



U.S. WARNS SECURITY COUNCIL NOT TO CHANGE WORDING OF RES. 242

WASHINGTON, May 29 (JTA)--The United States today warned the Security Council to avoid taking any action which would disturb Resolution 242. The warning came from John Scali, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, in a rare appearance before newsmen at the White House a week before the Council begins what he called "a sweeping review of the Middle Eastern problem" and the day before Senate hearings begin on the Mideast oil situation and the political situation in the area.

Scali declared the U.S. position is for Israel and the Arab nations to enter into "direct or indirect" negotiations to reach a settlement. He stressed in response to newsmen's questions that the "continuance" of Resolution 242 "as it is now written" is the "takeoff point" essential to the opening of "direct or indirect negotiations."

Scali's remarks were seen as a strong reaffirmation of the U.S. position, held for more than two years, that a solution to the Mideast conflict must come from negotiations between the parties. In addition, his comments were regarded as a rebuff to Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright's contention in a Senate speech last week that the great powers should impose a settlement through the United Nations. Fulbright has scheduled hearings for two days beginning tomorrow on the Mideast and the oil situation as it affects the U.S.

Scali said the U.S. "attitude" in the Security Council will be "influenced by two main considerations." These, he said, are that "the principal parties to the dispute have each accepted" Resolution 242 "as a basis for a settlement" and that "while we recognize that each side has long held different interpretations of this resolution, we continue to feel it is a fundamental framework whose continued existence is essential."

Continuing, Scali said: "We believe that the Council must avoid any action which would have the effect of altering its substance and delicate balance. Equally important, we have noted in this regard that whenever United Nations bodies seek to reinterpret Security Council Resolution 242 or have suggested procedures not acceptable to both sides, they have impeded rather than promoted negotiations between the parties. We believe, therefore, that the Council must avoid any action which would make more difficult the achievement of a meaningful dialogue between the parties."

Scali's reference to reinterpretation of the resolution appears to be a strike against the renewal of Ambassador Gunnar Jarring's proposal of Feb. 1971, in which he set forth suggestions for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

Scali also said that the U.S. would be "guided by our friendship and esteem for both sides" in the Council's discussion and would work for "a constructive outcome that will enhance and not impede the prospects for a just and equitable negotiated agreement between the parties." He cautioned that "No one's interest is served by resort to recriminations or unworkable pro-

cedures."

Responding to questions, Scali said he did not anticipate a veto by the U.S. in the debate would be necessary. However, he said, although the U.S. has no plans to introduce its own resolution he would be "prepared to take whatever action is necessary in the debate which begins June 4. Regarding the prospects for talks between the parties, Scali said that much would depend on the "temperature of the debate," whether it would be "constructive" or whether it would be an "exchange of denunciation and insult."

OAU RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL-DOWNGRADED

JERUSALEM, May 29 (JTA)--Political circles here have belittled the importance of the anti-Israel resolution adopted by the Organization for African Unity (OAU) at the closing session of its summit conference in Addis Ababa last week. The circles noted that the Arab states failed to push through a resolution calling on OAU member states to sever diplomatic relations with Israel. The resolution that finally was adopted does not call for any specific action against Israel, the circles said.

(Some Western diplomatic circles have called the Arab efforts in Addis Ababa a failure because they did not succeed in getting a commitment from any African state maintaining diplomatic relations with Israel to break those relations. Other circles, however, acknowledged that the Arabs succeeded in obtaining a resolution condemning Israel and supporting the Arab cause. However, the success will be short-lived unless the Arabs can get the OAU member states to take concrete action against Israel such as political or economic sanctions, the circles said.)

LOD MASSACRE ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED

TEL AVIV, May 29 (JTA)--Flags were lowered to half mast at Lod Airport this evening and a memorial service was held to mark the first anniversary of the massacre that took the lives of 28 tourists and Israelis and wounded 70. The flags will be flown at half mast until tomorrow evening. The Lod Airport massacre was carried out by three Japanese gunmen in the service of Arab terrorists. Two of them were killed, and the third, Kozo Okamoto, is serving a life sentence in an Israeli prison. One of the massacre victims was Prof. Aharon Katzir-Katchalski, brother of President Ephraim Katzir, Israel's new chief of state. Plans to erect a memorial to the massacre victims at Lod Airport were reported today.

KATZIR APPALLED BY LIVING CONDITIONS OF SOME JEWISH FAMILIES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 29 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir spent his fifth day in office touring Jerusalem and said he was appalled by the living conditions of some Jewish families. The 57-year-old biophysicist was renewing his acquaintance with the city where he lived 25 years ago before joining the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth. "I lived in Jerusalem, I studied here. I raised my family here and I taught the youth, including the poor youth. Despite the long period that has passed since then, I have not seen any progress with some of the families we visited today," the President said.

"I think it is about time that the people of Israel do something about the standard of living of

some Jews," he added. "The social gap is especially alarming in Jerusalem. I think it is discouraging and does not please any Jerusalem visitors," he said.

