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ADDRESS BEFORE JEWISH MEN'S CLUB AT EAST ROCKAWAY, N.Y.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 29, 1968.

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU TONIGHT SOME OF MY THOUGHTS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WHILE OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH EVENTS IN THE FAR EAST, THE SOVIET UNION HAS TURNED THE MASSIVE SET-BACK OF LAST JUNE'S SIX-DAY WAR INTO A VICTORY IN TERMS OF REGIONAL PENETRATION.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DEVELOPED NO DEFINITIVE POLICY TO MEET THE PROBLEMS OF ~~THIS REGION~~ ^{THE MIDDLE EAST.} THERE HAS BEEN TALK OF "FIVE POINTS," AND SO FORTH. BUT MAINLY WE HAVE DRIFTED.

TONIGHT THERE IS TALK OF UNITED NATIONS-SPONSORED PEACE TALKS. BUT THE DETAILS ARE OBSCURE. I FEEL THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL WOULD BE WELL-ADVISED TO RETAIN TERRITORIES PRESENTLY OCCUPIED AND NOT BUDGE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS APPROPRIATE MUTUAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE IN FACE-TO-FACE

TALKS AGREEABLE TO BOTH SIDES. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES WITH THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD INDICATE THE NEED FOR CAUTION.

THE FLUCTUATIONS OF UNITED STATES POLICY ARE SUCH THAT I FRANKLY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE JUST WHAT OUR WAVERING POLICY IS. I THINK IT IS A NON-POLICY.

IT IS SO LACKING IN REALITY THAT IT IS LIKE AN ARABIAN DESERT MIRAGE. THE HARDER ONE LOOKS AT IT, THE LESS ONE SEES.

IN TERMS OF U.S. POLICY, WE ARE LOOKING AT A VACUUM IN THE MIDDLE EAST--A VERY DANGEROUS VACUUM. THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION IS FLOWING INTO IT.

YET PRESIDENT JOHNSON DID NOT EVEN MENTION IN HIS RECENT STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE THAT A NEW POWER STRUCTURE, VERY HAZARDOUS TO FREEDOM, HAD DEVELOPED DURING THE LAST YEAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ^{THE} MEDITERRANEAN. HE DID NOT CALL ATTENTION TO THE DRAMATIC AND AGGRESSIVE RUSSIAN MOVES IN

THAT REGION.

BUT THE PRESIDENT USED MANY WORDS TO EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY HIS POSITION ON VIETNAM. HE HAS SAID MANY TIMES THAT WE ARE IN VIETNAM TO DRAW A LINE AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION.

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW WE ARE KEEPING FAITH WITH OUR BRAVE MEN IN VIETNAM, WHO ARE HOLDING THE LINE, WHEN WE ARE SO MYSTERIOUSLY SILENT ABOUT THE END RUN THE RUSSIANS ARE TAKING THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST AND INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

THE SOVIET UNION SOUGHT TO EXPLOIT AMERICAN PREOCCUPATION IN VIETNAM LAST SPRING BY INSTIGATING AND AIDING THE ARAB MOVE AGAINST ISRAEL. YET AN AUTHORIZED SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED, WHEN THE OUTCOME WAS IN DOUBT, THAT WE WERE "NEUTRAL IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED."

THE HEART-WARMING SIX-DAY VICTORY ACHIEVED BY ISRAEL WAS THE ONLY REASSURING TRIUMPH OF FREE MEN AGAINST COMMUNISM

AND AGGRESSION IN A LONG TIME. BUT I HAVE YET TO HEAR OUR PRESIDENT PUBLICLY VOICE GRATIFICATION THAT ISRAEL, A FREE NATION, HAS DEFEATED AGGRESSION.

THE RUSSIANS, OF COURSE, ARE USING THE RADICAL ARAB REGIMES BY PROXY JUST AS THE NAZIS USED SPAIN IN THE 1930'S -- TO TEST THEIR NEW WEAPONS. AND, MORE IMPORTANT, TO TEST THE WILL OF THE DEMOCRACIES.

LET US RECALL THAT THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY A SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE WAS USED TO SINK A SHIP IT WAS A SOVIET "STYX" MISSILE. THE VICTIM WAS AN ISRAELI DESTROYER.

