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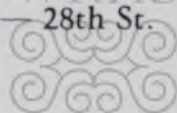
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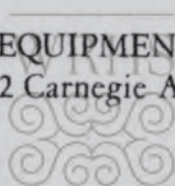


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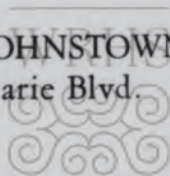
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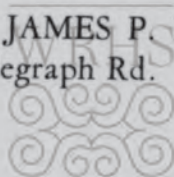
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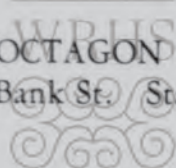
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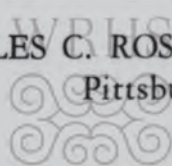
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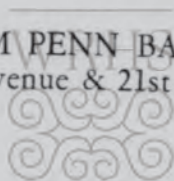


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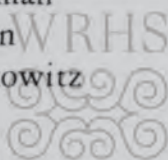
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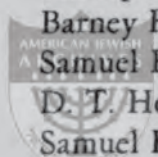


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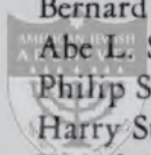


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A Mistaken Mid-East Policy

State Dept. Acts Recall British Blunders

*Americans
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by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Arab determination to erase Israel is of course behind Egypt's recent move to obtain arms from Czechoslovakia. Egypt could have obtained arms from the United States, but only on condition that such arms would not be used in active aggression against any other state.

Egypt, however, as Nasser has clearly indicated, wants arms un-

conditionally, that is to say, to be free to use them against Israel.

Egypt's flirtation with the Soviet Union, inclusive of Nasser's acceptance of an invitation to visit Moscow, is not only the latest development of its campaign against Israel, but is intended as a resounding rebuke to the United States for having won Iraq to an alliance

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with Turkey and Pakistan—an alliance which Egypt violently opposed, for it lowered its position and prestige in the Arab world.

It is also Egypt's decisive answer to Secretary of State Dulles' statement of August 26, in which he proposed measures for bringing about a genuine peace in the Middle East. A genuine peace is precisely what Egypt and the other Arab states do not want with Israel.

In order to avert the calamity of such a peace, the Arab states, under Egypt's prodding, have refused time and again to give their consent to the Jordan Valley water project, although it has been modified time and again to meet their objections. To enter into any mutual arrangement with Israel on this project or on any other matter of outstanding issue, would by implication mean the recognition of the legal existence of the State of Israel. This they are resolved not to do.

In a way what has happened in recent weeks—the opening of the Eastern Mediterranean to Soviet penetration—is the result of our Government's mistaken Middle Eastern policy. We warned against it time and again but our objections were written off as coming from special pleaders. We did not see things, we were told, from the American point of view.

But quite definitely we saw it from the American point of view, and the people who were responsible for the handling of the Near East interests of our Government in the State Department have been proven wrong clear down the line. Egypt's invitation to the Soviet to provide it with arms, which involve ultimately technicians and communist propaganda, is the very seal and testament of their blundering policy.

When our Government set out to arm the Near East as a bulwark against Sovietism, without first assuring itself that such weapons would not be used to precipitate war among the countries in the Near East—without first making sure that they would not be used against Israel—without insisting that Israel should be included in any military pact for the defense of that region of which it is a vital part, our State Department blundered and the degree of unrest which today prevails in that part of the world, and the general deterioration of the situation there, is the measure of that blunder.

Our Government could have pressed for peace and for the lifting of the blockade against Israel when Egypt courted our support in her efforts to free the Suez Canal Zone from British troops. It was a logical thing to have asked for, as part of a general pacification of that region but our State Department refused to do it. It gave Egypt its full measure of support unconditionally.