Katzir, who was awarded honorary citizenship of Jerusalem by Mayor Teddy Koflek, toured the city in a public bus this morning, accompanied by the Mayor and members of the City Council and with only two motorcycle policemen as an escort. Wearing a blue suit and an open collar white shirt, the President stopped at an elementary school, an Arab high school in East Jerusalem and two community centers, one for delinquent youth. He also visited the one-and-a-half room apartment of Abed and Hanna Katan in the Katamon quarter, a slum district inhabited by many of Jerusalem's poorer families.

Must Close Social Gap

He said he was shocked by the Katan family's living conditions—feeding 10 persons on a salary of about \$200 a month. Later he told a luncheon given for him by the Jerusalem Municipality that Israel must make every effort to close the social gap.

Katzir made his first major public appearance in Tel Aviv last night where he officially opened Israel's 25th Anniversary Exhibition at the Fair Grounds. Speaking to an audience of 20,000 he declared that "the time has arrived to tighten the ties between Israeli researchers and scientific institutions and Israeli industrialists." He said that "only such close ties will ensure an independent modern industry."

The Fair Grounds, covering some 23,000 square meters, are devoted to Israel-made products with those of the military and aviation industries predominating. The exhibition will be open until June 23. More than 1 million visitors are expected.

Katzir's first public appearance after his inauguration last Thursday was at a luncheon held Friday by the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency. He called for close collaboration between diaspora Jewry and Israel on the scientific, moral and cultural levels no less than on the material level. He was greeted by Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors, and Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Katzir said that Israel's great challenge in the years ahead would be to integrate the fast-growing number of academically trained Israelis and immigrants into a modern technological society. He stressed, however, that Israeli society must be based on Jewish moral and cultural values and on social justice.

FORD SAYS ISRAEL'S IMAGE IN THE WORLD IS THAT OF A MILITARY NATION

TEL AVIV, May 29 (JTA)--Henry Ford II, chairman of the Ford Motor Co., told Israelis today that notwithstanding their industrial, scientific and cultural achievements, their image in the world today is that of a militarily inclined nation. The Detroit auto magnate said the lack of a good name in spheres other than the military was "quite a problem."

Ford, who is visiting Israel as a guest of the Israeli Manufacturers Association on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and of the Prime Minister's Third Economic Conference, answered questions at a press conference here. Concerning the Arab boycott, he said his company wanted to sell cars everywhere but would not accept the proposition that it may not sell cars to one country if it wants to sell them to

another.

Referring to Israel's automobile industry, Ford said the new Ford assembly line in Nazareth, while an important production facility, was not a step toward independent auto production in Israel by the Ford Motor Co. Ford said that his firm was prepared to invest in auto assembly plants here but not in independent auto production because the Israeli market is too limited. He proposed that Israel produce spare parts for sale to auto manufacturers abroad.

ARABS AGREE TO JUNE 4 AS START OF COUNCIL DEBATE ON MIDEAST

UNITED NATIONS, May 29 (JTA)--A UN spokesman said today that the Arab states have agreed to June 4 as the date for opening the scheduled Security Council debate on the Middle East. The spokesman said that Secretary General Kurt Waldheim was informed of Arab acceptance of the date by the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed el-Zayyat whom he met last week at the 10th anniversary celebration of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Addis Ababa.

Dr. Waldheim, who returned from Addis Ababa Sunday, also met there with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. According to the UN spokesman they discussed the upcoming Security Council debate, Waldheim's Middle East report released last week and the Middle East situation generally.

June 4 was tentatively set as the date for the debate some time ago. Yaacov Malik of the Soviet Union will assume the presidency of the Security Council on June 1. Some sources here speculated that the rotation might bring about a change of date.

JEWS SATISFIED WITH CAMPORA

BUENOS AIRES, May 29 (JTA)--Well-informed Jewish circles here have expressed satisfaction with President Hector J. Campora's inaugural address. They noted that his remark, "We are conscious of pluralism in Argentine society," was the first statement of its kind ever made by a President of Argentina. The circles have also called attention to the fact that while Campora expressed sympathy for national liberation movements in many parts of the world, including Vietnam, he omitted the Middle East. It is believed in Jewish circles that the omission was deliberate to avoid hurting the feelings of one side or another in that region.

NIXON-POMPIDOU SUMMIT MEETING TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, May 29 (JTA)--The two-day Franco-American summit conference in Reykjavic, Iceland on Thursday and Friday between President Richard M. Nixon and French President Georges Pompidou will include a discussion of the Middle East, Dr. Henry Kissinger said today. President Nixon's national security advisor made it clear that while the emphasis will be on European and bilateral matters the entire range of affairs that concern the two countries will be included in the discussions.

Neither the Middle East nor the oil situation in the area were mentioned in the meeting this morning between Nixon and Congressional leaders, newsmen were informed. The meeting was taken up principally with the forthcoming summit sessions in Iceland and Secretary of State William P. Rogers' tour of Latin American countries.

SHEEL SAYS ARABS DESIRE EARLY PEACE, READY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

BONN, May 29 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Walter Scheel who returned here Friday from six days of talks with Arab leaders in Egypt, Jordan and

Lebanon, declared in an interview published yesterday in the Cologne Express that the governments of those countries strongly desire an early peace and "are ready to make concessions." Scheel reported that in his talks with the Arab leaders he had stressed West Germany's "neutrality in the Middle East conflict" and the "balance of our Middle East policy."

