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The EEC by its assistance is virtually coming to the rescue of one UNRWA program by providing the 6000 tons of sugar which the agency feared would have to be eliminated from its daily 830,000 rations. The second part of the EEC aid will go to the most disadvantaged refugees: children, young mothers and the aged.

Program spokesman Jean-Francois Deniau, said the food aid program will probably be followed by a series of health and education measures. This aid, including the construction of schools and health centers, would be spread over five years, and cost around \$33 million. Financial assistance to the countries that suffered most during the Middle East conflict is also being studied by the EEC commission. No immediate decision is expected, however, because of the complexity of the problem.

The "global policy" calls for establishing a free industrial exchange zone by July 1977; a more liberal policy on agricultural products; and substantial technical and financial assistance to Mediterranean countries. A decision is expected before the end of the year. British Foreign Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home said his government approved the "global policy" and had no intention of trying to slow down its implementation. He said, however, that pains should be taken not to aggravate the Israeli-Arab conflict, and asked that the reactions of industrial powers such as the United States and Japan be given serious consideration.

TOURISM MINISTRY AIDS ISRAEL'S DOMESTIC AIRLINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The Ministry of Tourism announced today that it would lend Arkia, Israel's internal airline, IL 1.25 million toward the purchase of two additional aircraft. The loan was approved by the Ministry's investment committee presided over by the Minister of Tourism, Moshe Kol. Arkia presently operates eight aircraft between points in Israeli territory. About 26 percent of the company's income is derived from foreign tourists but according to forecasts that will increase to 47 percent by 1977.

RABBI REAFFIRMS VIEW THAT SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS FEEL GRATEFUL Better Off Than Jews In USSR, Arab Lands

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Bernard Casper has admonished a group of Jewish students not to assume that the problem of racial injustice in South Africa "is the special burden and responsibility of the Jewish community and its leaders." Rabbi Casper, who heads the Federation of Synagogues, was replying to 23 Jewish students at Witwatersrand University who had accused him in an open letter of closing his eyes to racial injustice. The students criticized Rabbi Casper for saying in a Rosh Hashana message that South African Jews were grateful for the hospitality shown them in their country.

Rabbi Casper said in a published reply, "Would you suggest that the small Jewish minority in this country should embark upon a Jewish crusade for the solution of the issues arising from South Africa's demographic composition and political system? As citizens, it is your right and perhaps your duty to be involved in these matters, but you have no right to speak as though this is the special burden of the Jewish community and its leaders."

Rabbi Casper, defending his Rosh Hashana message, added: "When I reflect on the conditions in which three million Jews live in the Soviet Union, when I think of Jews in Arab lands, above all, when I consider our recent past, it seems to me that there is nothing improper or immoral in saying that the Jews of South Africa feel grateful for living in this country. We live as full citizens while showing our concern for our brethren in every part of the world."

DAVID KARPINOVICH, EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF YIDDISH DAILY, DIES AT 62

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--David Karpinovich, a member of the editorial board of the Yiddish language daily, Letzte Neites, died here at the age of 62. A native of Vilna where he helped found the local Yiddish theater group, Mr. Karpinovich settled in Israel in 1957. He had been a member of the illegal Communist Party in Poland before World War II. When the war broke out he volunteered for the Red Army and saw action in the Soviet offensive from Stalingrad to Berlin. After the war Mr. Karpinovich worked for the Yiddish weekly, Folkstimme, in Warsaw.

\$250,000 STOCKS PURCHASED BY AMPAL-ISRAEL CORP. TO AID ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--More than 800 Ampal-American Israel Corp. stockholders purchased \$250,000 worth of seven percent sinking fund debentures to aid Israel in providing housing and employment for Soviet Jewish immigrants, it was announced at its 31st annual stockholders' meeting here this week. The Ampal Corp. also voted to extend a substantial loan to Shikun Ovdim, a construction company commissioned by the Israeli government to build part of the new housing for immigrants and young couples.

