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## ISRAEL CONDEMNS UN VOTE ON PLO; SAYS ACTION WAS ILLEGAL AND WOULD NOT BIND HER IN ANY WAY

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry issued a blistering condemnation last night of the General Assembly's 105-4 vote to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization and invite it to participate in the Assembly's debate on the Palestinian Question. The Ministry's statement said the resolution was "illegal" and "would not bind Israel in any way." It contained especially sharp criticism of the Western European countries that had supported the measure, particularly France and Italy which, the Israeli statement pointed out, have suffered Arab terrorist outrages on their own soil or in their embassies abroad.

The Foreign Ministry reiterated Israel's characterization of the PLO as "not a liberation movement but the roof organization of terror groups whose members have carried out murderous attacks in Israel and abroad." The statement attributed the lopsided majority in favor of recognition of the PLO to the present parliamentary situation in the UN.

It warned that the resolution could disrupt peace moves in the Middle East and contravened the United Nations Charter because the PLO's covenant negates the existence of Israel, a UN member state. "Every state would reject a resolution which attacked the very foundation of its existence," the Foreign Ministry said.

### European Supporters Assailed

The statement noted that France and Italy, by supporting the resolution, contradicted their own declared positions and stated desire not to undermine the continuing peace efforts in the Middle East. Only a few weeks ago France had direct experience of the terrorists' role when its Embassy at The Hague was seized and its Ambassador held hostage by Arab terrorists, the Foreign Ministry said.

"Similarly, Israel regrets Italy's decision to support the granting to the PLO of the right to appear at the UN--the same organization which had carried out bloody assaults on its territory in which many innocent persons, including Italian citizens, had died," the statement said.

Israel also expressed disappointment at the votes of Ireland, Sweden, Norway "and other states which we had hoped would not give their support to the organization of murderers and would prefer peace rather than encouragement of Arab extremism."

In the wake of the General Assembly vote, the Likud Knesset faction demanded today that parliament convene in a special recess session to debate the PLO's participation in the Palestine debate. A resolution by Likud said that the General Assembly's recognition of the Arab terror organization disgraced the world organization and proved that it has been taken over by the Arab-Communist bloc. It was not certain, however, whether the Knesset will convene in special session this week since its regular winter session opens next week.

## MRS. MEIR SAYS UN VOTE WAS MOTIVATED BY REALITY OF OIL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Former Premier Golda Meir said last night that the United Nations will soon have the "honor" of being addressed by "the murderers of women and children." Her bitter statement was aimed at the General Assembly's 105-4 vote late yesterday to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in its deliberations on the Palestine Question. Mrs. Meir addressed the 200-member United Jewish Appeal Study Mission currently in Israel, headed by UJA general chairman Paul Zuckerman.

Referring to PLO leader and El Fatah chieftain Yasir Arafat who will head the PLO delegation to the UN, Mrs. Meir said "I hope he will tell the honored delegates how his people killed children, women and men at Maalot, Kiryat Shemona and Nahariya. I hope he will tell them this story in detail. I am sure he will wash his hands clean of the blood he has shed over the years. But there is no cleanser that can clean his hands."

Mrs. Meir echoed the anger and bitterness that prevails in Israel today over the General Assembly's action, although the outcome of the vote was not unexpected. The former Premier, who had her own sharp differences with the world organization during her tenure in office, told the UJA delegates that the heavy vote in favor of the PLO did not mean that most of the people at the UN did not care about human life. They were motivated by the practical reality of oil, she said. "Being practical people, they decided that life must go on, and if life is to go on there is a need for oil--despite the lives of murdered children and women," Mrs. Meir said.

### Urges Total Involvement With Israel

While trying to project her familiar optimistic outlook, the former Israeli leader could not conceal her tragic view of the past year's events and in that context laid special stress on the unity of world Jewry with Israel. "No one who is sincere and honest and has the courage to face facts can promise that this was the last war. We have heard the voices of our neighbors and they have not been singing a song of peace," she said.

Mrs. Meir warned that a weak Israel, economically dependent on others, automatically affects the political and security situation in the Mideast. She urged that the generation that saw the establishment of Israel must not witness its demise. She added that Israel will have to reach decisions essential for its security, even if they are painful to some people. "Can we depend on UN guarantees after the UN decision of tonight?" she asked.

