

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

STATE OF ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION

MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Chicago, Illinois

December 16, 1975

It is a great honor for me to receive this award.

In fact, I am doubly honored. First, because the award is presented by a dear friend whom I respect and admire for his great contribution to both the United States and Israel. I speak of Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz, a man who has toiled long and hard so that Israel may be strong and free.

And I am further honored by the fact that I receive this award from an organization instrumental in the founding and building of a democratic state.

The work of the Israel Bond Organization has led to the fulfillment of an age old dream for the Jewish people.

There is a message for us in the struggle and survival of the Jewish people as symbolized in the creation of the state of Israel.

There is a message in the martyrdom of nameless victims of this struggle.

And that message is: Though men may be oppressed, the urge for freedom will persist undiminished.

This is the story of Israel.

Israel is freedom reborn and rebuilt.

Let us not forget this.

When democratic governments are falling by the wayside, let us not forget that every true democracy is precious.

When countless multitudes lose their freedom, let us not forget what we must do to protect those who remain free.

And when totalitarian governments of the right and the left join forces to condemn those who are free, let us respond in word and in deed.

Israel is free. Let us not forget this. And let us not forget the responsibility it places on us a free people to aid Israel so that its freedom is preserved.

As a member of the Congress I accept this responsibility and the obligation that goes with it.

I know that my colleagues share my concern and stand ready, as I do, to approve the full amount of the President's request for economic and military aid to Israel.

I soon will have the privilege of managing this legislation on the floor of the United States Senate. I can assure you that I will make every possible effort to see that the total amount of \$2.3 billion is approved and that all amendments to reduce this aid are soundly defeated.

I could not come before you this evening without sharing with you my concern about the future of Israel and the prospects for peace in the Middle East.

I firmly believe that a strong Israel is the best deterrent to war and the best hope we have to obtain further peace agreements.

But as we help Israel, other nations in the region are becoming significantly stronger with the help of the United States, the Soviet Union, and European nations. This poses a grave risk to the present balance of power in the region and to Israel's security.

Let's take a look at the facts:

-- Russian military aid to Syria has been termed "massive" by arms experts. The Soviet Union can be counted on to continue its delivery of tanks and sophisticated aircraft to Syria. The new, advanced Scud missile recently has been supplied to Syria by the Soviets, which brings every city in Israel within its range.

-- The President of France just announced that his government will help Egypt build its own armaments industry.

-- The United States has embarked on a policy of sales of billions of dollars of armaments and defense services to countries that could become combatants against Israel in another war.

-- The Ford Administration does not calculate the forces of any countries other than Egypt and Syria in assessing the balance of power in the Middle East.

-- But we have sold \$4.3 billion worth of arms and defense services to Saudi Arabia since 1972. Given its appetite for arms and its incredible buying power, we will sell Saudi Arabia even more weapons next year.

-- American sales of weapons and defense services to Iran since 1972 have totaled approximately \$9 billion. Though Iran is more removed from a potential conflict, the volatile policies of the Middle East and Persian Gulf conceivably could bring about Iranian involvement in a regional war. The State Department has confirmed that Iran has trained some Egyptian fighter pilots.

-- And America's allies in Europe have sold and will continue to sell Libya and Iraq weapons which could be used against Israel.

-- The possibility of a commitment of men and arms against Israel from Jordan, Sudan and Morocco in another war cannot be discounted.

The details I have just read are not pleasant. I do not like to contemplate the possibility of another outbreak of fighting in the Middle East. I pray that it would not occur. But governments must make basic calculations of military strength in formulating policy.

It is naive to think that Arab forces beyond those in Egypt and Syria would be disinterested bystanders if renewed fighting occurred.

It is difficult for the United States to control the actions of other nations.

But I believe that America's arms sales policies clearly are out of control.

They are inconsistent with the stated policy of this nation to seek peace in the Middle East and to aid Israel to defend itself.

It is tragically ironic, but I believe that America's arms sales policies could pose a grave risk to the State of Israel if there were to be another war in the Middle East.

We have come to this sorry state of affairs because we have eagerly sought short term policy gains while forgetting the long range implications of our actions.

If America continues to sell arms to OPEC nations and OPEC allies at current levels, the military balance of power in the Middle East will dramatically shift against Israel in the next five years. And this shift in the balance of power could severely jeopardize Israel's security.

I have introduced legislation with Senator Clifford Case of New Jersey that will begin to bring rationality and control to America's arms sales programs.

But legislation is not the final answer.

The President and Secretary of State must take steps to alter the fundamental policy of supplying arms to the highest bidder regardless of the potential danger these sales pose to America's friends.

