

It's Us or Israel Syria Warns U.S.

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Syria demanded yesterday that the United States suspend every form of assistance to Israel or lose the Arab world's friendship.

Syria's implied threat that the Arabs would lean toward the Soviets if the West does not go along with its demands was made in the UN Security Council by Ambassador Ahmed Shukairy.

The council, which debated the Dec. 12 Israeli attack on a Syrian outpost near Lake Tiberias heard a rebuttal by Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban. He compared Israel's position to that of a man who went "Through life with a loaded pistol constantly pointed at his family's throat and sometimes going off."

"How long," he said, "would he resist the opportunity to push it away?"

Accuses Russians

Eban accused Russia of currying favor with the Arabs by parrotting Syria's complaints and demands for sanctions against Israel in presenting its censure motion to the council.

He charged that the Soviet attitude shows that when Israel comes before a tribunal the only alternatives are "a verdict for the Arabs or no verdict at all" because of Russian vetoes.

"Stream of \$1 1/2 Billion"

Shukairy said that "since 1948 a stream of \$1 1/2 billion has been flowing from the U. S. to Israel in the form of contributions, grants-in-aid, bonds and loans."

"We take (this) as an inimical act when the party receiving the assistance is engaged in aggression," he warned U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. Suggesting that all aid be withdrawn from Israel for at least one year, Shukairy said: "The justice of our cause demands



Ahmed Shukairy

from a great power and a great people to be on our side."

In what was considered a major policy declaration on behalf of all Arab states, Shukairy, again demanded Israel's ouster from the UN as a persistent violator of the charter.

As to the Dec. 12 attack in which 56 Syrians and six Israelis were killed, he said "the dimensions of Israel's occasional reactions are more than matched by the accumulated effects of a constant state of tension, hostility and aggression."

War-Alert Footing Urged for Israel

Tel Aviv, Jan. 17 (U.P).—A committee of Premier David Ben Gurion's Mapai Party today recommended putting Israel on a war-alert footing, stripped of all luxuries.

Recommendations of the 11-member committee headed by former Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon followed reports that Israeli leaders were convinced an all-out Arab attack would occur in a "few months" unless Israeli got more arms.

The Lavon committee proposals would tighten Israel's economic and social programs even to the extent of having officials trade in large-sized American cars for smaller European models.

Pearson Now Says Egypt Got Planes

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Ottawa, Jan. 17.— External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson, in an abrupt about-face, admitted today that Canada had sold Egypt 15 Harvard training planes.

Pearson, who yesterday denied that planes on an Egyptian freighter at Halifax were destined for the Egyptian government, corrected himself before Commons.

Pearson said Canada had not sold arms of any description to Israel.