Zuckerman pledged "the moral, financial and political support of six million American Jews" to Israel. "The people of Israel can only build tomorrow with cash that is available today."

## SHOCK AND ANGER SWEEPS THROUGH JEWISH, NON-JEWISH COMMUNITIES

By William Saphire

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Anger swept through the Jewish community and among many non-Jews here today in the wake of the United Nations General Assembly's 105-4 vote late yesterday recog-

nizing the Palestine Liberation Organization and inviting it to participate in debate on the Palestinian Question. Israel will survive the vote "but the UN may not," declared Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations which represents 32 of the country's largest national Jewish religious and secular bodies.

"By permitting the PLO terrorists to shoot their way into the General Assembly, the UN has destroyed whatever pretensions remained that it was a forum of adjudication of international disputes and the keeping of international peace," Rabbi Miller said. An equally bitter statement was issued by Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.NY) who branded the General Assembly's action "an unwarranted and dangerous precedent. I condemn this action and I urge the President to do so," Javits said.

Although the outcome of the General Assembly vote late yesterday afternoon was anticipated, the lopsided majority given the PLO and the realization that for the first time in UN history such a group was being accorded a privilege and prestige granted to no other non-governmental body, sent waves of shock and anger through veteran newsmen covering the world organization. Several correspondents were brusque and severe in their questioning of PLO representatives at a press conference called by the Libyan delegation shortly after the vote was taken.

#### Demonstration Set For Wednesday

At the same time, Bayard Rustin, the civil rights advocate, announced that he will lead a protest demonstration of young people, composed largely of minority groups including Blacks, Puerto Ricans and Jews, outside the UN tomorrow. In a statement issued by the Youth Institute for Peace in the Middle East, Rustin referred to the PLO as "a blood-stained terrorist gang whose leaders should be in jail, not addressing the UN."

He said that "The Arab states who claim to be so concerned with the plight of the Palestinians have never given a single cent out of their vast oil revenues to help the miserable Palestinian refugees." The demonstration will take place between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Isaiah Wall.

#### Concedes True Aims Of PLO

The PLO representatives were elated by yesterday's vote. Prior to the balloting they said their sole purpose was to bring their message to the UN. Afterwards, however, in what amounted to sheer bluster, they confessed that their aim was the destruction of Israel. Dr. Nabeel Shaath, who was introduced by the Libyans as the head of the PLO delegation to the UN, issued a verbose printed statement, praising and justifying the General Assembly's action.

When pressed by reporters to state his organization's aims, Shaath declared that "the Palestinians want all of Palestine (Israel). They will not be satisfied with the West Bank and Gaza Strip." He also told reporters that the PLO is opposed to the Security Council Resolution 242 and stated that those who created it "will have to undo it." (The British and U.S. representatives reaffirmed that their governments will continue to support that resolution.)

Asked if the PLO would stop hijacking planes and end its other acts of violence, Shaath said the PLO "is going to act responsibly" from now on but promised that violence would be continued inside Israel "to liberate our homeland." He announced that "a full delegation at the highest level

of the PLO will shortly arrive in New York" to participate in the General Assembly's debate on the Palestine Question.

#### U.S. Vote Praised By Presidents Conference

Rabbi Miller said that the Presidents Conference was "gratified" that the United States, which voted against the PLO resolution, "has once again taken a stand for humanity and decency and against the cynical acceptance of murder as the common currency of international politics."

He assailed the "craven surrender" to Arab pressure of those allies of the U.S. that voted for the resolution or abstained. "By giving legitimacy and an international platform to the assassins of American diplomats in Khartoum, international airline passengers in Athens and Israeli school children in Maalot, these countries brand themselves as accomplices to murder and as willing partners in the attempt to liquidate a fellow UN member," Rabbi Miller said.

Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, denounced the UN for "legitimizing terror and murder" and declared that "it is not Israel that lost the vote, it is the United Nations." He stated that by inviting individuals who are not representatives of nation states "but rather are accessories to plane hijackings, kidnappings, indiscriminate bombings and murders," it proves once again "that the world organization is a kangaroo court where Israel is concerned."