THE SOVIET NAVY WAS OPERATING IN THE AREA WHERE AN ISRAELI SUBMARINE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED, SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT A TRACE, ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE EMBARKED ON A DANGEROUS GAME IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST. THEY ARE PLAYING FOR HIGH

STAKES. BRITAIN HAS WITHDRAWN FROM COMMITMENTS EAST OF SUEZ. FRANCE HAS DESERTED NATO. THE KREMLIN IS USING THE ARABS TO TURN THE MEDITERRANEAN INTO A RUSSIAN LAKE.

LAST YEAR THERE WERE A SCANT HALF-DOZEN RUSSIAN NAVAL SHIPS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. NOW THERE ARE ABOUT 50, ALMOST ON A PAR WITH THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET.

THE RUSSIANS ARE MOVING TO OUTFLANK NATO'S LAND-BASED DEFENSES. IN THE NORTH, THE RUSSIANS ^{HAVE} MADE THE BALTIC A VIRTUAL RED SEA. THEIR WARSHIPS IN THE BALTIC NOW OUTNUMBER NATO FORCES 5 TO 1.

A MASSIVE SOVIET NAVAL PROGRAM IS UNDER WAY. THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION IS FAILING TO KEEP PACE. WE ^{HAVE} JUST HEARD A WARNING FROM THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE "UNABLE TO COUNTER THE RAPIDLY INCREASING SOVIET SUBMARINE THREAT" UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATION CHANGES ITS POLICIES ON CONSTRUCTION OF

NUCLEAR SUBMARINES. ADMIRAL HYMAN RICKOVER HAS LONG BEEN MAKING THIS VERY POINT.

INDEED, THE RUSSIANS ALREADY HAVE 55 NUCLEAR SUBMARINES TO OUR 75 WHILE POSSESSING 305 CONVENTIONAL SUBMARINES TO OUR 80.

THERE ARE ALSO THE QUESTIONS OF DEFICIENCIES IN ADMINISTRATION PLANNING TO MEET THE NEW ~~MACH 3~~ ^{MACH 3} SOVIET JET INTERCEPTOR WHICH FLIES OVER 1800 MILES PER HOUR. AND NOW WE HEAR THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE RAPIDLY CLOSING THE MISSILE GAP WITH A MOBILE ICBM.

RUSSIA HAS THE WORLD'S FASTEST GROWING MERCHANT FLEET. ITS TONNAGE WILL SURPASS OUR OWN BY THE EARLY 1970'S. SIXTY PER CENT OF U.S. NAVAL WARSHIPS ARE 25 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. THE RUSSIAN NAVY IS SLEEK AND MODERN.

THE NEW CHALLENGE OF RUSSIAN SEAPOWER AND PENETRATION

OF THE MEDITERRANEAN MAY HAUNT US LONG AFTER WE FINISH WITH HO CHI MINH. SOVIET SHIPS AND SUBMARINES BOLDLY SHADOW EVERY UNIT OF THE SIXTH FLEET. NOW WE LEARN THAT THE RUSSIAN NAVY IS SHADOWING EVEN ISRAELI MERCHANT VESSELS.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE BUILT TWO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, THE "MOSCOW" AND "LENINGRAD," SIMILAR TO OUR IWO JIMA-TYPE CARRIERS USED OFF VIETNAM. THE SOVIET AIM IS TO USE SUCH VESSELS FOR AMPHIBIOUS SUPPORT IN AREAS LIKE THE MIDDLE EAST.

WE KNOW THAT RUSSIA IS MOVING A NEWLY-FORMED MARINE LANDING FORCE, CALLED THE "BLACK BERETS," INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN. THEY ARE ABOARD SPECIAL LANDING CRAFT THAT CARRY AMPHIBIOUS TANKS.

MEANWHILE, ARAB TERRORISTS ARE ~~TALKING OF~~ ^{DESCRIBING} THEMSELVES AS THE "VIET CONG OF THE MIDDLE EAST." THE ISRAELIS COULD BE HIT ALONG THE CEASE-FIRE LINES BY TERRORISTS WHO RETREAT

BEHIND A PRIVILEGED SANCTUARY IF THE RUSSIANS MOVED IN THEIR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND AMPHIBIOUS FORCES AS A SCREEN TO DEFEND ARAB TERRITORY.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT SHE ACTIVELY SUPPORTS THE MOST MILITANT ARABS. THE RED NAVY IS OPERATING OUT OF THE PORTS OF ALEXANDRIA AND PORT SAID IN EGYPT, LATAKIA IN SYRIA, AND PERHAPS SOON FROM YEMEN AND ADEN ON THE RED SEA, MENACING THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND FROM MERS-EL-KEBIR IN ALGERIA, WITHIN RANGE OF GIBRALTAR.

