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U. S. FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT RAPS
BRITAIN, ISRAEL AT I. U. CONFERENCE

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Bloomington, Ind. — A State Department official took off his gloves here yesterday to hammer Great Britain and Israel for policies in the Middle East which he alleged are jeopardizing the United States and western Europe. The explosive speaker was Edwin M. Wright, intelligence adviser to the State Department for Near East, South Asian and African Affairs.

He appeared before a closing session of the second annual Conference on American Foreign Problems sponsored by Indiana University.

"If we become identified with Israel or Britain in the Middle East we will draw antagonism and violence," Wright warned.

WRIGHT is the son of a missionary, born and reared in Persia and educated in Ohio and New York.

He declared that Israel has benefitted more on a per capita basis from foreign financial aid than any other nation, and estimated there are 800,000 Arab refugees from Israel who are receiving only 6 cents a day from the United Nations.

Wright’s remarks were challenged by Clarence W. Efroymon, professor of economics at Butler University, who identified himself as a Zionist.

He charged that Syria is objecting to the use of water by Israel, not because Syria wants water itself, but to prevent the Jews from getting it.

"Israel is really a lightning rod and is attracting hostility that would otherwise be directed against Britain," Efroymon asserted.

"THEN ISRAEL is a very poor lightning rod, because Britain is being attacked
Indiana polls stay from all sides," Wright retorted.

The State Department expert traced the history of the Middle East, the traditional background of empires, and "for 400 years the subject of western imperialism."

The stubborn British policy in refusing to give Iran a greater share of her own oil has created a crisis among the Arab states to the advantage of Russia, Wright said.

He contrasted British policies with those of American companies in Saudi Arabia, which not only pay twice as much for the oil, but also build forts, roads and other permanent installations to benefit the country.

"Two years ago the State Department urged the British to make a better deal with Iran," he said.

"BRITAIN THEN came up with a supplemental agreement which increased payments, but refused to give Iran more control over its oil.

"You either take this as it is, or we go back to the 1933 agreement," Wright quoted the British as saying.

To which the Arabs replied, according to Wright:

"We cannot negotiate with the British. We are handed ultimatums. We might as well take over our own oil."

Wright quoted the British as telling the Americans in effect:

"You're now here; we've been here a long time and understand it. Now you go about your own affairs and leave everything to us."

Russia, fanning the discontent, is expanding its influence in the Arab states, and if it gains control of their oil, Western Europe will fall to Communist expansion, Wright asserted.

"THE PEOPLE of this region feel that America is against the Moslem world because of past support of Israel and because while we are showering billions of dollars around the world, much of it to our former enemies, the Arab states are
receiving nothing.

"If we are to continue this program of help, the Arab states should be included."

Wright charged that Israel has not complied with directives of the United Nations while calling on that organization for help against her enemies.

The recent assassination of King Abdullah of Jordan was attributed by Wright to Arab zealots, perhaps some of those who had lost their land to Israel.

Abdullah incurred the wrath of the Arabs when he traded off Arab villages to Israel and got nothing in return, according to Wright.

"IN FACT, he was so friendly to Israel that he was nicknamed 'Rabbi Abdullah','" the State Department official said.

Wright's talk, the first from any diplomatic source here that was free of delicate phrases, many of them subject to double interpretation, was heard by 150 Indiana leaders attending the foreign policy conference.

Wright made the opening talk of yesterday's session, and it was the subject of animated discussion by the delegates for the rest of the day.

The program concluded with a noon luncheon presided over by Walter E. Leckrone, editor of the Indianapolis Times.

"When we paid a ransom for Robert Vogeler, we invited the kidnapping of William N. Oatis," Leckrone said.

"An aircraft carrier and an ultimatum at the time of the abduction of Angus Ward, consul-general at Mukden, would have prevented the Korean War," the editor concluded.

JOHN F. MELBY, special assistant for Far Eastern Affairs in the State Department, said that if the cease fire negotiations in Korea are unsuccessful, he assumed that the United Nations would consider themselves relieved of past restrictions and would pursue the war vigorously, and bomb Manchurian bases.

He said the peace talks were dictated by Moscow and that it was impossible to tell now whether it was because of the need for time to prepare a greater offensive or because of pending reparations elsewhere.
Indo-China is part of the Communist plan of conquest, he said. He described Korea as the first demonstration of Communist armed aggression. He said Japan would be forced into the Communist orbit unless help is given to provide that nation with sufficient resources to live.

"THE UNITED STATES frontier is on the 38th Parallel or the Yalu River, and it would be suicide to pretend it is anywhere else," Melby said.

"Russia is controlled by fanatics seeking to conquer the world."