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## SCALI: ISRAEL HAS RIGHT TO EXIST; NEED TO WEAVE PALESTINIAN INTERESTS INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 21 (JTA)—John Scali, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, told the General Assembly today that "weaving the Palestinian interests into the give and take of the negotiating process" was the way to move toward a situation "more responsive" to those interests. At the same time, he affirmed, "it must be understood by all that Israel has the right to exist as a sovereign independent state within secure and recognized boundaries."

Scali made the two points in the first statement by the United States in the current Assembly debate on the Palestine question since it began last week with a speech by Yasir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Scali said Palestinian interests would not be advanced "through new resolutions or dramatic parliamentary maneuvers."

The Assembly is expected to vote late tomorrow on two resolutions, one demanding national independence and sovereignty for the Palestinian people and their right to return to their homes and property, and another giving the PLO permanent observer status.

Delegates from the nine European Common Market countries, as well as Canada, have expressed concern in speeches to the Assembly and in private consultations that the draft resolutions omit any reference to the future status of Israel or to Security Council Resolution 242, which since 1967, has been considered to be the basis of any future Middle East settlement.

Scali also said that the United States hoped that all member nations would reaffirm their support for Resolutions 242 and 338, which call for a negotiated Mideast settlement. He said "We believe they remain the best hope for continued progress." He stressed that if any of the parties to the conflict rejected the right to exist of any other parties to the negotiations, then "our best hopes for negotiations and for peace are lost."

### Terrorism Is Not National Liberation

Without mentioning Arafat by name, Scali denounced attempts to equate terror with revolution and Arafat's professing to see no difference "between the slaughter of innocent people and a struggle for national liberation." He added that "there are those who wish to compare the American revolution and the many other wars of liberation of the past 200 years, with brutal and indiscriminate terrorism." Arafat had made this equation during his speech last week at the Assembly. The American freedom fighters, Scali said, never succumbed to the easy excuse that "the end justifies the means."

Emphasizing that the primary objective of the U.S. has been to maintain the momentum of the negotiating process, Scali said only "a just and lasting solution of the Middle East conflict can stop the killing and suffering" and that the goal of the UN is to seek ways to promote movement to that end. More violence cannot bring peace, he said, adding that this only intensified the

hated and human misery in the area. He said "a fifth war" in the Mideast "would threaten the security of every country and produce no permanent gains for any."

### Significant Omission Cited

Regarding the Geneva peace conference, Scali noted that when the parties agreed to attend it they also agreed that the role of other participants would be discussed at the conference. That statement, according to some observers here, hinted at the possibility of Palestinian participation in the Geneva parity.

Observers felt also that Scali made a significant omission when he failed to mention the PLO by name in his speech and that he failed to support Israel's determination not to recognize or negotiate with the PLO. Nevertheless, Scali's speech was seen as indicative of a negative U.S. vote on the Palestine resolution tomorrow.

In a speech to the General Assembly last night, the Canadian Foreign Minister, Allan J. MacEachen strongly upheld Israel's right to exist as a sovereign nation and vigorously condemned terrorism. "We remain opposed to any attempt to challenge the right of Israel or the right of any other state in the region to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threat and acts of force," the Canadian diplomat said. He also declared that his country "condemns vigorously terrorism in whatever form and from whatever quarter it may occur." He reiterated that "meaningful dialogue depends on recognition of the existence of Israel and its right of survival."

### SISCO'S AMENDMENT OF HIS USIA STATEMENT AVERTED SHARP REACTION FROM ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21 (JTA)—Foreign Minister Yigal Allon disclosed last night that Israel had been about to lodge a sharp protest in Washington over Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco's statement indicating a U.S. tilt toward the PLO. But Sisco's second statement amending his first statement "saved me the trouble of writing a reaction," Allon told delegates at the plenary session of the triennial international convention of B'nai B'rith.

Allon was referring to Sisco's remarks, taped in an interview with the United States Information Agency (USIA) Monday for overseas distribution that "We regard the PLO as the overall umbrella organization of the Palestinians." Sisco said on the NBC-TV "Today" show yesterday, however, that his USIA remarks were reflective not of the American but of the Arab position on the PLO and that the U.S. position "remains unchanged." Allon's statement was the first official comment by an Israeli leader on the Sisco matter and indicated that Israel was satisfied with the Undersecretary's explanation.

(In Washington last night, Mordechai Shalev, Minister at the Israeli Embassy, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency "We were satisfied with Mr. Sisco's statement today (on the "Today" show). It rectified the misunderstanding that arose out of his USIA interview on Monday.")

The USIA interview nevertheless raised a furor here, coming on the heels of PLO chief Yasir Ara-

fat's inflammatory speech to the UN General Assembly and after the terrorist attack on civilians in Beisan, although Sisco's remarks clearly were taped before that latest outrage. Israelis, however, are extremely sensitive to all nuances of U.S. policy in face of their growing political isolation and the circulation in the UN this week of a pro-Palestine resolution that calls, in effect, for the dismemberment of Israel.

