

establishing an Amer leadership position in NE, it was misguided. Coming at time when Arab world is inflamed against us, when logic has given way to emotionalism, and when Arabs are beginning to turn screws on us in retaliation, such actions set us back violently and needlessly. True, the Arabs are acting in a childish fashion, the difficulty of dealing with them is more than apparent to us who face them daily. But if we are to make progress, we must endeavor see things through their eyes and understand the complexes which govern them.

I wish I were capable of painting a word picture to instill in the Dept the sense of urgency to our own national interest which we Americans of all kinds in the NE feel. Loss of this great land mass, coming on top of the loss of China, could truly be a national catastrophe. It can be avoided, in my opinion, if hard decisions are taken. The Arabs will and must be required to settle for less than the destruction of Israel. Once they are convinced that we are not solidly with Israel and against them, and once our leadership position is restored, we can follow a middle of the road course with courage and conviction.

It is a time of hard decision. Could we not seek out some reasonable action which would convince the Arab world of our objectivity. I suggest the internationalization of Jerusalem (although I know reaction in Wash will be that it is impossible and can be done only by force). Nevertheless, it is a just issue on which to stand, one already approved by the UN, and one which wld give dramatic evidence to the Arab world that we can say "no" to Zionism. In any event, I hope we will stop trying to force Arab world into peace with Israel for this can only frustrate its own objective and contribute to our further decline in the area.

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