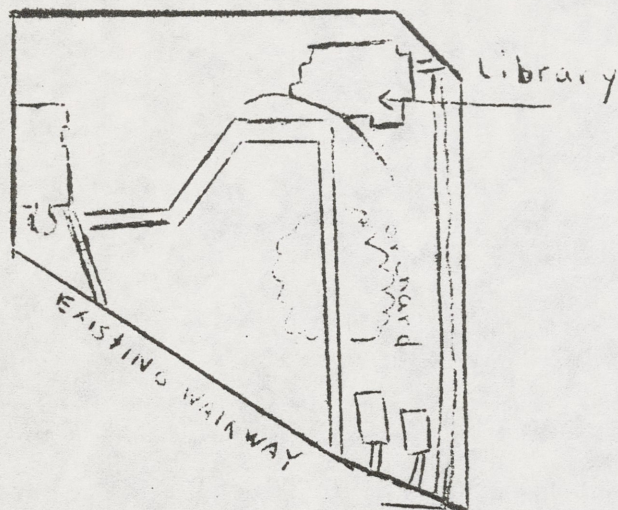


Presently concrete is being poured for the footers which is a part of the foundation which supports the girders. Construction will continue through the winter months, weather permitting.

Harry Mac Cartney



Proposed Construction Site

A Touch Of the Middle East

On Wednesday, October 13, our school was visited by Yaacov Paran, the Consulate General for Israel in Philadelphia. Mr. Paran spoke to a group of students about the way in which Israel is striving to meet the challenges brought on by the Middle East Crisis.. Many students have found the crisis most confusing in the past.

Mr. Paran began his lecture by stating that Israel is the only Jewish nation among 28 Arab nations in the Middle East, and is therefore forced to defend herself against would-be invaders. Two of the most controversial issues in Israel are the Sinai and the Golan Heights areas. The P.L.O. (Palestinian Liberation Organization), frequently puts Israel to the test-- a provocation which often leads to death and destruction. It is the P.L.O. goal to force Israel to surrender the Golan Heights. Israel feels that they can afford to turn over the Golan Heights because of its proximity to the heavily populated areas in their land. On this issue, Israel has remained firm.

Perhaps even more widely known to us is the situation between Israel and Egypt. They are fighting over the land known as Sinai. The Egyptians feel that they should be the rightful inhabitants of the Sinai because they

were evicted by the Israelis. In recent talks at Camp David between the leaders of Israel and Egypt with the help of President Carter, a treaty for peace was proposed. It is the hope of Mr. Paran, and surely the hope of all parties involved, that the treaties proposed will be ratified sometime in November. Should that event take place it will bring about the first major move toward peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Paran also showed a short film. In introducing the film Mr. Paran said, "Israel is in the news too much and unfortunately Israel is not what you only read in the paper." The film was entitled The Gate Is Open. As might be inferred from the title, the film described Israel's move towards better relations with their neighboring Arab countries. Those countries are Lebanon to the north and Jordan to the east. The gate referred to is the fence that separates Israel from Lebanon. This fence of barbed wire which encloses Israel was originally constructed to keep terrorists out of the country. Now the "gate" is open and allows people to leave war-torn Lebanon to come to Israel for help. Similarly, the people of Jordan are allowed to cross the border into Israel and the Israelis are allowed to cross the border into Jordan. The recent "good feeling" policy in Israel has brought marked changes in the land that are beneficial for all the people involved.

Mr. Paran's lecture was most interesting because he was able to explain to everyone the conflict that is going on in Israel today. The issues were clearly stated by Mr. Paran which led to a better understanding of the issues involved in the Middle East Crisis today.

Theresa Nolan

Armed Guards At University Park?

The arming of the guards at University Park is a major issue of which

many students are unaware. Dr. Edward Eddy, acting President of the Penn State University, began investigations into this issue on September 26th. He charged the University Council with the task of conducting studies as to whether or not one branch of the Security Police at University Park should be permitted to bear arms. There are two branches of security at University Park--the Community Service Officers and the Police Service Officers. The Community Service branch is basically the "eyes and ears" of the Security Guards. They do not make

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