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but there will be a return to inner conflict as soon as this external pressure is removed.

CANADA'S ROLE:

"Canada did the dirty work for the U.S. policy makers and then was left holding the bag!" said Dr. Ismael concerning Canada:s role in Mid-Eastern affairs. He said our involvement began in 1947 with interferance by Lester Pearson whom he felt used the Middle East to further his personal ambitions instead of for purely humanitarian reasons.

Canada was used by the major powers as a peacemaker for them he felt, and never had an interest of its own there.

Canada was an extension of U.S. involvement with no advantages. We are compromising our needs (oil) because of Pearson," said Ismael, "and will continue losing friends" unless something is done.

Our foreign policy, he felt, had no direction and we suffered from the mistaken belief that Canada is loved by everyone. In fact Ismael believes "Canada is neither respected by the Arabs nor trusted by the Israelis." In 1973 as far as oil is concerned, the big powers (who before had used Canada) said they could not interfere on Canada's behalf. "We expected to be inluded in part of the settlement but had to beg to enter the peacekeeping forces," Ismael said. Even then he believed we were used solely because there was no one else to transport the forces there.

"The press has declared an open season on Arabs". This was one criticism he levelled at the Western World Press. As examples of this Ismael cited a number of attitudes of the press. The existence of the Palestinians is almost ignored. He felt that the Israelis are always justified in the press no matter what is done.

He felt, for example, that an Israeli violation of Lebanese territory would be justified by the media which would say they were in pursuit of terrorists. This unconditional justification, ignorance of the facts, and making incidents simple, clean and uncomplicated, Ismael felt were the major flaws of press coverage of Mid-East developments.

"Canada must compromise

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