IS ALL THIS BUILD-UP SOLELY TO ERADICATE ISRAEL? THE OBJECTIVES ARE FAR GREATER. IT IS THE DOMINANCE OF THE ENTIRE REGION AND 60 PER CENT OF ^{THE} WORLD'S OIL RESOURCES. IT IS THE NEUTRALIZATION OF EUROPE. IT IS THE FATE OF AFRICA. IT IS EVEN THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AMERICA.

ALREADY WE SEE RUSSIAN GAINS. THREE MEMBERS OF THE

CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION -- TURKEY, IRAN, AND PAKISTAN -- ARE PURSUING CLOSER RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. THE TURKS ARE BUILDING STRONGER ECONOMIC TIES WITH RUSSIA. IRAN AND PAKISTAN, WHICH RECEIVED MUCH AID FROM THE U.S. TAXPAYER, ARE BUYING ~~RUSSIAN~~ ARMS. INDIA IS BUYING SOVIET SUBMARINES.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE RESUPPLIED THE ARABS WITH EVEN MORE MODERN WEAPONS THAN THOSE LOST IN THE WAR LAST JUNE. SOVIET MILITARY OFFICERS ARE TO BE FOUND ADVISING AT EVERY ECHELON OF COMMAND IN THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES. RUSSIAN HEAVY BOMBERS, MANNED BY SOVIET AIR FORCE CREWS, HAVE FLOWN FROM EGYPTIAN AIR BASES.

THE CHINESE COMMUNIST RADIO BROADCAST FROM PEKING IN ARABIC ON FEB. 18 THAT ARAB TERRORISTS WERE INSPIRED BY THE VIET CONG. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARAB TERRORIST GROUP STATED IN DAMASCUS THAT "OUR BATTLES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY ENJOY

INCREASING SUPPORT FROM THE ARAB MASSES THERE. WE HAVE THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD CHAIRMAN MAO'S TEACHINGS ABOUT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE POPULAR ARMY AND THE PEOPLE, WHICH ARE SIMILAR TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FISH AND THE WATER."

A FEW DAYS LATER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EGYPTIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ANWAR SADAT, NASSER'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, CABLED NORTH VIETNAM AND NORTH KOREA OF ARAB SUPPORT IN THE "STRUGGLE AGAINST AGGRESSION" AND EXPRESSED "SOLIDARITY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE RACISTS."

MR. SADAT WAS IN WASHINGTON LAST YEAR AS A GUEST OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE ARAB PRESS AND RADIO ALSO VOICED HOPE THAT SUCH PERSONS AS H. RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL PROVIDE AMERICAN CITIES WITH A "VIET CONG" SUMMER.

THE OFFICIAL RADIO OF JORDAN BROADCAST A DEFENSE OF

SOVIET NAVAL OPERATIONS IN THE REGION. THE JORDANIANS SAID THIS WAS MERELY A MOVE TO DEFEND THE ARABS AGAINST ISRAEL.

WHAT WAS PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S RESPONSE TO ALL THIS?

THE ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED THAT TANKS, ARTILLERY, AND EVEN F-104 STARFIGHTER SUPERSONIC JETS WERE BEING PROVIDED TO JORDAN. THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES ARE STILL LINKED WITH A UNIFIED ARAB HIGH COMMAND ADVISED BY RUSSIAN GENERALS. THE ARAB TERRORISTS, KNOWN AS THE "EL FATAH," OPERATE FROM JORDANIAN TERRITORY, FREQUENTLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE JORDANIAN ARMY.

ON THE VERY DAY THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMS FOR JORDAN WAS PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON, THE TERRORIST ATTACKS FROM JORDAN REACHED SUCH INTENSITY THAT ISRAELI ARMED FORCES WERE FORCED TO BOMB BASES OF AGGRESSION ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER THAT SERVES AS THE CEASE-FIRE LINE.

THE ARAB TERRORISTS ARE ALREADY USING RUSSIAN AND

CHINESE MACHINE-GUNS AND MINES OF TYPES USED IN VIETNAM. NOW THEY WILL HAVE HEAVY WEAPONS--FINANCED, NO DOUBT, BY OUR TAXPAYERS.

THE ADMINISTRATION MAINTAINED THAT SUPPLYING ARMS TO JORDAN WAS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE THRONE OF KING HUSSEIN. IF HE GOES, THEY SAY, THE EXTREMISTS MIGHT COME. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE EXTREMISTS ARE ALREADY THERE.

