabs are becoming increasingly difficult to deal with. Israel's foreign policy -- illusionary and provocative, has isolated the country from all of its traditional allies except the United States which, against its better judgment, is supporting Israel until after the election. Camp David is doomed to failure. The United States realizes this but will not admit the failure until after the election. Sadat realizes it too but because of the Sinai will not admit it. Begin gave up the Sinai because he felt that in return he would have his own way on the West Bank.

At least a third of the article concerns itself with the history of Zionism and then it ends with Goldmann's proposal to create a neutralized Israel like Austria or Switzerland whose security would be guaranteed by the major world powers.

Bill

cc: Bertram H. Gold

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