I would remind Secretary Kissinger and President Ford that friendship cannot be purchased with arms.

I strongly suggest to them that our arms policy is dangerous and destabilizing and potentially destructive.

I call upon them to support the Humphrey-Case bill now pending in the Senate. The wholesale distribution of American weapons must be curtailed and our policymakers must assess the ultimate consequences of their decisions.

I call upon them to sit down and work with the Congress to devise an overall policy which will lessen the risk of war and destruction in the Middle East.

Twenty-seven hundred years ago at a dark hour of Jewish history, when the Assyrians had conquered the ten northern tribes and were about to lay siege to Jerusalem, the prophet Amos confronted his people with this divine promise:

"I will turn back the captivity of my people. And they shall rebuild the wasted cities and inhabit them. And they shall plant vineyards and drink the sweet wine, and they shall make gardens and eat the fruit, and I will plant them upon their lands, and they shall no more be cast out of the land which I had given, saith the Lord God."

The promise of Amos has come true.

Twenty-seven years ago Israel was born -- I should say that Israel was reborn.

If Israel is to remain a viable haven of freedom, then it must remain strong. If this is the goal of the United States -- as I believe it must be -- then we must act accordingly and make our policies consistent with our beliefs.

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Mr Berger

Banquet Chairman, Ira Harris - Mr Berger
Guest Campaign Chm - Sal Goldstein ✓
✓ Dr Kupnitz (Kup)

REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

minutes of Hotel Haim Zadock ^{Zah-Dock}

STATE OF ISRAEL YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Judge Marovitz ✓

MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

✓ David Zysman

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DECEMBER 16, 1975

Man of the Year

(David Zysman)

Past men of the year since 1955

Starting with my friend Henry Burman

Harry T. Run

Dr Kupnitz

Judge Marovitz

Armen Goldstein

Adlai Stevenson

Henry Jackson

Sen Charles Percy

Jack Aracy

L IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

L IN FACT, I AM DOUBLY HONORED FIRST, BECAUSE THE AWARD
IS PRESENTED BY ^{avery} ~~my~~ DEAR FRIEND WHOM I RESPECT AND ADMIRE FOR HIS
GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL ~~the~~

d ^{who has served} SPEAK OF JUDGE ABRAHAM LINCOLN MAROVITZ, A MAN WHO HAS TOILED
LONG AND HARD SO THAT ISRAEL MAY BE STRONG AND FREE,

L AND I AM FURTHER HONORED BY THE FACT THAT I RECEIVE THIS
AWARD FROM AN ORGANIZATION ^{so} INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ~~BUILDING~~
BUILDING OF A DEMOCRATIC STATE ^{a free & independent nation}

L THE WORK OF THE ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION HAS ~~led~~ TO THE
FULFILLMENT OF AN AGE OLD DREAM FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE,

L THERE IS A MESSAGE FOR US IN THE STRUGGLE AND SURVIVAL
OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AS SYMBOLIZED IN THE CREATION OF THE STATE
OF ISRAEL.

THERE IS A MESSAGE IN THE MARTYRDOM OF NAMELESS VICTIMS
OF THIS STRUGGLE.

AND THAT MESSAGE IS: THOUGH MEN MAY BE OPPRESSED, THE URGE
FOR FREEDOM WILL PERSIST UNDIMINISHED."

THIS IS THE STORY OF ISRAEL, — *Freedom, Undiminished*

ISRAEL IS FREEDOM REBORN AND REBUILT.

LET US ~~NOT~~ ^{never} FORGET THIS!

WHEN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS ARE FALLING BY THE WAYSIDE,
LET US NOT FORGET THAT EVERY ~~TRUE~~ DEMOCRACY IS PRECIOUS.

WHEN COUNTLESS MULTITUDES LOSE THEIR FREEDOM, LET US NOT
FORGET WHAT WE MUST DO TO PROTECT THOSE WHO REMAIN FREE,

AND WHEN TOTALITARIAN GOVERNMENTS OF THE RIGHT AND THE

LEFT JOIN FORCES TO CONDEMN THOSE WHO ARE FREE, LET US RESPOND

IN WORD AND IN DEED.. *And let our answer to the*

U.M. Proprietor calling Zionism, Racism
be ~~an indication of a~~ ~~more help~~ ~~support for Israel.~~

yes ~~and~~ ISRAEL IS FREE. LET US NOT FORGET THIS. AND LET US

NOT FORGET THE RESPONSIBILITY IT PLACES ON US, ^{AS} A FREE PEOPLE TO

AID ISRAEL SO THAT ~~the~~ ^{freedom} FREEDOM IS PRESERVED.