THE LEAST THAT THE ADMINISTRATION COULD HAVE ASKED FROM JORDAN IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ARMS IS THAT SHE MAKE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. THAT SEEMS A REASONABLE ENOUGH CONDITION. THERE IS ALSO THE VERY REAL DANGER THAT ARMS SHIPPED TO THE SHAKY HUSSEIN REGIME MAY END UP IN OTHER HANDS. IT IS LIKE SENDING OUR F-104'S "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN."

IF THE SOVIET MILITARY EXPERTS NEED ANY OF THESE ARMS FOR TESTING, TO PERFECT METHODS FOR DESTROYING OUR FORCES IN

VIETNAM, THEY NEED ONLY APPLY TO THEIR ARAB FRIENDS.

I MUST NOTE THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON, WHILE HE HAS AUTHORIZED SUPERSONIC JET FIGHTERS FOR THE ARABS, HAS AGREED ONLY TO SELL SOME SUBSONIC DOUGLAS SKYHAWKS TO ISRAEL. THE TRANSACTION WITH ISRAEL WAS SIGNED TWO YEARS AGO. THE PLANES ARE, FOR THE GREATEST PART, AS YET UNDELIVERED. THEY ARE ALLOWED TO TRICKLE OUT, ONE BY ONE. IT WILL BE 1969 BEFORE ISRAEL GETS ALL OF THEM.

ISRAEL, MEANWHILE, NOTED THE SOVIET ESCALATION IN THE REGION AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF FRENCH CANCELLATION OF ALL SUPERSONIC JETS ORDERED BY THE ISRAELIS.

AN APPLICATION WAS MADE BY ISRAEL TO BUY 50 SUPERSONIC PHANTOM JETS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO MEET CURRENT NEEDS BECAUSE OF THE NEW SITUATION. PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS DEFERRED ACTION. IT HAS BEEN HINTED THAT THE PLANES MAY BE SOLD NEXT

AUTUMN, AT THE TIME OF THE ELECTION.

THOSE PHANTOM JETS SHOULD BE ON THEIR WAY NOW. THEY ARE VITAL TO ISRAEL'S DETERRENT CAPACITY. IT TAKES TIME TO TRAIN PILOTS, TECHNICIANS, AND MECHANICS FOR SUCH SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT.

THE 1964 PLANK ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM SOLEMNLY PROMISED TO GUARD "AGAINST THE DANGERS OF A MILITARY IMBALANCE RESULTING FROM SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS." IS THE ADMINISTRATION DOING THIS BY SHIPPING U.S. ARMS TO SOME ARABS TO BALANCE THE RUSSIAN ARMS RECEIVED BY OTHER ARABS -- WITH ALL THE GUNS POINTING AGAINST ISRAEL?

LET ME PAUSE HERE TO ASK, WHERE IS OUR NATIONAL SELF-RESPECT. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE BURNED DOWN OUR CONSULATES, SPIT ON THE AMERICAN FLAG, ABUSED U.S. CITIZENS, SEVERED DIPLOMATIC ~~RELATIONS. LET ME ONLY OUT FOR IN THE~~

RELATIONS, LIED ABOUT OUR ROLE IN THE SIX-DAY WAR, COLLABORATED

WITH THE COMMUNISTS, PRAISED NORTH KOREA FOR SEIZING THE PUEBLO, CONGRATULATED THE VIET CONG FOR THE TET OFFENSIVE -- AND YET THE ADMINISTRATION STILL INSISTS THAT WE BUY EGYPTIAN COTTON. ARE WE TO IMPOSE^A TRAVEL TAX ON AMERICANS VISITING, FOR INSTANCE, IN ISRAEL -- BUT PERMIT DOLLARS TO GO TO EGYPT TO SUPPORT THE RUSSIAN MUNITIONS INDUSTRY?

I HAVE HEARD REPORTS IN WASHINGTON THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS EAGER TO RESUME RELATIONS WITH EGYPT IN HOPES OF WOOLING NASSER BY RESUMING AID TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

WE WOULD DO MUCH BETTER TO SPEND SUCH SUMS FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE SIXTH FLEET.

IF IT IS DESIRABLE TO DRAW A LINE IN VIETNAM, WHY PERMIT THE ARAB VIET CONG^{TO} RAMPAGE ACROSS THE CEASE-FIRE LINES IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

WHY IS PRESIDENT JOHNSON STILL TRAINING 25 ARAB PILOTS,

FROM JORDAN, AT U.S. AIRBASES IN TEXAS. IT IS IRONIC THAT WHILE PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL OF ISRAEL WAS A GUEST AT THE LBJ RANCH, ARAB PILOTS WERE FLYING OVER HIS HEAD IN STARFIGHTER JETS.