"The sudden influx of immigrants, the bulk of which came from the Soviet Union...has resulted in a terrific dearth of housing which has not been helped by a large capital inflow in foreign currency from immigration from western countries," Ampal president Ralph Cohen said. In a speech to the stockholders, Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, likened current acts of Arab terrorism to the acts of Hitler's special commandos and warned that Jewry today faces the greatest threat to its existence since the days of Hitler. He assured his audience, however, that Israel would deal "vigorously and successfully" with this new problem.

HERUT DEFIES BOARD OF DEPUTIES ON RALLIES AGAINST SOVIET MUSIC FESTIVAL

LONDON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The Herut movement said today that it reserved the right to take any action it deemed appropriate within the framework of non-violent protest against the treatment of Soviet Jews when the Soviet Music Festival opens here later this month. The Herut statement was in effect a defiance of the Board of Deputies of British Jews which is seeking to coordinate the activities of all Jewish groups in connection with the music festival.

Herut said "It is not prepared to accept the principle advanced by the Board that the Board has the right to limit the activities of any Jewish organization, or to condemn beforehand any form of non-violent protest on behalf of Soviet Jews." The statement contended that plans for "silent vigils with or without placards or posters are, in themselves insufficient and totally ineffective."

Soviet Jews Criticize Abrasimov

Three Russian Jews who have applied to the Supreme Soviet to release them from their Soviet citizenship have publicly criticized Piotr Abrasimov, the Soviet Ambassador to France, for cancelling the projected visit to the USSR of the French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand. Abrasimov two months ago advised Mitterrand that his visit would not be welcomed at this time because of his outspoken support of Soviet Jews against the education head tax.

Jewish sources in the Soviet Union said an open letter to Abrasimov was signed by Gregory Goldstein and Isaiah Goldstein, both engineers and Elisabeth Bikova, a physicist. They noted that Abrasimov said in his letter to Mitterrand that Soviet citizens who emigrate must compensate the State for the expense of their higher education. They pointed out that large sums are demanded "independent of the number of years we have spent working after graduation" and asked Abrasimov "Why did you leave out from your letter to Mitterrand this aspect of our having worked already to repay the investment? Who owes money to whom, Citizen Abrasimov?"

CARDINAL OPPOSES INJUSTICE AGAINST SOVIET JEWS, PALESTINIANS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Dutch Cardinal Bernard Alfrink, Archbishop of Utrecht, called for an end to "injustice" against Soviet Jews and Palestinians. The Cardinal, in a statement, issued at the closing session of the international Roman Catholic congress "Pax Christi," called for the end of discrimination and injustice "wherever they be." He expressly included the Vietnam War and South African apartheid.

ELECTRONICS PLANT OPENED IN GOLAN HTS.

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Israel's policy of locating industry in outlying areas advanced another step yesterday when an electronic appliance plant was officially opened at Bnei Yehuda, a new urban center in the southern Golan Heights. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir cut a silk ribbon and Minister of Trade and Industry Haim Barlev pressed a button which activated the plant's machinery. The factory which will produce electronic components is the 13th plant set up by Israel Aircraft Industries and is known as Golan Industries. Two groups of immigrants from the Soviet Union have organized cooperatives in the Golan Heights for industrial and agricultural activities. The settlers plan to produce crates for apples which are grown in the region and to build a cold storage plant.

MRS. MEIR CONGRATULATES NIXON

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir congratulated President Nixon on his election victory in a message yesterday that noted the President's "sensitive concern for the sovereignty and security of small nations." Mrs. Meir's message read, "May I offer my heartiest congratulations and sincere good wishes on your re-election to the Presidency. Israel has followed with intense interest your leadership in the advancement of peace in the world as well as your sensitive concern for the sovereignty and security of small nations. It is our sincere wish and prayer that you may succeed in helping to free the world from the scourge of war. May I add my personal good wishes."

AID TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS DEFEATED IN MD.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--A referendum on whether the State of Maryland should provide State-funded assistance to parochial and other non-public elementary and high schools was defeated Tuesday by about 60,000 votes out of almost a million cast. Maryland's Gov. Marvin Mandel who is Jewish, backed the program which would have provided tuition grants of from \$75 to \$200 per child a year to families with a gross annual income of less than \$12,000.

