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Toward a More Open Debate on the Middle East

According to Nicholas von Hoffman whose frank commentary in the *Washington Post* of June 5 created a stir, there has not been "a debate on our Israeli policy in decades." As he put it, "many people are very nervous about speaking out in public. None is more intimidated than the politician." One of the many factors that combine to create this dismal and depressing situation is the fact that most Americans are not informed enough to join in such a debate in an enlightened and constructive manner. The issues are too complex and bewildering. The greatest need, therefore, is for better knowledge of available sources of information on the M.E.

Now that the election fever has subsided, those concerned with the task of keeping the lines of communication between the U.S. and the Middle East open can resume their work with renewed vigor. The state of suspended animation, which prevailed throughout the election campaign among activists in the information field must now give way to better planned activities and projects.

Groups concerned with M.E. affairs have been sprouting all over the country since June 1967. While some work well in joint endeavors with others, many choose to go it alone. Whatever the mode of action preferred, each group needs the "tools" with which to do the job once its projects and plans have been formalized.

Areas of interest may differ from group to group. Swinging into action now, following a frustratingly quiet spell, concerned groups may elect to do one or more of the following:

- Increase aid to Palestinian refugees.

- Develop more community interest in open discussions, debates or seminars.
- Promote interfaith meetings.
- Stimulate interest in book gift projects for public and school libraries.
- Write more letters to editors and opinion molders.
- Arrange for more film showings.
- Disseminate more basic information on the M.E.

This special issue of *Link* is designed to acquaint our readers and

their friends with a wide range of available sources of information on the M.E. Its publication is in line with the policy of Americans for M.E. Understanding as stated in the first issue of the Newsletter over four years ago:

"Solid friendship between the peoples of the M.E. and the U.S. is essential to world peace. Americans can make a major contribution toward this goal by spreading understanding of the history, values, religion and economic development of the M.E. and—in this context—pressing for greater fairness and integrity in U.S. foreign policy toward that area."

About this issue:

This issue of LINK concentrates on less-known sources of information which we consider important. Zionist/Israeli sources *must* be studied for an understanding of present-day Middle East problems. These, however, are already so well publicized that we have felt only passing reference to the more important ones needs to be made in these limited pages.

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Basic Information

a. American Sources

American sources of free and inexpensive materials are somewhat limited. In choosing from what is available it is also advisable to make sure that the information is not superficial or outdated. Some American sources are listed below. For a more comprehensive list, write to *Catholic N.E. Welfare Association*, 330 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

1. U.S. GOVERNMENT SOURCES:

- a. *Directory of Information in the U.S.* Lists organizations actively involved in providing information in the various social sciences. \$1.50
- b. *The Middle East: Tricontinental Hub.* Includes annotated bibliographic material on both magazine articles and books, *Background Notes* from the State Department on the countries of the Middle East, a separate small map of each country, six large wall maps of various portions of the area and other information. \$6.50
- c. *A Select Chronology and Background Documents Relating to the M.E.* Includes a chronology of events that have taken place in the M.E., or were related to events there, from 1946-1969. Also includes important background documents. \$1.25. (a., b. & c. are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.)
- d. *The Near East Conflict* (Document No. 48-956)
The Continuing N.E. Crisis (Document No. 22-633). Both available free from the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Rayburn Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

2. OTHER:

a. Films and filmstrips

American N.E. Refugee Aid
900 Woodward Bldg.,
733 15th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Films on Palestinian refugees. Ask for information on rental.

Arabian American Oil Company
Public Relations Dept.
1345 Ave. of the Americas
New York, N. Y. 10019

Provides list of films available for rental.

Assoc. of Instructional Materials
600 Grand Ave.
Ridgefield, N.J. 07657
Same as above.

Church World Service
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y. 10027
Same as above.

Coronet Films
65 E. South Water St.
Chicago, Ill. 60601
Write for list of films and filmstrips, their description, sale and rental rates.

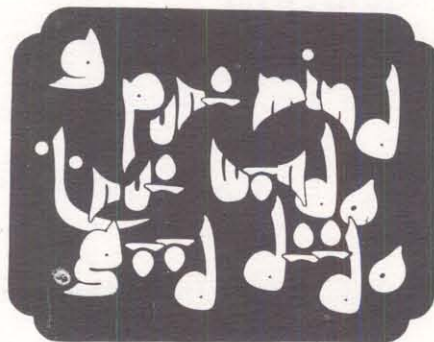
Doubleday Multimedia Materials
School and Library Division
Garden City, N.Y. 11530
Same as above. Films only.