When Iraq was being armed it was part of statesmanship to arm also Israel so as not to create a military imbalance

The Arab peoples will cleanse Palestine. Hold your tears in readiness. Israel, for the day of your annihilation! henceforth there are to be no complaints and protests, deliberations and negotiations, but only the army and the use of force.

—Egyptian Government's official radio

in that part of the world, knowing full well that it was only the relative strength of Israel that was discouraging the Arabs' governments from carrying out their avowed intentions of attacking Israel. That, too, was not done. Our Government proceeded to encourage regional defense pacts in the Middle East with the understanding that Israel need not be included in such pacts.

The same blindness which formerly afflicted the Mandatory Power in its dealings with the Arabs and the Jews of Palestine has now come to afflict the people



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in the State Department who deal directly with the Middle East. Woo the Arabs—by-pass Israel—and you will save the Middle East from Soviet penetration! The very opposite of course is happening.

Will a new policy now emerge? Secretary Dulles' commendable declaration of August 26 points in the direction of a new policy. Unfortunately, the proffered American help is made contingent upon a prior agreement between the Arabs and the Israelis. But the Arab governments

The problem of Palestine will not be solved and there will be no peace between us and the Jews so long as even the slightest right of the Arabs of that country is controlled by the enemy. A man can forget everything except blood, vengeance and honor.

—Colonel Gamal Nasser, Egyptian Premier

have consistently refused to sit down and engage in any negotiations with the representatives of the State of Israel. Unless massive diplomatic pressures are brought to bear upon the Arabs to enter such negotiations, Mr. Dulles' desire to be helpful will be frustrated.

Israel must immediately be helped to build up its military strength in the face of the mounting armaments of the Arab world and their increasing threats. Our country, which helped in the establishment of Israel and was the first to give it formal recognition, should make it possible for Israel to acquire the defensive arms which it needs. The great powers who are interested in preserving peace should forthwith agree upon such measures as will deter any aggression aimed at altering the Israeli-Arab frontiers by force.

We must reassure the people of Israel that we are going to stand by them, that they will not lack in arms.

The following are excerpts from Dr. Silver's address at the Madison Square Garden rally.

On the subject of arms for Israel, the President of the United States clearly stated his position at Denver on November 10, recognizing that arms are needed for legitimate self-defense and that it is proper for a state which is in danger to make requests for such arms. He stated that our country would consider such a request when it will be made by the State of Israel.

Secretary of State Dulles made a declaration to the same purpose recently in Geneva.

We are therefore justified in concluding that this is now the policy of our Government—a wise policy we believe and an inevitable one. Some officials have stated that the Government of the United States would agree to sell Israel "a sufficient quantity of arms." Against this background the recent declaration by one of the State Department spokesmen that "there

has been no decision" can only refer to the quantity of arms to be sold and not to the fact of sale. If we are mistaken, then the spokesman is muddying the waters and creating doubt and apprehension at a time when Israel, the Arab world, the Soviet Union and the free world must be left in no doubt whatsoever as to the clear intent and resolve of the American Government.

It is diplomatic tacking, weaving and double talk which lead nations into very grave dangers from which they wish to escape. There must be no obfuscation of a clearly enunciated policy in the lower echelons of government. Time and again the little foxes have laid waste a promising vineyard.

No government or people will approve more enthusiastically the recently expressed opposition of President Eisenhower to an arms race in the Middle East than the government and people of Israel. They want no arms race. They want to spend every precious dollar available to them on the upbuilding of their country, on agriculture, irrigation and colonization, on science, education and health and on caring for the broken in body and spirit who come to them from many lands, and most of them in recent years from Arab lands where their positions have become insecure and fraught with danger.

When Israel now appeals to the free world in an hour of danger, when its bitterest foe has succeeded in augmenting its considerable military arsenal with staggering purchases of weapons of all kinds, it is not of an arms race that Israel is thinking but of survival!

Israel will not sacrifice any of its already sharply reduced territory of 8,000 square miles in order to augment the 2,700,000 square miles of its Arab neighbors.