LET US NOW LEAVE THE MIDDLE EAST TO DISCUSS A RELATED AND TIMELY ISSUE INVOLVING THE SOVIET UNION.

THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD WAS NOT AROUSED UNTIL TOO LATE WHEN NAZI GENOCIDE LIQUIDATED OVER SIX MILLION JEWISH PEOPLE IN EUROPE. TODAY WE FIND A CRUEL IRONY. SOME OF THE SURVIVORS OF NAZISM, THOSE WHO RESIDE IN THE SOVIET UNION, FIND THEMSELVES AGAIN SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR RELIGIOUS FAITH.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS EMBARKED ON A SUBTLE CAMPAIGN OF CULTURAL GENOCIDE TO DESTROY THE JEWS AS A PEOPLE AND JUDAISM AS A RELIGION. I HAVE HEARD THAT THERE

ARE ONLY FOUR RABBIS, ALL VERY ELDERLY MEN, LEFT IN THE ENTIRE SOVIET UNION WHICH HAS A JEWISH POPULATION OF OVER THREE MILLION. THIS IS BECAUSE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE LIQUIDATED JEWISH EDUCATION, RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS, SEMINARIES, AND SO FORTH, TO THE EXTENT THAT NO NEW RABBIS OR RELIGIOUS TEACHERS ARE BEING TRAINED.

JEWS IN RUSSIA ARE DENIED EVEN THE MEAGER RELIGIOUS FACILITIES PERMITTED NON-JEWISH MINORITY GROUPS. PRESSURES AGAINST THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INTENSIFIED FOLLOWING THE DEFEAT BY ISRAEL OF THE RUSSIAN-BACKED ARAB AGGRESSION. WHEN THE USSR SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL LAST JUNE, ALL EXIT VISAS FOR JEWS WERE ABRUPTLY CANCELLED.

IT SHOULD BE A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN TO ALL HUMANITY THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE SCAPEGOATING THE JEWS -- IN EFFECT, HOLDING THOSE INNOCENT PEOPLE HOSTAGES FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE

STATE OF ISRAEL.

A WAVE OF PROPAGANDA, REMINISCENT OF THE NAZI ERA OF CRUEL CARICATURES, HAS FLOODED THE STATE-CONTROLLED SOVIET PRESS.

A NUMBER OF THE YOUNG RUSSIAN WRITERS RECENTLY SENT TO JAIL FOR PUBLISHING IDEAS CHALLENGING THE TOTALITARIAN CONCEPT WERE JEWISH.

SOME OF AMERICA'S MOST EMINENT CITIZENS ARE PERSONS OF JEWISH FAITH WHO STILL HAVE RELATIVES IN RUSSIA. THERE IS A TERRIBLE ANGUISH IN REALIZING THAT ANOTHER GENERATION OF OPPRESSION AND SYSTEMATIC CULTURAL GENOCIDE MAY FINALLY LIQUIDATE THE ONCE-FLOURISHING RUSSIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY.

AT TIMES IN THE PAST, ONCE WHEN TAFT WAS PRESIDENT AND EVEN AS FAR BACK AS THE PRESIDENCY OF GEN. U.S. GRANT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT USED ITS INFLUENCE TO AMELIORATE

ANTI-JEWISH PRESSURES ABROAD. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED ITSELF ON THE RACIAL POLICIES OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MORE CANNOT BE DONE IN WASHINGTON TO LET THE RULERS OF THE SOVIET UNION KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CARES ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE RUSSIANS OF JEWISH FAITH.

SOME SAY THAT IT IS ALL TOO EASY FOR AN OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTY TO OPPOSE POLICIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION. IN THIS INSTANCE I WANT VERY SINCERELY TO PROPOSE A POLICY TO HELP RUSSIAN JEWS. NO SUCH POLICY EXISTS IN THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION.