The financial assistance plan which would have cost the State about \$12.1 million annually had been jeopardized recently by court decisions nullifying similar proposals in other states. Gov. Mandel had anticipated defeat of his proposal. He had said earlier that he hoped the State could work out some other form of assistance for the financially hard pressed private schools.

The referendum was the only one of 17 Constitutional amendments that was not ratified in Tuesday's election. A lottery also backed by Mandel was adopted by a 3-1 margin. A proposal in the US House of Representatives to bring about federal aid for parents of children in private schools was adopted by the Ways and Means Committee in mid-Oct. but was not presented to a vote in the closing days before Congress adjourned. Both the Washington suburbs in nearby Maryland and the Baltimore area have Jewish day schools.

DORON SAYS COMMITTEE DEALING WITH UNRWA BOMBARDED WITH OUTRIGHT LIES

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Ambassador Jacob Doron of Israel charged yesterday that the special political committee dealing with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Arab refugees (UNRWA) was being bombarded with a steady "agglomeration of distortions and outright lies." The Israeli envoy spoke in reply to Abdulah Yaccoub Bishara, the Kuwaiti representative, and Issa Nakhleh, representative of a Palestinian Arab delegation which the committee agreed to hear during its deliberations on UNRWA.

The two Arabs accused Israel of war crimes, dispossessing Arabs and confining refugees to "concentration camps." Nakhleh bitterly attacked President Nixon for giving military and economic aid to the "illegal racist Jewish colonial regime" and alleged that the US government had not paid the \$4.7 million UNRWA budget deficit to enable refugee children to attend schools and provide medical care for the sick. The Kuwaiti representative said Israel lied when it claimed that the Arab exodus from Palestine in 1948 was at the urging of Arab leaders.

Doron said that, on the contrary, the movement of Arab refugees in 1948 was caused by the Arab

aggression against Israel accompanied by exhortations by the Arab leaders to the Arabs of Palestine to leave their homes for a short time so as not to stand in the way of the Arab armies.

Not Displaced, Left Of Own Volition

No Arabs were displaced by Israel after the 1967 war as alleged by the Arab spokesman, Doron declared. Those who left did so in an orderly manner and of their own volition, he said. He said there had been a great juggling of figures with respect to the number of Arab refugees and that he considered shameless the allegations that Israel confined refugees in concentration camps. He said the majority of Bedouins have been living in tents which had always been their custom.

Nakhleh claimed that in the last five years more than 750,000 Palestinians had been expelled and displaced and their homes demolished. He said that during 1972, more than 3500 Moslem and Christian Palestinians were expelled from Jerusalem alone and their homes destroyed and property confiscated in order to build homes for Soviet and American Jews "imported into Jerusalem."

The Palestinian accused the US and other Western powers of blocking all efforts to obtain justice for the Palestinian people from the UN. He quoted what he said were UNRWA statistics to show that only about 55 percent of the Palestinians received rations from the UN agency. He said the UN budget deficit had become a chronic problem because the Big Four powers responsible for the tragedy of the refugees did not accept their moral duty to contribute more funds.

Nakhleh deplored Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's report on displaced Palestinians for failing to mention alleged Jewish defiance of UN resolutions pertaining to the refugees. He said if Waldheim could send two messages to Premier Golda Meir about the Munich tragedy, the Arabs "expected him to condemn the sending of war planes to bomb Arab women and children."

Japan Raps Israel, Defends Palestinians

Tamio Amau of Japan said the continued occupation of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and other areas had frustrated the hope that even a minimal agreement for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East would be forthcoming in the foreseeable future. The political climate emanating from the perpetuation of the status quo had brought to the Palestine refugees frustration and disillusionment, he said. This, in turn, had fomented a vicious cycle of violence and reprisal, a major source of the tension prevailing in the area.

His government hoped, he said, that measures would be taken as soon as possible, in accordance with Security Council Resolution 242, to meet the legitimate aspirations and interests of all concerned, including the Palestinian people. Last year, Japan voted for all the resolutions concerning UNRWA, including the one by which the General Assembly recognized "that the people of Palestine are entitled to equal rights and self-determination," he said. Amau added that his delegation wanted to reaffirm that the exercise of these rights "should in no way be interpreted to justify international terrorism or any other form of violence."

