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leveling of the canal route to Syria is at present only half a mile from the Israel border and could be easily disrupted by a few competent snipers. Some influential Israelis advocate action now while Israel has military advantages.

The Americans have been appalled by talk of preventive action. Officials said the Israelis had been asking too much, expecting military aid to enable them to take care of themselves, commitments by the United States to support them in case of an attack, together with freedom for unhampered military action when they see fit.

[From the New York Times, Mar. 4, 1965]

UNITED STATES TO WEIGH SALE OF ARMS TO ISRAEL—HIGH-LEVEL TALKS EXPECTED SOON—WASHINGTON POLICY IS APPARENTLY SHIFTING

(By John W. Finney)

Washington, March 3.—The United States, seemingly modifying its Middle East arms policy, has agreed to discuss with Israel the possibility of supplying American weapons to offset Soviet arms shipments to Arab States.

High-ranking Israeli officials including possibly Foreign Minister Golda Meer, are expected here shortly, according to diplomatic sources to discuss the purchase of American

The discussions will be an outgrowth of talks that Ambassador at Large W. Averell Harriman had during the last week with Israeli officials in Tel Aviv. Since Mr. Harriman's departure from Israel on Monday, some State Department and White House advisers have remained behind in Tel Aviv to continue the talks, which will lay the basis for the higher level discussions here within the next few weeks.

A TACIT ACCEPTANCE

Ostensibly the Harriman mission was prompted by the diplomatic and military confusion brought about by West Germany's termination of its \$80 million arms deal with Israel. But the talks went far beyond the immediate problems created by Bonn's action and included the more complicated issue of how to provide Israel with an assured supply of modern arms in the coming years.

According to diplomatic sources, there was at least a tacit acceptance by Mr. Harriman of a contention by Israel that the cutoff of the West German arms shipments pointed up Israel's need to find new sources of weapons to maintain a military balance with the Arab States.

Mr. Harriman was reported to have expressed concern about possible Israel military intervention if some of the Arab States went ahead with plans for diverting the headwaters of the Jordan River.

Mr. Harriman, however, was said not to have laid down any condition of nonintervention as a prerequisite for Israel's obtaining American military assistance. The Israel officials, in turn, were said to have made it clear that they viewed the arms race and the Jordan River problem as separate issues.

The problem to be discussed in the forth-coming talks transcends immediate Israel demands for the arms undelivered by West Germany. Bonn responding to threats by the United Arab Republic to recognize East Germany, terminated the arms shipments when 80 percent completed. Among the weapons undelivered were some American-made M-48 tanks that West Germany was shipping to Israel with the U.S. approval and encouragement.

ASSURED SUPPLY SOUGHT

While the Israelis made it clear that they wanted the undelivered arms, they also emphasized that a more important consideration was finding an assured source of weapons over the next several years to counter continuing Soviet arms shipments to the

United Arab Republic and other Arab States.

This is raising for the Johnson administration the difficult question whether the United States is willing to modify or abandon its policy of not being a direct supplier of arms to Israel.

The United States has provided limited amounts of arms to certain Arab States, such as tanks to Jordan and jet fighters to Saudi Arabia. The State Department confirmed today that the United States was discussing with Jordan a "general request" for arms but refused to comment on the details.

Largely because of a desire not to alienate the Arab nations, the United States has consistently refused to supply arms to Israel. The lone exception occurred 2 years ago when the United States agreed to sell Israel some Hawk antiaircraft missiles on the ground they were purely defensive weapons.

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The administration's position has been that Israel should look to Western European sources for her arms, and at times, as in the West German deal. Washington has cooperated behind the scenes in obtaining European weapons for Israel. With the diplomatic difficulties encountered by West Germany in its arms deal, Israel obviously is going to have increasing difficulty in obtaining arms in Europe and therefore is turning to the United States.

The State Department was maintaining strict secrecy about the overtures from Israel, But the fact that the administration was willing to discuss arms purchases with Israel officials was an indication that the United States was moving away from its past policy.

While refusing to comment on the Israel situation in particular, a Department spokesman said the administration's policy in general in the Middle East was in "seeing a balance is maintained" in armaments.

The general appraisal of American officials is that Israel currently has a military balance with, if not superiority over, her Arab neighbors. The contention being advanced by Israel and generally accepted by American officials, however, is that this balance is likely to be upset in the next few years by continuing Soviet arms shipments to Arab nations, especially the United Arab Republic.

Total U.S. aid received through June 30, 1964

[In millions of 0.5. donars]	
Algeria	\$149.3
Iran	798.4
Iraq	46.3
Israel	996.8
Jordan	431.5
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Morocco	451.0
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Syria	81.9
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United Arab Republic (Egypt)	943.1
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Source: "U.S. Oversea Loans and Grants, Obligations and Loan Authorizations, July 1, 1945—June 30, 1964, special report prepared for the House Foreign Anairs Committee.

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"MAN AND FOOD"—ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY

Mr. MONDALE. Mr. President, Vice President Hubert Humphrey recently presented to the National Farmers Union Convention an address entitled "Man and Food." In the course of that address, the distinguished Vice President delivered one of the most comprehensive and commendable statements on American farm policy made by the present administration.

The Vice President is not content to extol the blessings which have provided

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There being no objection, the address was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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TORNADO DISASTER

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, on Wednesday, April 14, President Johnson made a tour of the several Midwestern States recently struck by floods and tornadoes. His first and most extended stop was in northern Indiana where he viewed portions of the tornado destruction which severely affected the lives of thousands of Hoosier residents and caused over \$400 million in damaged property.

For the people of Indiana who are now beginning the long, slow process of reconstruction and recovery, the President's visit was a welcome sign of encouragement and help. Those of us in the Indiana congressional delegation who accompanied the President were gratified by his indication of concern and understanding. As he stated in his remarks on arrival in Indiana, the President came not only as the harbinger of sorelyneeded aid, but also as the symbol of the neighborly support which has been flow-

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