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Arab States - UN: [The reaction of the Arab states to the US position regarding two recent Arab resolutions in the UN on matters affecting Israel has been described by the Jordanian foreign minister as one of "extreme irritation." Jordan's UN representative has informed Amman that he and all other Arab delegates have concluded that the Kennedy administration has "definitely" swung to the side of Israel on Arab-Israeli issues and that the Arab states can expect this line to be followed in the future. The Arab delegations in New York have in consequence become more vigorous in opposing the US on the Cuban issue in the UN.]

[WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS]

- A. No change from last week.
- B. No change from last week.
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Arab Resentment Against US Stand in UN

{The Arab UN delegations reportedly have decided to oppose the United States on "all" issues, but this unanimity may be broken in at least some instances by certain Arab governments.]

{Jordanian UN representative Rifai has been a leader of Arab delegates who have been considering sponsoring a resolution on Cuba, contrary to the wishes of the American delegation. Jordan's Foreign Minister Nasir has said that Rifai has been instructed to take no further action on the resolution until he reports fully to Amman. The American ambassador reported that anti-US bitterness in certain circles of the Jordanian Government--normally the most pro-American of the Arabs--nevertheless is very deep because of the US stand on the recent Arab resolutions.]

{The two resolutions concerned the Palestine refugees and Israel's Independence Day military parade in Jerusalem. The Arab proposal to have the UN General Assembly consider means of safeguarding the property rights in Israel of Palestinian refugees was adopted on 18 April by a vote of 47 to 19 in the Assembly's Special Political Committee, over the opposition of the United States, Britain, and Israel. A two-thirds vote is needed for final adoption by the Assembly. A milder United States proposal on aid to the refugees which made no reference to the disputed property rights provision was defeated--amid Arab applause--by Asian, African, and Communist-bloc votes.]

{The Arabs also resented the American-proposed amendment to the Security Council's resolution of 11 April, which called on Israel to forego using heavy military equipment, in violation of the Israeli-Jordanian armistice agreement, in its Independence Day military parade in Jerusalem on 20 April.

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