Films Incorporated
1144 Wilmette Ave.
Wilmette, Ill. 60091
Ask for list of films available.

Life Education Program
Box 834, Radio City Post Office
New York, N. Y. 10019
Write for Education Program, Reprints and Filmstrips.

McGraw-Hill Films
1221 Ave. of the Americas
New York, N. Y. 10020
Write for list.

Middle East Institute Film Library
1761 N. St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
Provides list of 19 films and information on rental.



A pure mind, true words, good deeds. An example of Roman Kufic called "Kufic of the Scrolls."

b. Audio-Visual and Cassette

Bowmar, Inc.
622 Rodier Drive
Glendale, Calif. 91201

"Folk Songs of the Arab World"—A sound filmstrip presenting a cultural background of the M.E. and favorite songs from the area. \$19.75.

Colin Edwards
6674 Colton Blvd.,
Oakland, Calif. 94611

"The Menuhin Tapes." Moshe Menuhin, Hebrew scholar and political essayist, talks to British correspondent Edwards about his life and beliefs, presenting vivid recollections of the experiences that have shaped his personal philosophy. Write for information on this and other taped programs on the M.E.

c. Educational Guides, Maps and Reprints

Directory of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs and Courses in Middle East Studies in the U.S., Canada and Abroad, 1972. May be obtained from the Association of Middle East Studies (See section on groups and organizations for address). \$1.50

Cleveland, Ray L. *The M.E. and South Asia, 1970.* Washington, D.C. Stryker-Post Publications, 1970. 90 pp. Historical background, from the earlier civilizations of the M.E. to the era of Ottoman domination.

Kenworthy, Leonard S. *Studying the M.E. in Elementary and Secondary Schools.* New York: Columbia University's Teachers College Press, 1968.

The M.E.: Early Roots of Bitterness. Life Educational Reprint #73, 20 pp. Excellent survey of three major historical events that left their impact on the M.E. area: the building of the Suez Canal, the British conquest of Egypt and Turkish domination.

The M.E.: A New Storm Center. Life Educational Reprint #75, 20 pp. Tells of the breakup of the Ottoman Empire and the emergence of the modern M.E.

Last two guides available from:

Life Educational Reprints
Box 834, Radio City Post Office
New York, N.Y. 10019

Fun & Festival from the M.E. Introduces youngsters to the M.E., its people and customs. Available from Friendship Press Distribution Office, P.O. Box 37844, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. 95¢

People of the M.E. Excellent map of the Muslim World, from Afghanistan to Morocco, showing the wide variety of peoples & cultures in the region. In July 1972 issue of *National Geographic*, which also includes an article by an American Muslim explorer: "The Sword and the Sermon." \$1.00 for single copy. Order from *National Geographic*, 17th & M Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

d. American Geographical Society

Broadway at 156th St.
New York, N.Y. 10032

Provides pamphlet-size issue of its monthly monograph 'FOCUS' at 85 cents each. Past issues have dealt with: Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, South Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and the UAR (now Egypt). Bulk rates available.

e. Records

Folkways-Scholastic Records
906 Sylvan Ave.
Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632

Write for list of several recordings of folk music from Arab lands. Discount is offered for educational institutions.

f. Speakers and Panelists

Many organizations are willing to assist in providing names of knowledgeable speakers for schools, radio and television, and interested groups. See list of active organizations beginning on page 8.

g. For opportunities for teaching in the Arab World or for study and research in the area, write for special guides prepared by *American Friends of the M.E.* (See Section on M.E. groups for address).

Radio Programs

ARAB PRESS REVIEW:

Especially produced for American audiences, this is a weekly 15-minute two-voice taped digest of editorial opinion from leading papers and periodicals in the Arab World. (\$2.50 per program)

WORLD PRESS DIGEST:

A weekly program presenting editorial opinion in capsule form from the press of the world. Includes selections from the Arab World whenever news developments warrant. (\$10.00 per program).

Both are distributed by the *Broadcasting Foundation of America*, a U.S. educational institution, located at 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Interested groups should urge their local stations to subscribe by writing directly to BFA.

b. Middle East Sources in the U. S.

THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES *An Experiment in Regional Cooperation*

In addition to the League of Nations and its successor, the United Nations, the twentieth century has witnessed the emergence of a number of regional groupings, the largest of which is the League of Arab States. Like the European Economic Council and the Organization of American States, the League was established to promote cooperation among states which have

common interests and concerns. Unlike the other two, the League's eighteen members are linked together by the mutual bond of language and culture.

The Charter of the League was signed on March 22, 1945 by the heads of state of Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan (known then as Trans-Jordan) and Yemen. Its articles and annexes deal with economic and political affairs, communications, passports and visas and social and cultural issues of common interest.

In addition to its seven founding members, the League now comprises Algeria, Bahrain, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Oman, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

The League's Secretariat is headed by H.E. Mahmoud Riad of Egypt, a former foreign minister and a distinguished statesman. Its governing body is a Council which includes one representative from each member state and a Palestinian delegate. The Council meets regularly in March and September of each year.

The League's ten permanent committees are entrusted with questions of mutual concern. These may be political issues of great urgency or plans

and projects for improved communications and labor relations between the member states.

Two bodies, within the framework of the Council and under its supervision, control the Arab Common Market. These are the Economic Council, established in 1959, and the Council of Arab Economic Unity, established in 1957. The latter was given the task of lowering tariffs, facilitating free movement of labor and capital between member states and standardizing their economic policies.

Among the other bodies operating within the framework of the League are the following:

- The Joint Defense Council
- The Permanent Military Commission
- The Arab Educational, Cultural & Scientific Organization



His Excellency Mahmoud Riad, Secretary General of the League of Arab States.



جامعة الدول العربية

Emblem of the League of Arab States.

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- The Arab Tourist Union
- The Arab States Broadcasting Union
- The Federation of Arab News Agencies
- The Arab Financial Institution for Economic Development
- The Arab Telecommunications Union

The most outstanding of the League's achievements has been the establishment of the Arab Development Bank. Designed to encourage economic progress throughout the Arab World by actively promoting private and public projects throughout the area, the bank is empowered to solicit investment for industrial and agricultural projects and to cooperate with international financial institutions for the same purpose.

In 1950 the General Assembly of the United Nations recognized the League of Arab States as a legally constituted regional organization within the framework of Article 52 of the Charter. The League has since maintained a permanent delegation at the U.N. headed by an observer. At present the post of Permanent Observer at the U.N. is held by Ambassador Talib El-Shebib, who is also the Director of the Arab Information Centers in the United States. The Permanent Observer meets regularly with the heads of all Arab missions to the U.N. to coordinate policies and to work toward more unified action.

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Information activities on various levels are conducted by five Arab Information Centers in the United States and one in Canada. They are located at the following addresses:

- Suite 3711
405 Lexington Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10017
- 1608 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009
- 234 World Trade Center
Ferry Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif. 94111
- 18 So. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60603
- Hartford Bldg.
Suite 1302
St. Paul St.
Dallas, Texas 75201
- 225 Metcalf St.
Suite 310
Ottawa 4
Ontario, Canada

The Arab Information Centers distribute *PALESTINE DIGEST*, a monthly on Palestine affairs.

They also provide:

- Basic information on the Arab World and the Palestine Question.
- Speakers and panelists for interested groups, schools and institutions.
- A library service of some recent books (Arabic & English). New York Center and Ottawa only.
- Recent issues of leading newspapers and periodicals in the Arab World. (Arabic and English. *For reference only.*)
- Films on the Arab states.

For more information, interested groups and individuals are advised to contact the nearest Arab Information Center.

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PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE U.N.

ALGERIA—750 Third Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (YU 6-0595).

(visas issued at same address)

BAHRAIN—605 Third Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10016 (MU 7-2810).

EGYPT—36 East 67th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10021 (TR 9-6300).

IRAQ—14 East 79th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10021 (RE 7-4434).

(visas issued at same address)

ISRAEL—800 Second Avenue, N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (697-5500).

JORDAN—866 U.N. Plaza, N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (PL 2-0135).

(visas issued at same address)

KUWAIT—235 East 42nd St., N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (MU 7-8284).

(visas issued at same address)

LEBANON — 866 U.N. Plaza, N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (EL 5-5460).

LIBYA—866 U.N. Plaza, N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (PL 2-5775).

MOROCCO — 757 Third Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (HA 1-1580).

OMAN—605 Third Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10016 (682-0447).

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN — 211 East 43rd St., N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (972-9570).

(visas issued at same address)

QATAR—845 Third Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10022 (486-9335).

SAUDI ARABIA—6 East 43rd St., N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (OX 7-4830).

