

Zionist Organization of America
Washington, D. C.
September 15, 1968

Jacques Torczyner -

The Vice President will be greeted by Dr. Max Nussbaum, a personal friend,
and Mr. Jacques Torczyner, President of the Zionist Organization of America.

Dr. Nussbaum will introduce the Vice President.

Rabbi Joseph Shubow will be addressing the convention until about 9 p.m.
The Vice President could come in then.

If not, we could wait until about 9:30, after an awards ceremony
for the veterans of the Jewish Legion of World War I.

The Vice President should be aware of the presence of:

Ambassador Itzhak Rabin (they were together in Miami in March at a
State of Israel Bonds Dinner)

Rabin

Israeli Minister without portfolio Yosef Saphir

Mr Ambassador
Mr Minister

my Yomaka
Shule Davano

Rabbi Neustbaum

From Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey
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↳ NATO -

↳ Peace Not from Weakness

We live in a world of violence. We have seen aggression in Czechoslovakia, terrorism in Israel, the North Vietnamese Aggression on South Vietnam.

↳ This is a dangerous pattern of terrorism and aggression. ↳ It reminds us that the people of the free world must stand together.

From the beginning, I supported the creation of the State of Israel, both on moral and political grounds. I deeply believe that a stable and permanent peace in the Middle East is a must.

This peace must include six necessary elements:

1. The existence of the State of Israel must be accepted by all its neighbors. Israel must live - not just survive
2. The fragile, often-violated truce lines must be transformed into agreed and secure boundaries;
3. ↳ The State of Israel must have free navigational rights in all international waters, including the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba;
4. ↳ The arms race, which breeds insecurity as it feeds on hostility, must be finally terminated;
5. ↳ The international community must assist the countries immediately concerned in solving the human tragedy posed by the Arab refugees;
6. ↳ The resources of the Middle East countries must be used primarily for human and economic development rather than war and destruction.

I favor active United States diplomatic efforts to bring about a general settlement in the Middle East and a reduction in the arms race there. It is in the interests of all of the peoples of the Middle East to negotiate an agreement among the nations in that region.

↳ Until permanent peace in the Middle East is achieved and the arms race

We must understand that a continued arms race carries with it the awful possibility of nuclear war and catastrophe for humanity.

We must decide -- in our national interest and in the interests of humanity -- to pass the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. We must act now, while we still have a chance to stop the spread of nuclear weapons.

This Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty will help determine whether we will build a world safe for our children or whether we will live in a world of danger and terror.

Those who drag their feet on this treaty, those who respond out of emotion or political self-interest, do a great disservice to the national interests of the United States. They increase the danger of nuclear holocaust for all mankind.

Soviet aggression in Czechoslovakia and the power politics of Eastern Europe should not divert us from the overwhelming imperative of our times -- stopping the spread of nuclear weapons.

The time has come to act. I urge ratification of the treaty. I urge all our nation's leaders to join in moving us one step closer to a more peaceful and secure world.

Shalom



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