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The EEC by its assistance is virtually coming to the rescue of one UNRWA program by providing the 6000 tons of sugar which the agency feared would have to be eliminated from its daily 830,000 rations. The second part of the EEC aid will go to the most disadvantaged refugees: children, young mothers and the aged.

Program spokesman Jean-Francois Deniau, said the food aid program will probably be followed by a series of health and education measures. This aid, including the construction of schools and health centers, would be spread over five years, and cost around \$33 million. Financial assistance to the countries that suffered most during the Middle East conflict is also being studied by the EEC commission. No immediate decision is expected, however, because of the complexity of the problem.

The "global policy" calls for establishing a free industrial exchange zone by July 1977; a more liberal policy on agricultural products; and substantial technical and financial assistance to Mediterranean countries. A decision is expected before the end of the year. British Foreign Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home said his government approved the "global policy" and had no intention of trying to slow down its implementation. He said, however, that pains should be taken not to aggravate the Israeli-Arab conflict, and asked that the reactions of industrial powers such as the United States and Japan be given serious consideration.

TOURISM MINISTRY AIDS ISRAEL'S DOMESTIC AIRLINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The Ministry of Tourism announced today that it would lend Arkia, Israel's internal airline, IL 1.25 million toward the purchase of two additional aircraft. The loan was approved by the Ministry's investment committee presided over by the Minister of Tourism, Moshe Kol. Arkia presently operates eight aircraft between points in Israeli territory. About 26 percent of the company's income is derived from foreign tourists but according to forecasts that will increase to 47 percent by 1977.

RABBI REAFFIRMS VIEW THAT SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS FEEL GRATEFUL Better Off Than Jews In USSR, Arab Lands

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Bernard Casper has admonished a group of Jewish students not to assume that the problem of racial injustice in South Africa "is the special burden and responsibility of the Jewish community and its leaders." Rabbi Casper, who heads the Federation of Synagogues, was replying to 23 Jewish students at Witwatersrand University who had accused him in an open letter of closing his eyes to racial injustice. The students criticized Rabbi Casper for saying in a Rosh Hashana message that South African Jews were grateful for the hospitality shown them in their country.

Rabbi Casper said in a published reply, "Would you suggest that the small Jewish minority in this country should embark upon a Jewish crusade for the solution of the issues arising from South Africa's demographic composition and political system? As citizens, it is your right and perhaps your duty to be involved in these matters, but you have no right to speak as though this is the special burden of the Jewish community and its leaders."

Rabbi Casper, defending his Rosh Hashana message, added: "When I reflect on the conditions in which three million Jews live in the Soviet Union, when I think of Jews in Arab lands, above all, when I consider our recent past, it seems to me that there is nothing improper or immoral in saying that the Jews of South Africa feel grateful for living in this country. We live as full citizens while showing our concern for our brethren in every part of the world."

DAVID KARPINOVICH, EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF YIDDISH DAILY, DIES AT 62

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--David Karpinovich, a member of the editorial board of the Yiddish language daily, Letzte Neites, died here at the age of 62. A native of Vilna where he helped found the local Yiddish theater group, Mr. Karpinovich settled in Israel in 1957. He had been a member of the illegal Communist Party in Poland before World War II. When the war broke out he volunteered for the Red Army and saw action in the Soviet offensive from Stalingrad to Berlin. After the war Mr. Karpinovich worked for the Yiddish weekly, Folkstimme, in Warsaw.

\$250,000 STOCKS PURCHASED BY AMPAL-ISRAEL CORP. TO AID ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--More than 800 Ampal-American Israel Corp. stockholders purchased \$250,000 worth of seven percent sinking fund debentures to aid Israel in providing housing and employment for Soviet Jewish immigrants, it was announced at its 31st annual stockholders' meeting here this week. The Ampal Corp. also voted to extend a substantial loan to Shikun Ovdim, a construction company commissioned by the Israeli government to build part of the new housing for immigrants and young couples.

"The sudden influx of immigrants, the bulk of which came from the Soviet Union...has resulted in a terrific dearth of housing which has not been helped by a large capital inflow in foreign currency from immigration from western countries," Ampal president Ralph Cohen said. In a speech to the stockholders, Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, likened current acts of Arab terrorism to the acts of Hitler's special commandos and warned that Jewry today faces the greatest threat to its existence since the days of Hitler. He assured his audience, however, that Israel would deal "vigorously and successfully" with this new problem.