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, called on the United States "to reevaluate its relationship to the United Nations" as a result of the Assembly vote. He expressed confidence "that American public opinion, the government and the Congress of the United States will recognize that the basic principles of the United Nations have been subverted, possibly beyond repair, by this vote."

In Washington, B'nai B'rith national president David M. Blumberg declared that the UN, by its capitulation to the powerful forces behind Arab terrorism, has generally prejudiced its credibility and prestige." He stated that "the moral squalor of the act is matched only by its clear subversion of Secretary of State Kissinger's efforts to negotiate peace in the Middle East."

Ambassador John Scali, the U.S. representative to the UN, did not participate in the debate that preceded the vote yesterday. He told the General Assembly afterwards that the U.S. did not lack understanding and sympathy "for the very real concerns" of the Palestinians. (See Scali's complete statement in separate story.)

#### Voting Pattern Discerned

The voting yesterday reflected in large measure what Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah termed a mechanical vote. But many delegates voting in favor of the resolution or abstaining reflected the foreign policy quest of their governments for a dialogue with the Arab nations and for closer cooperation with Arab states in order to facilitate and secure economic trade.

Members of the European Economic Community did not vote as a united bloc on the resolution. While France, Ireland and Italy supported it, Britain, Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and West Germany abstained. Other abstentions included Australia, Burma, Canada and Iceland.

The Latin American countries voted almost as a bloc for the resolution. Those voting favorably included Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, El Salvador,

Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Venezuela. Abstentions in the Latin American camp included Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Uruguay. Two Latin American countries, Bolivia and the Dominican Republic voted against the measure. Chile and Honduras cast no votes. Several African countries also cast no vote. These included Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa and Swaziland.

The General Assembly action came while Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was in the Middle East meeting with Arab and Israeli leaders in an effort to get Arabs and Israelis closer to negotiations and to ease inter-Arab differences in advance of the Arab summit conference in Rabat, Morocco starting Oct. 26. Kissinger is due to return tomorrow to Washington.

#### TEXT OF SCALI'S STATEMENT TO THE UN IN EXPLAINING THE U.S. VOTE

"It should be clear from many statements by my government over the past months and years that our vote today in no way reflects a lack of understanding or sympathy for the very real concerns and yearning for justice of the Palestinian people. Rather it reflects our consistent conviction that the justice they seek will come only as part of a peace that is just for all the parties.

"This just peace must be negotiated with utmost care, and must lead to an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, at the heart of which we all recognize lies the Palestinian problem. Our vote also reflects a deep concern that the resolution before us could be interpreted by some as prejudging that negotiating process and make a durable settlement more difficult to achieve.

"In that sense, the resolution could have the ultimate effect of working against the interests of a Palestinian settlement. The world knows how tirelessly we have sought to move the Middle East from the scourge of war to the path of peace. For us to have voted other than we did would be inconsistent with and harmful to our efforts to help promote a just and lasting peace that takes into account the legitimate needs of all the states and peoples in the Middle East.

"I should also like to express my government's profound concern over the resolution's departure from the long-standing precedent that only representatives of governments should be allowed to participate in plenary deliberations. Have we created a dangerous precedent which may return to haunt this organization --perhaps cripple its effectiveness?

"Mr. President, I want to make clear that the only basis for a just negotiated settlement is and must remain Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The resolution passed today cannot alter the basis, and our efforts will go forward in that established and widely accepted framework."

#### FORMER COMMANDER OF SZEGGED GHETTO IN HUNGARY NOW IN CANADA

VIENNA, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal urged the Canadian government today to take measures against Imre Finta, a former Hungarian police officer who commanded the Jewish ghetto in Szegged in 1944 and cooperated closely with Adolf Eichmann in the deportation of Jews to Auschwitz.

Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish documentation center here, said Finta who fled Hungary after the war and emigrated to Canada, now resides at 532 Glangarry Ave. in Toronto where he operates a restaurant. He also supplied the Canadian author-

ities with Finta's telephone number.