Bonds needed
ex. aid needed

AS A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS, I ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY
AND THE OBLIGATION THAT GOES WITH IT. and,

I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUES SHARE MY CONCERN AND STAND
READY, AS I DO, TO APPROVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PRESIDENT'S
REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL. ^{2.300 Billion}

I SOON WILL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF MANAGING THIS
LEGISLATION ON THE FLOOR OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE. I CAN
ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO SEE THAT
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2.3 BILLION IS APPROVED AND THAT ALL
^{desired} AMENDMENTS TO REDUCE THIS AID ARE ~~definitely~~ DEFEATED.

To Day \$1.5 Billion military - $\frac{1}{2}$ grant
Balance credits - 10 yr grace period 20 yrs
\$755 million Economic Aid #

I COULD NOT COME BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING WITHOUT SHARING

WITH YOU MY CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL AND THE PROSPECTS

FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT A STRONG ISRAEL IS THE BEST DETERRENT

TO WAR AND THE BEST HOPE WE HAVE TO OBTAIN FURTHER PEACE AGREEMENTS.

BUT, AS WE HELP ISRAEL, OTHER NATIONS IN THE REGION ARE

BECOMING SIGNIFICANTLY STRONGER WITH THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES,

THE SOVIET UNION, ~~AND~~ EUROPEAN NATIONS. ^{+U.S.} THIS POSES A GRAVE

RISK TO THE PRESENT BALANCE OF POWER IN THE REGION AND TO

ISRAEL'S SECURITY.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE FACTS:

-- RUSSIAN MILITARY AID TO SYRIA HAS BEEN TERMED "MASSIVE"

BY ARMS EXPERTS. THE SOVIET UNION CAN BE COUNTED ON TO CONTINUE

ITS DELIVERY OF TANKS AND SOPHISTICATED AIRCRAFT TO SYRIA.

h THE NEW, ADVANCED SCUD MISSILE RECENTLY HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO
SYRIA BY THE SOVIETS, WHICH BRINGS EVERY CITY IN ISRAEL WITHIN
ITS RANGE.

h-- THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE JUST ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
WILL HELP EGYPT BUILD ITS OWN ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY.

h THE UNITED STATES HAS EMBARKED ON A POLICY OF SALES OF
BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF ARMAMENTS AND DEFENSE SERVICES TO COUNTRIES
THAT COULD BECOME COMBATANTS AGAINST ISRAEL IN ANOTHER WAR.

h-- THE FORD ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT CALCULATE THE FORCES
OF ANY COUNTRIES OTHER THAN EGYPT AND SYRIA IN ASSESSING THE
BALANCE OF POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

h-- BUT WE HAVE SOLD \$4.3 BILLION WORTH OF ARMS AND DEFENSE
SERVICES TO SAUDI ARABIA SINCE 1972. h GIVEN ITS APPETITE FOR ARMS
AND ITS INCREDIBLE BUYING POWER, WE WILL SELL SAUDI ARABIA EVEN
MORE WEAPONS NEXT YEAR.

L-- AMERICAN SALES OF WEAPONS AND DEFENSE SERVICES TO IRAN
SINCE 1972 HAVE TOTALED APPROXIMATELY \$9 BILLION. / THOUGH IRAN
IS MORE REMOVED FROM A POTENTIAL CONFLICT, THE VOLATILE POLITICS
OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERSIAN GULF CONCEIVABLY COULD BRING
ABOUT IRANIAN INVOLVEMENT IN A REGIONAL WAR. / THE STATE
DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED THAT IRAN HAS TRAINED SOME EGYPTIANS
FIGHTER PILOTS.

L-- AND AMERICA'S ALLIES IN EUROPE HAVE SOLD AND WILL CONTINUE TO
SELL LIBYA AND IRAQ WEAPONS WHICH COULD BE USED AGAINST ISRAEL.

L-- THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMMITMENT OF MEN AND ARMS AGAINST
ISRAEL FROM JORDAN, SUDAN AND MOROCCO IN ANOTHER WAR CANNOT BE
DISCOUNTED.

L THE DETAILS I HAVE JUST READ ARE NOT PLEASANT. L I DO NOT
LIKE TO CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER OUTBREAK OF
FIGHTING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. L I PRAY THAT IT ^{will}~~would~~ NOT OCCUR,

L BUT, GOVERNMENTS MUST MAKE BASIC CALCULATIONS OF MILITARY
STRENGTH IN FORMULATING POLICY.

