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M/E - ISRAEL SCORES SOVIETS AT U.N.

UNITED NATIONS SEPT 4 (UPI)--ISRAEL TODAY REJECTED SOVIET CHARGES THAT ONLY ISRAEL'S "AGGRESSIVE" POLICIES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLIGHT OF ARAB REFUGEES AND ONLY ISRAELI REPARATIONS CAN SOLVE THE MIDEASTERN REFUGEE PROBLEM.

AN ISRAELI DELEGATION STATEMENT SAID THAT IN 1948 WHEN ISRAEL WAS ESTABLISHED AS A STATE "THE SOVIET UNION PUT THE BLAME ON THE ARABS STATES FOR THE HOSTILITIES THAT GAVE RISE TO THE ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM.

"THE SOVIET UNION CANNOT REWRITE HISTORY 20 YEARS LATER."

THE ISRAELIS ALSO SAID THAT WHILE THE SOVIET UNION "PROFESSES CONCERN FOR ARAB REFUGEES... IN 20 YEARS IT HAS NOT RPT NOT CONTRIBUTED A SINGLE ROUBLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR THEM."

THE SOVIET UNION SAID IN A NOTE PUBLISHED HERE LAST WEEK THAT IT WAS PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL DIRECT AID TO ARAB REFUGEES. THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, HAVE NEVER CONTRIBUTED TO THE U.N. RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY (UNRWA).

THE SOVIETS SAID LAST WEEK "SOLVING THE REFUGEE PROBLEM CAN IN NO SENSE BE REDUCED TO A MERE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARITY.

"REPARATION TO THE ARAB REFUGEES AND OTHER VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION MUST BE MADE...BY THE AGGRESSOR HIMSELF. THAT IS TO SAY BY ISRAEL."

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