

AMERICA MUST INSURE ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE

Israel exists and must continue to exist.

There can be no settlement in the Middle East until the Arab nations accept this assumption. Secure borders must be set as a result of direct negotiations.

The United States can contribute to peace in the Middle East in several ways:

1. We must ensure that Israel receives whatever weapons she needs in order to maintain the military balance in the Middle East.
2. We must guarantee Israel's continued success as a democratic nation. The United States should continue to provide Israel with technological and economic assistance.
3. We must maintain the position that the Straits of Tiran and the Suez Canal are international waterways open to the shipping of all nations.
4. We must support the position that the city of Jerusalem should remain under unified Israeli rule. For their part, the Israelis should continue to guarantee free access of all peoples to that city as a major shrine of three of the world's religions.
5. We must help resolve the long-deferred quest of the Palestinian refugees. First, we can help by seeking every available opportunity to enlist the concern of both Israel and the Arab nations for those people who are all too often used as pawns by those who wish to further their own interests. We should also make a major commitment of economic and technological aid to the resolution of the refugee problem.

Israel has shown that a hard working, idealistic people can build a working democracy under the most adverse circumstances. America has a moral obligation to help her survive and prosper.

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