

based on the pursuit of incompatible goals. While the Soviets seek to create subservient replicas of their form of government wherever they can, we believe that communist rule is incompatible with individual freedom and the respect for human rights. Neither we nor the Soviets are willing to give up our goals. The differences between East and West cannot be negotiated away. What we can and must do is maintain our vigilance against Soviet encroachments, while doing everything in our power to make sure that the conflict is peacefully managed. Our situation makes real peace impossible, but it also makes war improbable. Dealing with the Soviet challenge requires resolution not illusion.

The other major area of conflict of interest is in the Middle East, again, the non-democratic governments of the Arab countries are in various degrees of antagonism with Israel. While religious differences with built in conflicts have always existed, each nation pursues its own interests. However, real potential exists for peace between the less radical Arab nations and Israel. The more radical governments of various stripes appear to be succeeding in avoiding any substantial settlements to be established. We are concerned of course with the plight of Jews remaining in Arab countries. B'nai Brith Canada is concerned with human rights issues everywhere.

In the Middle East as in other places extreme statements and propaganda has been detrimental to the peace process. Gross