SUDAN—757 Third Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (HA 1-2680).

(visas issued at same address)

SYRIA—150 East 58th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10022 (PL 2-4250).

TUNISIA—40 East 71st St., N.Y., N.Y. 10021 (YU 8-7200).

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES — 866 Second Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (371-0480).

YEMEN ARAB REP.—211 East 43rd St., N.Y., N.Y. 10017 (YU 6-0990).

(visas issued at same address)

OTHER INFORMATION

TRAVEL:

El Al Israel Air Lines: 610 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Kuwait Airlines: 40 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020.

M.E. Airlines: 680 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10019.

EgyptAir: 720 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10019.



Arabic Kufic calligraphy composed to create the form of a Mosque with four minarets.

TRADE & BUSINESS:

Arab-American Association for
Trade & Industry
505 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10017

U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce
One World Trade Center
Suite 2645
New York, N.Y. 10048

American-Arab Chamber of Com-
merce
319 World Trade Building
Houston, Texas 77002

ISLAMIC COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

*Islamic Center
2551 Mass. Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Islamic Center
One Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y. 10023

* Inquire by mail about addresses
of centers in other cities.

PALESTINE AFFAIRS:

Palestine Liberation Organization
101 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

CONSULATES GENERAL:

LEBANON—9 East 76th St.
New York, N.Y. 10021
(212) 744-7905

MOROCCO—410 Park Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10022
(212) 758-2625

SAUDI ARABIA—
866 U.N. Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017
(212) 752-2740

SYRIA—(c/o Pakistan Cons.)
12 E. 65 St.
New York, N.Y. 10021
(212) 879-5800

TUNISIA—40 E. 71st St.
New York, N.Y. 10021
(212) 988-7200

**DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
TO THE UNITED STATES**

Algerian Interests Section
2118 Kalorama Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Egyptian Interests Section
2310 Decatur Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Iraqi Interests Section
1801 P. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Embassy of Israel
1621 22 St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Embassy of Jordan
2319 Wyoming Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Embassy of Kuwait
2940 Tilden Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Embassy of Lebanon
2560 28th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Embassy of Libya
2344 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Embassy of Morocco
1601 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Embassy of Qatar
2721 Conn. Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Embassy of Saudi Arabia
1520 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Embassy of Sudan
3421 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Syrian Interests Section
2315 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Embassy of Tunisia
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

*Yemeni Interests Section
4402 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

*Diplomatic relations with United States have been restored, but mission has not been set up. Bahrain, Oman, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and the United Arab Emirates do not have diplomatic mission in Washington yet.

P.S. Some of the above diplomatic missions provide press and information services. Embassies of Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia provide lists of films available and information on rental.

TOURISM:

Israel Government Tourist Office
574 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10036
(212) 265-2750

Lebanese Tourist Office
527 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10022
(212) 421-2201

Moroccan Tourist Office
597 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10017
(212) 421-5771

Egyptian Tourist Office
630 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10020
(212) 246-6960

**ORDERS FOR NEWSPAPERS, PE-
RIODICALS, DICTIONARIES:**

Middle East Press & Publications
3520 Prospect St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Also:

Al-Ahram c/o Levon Keshishian
Room 301
United Nations, N.Y. 10017
(*Al-Ahram*, Cairo's leading Arabic
daily, by air—Friday issue only)

ARABIC TAPES & RECORDS:

Rashid Sales
191 Atlantic Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

SCHOLARLY BOOKS:

J. E. Tomkins & Son, Inc.
476 Sterling Place
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11238

Stechert-Hafner, Inc.
31 East 10th St.
New York, N.Y. 10003

Paragon Book Gallery, Ltd.
14 East 38th St.
New York, N.Y. 10016

Orientalia Bookstore, Inc.
61 Fourth Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10012



An Ancient Egyptian bas-relief in Luxor—
one of the oldest temple cities along the
Nile.

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c. The United Nations

To obtain *general* data on the Middle East and Palestine Questions in United Nations debates, interested individuals and organizations should write to:

Office of Public Information
United Nations, N.Y. 10017

U.N. documents and resolutions pertaining to the Middle East and Palestine Questions or to any other inquiries that have to do with U.N. activities in the Arab States are not easily obtainable. Following are some suggested sources:

1. For sale: UNIPUB, Inc. 650 First Ave., New York, N. Y. 10016.

U.N. Bookshop, United Nations, N.Y. 10017. (Bookshop is located in basement below visitors' lobby in U.N. headquarters at First Ave. & 47th St.)