He said that Israel was going too far in demanding a settlement outside international organizations. "One must understand the fact that the Arabs, who are the underdogs, do not want to enter negotiations with the victors alone and unprotected," he said. "One must see whether other ways are open," Scheel said, adding that he thought it would be useful if the whole problem could be kept within the United Nations.

Scheel made similar remarks in a television appearance and another newspaper interview since his return from the Middle East. They drew a sharp attack in the Bundestag over the weekend from Erik Blumenfeld of Hamburg, a member of the opposition Christian Democratic Union and a member of the German-Israel Society. Blumenfeld said it was incredible that Bonn could adopt a neutral stance when the survival of Israel was at stake. He censured Scheel for stressing West Germany's balance and neutrality which he claimed was the kind of diplomacy that could raise misunderstandings in the minds of Arab leaders about West Germany's attitude.

Blumenfeld's criticism was rejected on behalf of the government by Transport Minister Lauritz Lauritzen who said it would be wrong for Germany to be partial to one side or the other in the Middle East conflict.

Large Powers In General Accord On Mideast

Scheel said in an interview published Sunday in the weekly, "Welt Am Sonntag," that he thought renewed warfare between the Arabs and Israel was highly unlikely. He said his recent talks with President Nixon, Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko indicated that both superpowers agreed on some points in their assessment of the Middle East situation. He said the U.S. and the USSR both saw a peaceful solution as the only way out of the conflict and each acknowledged that neither could derive any benefit from new hostilities.

Scheel said he had the impression from Brezhnev and Gromyko that the Soviet Union wanted a lasting peace in the Middle East through political means. He stressed that Germany did not want a mediator's role but was ready to throw its political and economic weight into the balance in order to help find a just and lasting solution together with its partners in the European community.

Scheel said that in his talks with Arab leaders he explained, and the Arabs were well aware, that West Germany maintains good relations with Israel which have a "special character" arising "from the terrible past under which Jews and Germans have suffered in this century."

GOLAN HEIGHTS IS SITE FOR THREE NEW SETTLEMENTS

JERUSALEM, May 29 (JTA)--Three new settlements are under construction in the southern Golan Heights near the Syrian border, it was disclosed today. They are being built by the land settlement department of the World Zionist Organization which has established 17 settlements in the Golan Heights since the region was cap-

tured from Syria in the Six-Day War.

The settlements are Nov, where some settlers have already taken up residence although it will not be completed for three months; Haruv, which will be ready in three months, and Tel Zayyit which is expected to be completed within a year. Nov and Tel Zayyit will be settled by religious settlers of the Hapoel Hamizrachi movement.

Construction of cow barns has begun at Nov which has been allotted 200 calves out of 1200 imported from the U.S. and Canada for Golan Heights settlements. A hydraulic pumping plant is under construction at Haruv. Seventy new immigrants from the Soviet Union are waiting to join the Golan settlers in constructing a technical plant. Plans call for the establishment of a regional center in Yehudiyah to serve the Golan settlements within 2-3 years.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR FRED LAZARUS JR. DIED AT 88

CINCINNATI, May 29 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion for Fred Lazarus Jr., chairman of the executive committee of Federated Department Stores, who died Sunday at the age of 88. Mr. Lazarus, born in Columbus, Ohio, was engaged in retailing and merchandising from the age of 10 when he went to work in the family store. He organized the Federated Department Stores in 1930 on the premise that stores in different communities, linked together financially, would benefit by their common financial base and by employing the best practices of each member store.

Nine years earlier, in 1921, Mr. Lazarus helped organize the Associated Merchandising Corp., the nation's largest buying office. During World War II he was vice-chairman of the Retail Advisory Council of the National Council of Defense and continued in a similar capacity with the Office of Price Administration and the War Production Board. He was appointed by President Eisenhower to the President's Committee on Government Contracts to help foster fair employment practices.

ITALY SEEKING TO GIVE JEWS SAME RIGHTS AS ROMAN CATHOLICS

ROME, May 29 (JTA)--Italian Justice Minister Guido Gonella told representatives of the Jewish community here that the government would like to change the law to put Jews and members of other faiths on the same level as Roman Catholics.

Gonella, himself a practicing Roman Catholic who used to write for the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, said the government proposes to modify certain articles of the penal code, bringing into line sentences for offending any religion.

At present, Roman Catholicism enjoys a privileged status in Italian society, partly as a result of the 1929 church-state concordat. Gonella said in a speech to members of the Jewish community that at present the penal code, with respect to religion, "is based on discriminations which are not reconcilable with the equality and liberty proclaimed by our constitution."

The Joint Distribution Committee will provide \$2,950,000 during 1973 toward the overseas vocational training programs of ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, it was announced by Samuel L. Haber, JDC executive vice-chairman. The 1973 allocation, an increase of \$100,000 over last year, will help finance technical education, youth welfare, and economic rehabilitation services of ORT in Israel, Europe, North Africa, Iran and India, Haber said.

