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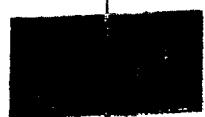
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- 1. British policy toward Jewish state--US Embassy London has learned informally from a high official of the British Foreign Office that the UK has no intention of according recognition at this time to the Jewish state. The Embassy infers that the British position is based principally on the idea that recognition now of any particular frontier for the Jewish state will decrease the chances of an Arab-Jewish compromise at some future date. The Foreign Office apparently believes that when both sides tire of the "profitless conflict," the Arabs and Jews may reach an agreement on a frontier somewhat different from one which had been drawn up artificially. Concerning the shipments of arms to the Middle East, the official expressed the view that if the US lifts its embargo the UK will be subjected to "intolerable" Arab pressure to modify the present limitations on British arms shipments.

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