2. The missions of the Arab states to the U.N. (listed under Basic Information: Arab Sources). Inquiries addressed to a particular mission must concern only the state which the mission represents at the U.N.

3. U.N. Library, (212) PL 4-1234, United Nations, N.Y. 10017. (located at 42nd Street and First Ave.)

Room numbers and telephone extensions in the U.N. Library are:

	Ext.	Rm. No.
<i>Loan service:</i>		
Books	2695	L-105
Inter-library loans	3805	L-105
Periodicals	830	L-1B-10
<i>Reference Service:</i>		
General	821	L-105
Law	2512	3455
League of Nations	2504	L-201
Specialized Agencies	2501	L-221
Statistics	761	3075
*United Nations	2501	L-221

* To order from UNIPUB, get symbol and date of document from this U.N. source.

P.S. A number of university, college and public libraries are repositories of United Nations documents and data. Check with the library nearest you.

4. The Office of Public Information of the United Nations also provides, upon request, a list of available 16 mm. films, some of which are on the M.E. (See also Section on UNRWA)

5. The Office of the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States at the U.N. also provides information on the M.E. Question in the world body and other related data. Address: Arab States Delegation, Suite 3711, 405 Lexington Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017.



U.N. RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY

More Than Two Decades of Humanitarian Service

"Of all the humanitarian situations with which the United Nations is concerned, the plight of the Palestine refugees should arouse the most active compassion of all the governments and peoples of the United Nations for we are dealing here with nothing less than a 20-year-old tragedy of a group of people who considerably outnumber the whole population of a number of the states which are members of the United Nations. Members may differ upon the rights and wrongs of the situation in the Middle East, of which the Palestine refugees are the innocent and long-suffering victims. Efforts may be exerted through the United Nations or outside it to find solutions to the problems of the Middle East, of which the refugee problem is a major one. I believe, however, that everyone will agree that the tragedy of the Palestine refugees, who three times in twenty years have known at first-hand the cruel blast of war, demands that the United Nations should live up generously and without hesitation to its humanitarian duty towards them."

Former Secretary General U Thant made the above appeal on Nov. 11, 1968. Today, the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East is still faced with financial difficulties.

The Agency's regular program for 1.5 million registered refugees includes food, shelter, health services and education. Vocational training is



also provided in eight UNRWA-run schools. More than half the refugees are under the age of twenty. The Agency, therefore, places great emphasis on education and training.

Since the 1967 hostilities, UNRWA has provided humanitarian assistance to other persons in the Middle East area who are at present displaced and in serious need of continued help. This has been done on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure in co-operation with the host governments and voluntary organizations.

During the last few years, UNRWA's income has not kept pace with the rising costs caused by inflationary trends and the natural increase in the refugee population. There has been a deficit every year since 1963, except for 1967. The Agency's reserves have been depleted. Additional funds are urgently needed to enable UNRWA to meet its obligations and to maintain the vital education and training programs for which 47% of the budget must be allotted.

UNRWA publishes a newsletter entitled *The Palestine Refugee Today*.

Three movies produced under the auspices of the Agency are available for use by interested groups. Two are loaned out by the UNRWA Liaison Office at no cost to the borrower. The three films are:

1. *Aftermath*. 16 mm. B/W. Twenty minutes.

2. *A Story That Needs to be Told*. 16 mm. Color. Twenty minutes.

3. *The Arab Refugees*. 16 mm. B/W. Rental \$8.00. Available from: Contemporary Films, 1221 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020.

For more information concerning other available materials on the activities and services of UNRWA, write to:

UNRWA Liaison Office
18th Floor
United Nations, N.Y. 10017



MORE THAN A RIGHT . . .

Education is everyone's lifeline to the future, but it is particularly vital for Palestine refugees. Landless, they have no scope for their traditional farming skills. Impoverished, they have no chance of setting up in business. Their only resources are education and their intense eagerness to learn. With a sound basic education in UNRWA/UNESCO schools up to the age of 15, young refugee boys and girls can go on learning for the rest of their lives . . . UNRWA spends an average of 10¢ per refugee a day. Of that 5 cents is for education. But there is never enough money to go round . . . Entirely dependent on voluntary contributions, UNRWA is struggling to avert a financial crisis. Unless help comes, the school system may collapse with disastrous consequences . . . UNRWA's highly successful vocational and teacher training programs for refugees would also suffer.