#### Detente Must Include Mideast

In his address to the B'nai B'rith convention, Allon cautioned that U.S.-Soviet detente cannot be operative in one part of the world and not in another. Referring to the meeting of President Ford and Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev in Vladivostok this Saturday, he said that unless detente applies not only to America and Russia, or East and West Europe, but to the Middle East as well, it will mislead the entire free world.

"The Jewish nation and Israel are for detente," he said, "for better understanding between the powers since we, as a nation scattered all over the world, are the first victims of every international conflict. We also know the meaning of permanent tension. But we are for a sincere and true detente that will cover the whole world, including the Middle East because of its strategic importance as such and as the soft underbelly of NATO. Either detente covers the whole world or it will not exist. A partial detente will mislead the free world," Allon said.

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#### U.S. CONDEMNS UNESCO

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (JTA)--The U.S. government fired a broadside today at the adoption of a resolution yesterday in Paris by the General Conference of UNESCO that deprives Israel of its assistance. "The resolution represents highly undesirable politicization of a United Nations technical agency," the State Department declared in a prepared statement. "We regret the adoption of the resolution because it puts one of the United Nations' principal bodies on a dangerous path."

Noting that the action cuts off UNESCO funds for Israel, the Department's statement added, "The introduction and debate on resolutions of this kind tend to transform a scientific, cultural and educational agency into a political forum of the most partisan kind. In our view, such resolutions lead not to cooperation but confrontation that seriously detracts from the work of UNESCO."

Department spokesman Paul Hare, who read the statement to reporters, said that the UNESCO funds involved for Israel approximated \$26,000, but he said "it is more the principle than the money."

The move in UNESCO by the Arab nations, the Communist bloc and a number of Third World countries was seen here as their initial attempt to dismiss Israel from international organizations and isolate it from world conferences. The UNESCO resolution was adopted by a vote of 64-27 with 26 abstentions. The U.S. and the nine European Common Market countries voted against the resolution.

#### BEISAN RESIDENTS SEEK TO EXPLAIN ACT OF BURNING TERRORISTS' CORPSES

By Yitzhak Shargil

BEISAN, Nov. 21 (JTA)--Outwardly, life was back to normal here today. But grief over the

victims of Tuesday's terrorist outrage is still fresh and the townspeople are searching for explanations of their own behavior in burning the corpses of the slain terrorists. People returned to that subject again and again in conversations with each other and with visitors.

"I do not understand what happened to many of us," 50-year-old Moshe Ochayon, a veteran settler, said this morning. He was referring to the crowd that burned the bodies of the three terrorists killed in a gun-battle with Israeli troops and who also, in their frenzy, burned the remains of one of the terrorists' victims, 52-year-old Yehuda Beibas, who they wrongly identified as one of the terrorists.

"Maybe seeing our children jumping out of windows, seeing the blood of innocents, made our blood boil," Ochayon suggested. He and other Beisan residents acknowledged their deep shame for the act. They agreed that it revealed a savage side to the nature of people who, with justification, considered themselves civilized and humane.

Ochayon recalled that terrorist violence was no stranger to Beisan. Only a few years ago it was a regular target of El Fatah rockets and artillery fired from Jordanian territory four miles away. "We wanted revenge, but the enemy was too far away," Ochayon said. "This time they were here, in front of us, in the blood of their victims, and even though they were dead, we could get our hands on them," he said. "We regret it," he added, summing up the feelings of Beisan. "But who can say what you will do when you see the blood of your own children, your neighbors and friends in front of you?" he asked.

Meanwhile, the township, almost without exception, has condemned the mob responsible for desecrating the terrorists' bodies. High school students demonstrated with posters saying "Fight terrorists, not their corpses." Repairs were being made today in the apartment building that was seized by the terrorists and held for nearly three hours before it was stormed by Israeli troops. The damage is mainly from bullets and grenade fragments. The municipality has allocated IL 1 million for relief of the victims' families.

#### 5 PROMINENT WEST BANK

#### ARABS EXPELLED TO LEBANON

By Gil Sedan and David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21 (JTA)--Five prominent West Bank Arabs were expelled to Lebanon today after being charged by the army with incitement of the anti-Israel rioting that swept the West Bank and East Jerusalem during the past week. News of the expulsions set off several demonstrations and some rock-throwing in West Bank towns today and security forces were alerted to the possibility of more serious incidents after morning prayers tomorrow which is the Moslem Sabbath.

The five expellees are Dr. Alfred Tubassi, a member of the Ramallah City Council; Abd A-Razek Abdeblah Awda, a Ramallah merchant; Mohammed Kadri, a high school teacher in Ramallah; Atef Abu Ita, a Jericho high school teacher and Hanna Nasser, dean of Bir Zeit College north of Ramallah.