I BELIEVE THAT RUSSIA IS RESPONSIVE, WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS, TO THE PRESSURE OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. I BELIEVE THERE ARE THINGS THAT THE KREMLIN WANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES. LAST YEAR THE RUSSIANS WERE VERY EAGER FOR THE AGREEMENT TO

PERMIT THE SOVIET AIRLINE, AEROFLOT, TO HAVE LANDING RIGHTS AT KENNEDY AIRPORT. AN AGREEMENT WAS MADE TO EXCHANGE LANDING RIGHTS. THE RUSSIANS REMAIN EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO EXPAND EAST-WEST TRADE.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO DRAMATIZE TO THE RUSSIANS THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS ON THE ISSUE OF THEIR TREATMENT OF MINORITIES. WHEN THE NEXT ~~MEAS~~URE COMES BEFORE THE CONGRESS INVOLVING EAST-WEST TRADE OR A SIMILAR APPROPRIATE BILL, I WILL ADVOCATE AN AMENDMENT, I HOPE WITH BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT, TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD DISPLAY CONCERN FOR AMERICAN OPINION IN SOVIET POLICIES AFFECTING THE JEWS.

OUR FEDERAL LAWS NOW REQUIRE THAT ALL BUSINESS CONCERNS TRADING WITH THE GOVERNMENT TREAT EMPLOYEES ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS. I DO NOT SEE WHY WE CANNOT MAKE SUCH A

REQUEST OF THE FOREIGN NATIONS WITH WHICH WE TRADE, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE NOTORIOUS ANTI-RELIGIOUS POLICIES OF THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT BE AMELIORATED IF THE KREMLIN COMES TO REALIZE THAT SUCH BIAS IS SIMPLY BAD BUSINESS IN TERMS OF WORLD TRADE AND COMMERCE.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS WOULD ENACT SUCH AN AMENDMENT.

IT WOULD KEEP THE FAITH WITH THE SIX MILLION JEWS WHO DIED DURING WORLD WAR II. WE GRIEVE ^{WHEN WE THINK} THAT SOME OF THOSE BRUTAL MURDERS COULD HAVE BEEN AVERTED BY MORE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BY FREE PEOPLE OF OTHER LANDS AT THAT TIME. THANK YOU.

Note :

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copies left. Stencils
are worn out.





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AN ADDRESS BY REP. GERALD R. FORD, R.-MICH., BEFORE THE JEWISH MEN'S CLUB AT
EAST ROCKAWAY, N. Y.

Tonight I would like to share with you some of my thoughts on developments in the Middle East.

While our Government has been preoccupied with events in the Far East, the Soviet Union has turned the massive set-back of last June's Six-Day War into a victory in terms of regional penetration.

The Administration has developed no definitive policy to meet the problems of this region. There has been talk of "five points", and so forth, but mainly we have drifted.

Tonight there is talk of United Nations sponsored peace talks. But the details are obscure. I feel that the State of Israel would be well-advised to retain territories presently occupied and not budge until such time as appropriate mutual arrangements are made in face-to-face talks agreeable to both sides. Previous experiences with the United Nations would indicate the need for caution.

The fluctuations of United States policy are such that I frankly have been unable to determine just what our wavering policy is. I think it is a non-policy. It is so lacking in reality that it is like an Arabian desert mirage. The harder one looks at it, the less one sees.

In terms of United States policy, we are looking at a vacuum in the Middle East -- a very dangerous vacuum. The power and influence of the Soviet Union is flowing into it.

Yet President Johnson did not even mention in his recent State of the Union message that a new power structure, very hazardous to freedom, had developed during the last year in the Middle East and Mediterranean. He did not call attention to the dramatic and aggressive Russian moves in that region.

But the President used many words to explain and justify his position on Vietnam. He has said many times that we are in Vietnam to draw a line against Communist aggression.

I cannot understand how we are keeping faith with our brave men in Vietnam, who are holding the line, when we are so mysteriously silent about the end run the Russians are taking through the Middle East and into the Mediterranean!

More --

The Soviet Union sought to exploit American preoccupation in Vietnam last Spring by instigating and aiding the Arab move against Israel. Yet an authorized spokesman for the Johnson Administration announced, when the outcome was in doubt, that we were "neutral in thought, word and deed".

The heart-warming six-day victory achieved by Israel was the only reassuring triumph of free men against Communism and aggression in a long time. But I have yet to hear our President publicly voice gratification that Israel, a free nation, has defeated aggression.

The Russians, of course, are using the radical Arab regimes by proxy just as the Nazis used Spain in the 1930's -- to test their new weapons. And, more important, to test the will of the democracies.

Let us recall that the first time in history a surface-to-surface missile was used to sink a ship it was a Soviet "Styx" missile. The victim was an Israeli destroyer.

The Soviet navy was operating in the area where an Israeli submarine mysteriously disappeared, suddenly and without trace, only a few weeks ago.

The Russians have embarked on a dangerous game in the Mediterranean and Middle East. They are playing for high stakes. Britain has withdrawn from commitments East of Suez. France has deserted NATO. The Kremlin is using the Arabs to turn the Mediterranean into a Russian lake.