L IT IS NAIVE TO THINK THAT ARAB FORCES BEYOND THOSE IN EGYPT
AND SYRIA WOULD BE DISINTERESTED BYSTANDERS IF RENEWED FIGHTING ^{in the}
m.c. OCCURRED.

L IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO CONTROL THE ACTIONS
OF OTHER NATIONS.

L BUT I BELIEVE THAT AMERICA'S ARMS SALES POLICIES CLEARLY
ARE OUT OF CONTROL.

L THEY ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE STATED POLICY OF THIS NATION
TO SEEK PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO AID ISRAEL TO DEFEND ITSELF.

L IT IS TRAGICALLY IRONIC, BUT I BELIEVE THAT AMERICA'S ARMS
SALES POLICIES COULD POSE A GRAVE RISK TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL
IF THERE WERE TO BE ANOTHER WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

L WE HAVE COME TO THIS SORRY STATE OF AFFAIRS BECAUSE WE
HAVE EAGERLY SOUGHT SHORT TERM POLICY GAINS WHILE FORGETTING
THE LONG RANGE IMPLICATIONS OF OUR ACTIONS.

L IF AMERICA CONTINUES TO SELL ARMS TO OPEC NATIONS AND
OPEC ALLIES AT CURRENT LEVELS, THE MILITARY BALANCE OF POWER IN
THE MIDDLE EAST WILL DRAMATICALLY SHIFT AGAINST ISRAEL IN THE
NEXT FIVE YEARS. (AND THIS SHIFT IN THE BALANCE OF POWER COULD
SEVERELY JEOPARDIZE ISRAEL'S SECURITY. - *Therefore*

L I HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION WITH SENATOR CLIFFORD CASE
OF NEW JERSEY THAT WILL BEGIN TO BRING RATIONALITY AND CONTROL TO
AMERICA'S ARMS SALES PROGRAMS.

L BUT LEGISLATION IS NOT THE FINAL ANSWER.

L THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE MUST TAKE STEPS TO

ALTER THE FUNDAMENTAL POLICY OF SUPPLYING ARMS TO THE HIGHEST

BIDDER REGARDLESS OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER THESE SALES POSE

TO AMERICA'S FRIENDS.

L I WOULD REMIND SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD THAT
FRIENDSHIP CANNOT BE PURCHASED WITH ARMS.

L I STRONGLY SUGGEST TO THEM THAT OUR ARMS POLICY IS DANGEROUS
AND DESTABILIZING AND POTENTIALLY DESTRUCTIVE.

L I CALL UPON THEM TO SUPPORT THE HUMPHREY-CASE BILL NOW
PENDING IN THE SENATE. L THE WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF AMERICAN
WEAPONS MUST BE CURTAILED AND OUR POLICYMAKERS MUST ASSESS THE
ULTIMATE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR DECISIONS.

L I CALL UPON THEM TO SIT DOWN AND WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO
DEVISE AN OVERALL POLICY WHICH WILL LESSEN THE RISK OF WAR AND
DESTRUCTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

L TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN A DARK HOUR OF JEWISH
HISTORY, WHEN THE ASSYRIANS HAD CONQUERED THE TEN NORTHERN
TRIBES AND WERE ABOUT TO LAY SEIGE TO JERUSALEM, THE PROPHET

Amos
AMOS CONFRONTED HIS PEOPLE WITH THIS DIVINE PROMISE:

L "I WILL TURN BACK THE CAPTIVITY OF MY PEOPLE,
AND THEY SHALL REBUILD THE WASTED CITIES AND INHABIT

THEM. L AND THEY SHALL PLANT VINEYARDS AND DRINK THE
SWEET WINE, AND THEY SHALL MAKE GARDENS AND EAT THE

FRUIT, AND I WILL PLANT THEM UPON THEIR LANDS, AND

THEY SHALL NO MORE BE CAST OUT OF THE LAND WHICH I HAD
GIVEN, SAITH THE LORD GOD."

THE PROMISE OF AMOS HAS COME TRUE.

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO ISRAEL WAS BORN -- I SHOULD SAY

THAT ISRAEL WAS REBORN.

IF ISRAEL IS TO REMAIN A VIBRANT HAVEN OF FREEDOM, THEN

IT MUST REMAIN STRONG, IF THIS IS THE GOAL OF THE UNITED

STATES -- AS I BELIEVE IT MUST BE -- THEN WE MUST ACT

ACCORDINGLY AND MAKE OUR POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH OUR BELIEFS.

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