Wiesenthal said that a number of Jews who survived the Szegged ghetto and who now live in Israel, Canada and Hungary have indicated they would be willing to testify against Finta. He said in a letter to the Canadian authorities that Finta was responsible for several thousand deaths. "He is described by witnesses as a pitiless and cruel ruler of the ghetto. He did not even help Jews from his own circle of former friends and fellow students. He did not show any gentleness or charity," Wiesenthal wrote.

#### RAPHAEL SPANIEN DEAD AT 72

GENEVA, Oct. 15 (JTA)--Raphael Spanien, co-director of the European headquarters office of United Hias Service in Geneva, died last Friday at his home here after a brief illness. He was 72. Mr. Spanien, a French national, dedicated his entire life to the service of Jews fleeing persecution.

In 1933, he joined the French Committee for Aid to German Refugees. During the war years he continued his efforts on behalf of Jewish refugees in France, Morocco and Portugal under HICEM (an acronym for HIAS), Jewish Colonization Association (JCA) and Emigdirect, the German Jewish resettlement agency.

After the war, Mr. Spanien became deputy director of Hias-Europe and in 1954 became co-director of the United Hias Service, after the merger of HIAS with the emigration arm of the American Joint Distribution Committee. His special concern was in the resettlement of Jews from Moslem areas.

On June 18, 1974, Mr. Spanien attended the cornerstone laying ceremony in Jerusalem of the Raphael Spanien Religious Comprehensive High School established through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schneider of New York. Mr. Spanien was the son of the late Joseph Spanien, a French Zionist leader, and the brother of the late Samuel Spanien, a French lawyer and close associate of Leon Blum, who served as Blum's defense counsel at the infamous trial in Riom in 1940.

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UNITED NATIONS (JTA)--The Security Council will probably take up the question of United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in the Mideast in the next few days. The UNEF mandate expires Oct. 24. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim recommended Monday that the Security Council extend UNEF's mandate for an additional six months. Informal consultation between members of the Security Council continued here Tuesday. The consultations centered on financial problems and the problem of parity of payments to maintain UNEF. According to Waldheim's report, UNEF faces serious financial difficulties.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--The search for a group of terrorists that penetrated into Israel Saturday was still going on in northern Israel Tuesday. For the past 80 hours Israeli forces, aided by mobile patrols and air force reconnaissance planes, combed the difficult terrain of Galilean hills and bush valleys. Israeli naval units are searching the shores and blockading off the northern coast to prevent an attempt to extricate the terrorists by sea.

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MONTREAL (JTA)--Marc Lalonde, the Federal Minister of Health, will visit Israel for 10 days next month as the guest of the Israeli government, it was announced Tuesday. Lalonde, a former political advisor to Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau, will be in Israel from Nov. 1-10. He will be travelling with friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bronfman and will meet with representatives of the Israeli government and national institutions.

**'A LITTLE ISRAEL' IN BUDAPEST**

BUDAPEST, Oct. 15 (JTA)--In the midst of this Socialist capital of almost two million people, there is a corner that Hungarian Jews call "a little Israel," where Jewish ritual and tradition has been preserved in its entirety despite the various upheavals affecting this country in recent years. At 35 Akacfa Street, in the heart of the former Jewish ghetto of the war years, Budapest's last Jewish restaurant continues to thrive with the support and management of the Orthodox Jewish community.

With room for 100 people, the atmosphere is always crowded and convivial--while maintaining a strictly Orthodox atmosphere and tradition. Beef, stuffed cabbage, duck, goose--all strictly kosher--are served with kosher wine to the restaurant's regular Jewish patrons as well as numerous visitors from other countries, particularly the United States.

Many of the regular patrons wear the Orthodox Jewish dress and as one recent visitor to the restaurant described it, "It is almost as if you had left Hungary and found yourself suddenly in Israel." After dinner, the guests are invited to stay on for singing and the reciting of ritual Jewish sayings. Prices at the restaurant are high by Hungarian standards--about \$2 for a meal. However, many of those who come here are invited by and paid for by the Jewish community.

