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## ADL STATES POLICY ON ISRAEL'S IMPACT IN U.S.

Following several months of study, the Executive Committee of ADL's National Commission has formalized an organizational policy to meet issues raised by the creation of the state of Israel and the impact of these problems on the fight against anti-Semitism.

First deliberated by committees selected from the Eastern regional and Chicago boards of directors, the policy calls for:

1—Augmenting the currently favorable attitude of the American people toward Israel. ADL will dramatize the historical and cultural backgrounds of Israel's development and struggle for independence as a force for developing better group relations in America.

2—Supporting B'nai B'rith's position—urging *de jure* recognition and Israel's admission to full United Nations membership.

In fostering this two-pronged policy, ADL will carry on a program of "interpreting Jewish performances within Israel so as to make these contributions better understood throughout the world.

"In so doing, ADL would be extending its normal practice of publicizing Jewish contributions to world civilization as one of the means of developing an appreciation of the Jew and, at the same time, counteracting anti-Semitism," the committees declared.

It will be the province of ADL's program division to point up how the accomplishments and philosophy of Israel parallel the growth and development of American freedom.

To do this, ADL programming will stress many themes; among them contributions of the Israeli in World War II and their subsequent heroic struggle for

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independence, circumstances not unlike the birth of the United States in 1776, and the pioneering efforts of the Israeli in reclaiming Palestine's desert much as America's pioneers of the 19th century pushed back the frontiers to the Pacific shores.

ADL will cooperate with the AJ Committee and other members of NCRAC, as well as the Zionist Emergency Council, in developing its "Israel program."

The League emphasizes that it will not become involved in Israel's political problems, holding these to be strictly the internal concern of the new state.

In line with its Israel policy, ADL recently concerned itself with the refutation of recent news reports widely circulated in the Roman Catholic press that Israeli troops were allegedly guilty of desecrating religious shrines and holy places.

Eliahu Epstein, Israeli representative in the U. S., expressed appreciation to ADL representatives at a recent conference with them in Washington, D. C., for the League's efforts in combatting the exaggerated reports and for its concern with such problems.