ZIONIST UPBRAIDS EGYPTIAN EMBASSY

Neumann Denies Charge His Group Seeks to 'Discredit' U. S. on Aid to Arab States

A sharp denunciation of the Egyptian Embassy in Washington for a "flagrant violation of diplomatic proprieties" in issuing a public statement last Thursday was made yesterday by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

The Zionist leader's address, made at a special meeting of his group at the headquarters at 145 East Thirty-second Street, was unanimously approved by the committee. Last Wednesday the Egyptian Embassy accused American Zionists of attempting to "discredit" the United States Government, and also of trying to suspend current or pending arms grants to some of the Arab states.

Dr. Neumann termed the embassy's action "a public attack against a large body of Americans who are currently exercising their rights as citizens in criticizing certain policies of their Government which they regard as mistaken and harmful to America's true interests." He urged the United States Government to "inform the Egyptian Embassy that it will not tolerate such unwarranted interference in the democratic life of our country."

The Zionist leader maintained that the Egyptian Embassy's "sudden concern for American prestige" was "strange, particularly in view of their persistent refusal to participate in any alliance with our country and the West, and the frequent anti-American outbursts of their political rabble-rousers."

Dr. Neumann asserted that he was not surprised "by the total ignorance of the ways of democracy which is reflected in the Egyptian Embassy's statement." He then added:

"I believe that the ruling cliques of all the Arab states are genuinely astonished by the open and forthright opposition which groups of Americans often express against actions of their own Government with which they are in disagreement. They cannot understand that this is motivated by the most profound loyalty to America and devotion to its ideals."

Dr. Neumann asserted that American Zionists had been outspoken in their criticism "of the State Department's present one-sided policy in the Middle East."

He added that this criticism had been "supported by the overwhelming majority of American Jewry, Zionists and non-Zionists alike, as was evidenced by the composition of the delegation which called on Secretary of States Dulles last week." Representatives of several major Jewish organizations met with Secretary Dulles last week on the question of arms shipments to the Arab states.

Dr. Neumann held that "the State Department cannot be very happy about the Egyptian statement, since it serves to expose the ludicrousness of its contention that the current policy does not favor the Arabs at Israel's expense. If Egypt endorses this policy as 'impartial,' it surely cannot be fair to Israel."

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