Last year there were a scant half-dozen Russian naval ships in the Mediterranean. Now there are about 50, almost on a par with the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

The Russians are moving to outflank NATO's land-based defenses. In the north, the Russians made the Baltic a virtual Red Sea. Their warships in the Baltic now outnumber NATO forces 5 to 1.

A massive Soviet naval program is under way. The Johnson Administration is failing to keep pace. We just heard a warning from the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy that the United States might be "unable to counter the rapidly increasing Soviet submarine threat" unless the Administration changes its policies on construction of nuclear submarines. Admiral Hyman Rickover has long been making this very point.

Indeed, the Russians already have 55 nuclear submarines to our 75 while possessing 305 conventional submarines to our 80.

There are also the questions of deficiencies in Administration planning to meet the new Mach 3 Soviet jet interceptor which flies over 1800 miles per hour.

And now we hear that the Russians are rapidly closing the missile gap with a mobile ICBM.

Russia has the world's fastest growing merchant fleet. Its tonnage will surpass our own by the early 1970's. Sixty percent of U.S. naval warships are 25 years old or older. The Russian navy is sleek and modern.

The new challenge of Russian seapower and penetration of the Mediterranean may haunt us long after we finish with Ho Chi Minh. Soviet ships and submarines boldly shadow every unit of the Sixth Fleet. Now we learn that the Russian navy is shadowing even Israeli merchant vessels.

The Russians have built two aircraft carriers, the "Moscow" and "Leningrad", similar to our Iwo Jima-type carriers used off Vietnam. The Soviet aim is to use such vessels for amphibious support in areas like the Middle East.

We know that Russia is moving a newly-formed marine landing force, called the "black berets", into the Mediterranean. They are aboard special landing craft that carry amphibious tanks.

Meanwhile, Arab terrorists are talking of themselves as the "Viet Cong of the Middle East." The Israelis could be hit along the cease-fire lines by terrorists who retreat behind a privileged sanctuary if the Russians moved in their aircraft carriers and amphibious forces as a screen to defend Arab territory.

The Soviet Union has made it very clear that she actually supports the most militant Arabs. The Red Navy is operating out of the ports of Alexandria and Port Said in Egypt; Latakia in Syria; and perhaps soon from Yemen and Aden on the Red Sea, menacing the Indian Ocean; and from Mers-el-Kebir in Algeria, within range of Gibraltar.

Is all this build-up solely to eradicate Israel? The objectives are far greater. It is the dominance of the entire region and 60 per cent of world's oil resources. It is the neutralization of Europe. It is the fate of Africa. It is even the future of South America.

Already we see Russian gains. Three members of the Central Treaty Organization -- Turkey, Iran, and Pakistan -- are pursuing closer relations with Moscow. The Turks are building stronger economic ties with Russia. Iran and Pakistan, which received much aid from the U.S. taxpayer, are buying Russian arms. India is buying Soviet submarines.

The Russians have resupplied the Arabs with even more modern weapons than those lost in the war last June. Soviet military officers are to be found advis-

More --

ing at every echelon of command in the Egyptian armed forces. Russian heavy bombers, manned by Soviet Air Force crews, have flown from Egyptian air bases.

The Chinese Communist radio broadcast from Peking in Arabic on February 18 that Arab terrorists were inspired by the Viet Cong. A spokesman for the Arab terrorist group stated in Damascus that "our battles in the occupied territory enjoy increasing support from the Arab masses there. We have thoroughly understood Chairman Mao's teachings about the relations between the popular army and the people, which are similar to the relations between the fish and the water."

A few days later, the Chairman of the Egyptian National Assembly, Anwar Sadat, Nasser's right-hand man, cabled North Vietnam and North Korea of Arab support in the "struggle against aggression" and expressed "solidarity in the struggle against the racists."

Mr. Sadat was in Washington last year as a guest of the Administration. The Arab press and radio also voiced hope that such persons as H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael provide American cities with a "Viet Cong" summer.

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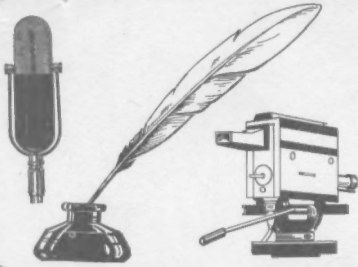
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AN ADDRESS BY REP. GERALD R. FORD, R.-MICH., BEFORE THE JEWISH MEN'S CLUB AT
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Tonight I would like to share with you some of my thoughts on developments in the Middle East.

