

In regard to Iraq's defense, he stated that money from oil should be spent on development, not on military expansion. Yet since military expansion was essential, Iraq should be helped by the US in its own interest. He declared that America had neglected Iraq. It had given assistance to Saudi Arabia, to Pakistan, to Iran, but had always skipped over Iraq. Iraq had the greatest potentialities of any Arab country. He wanted something substantially American in this country. America should come forward with substantial and real assistance in establishing technical schools and other projects for the development of Iraq.

The Secretary stated that he appreciated Dr. Jamali's exposé to which he had no time to make a reply except on the matter of our relationships with France and Great Britain. Dr. Jamali had implied that the US was in complete partnership with the colonial policy of France and Great Britain. He wished, in reply, to state emphatically that this was not so. Privately and behind the scenes influence was being constantly brought to bear on these governments to moderate their policy. The policy of the US was against open clash, hence there had been no pushing of these questions in the UN. He urged Dr. Jamali not to push the questions of North Africa openly or in the UN since it would only serve communist strategy of creating division among the western powers. Only our enemies could profit by such maneuvers.

Dr. Jamali replied that unless some action was taken before the next General Assembly, the West would be faced by a combined bloc of Arab-Asian powers to force the North Africa question out in the open. To this the Secretary again replied to do so would be playing the communist game. Dr. Jamali said that if he were given assurance that something would be done within one, two or even three years, he could restrain action, but without such assurance he was certain matters would come to a head at the next session.

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