

statement for submission to principals which Kirkpatrick says contains six points substantially as follows:

"1. Support will be given to UN efforts to maintain peace in the Middle East and to the decisions of the Security Council to that end.

"2. The parties involved in the Arab-Israeli problem will be called on not to increase tension along the demarcation lines.

"3. The UN should take immediate steps to achieve a solution of the Arab-Israeli problem.

"4. The UK and the USSR will support any endeavor to achieve a solution on a basis mutually acceptable to both sides.

"5. The UK and the USSR recognize the importance of the refugee problem and will support any UN action to relieve the hardships of the refugees.

"6. The UK and the USSR hope that other governments will rally to the support of UN efforts to reach a solution. Statement also contains language endorsing independence of ME states in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter and recognizing of importance that UN action be such as to take account of the interests of all countries concerned.

"Kirkpatrick noted that point 4 is an effort to incorporate your helpful suggestion (Deptel 6283) with which the Brit concur. Generally Kirkpatrick is pleased with Gromyko's acceptance of a statement as outlined, since he believes that its general impact will tend to put Sovs in the doghouse with the Arabs. Incidentally, he professed surprise that Sovs appear either ignorant or unconcerned at effect such declaration on Arabs. Kirkpatrick said Gromyko had endeavored insert statement that UK and USSR would not intervene in Middle East affairs but that they had declined to do so on grounds of Brit specific obligations to Jordan and also his feeling that should hostilities break out Egyptians although now unfriendly would in all probability seek Brit help." (Telegram 4803 from London, April 21; Department of State, Central Files, 033.6141/4-2156)