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IRONY OF PRESENT U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS MUST BE OVERCOME, HUMPHREY SAYS

"American-Israeli relations have reached a critical and highly ironic stage," Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, (D., Minn.) declared last night in an address before a meeting of the Zionist Organization of America in San Francisco.

"American and all she believes in are involved in the fate of Israel. Ironically enough, our government has been busying itself with receptions and bribes for feudal Arab potentates while threatening sanctions against our friends."

"Democracy itself has a stake in Israel's future," The Senator continued. "We must frankly recognize that what happens to this struggling country, happens to the prospects for any future hope of democracy in the Middle East."

"Israel represents and exemplifies America's foreign policy objectives," the Minnesota legislator added. "Our goals for a free and peaceful world include development of responsible governments, the correction of ancient social and economic inequalities, the determined use of modern technical skills for economic progress, and the opening of new horizons for education and culture. In the Middle East today, no where but in Israel have these goals been actually realized in daily performance."

"Yet for the last four months Israel has been deserted and desperate. The causes of her desperation lie partly at the door of American policy -- at the door of the very nation which first recognized Israel's independence and which sponsored her admission to the United Nations."

"During recent years when we should have been working unremittingly for peace in the Middle East, we seemed to be resigned to an indefinite continuation of the Arab war against Israel. When we should have opposed blockades of Israeli shipping on international waterways, we were content to allow Egypt to defy UN resolutions on the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba. When we should have been seeking to stop the arms race in the Middle East, we failed even to condemn the Soviet arms shipments to Egypt during the President's meeting with Soviet leaders at Geneva. When we were busy creating military pacts with other countries around the world, we refused Israel's request for a security treaty. When we might have resisted Communist penetration by aiding democracy in the Middle East, we have busied ourselves propping up undemocratic regimes."

"Our policies, or the lack of them, will either ease or intensify the current crisis in the Middle East," Senator Humphrey said.

"It is high time that our policy-makers set about reversing these supreme ironies in our Middle East position in favor of constructive action in the interests of democracy at home and abroad."

Israel  
Have we forgotten what happened?  
Israel since  
Israeli trust

Middle East -  
Oil Rich  
M. E. Rasol

Arab + Jewish  
Refugees

Houan - etc

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Sanctions already on Israel

\$25,000,000 - Food  
Exp - Inpt Bank  
no visitors



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