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16 Zionist and Non-Zionist Bodies Urge Fresh Look at Mideast Struggle

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The heads of sixteen major American Zionist and non-Zionist organizations appealed to the United States Government yesterday for a "fresh appraisal" of the Middle East conflict.

They asserted in a joint statement that the conflict in that part of the world "is not simply between Egypt and Israel, but between democracy and an expansionist dictatorship, between the free world and Nasserism backed by Moscow."

The statement was issued after the presidents of these groups had begun deliberations over the Middle East tensions at a special meeting at 16 East Sixty-sixth Street Tuesday. The meeting lasted through the early morning hours and concluded yesterday afternoon.

The presidents of these groups voiced regret over the "bloodshed and loss of life in the Middle East," adding that they "are in accord with our Government's expressed desire for a just and lasting peace in that region."

"However," the statement added, "such a peace cannot be achieved withmout a bold and statesmanlike appraisal of the issues behind the conflict."

In a sharp attack on President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, the statement asserted that the Middle East "has been plunged into turmoil by the Egyptian dictator's ambitions for aggrandizement and empire."

"Under his leadership Egypt has voluntarily opened itself and the whole Middle East to Soviet penetration and Communist subversion," the statement declared. "He has incited nation against nation, peoples against peoples. He has instigated civil war throughout that turbulent region and undermined the stability of existing Governments in Asia and Africa.

"Events have demonstrated Nasser's implacable hostility to the Western democracies," the statement continued. "Events also have demonstrated the basic identity of interest of Israel and the free world."

Following are the names of organizations and their leaders affixed to the statement:

Dr. Philip M. Bernstein, Rochester, N. Y., American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs; Joseph Breslau, New York, American Trades Union Council for Labor Israel; William Carmen, Newton, Mass., Jewish War Veterans of the United States; Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, New York, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Also Moses I. Feuerstein, Brookline, Mass., Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations; Dr. Miriam Freund, New York, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America; Dr. Israel Goldstein, New York, American Jewish Congress; Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, New York, Jewish Agency for Palestine; Adolph Held, New York, Jewish Labor Committee; Rabbi Max Kirshblum, New York, Mizrachi Organization of America.

Also Philip M. Klutznick, Park Forest, Ill., B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Irving Miller, Woodmere, L. I., American Zionist Council; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Zionist Organization of America; Charles Rosengarten, Waterbury, Conn., United Synagogue of America; Louis Segal, New York, Labor Zionist Organization of America; Bernard H. Trager, Bridgeport, Conn., National Community Relations Advisory Council.

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