By 1975, 20,000 qualified young men and women—from secretaries

to welders, from precision mechanics to teachers—will have graduated from training centers . . . Thoroughly conscious of how handicapped they will be without education, the refugees make the most of every opportunity they are offered. Classrooms are usually overcrowded, equipment is spartan, the children may be clad in mismatched and cast-off clothing, homework may often have to be done in cramped refugee shelters—but the pupils' keen attention and eager enthusiasm are equal to their adversity. Under the supervision of UNESCO experts, a complete school system has taken shape from scratch—the largest internationally-administered venture in education. With a wholly literate younger generation, 500 elementary and preparatory schools, full cadres of trained teachers and modern curricula, the UNRWA/UNESCO system is capable of effectively meeting the refugees' mounting need for education. The problem is funds. *Will you help?* (Excerpts from an UNRWA appeal for aid.)

Some Active Groups and Organizations

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW DOES HURT YOU!

Generally speaking and especially in the cities, most big U.S. papers claim that they give balanced and adequate amounts of space to coverage of Middle East events and to comments on the news. Yet the level of most of this writing tends to nurture the sense of apathy that Americans have come to display toward developments in the Middle East and the role of the United States in that area.

Although the continuing state of "no-war no-peace" should alert even the most superficial student of history to the inherent dangers in such an explosive situation, the uninformed and unsophisticated take at face value all the glib expressions about signs of "peace" and "coexistence" with which Middle East reporting is sprinkled. Usage by the press and by politicians of these two much abused terms is common, even while casually reported stories on land confiscations and eviction of people from their homes continue to reach us.

Insofar as official policy is concerned, the American press has traditionally questioned, probed and debated important national issues without restriction. So have our statesmen and politicians. Yet our Middle East policy has been—and continues to be—an exception.

The general effect of all this has been to reduce the citizen to a state of complacency, wherein he is made to believe, quite erroneously, that a settlement is possible in the M.E. under present circumstances and that his government is doing all it can to establish peace and justice in that part of the world.

Given this regrettable situation, which has persisted over more than two decades, concerned Americans who wish to see their country avoid the pitfalls of over-involvement must go out of their way to seek more dependable and substantial data than is generally available. This section of *Link* and another which follows are devoted to a listing of groups and publications concerned with Middle East affairs. Readers are strongly urged to write to any one, or more, of them for inquiries on membership, subscription and/or additional information:

Following, with symbols interpreted at the end of this listing, are some of the more active groups in the U.S. & Canada:

I*—Action Committee on Arab-American Relations, 135 E. 44th St., (Rm. 801), New York, N.Y. 10017.

IF—American-Arab Association (AMARA), P.O. Box 18217, Boston, Mass. 02118.

I—American-Arab Society, 6005 A. Sandhurst Lane, Dallas, Texas 75206.

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(A more comprehensive listing of groups, with varying degrees of interest in M.E. affairs, may be obtained

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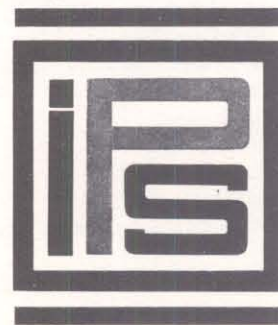
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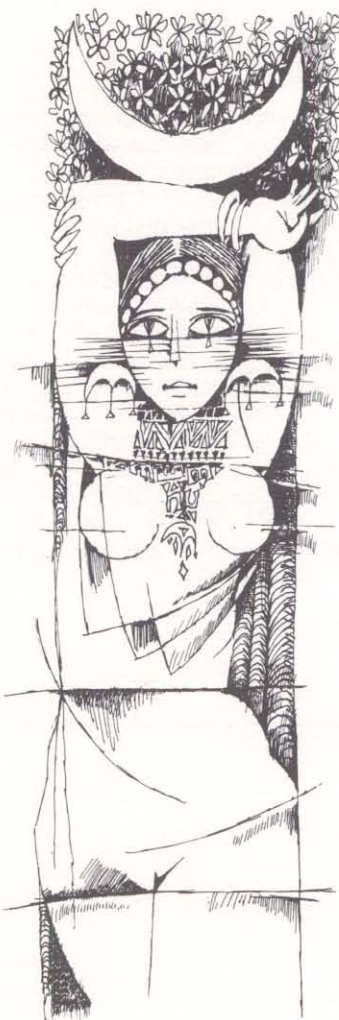
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