Not far from this restaurant stands Hungary's largest synagogue, largest in all of Eastern Europe, and next to that, the Jewish cemetery where many of the 500,000 Hungarian Jews who were deported and killed during World War II are buried. Mrs. Vilmost Weisz, manager of the restaurant, recalled that a number of foreign visitors to the restaurant, in making a ceremonial visit to the cemetery, told her they had discovered the names of their long-lost relatives. There are about 100,000 Jews in Hungary today, compared with approximately 600,000 before World War II.

**DEMAND REMOVAL OF TRANSIT CAMP**

By Peter Friedlinger

VIENNA, Oct. 15 (JTA)--More than 600 people of a Vienna suburb signed a protest resolution asking for the removal of a transit camp for Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union, a police spokesman said today. "They are getting pretty angry there," he said. People living near the camp in the densely populated suburb of Simmering complained that Austrian authorities so far did not announce any date when the camp will be removed.

A Red Cross official said there are no reasons to move the camp. "We discussed the situation in our last meeting, but we saw no reason to take any decisions," said Dr. Helmut Proksch, head of the Red Cross of Lower Austria.

Neighbors started protest actions when the Jewish camp was moved to a former Simmering children's home. Vienna Mayor Leopold Gratz reacted by promising to relocate the camp. But the Ministry of Interior did not even answer, so far, the Mayor's five-point alternate proposals. The Austrian Red Cross, last month, had transferred the transit camp for Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union without previous announcement from a former army barracks at Woellersdorf, 25 miles south of Vienna, to the Vienna suburb.

The camp is run under the supervision of the Austrian Red Cross which is responsible for the emigrants after Chancellor Bruno Kreisky ruled the closing down of a Jewish Agency camp at Schoenau last year. Police with watchdogs guard

the area, but some of the police officers are dissatisfied with their jobs. "We have to work too long and do not even get paid enough," one police officer said.

**43RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CJF  
SET FOR NOV. 13-17 IN CHICAGO**

NEW YORK, Oct. 15 (JTA)--More than 2500 representatives from virtually every organized Jewish community in the United States and Canada are expected to attend the 43rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be held in Chicago Nov. 13-17, it was announced by Raymond Epstein of Chicago, president of the CJF.

Geared to the theme: "Crisis and Response: The New Chapter," the leadership of the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in North America will meet at the Palmer House and the Pick Congress Hotel for the five-day conclave devoted to an intensive assessment of the critical issues and priority needs before the American Jewish community. With overseas leaders expected as well from Israel, France, Italy, Switzerland and South Africa, Epstein noted that the attendance is expected to be the largest in the Council's 43-year history.

The more than 90 meetings, workshops and decision-making sessions will have as their overriding concern, Epstein said, "the scope of human needs--and how best to meet them--at home and abroad. Overall, the program reflects Federation's expanding and crucial role and responsibilities in meeting domestic needs and providing maximum aid overseas--deepened as they are by the inflation spiral and the continuing impact of the Yom Kippur War aftermath." Primary areas of concern to be deliberated at the General Assembly will include:

Issues and programs concerned with the crucial task of improving the quality of Jewish life; helping Israel to provide for the massive social, educational, health and welfare needs of its people in the face of continuing Mideast tension; the continuing plight of Soviet Jewry, with emphasis on next steps in international, national and local action to make emigration possible for those wishing to leave, and the right to live as Jews for those opting to remain; and building public support and understanding for a just peace in the Middle East, and for continued American policy support of Israel's integrity.

Another area of concern will be the broad range of Federation services centering on the varied issues of human need before Jewish communities of North America, including: intensifying and financing broader programs of Jewish education; campaigning in 1975; leadership development; women's communal service; and public relations and media development.

**ISRAEL IN NATIONAL BOOK FAIR**

BOSTON, Oct. 15 (JTA)--For the third consecutive year, Israel participated with a national display in the Boston Globe Book Festival. The Israeli exhibit last week, under the auspices of the Israeli Consulate General in Boston, was the focus of considerable public interest. On display were hundreds of books, in both English and Hebrew, covering all aspects of life in the State of Israel and a variety of topics of Jewish interest. The majority of the literary works on exhibit were sent by a number of well-known Israeli publishing houses, through the cooperation of the Israeli Book Publishers Association and the Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs. American publishers also displayed books dealing with Israel and topics of specific Jewish interest.