HERUT DEFIES BOARD OF DEPUTIES ON RALLIES AGAINST SOVIET MUSIC FESTIVAL

LONDON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The Herut movement said today that it reserved the right to take any action it deemed appropriate within the framework of non-violent protest against the treatment of Soviet Jews when the Soviet Music Festival opens here later this month. The Herut statement was in effect a defiance of the Board of Deputies of British Jews which is seeking to coordinate the activities of all Jewish groups in connection with the music festival.

Herut said "It is not prepared to accept the principle advanced by the Board that the Board has the right to limit the activities of any Jewish organization, or to condemn beforehand any form of non-violent protest on behalf of Soviet Jews." The statement contended that plans for "silent vigils with or without placards or posters are, in themselves insufficient and totally ineffective."

Soviet Jews Criticize Abrasimov

Three Russian Jews who have applied to the Supreme Soviet to release them from their Soviet citizenship have publicly criticized Piotr Abrasimov, the Soviet Ambassador to France, for cancelling the projected visit to the USSR of the French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand. Abrasimov two months ago advised Mitterrand that his visit would not be welcomed at this time because of his outspoken support of Soviet Jews against the education head tax.

Jewish sources in the Soviet Union said an open letter to Abrasimov was signed by Gregory Goldstein and Isaiah Goldstein, both engineers and Elisabeth Bikova, a physicist. They noted that Abrasimov said in his letter to Mitterrand that Soviet citizens who emigrate must compensate the State for the expense of their higher education. They pointed out that large sums are demanded "independent of the number of years we have spent working after graduation" and asked Abrasimov "Why did you leave out from your letter to Mitterrand this aspect of our having worked already to repay the investment? Who owes money to whom, Citizen Abrasimov?"

CARDINAL OPPOSES INJUSTICE AGAINST SOVIET JEWS, PALESTINIANS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Dutch Cardinal Bernard Alfrink, Archbishop of Utrecht, called for an end to "injustice" against Soviet Jews and Palestinians. The Cardinal, in a statement, issued at the closing session of the international Roman Catholic congress "Pax Christi," called for the end of discrimination and injustice "wherever they be." He expressly included the Vietnam War and South African apartheid.

ELECTRONICS PLANT OPENED IN GOLAN HTS.

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Israel's policy of locating industry in outlying areas advanced another step yesterday when an electronic appliance plant was officially opened at Bnei Yehuda, a new urban center in the southern Golan Heights. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir cut a silk ribbon and Minister of Trade and Industry Haim Barlev pressed a button which activated the plant's machinery. The factory which will produce electronic components is the 13th plant set up by Israel Aircraft Industries and is known as Golan Industries. Two groups of immigrants from the Soviet Union have organized cooperatives in the Golan Heights for industrial and agricultural activities. The settlers plan to produce crates for apples which are grown in the region and to build a cold storage plant.

MRS. MEIR CONGRATULATES NIXON

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir congratulated President Nixon on his election victory in a message yesterday that noted the President's "sensitive concern for the sovereignty and security of small nations." Mrs. Meir's message read, "May I offer my heartiest congratulations and sincere good wishes on your re-election to the Presidency. Israel has followed with intense interest your leadership in the advancement of peace in the world as well as your sensitive concern for the sovereignty and security of small nations. It is our sincere wish and prayer that you may succeed in helping to free the world from the scourge of war. May I add my personal good wishes."

AID TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS DEFEATED IN MD.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--A referendum on whether the State of Maryland should provide State-funded assistance to parochial and other non-public elementary and high schools was defeated Tuesday by about 60,000 votes out of almost a million cast. Maryland's Gov. Marvin Mandel who is Jewish, backed the program which would have provided tuition grants of from \$75 to \$200 per child a year to families with a gross annual income of less than \$12,000.

The financial assistance plan which would have cost the State about \$12.1 million annually had been jeopardized recently by court decisions nullifying similar proposals in other states. Gov. Mandel had anticipated defeat of his proposal. He had said earlier that he hoped the State could work out some other form of assistance for the financially hard pressed private schools.

