

# Dear Editor

## Foreign Policy

As always, Hans J. Morgenthau has brought substantial insight and foresight to his analysis of the ghastly and empty foreign policy exchanges taking place among the Presidential aspirants ("Foreign Policy and the Next President," NL, April 26). However, it is what he omits rather than his excellent synthesis of five critical problems that seems so striking. For instance, he discusses the nuclear problem but neglects to even comment on the crucial role the next administration will play in the Middle East, where Moshe Dayan has twice publicly declared that Israel must now pursue a nuclear balance-of-terror policy. In his examination of the Third World, Morgenthau fails to mention the complexity and importance of U.S.-Arab relations, which have a bearing on all the other Third-World problems he does treat.

Morgenthau also omits from his listing the world food crisis, a moral issue as well as one with tremendous political and economic implications. And he only mentions the energy shortage within the context of a whole host of adjustment questions, though it could still lead this country to war and may remain the most important international economic development of recent years.

We truly need to catalogue all of the crucial problems confronting us and we must prepare to deal with them. Otherwise, we risk finding ourselves merely elevating the current level of "political irresponsibility and timidity" that is symptomatic "of the intellectual and moral decline of American democracy" to the level of mediocrity. And this will not be sufficient.

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