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Policy of Arming Arab States Is Regarded as Negative by Prime Minister Sharett

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JERUSALEM (Israeli Sector), Aug. 20—Israel is not completely satisfied with United States efforts to allay fear here about arming the Arab states.

This statement by Prime Minister Moshe Sharett today to a group of editors in Tel Aviv was the first official comment since Ambassador Abba Eban came home to report last Sunday.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had revealed in talks with Mr. Eban a definite desire to quiet Israel's fears, Mr. Sharett said.

However, the Prime Minister added, the United States policy was negative because the arms to be given to the Arab states would be put to a different use from that intended.

He described the giving of arms to the Arab nations as a prize for their refusal to negotiate peace with Israel. The policy, he said, put peace farther away and undermined Middle Eastern security.

Sharett Mentions Britain

Britain also was chided and praised. Mr. Sharett said cryptically that Israel appreciated what Britain was trying to do in the area. He added there was nothing to hope for at present of a substantial nature in the light of recent developments, which he said showed a definite negative trend against Israel.

The Prime Minister said Eric Johnston, special embassador of President Eisenhower, was expected in the Middle East again in the fall to deal further with the Jordan water plans. Israel has conducted talks and correspondence with Mr. Johnston since his return to the United States.

As to rumors of British bases in Israel, Mr. Sharett said there had never been any discussions on this subject.

He welcomed the appointment of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada as chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization and hoped the general had brought the necessary understanding of the armistice agreements. At the first chance Israel will discuss armistice problems and her relationship with the Truce Supervision Organization, Mr. Sharett declared.

On a question about relations with Egypt the Prime Minister said there was no information on an agreement between the two countries.



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CRITICIZES POLICY: Moshe Sharett, Israeli Prime Minister, who said his nation was not completely satisfied with United States efforts to allay fear in Jerusalem on the arming of the Arab states.

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