

—could be solved within the framework of an Arab-Israeli peace.

Thus far the unhappy tensions between the Arab states and Israel continue. While a clash of arms may not be likely, the shipment of jet planes and other instruments of war into the area has excited fears.

America, it must be emphasized, has not sold arms to the Arab countries. It is not our desire to stimulate an arms race. Moneys so spent could be far better used in resettling refugees, building schools and developing land resources. My personal opinion is that we ought not sell arms to Arab lands or to Israel until peace within the regime is achieved. Then the sale of arms to friendly states, both Arab nations and Israel, can be fitted into a general defense plan against any possible Soviet aggression into the vital Middle East area.

There can be no doubt that the Middle East is one of the most important sections of the world, and one of the most difficult to defend against a possible Soviet aggression. Today the Russians are obviously appealing to the prejudices of the Arab peoples and hope to so weaken them that they

can be gradually taken over by communism. Fortunately communism seems to be contrary to their whole Arab philosophy of life, but communism has shown before this that its effective propaganda can change the best established institutions.

The tendency toward anti-Semitism shown in recent Communist action is probably designed to attract favor from the Arab peoples, and we can only hope that it will be abandoned without reaching again the fanaticism which has characterized it in the past.

The United States must continue to show friendship both to Arabs and Jews and extend to them the technical assistance of Point Four, and such additional economic aid as is practical. We should also encourage private financial investments in this entire area, and it is an area in which we can probably obtain satisfactory guarantees against nationalization. We must insist upon peace, on a fair deal to both parties, and a solution of the refugee problems. It is my belief that with skill and determination peace may be established and an effective anti-Communist front developed through progressive economic improvement.

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