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PORTION OF ADDRESS BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Note: The following is a verbatim transcript of Dr. Silver's remarks, taken from a recording which was made of the entire address and which is now available in the offices of the Zionist Organization of America.

Politically, my friends, this little State of Israel is still in grave danger. It is established, of course - a member of the United Nations. But it is surrounded by unreconciled enemies, who started at the dawn of Israel's history by invading that little country and seeking to destroy it; who were forced to accept an armistice because the poorly-equipped Israelis fought with such valor, with such competence, that they hurled the invaders back beyond the borders of Israel.

But the enemies are still there, carrying on intensive propaganda all over the world and especially in the United States, in our schools, in our universities and everywhere - trying to poison the minds of the American people against the State of Israel.

Within the last few weeks you saw ominous signs of another much more powerful bloc of states seemingly, apparently lining up against the State of Israel. Thus, the powerful Soviet (Bloc. You read of these trials in Czechoslovakia; you read of this unbridled attack on Zionism and the State of Israel. I am frank to say that I do not understand it. I am not able, as yet, to penetrate behind all that has happened. I cannot conceive of the state of Czechoslovakia, which was one of our best friends four years ago and at the United Nations, and the Soviet Bloc, which was the first, with Gromyko, to speak up for an independent Jewish State in Palestine - it is hard for me to conceive that that group of states has suddenly, in four years, become anti-Zionist and anti-Israel - but there it is! We have to take cognizance of the fact that there is a possibility - I do not say certainty, I am not ready to draw conclusions - there is the possibility that a powerful new bloc of adversaries is coming into the scene. Is this the time for Zionists to demobilize their forces?

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