While our Government has been preoccupied with events in the Far East, the Soviet Union has turned the massive set-back of last June's Six-Day War into a victory in terms of regional penetration.

The Administration has developed no definitive policy to meet the problems of this region. There has been talk of "five points", and so forth, but mainly we have drifted.

Tonight there is talk of United Nations sponsored peace talks. But the details are obscure. I feel that the State of Israel would be well-advised to retain territories presently occupied and not budge until such time as appropriate mutual arrangements are made in face-to-face talks agreeable to both sides. Previous experiences with the United Nations would indicate the need for caution.

The fluctuations of United States policy are such that I frankly have been unable to determine just what our wavering policy is. I think it is a non-policy. It is so lacking in reality that it is like an Arabian desert mirage. The harder one looks at it, the less one sees.

In terms of United States policy, we are looking at a vacuum in the Middle East -- a very dangerous vacuum. The power and influence of the Soviet Union is flowing into it.

Yet President Johnson did not even mention in his recent State of the Union message that a new power structure, very hazardous to freedom, had developed during the last year in the Middle East and Mediterranean. He did not call attention to the dramatic and aggressive Russian moves in that region.

But the President used many words to explain and justify his position on Vietnam. He has said many times that we are in Vietnam to draw a line against Communist aggression.

I cannot understand how we are keeping faith with our brave men in Vietnam, who are holding the line, when we are so mysteriously silent about the end run the Russians are taking through the Middle East and into the Mediterranean!

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The Soviet Union sought to exploit American preoccupation in Vietnam last Spring by instigating and aiding the Arab move against Israel. Yet an authorized spokesman for the Johnson Administration announced, when the outcome was in doubt, that we were "neutral in thought, word and deed".

The heart-warming six-day victory achieved by Israel was the only reassuring triumph of free men against Communism and aggression in a long time. But I have yet to hear our President publicly voice gratification that Israel, a free nation, has defeated aggression.

The Russians, of course, are using the radical Arab regimes by proxy just as the Nazis used Spain in the 1930's -- to test their new weapons. And, more important, to test the will of the democracies.

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A massive Soviet naval program is under way. The Johnson Administration is failing to keep pace. We just heard a warning from the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy that the United States might be "unable to counter the rapidly increasing Soviet submarine threat" unless the Administration changes its policies on construction of nuclear submarines. Admiral Hyman Rickover has long been making this very point.

Indeed, the Russians already have 55 nuclear submarines to our 75 while possessing 305 conventional submarines to our 80.

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And now we hear that the Russians are rapidly closing the missile gap with a mobile ICBM.

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The new challenge of Russian seapower and penetration of the Mediterranean may haunt us long after we finish with Ho Chi Minh. Soviet ships and submarines boldly shadow every unit of the Sixth Fleet. Now we learn that the Russian navy is shadowing even Israeli merchant vessels.

The Russians have built two aircraft carriers, the "Moscow" and "Leningrad", similar to our Iwo Jima-type carriers used off Vietnam. The Soviet aim is to use such vessels for amphibious support in areas like the Middle East.

We know that Russia is moving a newly-formed marine landing force, called the "black berets", into the Mediterranean. They are aboard special landing craft that carry amphibious tanks.

Meanwhile, Arab terrorists are talking of themselves as the "Viet Cong of the Middle East." The Israelis could be hit along the cease-fire lines by terrorists who retreat behind a privileged sanctuary if the Russians moved in their aircraft carriers and amphibious forces as a screen to defend Arab territory.

The Soviet Union has made it very clear that she actually supports the most militant Arabs. The Red Navy is operating out of the ports of Alexandria and Port Said in Egypt; Latakia in Syria; and perhaps soon from Yemen and Aden on the Red Sea, menacing the Indian Ocean; and from Mers-el-Kebir in Algeria, within range of Gibraltar.

Is all this build-up solely to eradicate Israel? The objectives are far greater. It is the dominance of the entire region and 60 per cent of world's oil resources. It is the neutralization of Europe. It is the fate of Africa. It is even the future of South America.

Already we see Russian gains. Three members of the Central Treaty Organization -- Turkey, Iran, and Pakistan -- are pursuing closer relations with Moscow. The Turks are building stronger economic ties with Russia. Iran and Pakistan, which received much aid from the U.S. taxpayer, are buying Russian arms. India is buying Soviet submarines.

The Russians have resupplied the Arabs with even more modern weapons than those lost in the war last June. Soviet military officers are to be found advis-

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