

Agnew's New Job Criticized

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Former Vice President Spiro Agnew has taken over the presidency of a non-profit educational foundation that advocates a buildup of American nuclear arms, is critical of America's policy of detente with the Soviet Union and expresses sympathy for Palestinian refugees in the Middle East.

The foundation, Education for Democracy, was formed in Indiana in 1971, and its legal papers were drawn up by Tom Charles Houston, the former White House employee whose name was mentioned often during the Watergate and impeachment inquiries because of his authorship of the so-called "Houston Plan" in 1970 of gathering intelligence of domestic radicals through electronic surveillance, break-ins and reading of mail.

Agnew became president of the foundation last November, and he maintains a telephone number for the tax-exempt foundation at the office of his business, Pathlite, in Crofton, Md.

He was not available for comment yesterday.

A newsletter published by the foundation, Memoranda, had been sent out with a solicitation for funds and a cover letter from Agnew about ten days ago. Yesterday, the Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith attacked the newsletter for its statements on the Middle East and charged that Agnew had taken over the foundation "for the purpose of organizing a movement to reflect his anti-Israel, pro-Arab views."

"There will be no solution in Palestine until justice is granted to

over one million Moslem and Christian Palestinians who were driven from their homes and to the hundreds of thousands who remained as virtual serfs in the land of their ancestors," an unsigned piece in Memoranda states.

"Today the demography of Israel has been turned upside-down," the piece continues.

"In a population estimated at 3,400,000, only 497,000 are Arabs and

they own but a relatively small percentage of the land. Christians and Moslems have been scattered to the four corners of the earth ..."

Arnold Forster, general counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, said that his organization considers the Memoranda piece "to be as unfair a statement with regard to the human problems in the Middle East as ever we've seen."

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