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## **"Communism: Arabs' Real Enemy", a Newspaper Clipping from the Jerusalem Post, January 1952**

Published on 3 January 1952, this newspaper clipping from the Jerusalem Post contains an article titled, "Arabs' Real Enemy-Communism" regarding a statement by former Secretary-General of the Arab League Azzam Basha that the Russian Communist Ideology is the real enemy of Arabs, and that Arabs shall not engage in any conflicts with Israel following the 1948 war.



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Azzam Pasha called the British "fools" for wanting to remain in the Suez Canal Zone. "They are fools," he said, "for fighting a nation of 20 million people determined to put them out. No force can stop the Egyptian nationalist movement. There is no use playing around with it. Either the British must occupy the whole country for 20 years, or they must get out."

He said the Egyptians are determined "not to be humiliated any more."

Azzam today also told a "New York Times" correspondent that neither the Arabs nor the Jews have any intention of resuming the war. He said that the Arabs had no inclination whatever to violate the armistice agreement with Israel, and there was no fear that fresh hostilities would break out. (Hester, AP, NEBS)

Israel is an integral part of the Middle East. To be able to live in peace, to feel tranquil and secure, and to devote its energy and efforts for the development of the country and for the prosperity and happiness of the inhabitants, it is essential that its relations with the neighbouring countries should be friendly; but this state of friendliness cannot be attained as long as a feeling of animosity pervades the hearts of the Arab peoples. Hence, the necessity of eliminating this undermining spirit by settling individual claims.

It would serve no useful purpose for the Government to contend that the refugees' properties were taken "in revolution", and that Israel is not, in the circumstances, under any obligation to pay compensation. An Arab will neither understand nor admit such an argument. He would never forget nor forgive the usurpation of his property until he is, at least, compensated. It is in his blood, and forms part of a life-long tradition: he who takes your property, take away his life. In the long run, it would pay Israel better to win the goodwill of its Arab neighbours than to perpetuate a strong feeling of hate.

The Editor of The Jerusalem Post,  
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Yours faithfully,

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