The referendum was the only one of 17 Constitutional amendments that was not ratified in Tuesday's election. A lottery also backed by Mandel was adopted by a 3-1 margin. A proposal in the US House of Representatives to bring about federal aid for parents of children in private schools was adopted by the Ways and Means Committee in mid-Oct. but was not presented to a vote in the closing days before Congress adjourned. Both the Washington suburbs in nearby Maryland and the Baltimore area have Jewish day schools.

DORON SAYS COMMITTEE DEALING WITH UNRWA BOMBARDED WITH OUTRIGHT LIES

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Ambassador Jacob Doron of Israel charged yesterday that the special political committee dealing with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Arab refugees (UNRWA) was being bombarded with a steady "agglomeration of distortions and outright lies." The Israeli envoy spoke in reply to Abdulah Yaccoub Bishara, the Kuwaiti representative, and Issa Nakhleh, representative of a Palestinian Arab delegation which the committee agreed to hear during its deliberations on UNRWA.

The two Arabs accused Israel of war crimes, dispossessing Arabs and confining refugees to "concentration camps." Nakhleh bitterly attacked President Nixon for giving military and economic aid to the "illegal racist Jewish colonial regime" and alleged that the US government had not paid the \$4.7 million UNRWA budget deficit to enable refugee children to attend schools and provide medical care for the sick. The Kuwaiti representative said Israel lied when it claimed that the Arab exodus from Palestine in 1948 was at the urging of Arab leaders.

Doron said that, on the contrary, the movement of Arab refugees in 1948 was caused by the Arab

aggression against Israel accompanied by exhortations by the Arab leaders to the Arabs of Palestine to leave their homes for a short time so as not to stand in the way of the Arab armies.

Not Displaced, Left Of Own Volition

No Arabs were displaced by Israel after the 1967 war as alleged by the Arab spokesman, Doron declared. Those who left did so in an orderly manner and of their own volition, he said. He said there had been a great juggling of figures with respect to the number of Arab refugees and that he considered shameless the allegations that Israel confined refugees in concentration camps. He said the majority of Bedouins have been living in tents which had always been their custom.

Nakhleh claimed that in the last five years more than 750,000 Palestinians had been expelled and displaced and their homes demolished. He said that during 1972, more than 3500 Moslem and Christian Palestinians were expelled from Jerusalem alone and their homes destroyed and property confiscated in order to build homes for Soviet and American Jews "imported into Jerusalem."

The Palestinian accused the US and other Western powers of blocking all efforts to obtain justice for the Palestinian people from the UN. He quoted what he said were UNRWA statistics to show that only about 55 percent of the Palestinians received rations from the UN agency. He said the UN budget deficit had become a chronic problem because the Big Four powers responsible for the tragedy of the refugees did not accept their moral duty to contribute more funds.

Nakhleh deplored Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's report on displaced Palestinians for failing to mention alleged Jewish defiance of UN resolutions pertaining to the refugees. He said if Waldheim could send two messages to Premier Golda Meir about the Munich tragedy, the Arabs "expected him to condemn the sending of war planes to bomb Arab women and children."

Japan Raps Israel, Defends Palestinians

Tamio Amau of Japan said the continued occupation of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and other areas had frustrated the hope that even a minimal agreement for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East would be forthcoming in the foreseeable future. The political climate emanating from the perpetuation of the status quo had brought to the Palestine refugees frustration and disillusionment, he said. This, in turn, had fomented a vicious cycle of violence and reprisal, a major source of the tension prevailing in the area.

His government hoped, he said, that measures would be taken as soon as possible, in accordance with Security Council Resolution 242, to meet the legitimate aspirations and interests of all concerned, including the Palestinian people. Last year, Japan voted for all the resolutions concerning UNRWA, including the one by which the General Assembly recognized "that the people of Palestine are entitled to equal rights and self-determination," he said. Amau added that his delegation wanted to reaffirm that the exercise of these rights "should in no way be interpreted to justify international terrorism or any other form of violence."

Israel's 10th cholera case, a 70-year-old man from a village near Jerusalem, was reported today.