II. Current Arab Anti-Jewish Practices

The discriminatory actions practiced by the Arab countries under the direction of the Arab League fall into three categories: A. The denial of entry or transit visas to American Jews; B. The commercial boycott of American Jewish businesses. C. The establishment and subvention of large-scale Arab propaganda centers to disseminate anti-Semitic literature in the United States. Each of these three practices is discussed below.

A. Denial of Entry or Transit Visas to American Jews

In recent years various Arab countries including Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia have sought to extend and promote their programs of domestic anti-Semitism by promulgating a rule flatly prohibiting the issuance of entry permits and travel visas to American citizens who are Jews. This discrimination extends to government officials and to members of the United States armed forces. A number of invidious consequences have flowed from this Arab policy: American state laws against discrimination in employment have been openly and repeatedly flouted, and recruiting for employment, even on defense contracts paid for by American taxpayers, has been conducted on a discriminatory basis because of Arab refusal to admit American Jewish workers. Thus, Arab bigotry has already forced its way across our own borders and infected our own domestic practices.

(1) Restrictions against Military Personnel

On May 20, 1955 a chaplain serving in the United States Air Force wrote Senator Herbert H. Lehman:

> United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) Manual 30-1, dated June, 1953, deals with "Clearance & Documentations for Leave & Duty Travel" for members of the United States Air Force. In Section XXVI, paragraph 3rd, we read: "Individuals of Jewish faith or descent are strictly barred entrance to or transit of Saudi Arabia. Further, any passport containing an Israeli visa will not be honored.
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> In Section XIII, paragraph 3c, we read: Individuals of the Hebrew Race will not be issued visas or admitted to Jordan.
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> By restricting the travels of a Jewish serviceman on military aircraft, the Military Air Transport Service (MATS), a lawful

> agency of the government of the United States of America, subjects itself to the bigoted religious doctrines of a foreign power.

This letter elicited the following reply on June 20, 1955 from Harold E. Talbott, then Secretary of the Air Force, to whom it was forwarded by Senator Lehman:

> The countries of Saudi Arabia and Jordan for purposes of internal security will not issue a visa for persons of the Hebrew race. This restriction is not only applicable to American citizens, but applies to Jewish people of all nations. Further, Arabic countries, specifically Saudi Arabia and Jordan, will not issue a visa to any person regardless of race, if the passport of the individual is stamped with any marking which would indicate that the traveler had visited Israel prior to the application for entrance into Saudi Arabia and Jordan.
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> These restrictions are promulgated and enforced by the Arabic countries and are not within the prerogative of the State Department or the military to change.
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> The only exception to the above procedures is when the traveler receives special permission from the Arabic Government concerned to enter that country.

Senator Lehman wrote to Mr. Talbott on July 12, 1955:

> I have your letter of June 20th. I am aware of the practice of the Governments of Saudi Arabia and Jordan in barring entrance to persons of Jewish faith. I had hoped, however, that the appropriate departments of the United States Government would work ceaselessly against any such regulation insofar as it affects American citizens. I was especially shocked to know that American G.I.'s who happen to be of the Jewish faith are likewise discriminated against. I hoped that far from simply taking cognizance of the matter, the Air Force would use its influence to the extent possible to see that this discrimination was not practiced against Americans who were serving their country in the Air Force.

Secretary Talbott's answer, dated July 20, 1955, exhibits an odd lack of concern:

> The Air Force is cognizant of the situation concerning restriction of travel to members of the Jewish faith to Saudi Arabia and Jordan. However, it must be recognized that we are dealing with a tradition of long standing, and in all probabilities, will take much effort and time on the part of all Governmental agencies, including the Air Force, to try and work out a satisfactory solution with the countries concerned. The Air Force together with Governmental agencies, has worked ceaselessly to abrogate regulations of this nature put into effect by foreign governments which affect American citizens. Unfortunately, as