All five have been active in the so-called Palestine National Front, a political organization that has specialized in propaganda since the Yom Kippur War but until the recent unrest was not involved in violent acts. They were the second group of West Bank dignitaries expelled this month. The earlier group was sent to Lebanon Nov. 4, although in the past, trouble-makers were usually deported

to Jordan. Lebanon was selected this time, Israeli authorities said, because the expellees are ardent supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization and would not be received in the Hashemite kingdom.

Among the five West Bankers expelled today, most interest centered on Hanna Nasser who is regarded by the authorities as the key figure behind the recent high school student riots in East Jerusalem and Ramallah. Bir Zeit College is one of the campuses designated to be part of the projected Arab University on the West Bank. It has always been a hotbed of nationalistic activities, and it was from there that Kamal Nasser, a relative of Hanna Nasser went to Beirut two years ago to become an El Fatah leader. He was killed by Israeli commandos in Beirut in April, 1973.

#### Protests On West Bank Continue

Students at the Bir Zeit campus staged a rally and sit-down this afternoon to protest the deportation of Nasser. As of this evening it was still going on. A protest demonstration in Jericho got out of hand and was broken up by police. In other West Bank towns, school-aged youngsters threw stones at passing cars and Palestinian flags were seen flying from a few school buildings and homes. Some students boycotted classes at a school in a Nablus refugee camp but no incidents were reported.

Penalties were imposed on merchants in Ramallah and Al Bireh who kept their shops closed in defiance of police orders. They have been denied exit permits to Jordan and the movement of their trucks transporting olive oil to Jordan has been temporarily halted. Police are still not sure whether the attack by seven armed men on a bus carrying Arab workers to Israel yesterday was the work of terrorists or bandits. The driver was robbed of IL 1000 and the vehicle was pushed into a ravine near Hebron.

#### DINITZ: ISRAEL GOING THROUGH SECOND INDEPENDENCE WAR; APPEALS FOR ALIYA

KIAMESHA LAKE, Nov. 21 (JTA)--"We are today going through our second battle for our independence just as we went through our first battle for independence in 1948," declared Israel's Ambassador Simcha Dinitz in an address here to 2000 delegates attending the convention of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. He added: "We will overcome our difficulties now just as we did then for we are stronger today than ever before, and the Jewish people is behind us."

Dinitz declared that Israel could take care of herself militarily in any new crisis that may arise out of Arab miscalculation that it can destroy Israel, but appealed to the delegates to "become part of us by coming to live with us, by giving your children a more intensive Jewish education so they will know what it means to be Jews, and help us by telling the saga of Israel's struggle for liberation and the justice of its cause to as many Americans as you can reach."

Dinitz made a direct appeal for American aliya, adding: "But if you and your children can't come to settle, then begin to 'think aliya.' Make it a central concern. Come for visits, for periods of study. Become a part of the greatest social experiment that the Jewish people have undertaken in 2000 years."

Appealing for more intensive Jewish education, he said that if such education was missing, then "you are diminishing the Jewish community and its ties to Judaism. We will not have Jews unless we have Jews who are knowledgeable of

their heritage. Teach the meaning of Jewishness to your children. Reinforce this teaching in the home." Dinitz also stressed the importance of public opinion and a proper understanding of Israel. "We must reach the confused, the puzzled, the broad American community," he said, "and the next few months are decisive."

#### Women To Be Counted In Minyan

The convention voted by a 6-1 margin to allow women, in effect, to be counted in the minyan and to be called up to make the blessing at the reading of the Torah. This issue had been the subject of considerable controversy within Conservative Judaism circles. The resolution approved the recent decisions of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly of America (Rabbinic arm of Conservative Judaism) which allowed women "a more equal role in ritual and synagogue life, with the understanding that the rabbi is the final religious authority in his congregation."

Conservative synagogues are now to be encouraged "to explore and discuss the implications of these decisions and to implement them as individual circumstances permit." At the religious services conducted throughout the convention, the women have been called up for the reading of the law and the recitation of the blessings on the appropriate days. Mrs. M. Milton Terry of Elkins Park, Pa., was elected president of the League. The outgoing president was Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport.

#### SISCO AND MILLER CONFER FOR ONE HOUR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, met with Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco for an hour last night at the State Department. They discussed the UN General Assembly debate on the Palestine issue and the U.S. posture vis-a-vis the Palestine Liberation Organization in light of the concern caused by Sisco's statement for the USIA.

Rabbi Miller received assurances that there had been no change in U.S. policy in support of Israel as stated by the President and the Secretary of State, that no recognition of the PLO has been accorded, and that no pressure is being brought upon Israel to negotiate with the PLO. Other subjects discussed were foreign aid and agricultural assistance bills as they relate to Israel and to all other situations in the Middle East. Sisco was hopeful that a period of quiet diplomacy would have positive results in Israeli-Egyptian negotiations. Rabbi Miller described the meeting as constructive and friendly.

#### THE PANOVS ARE HERE

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (JTA)--Galina and Valery Panov, who gave up stardom with Leningrad's world famous Kirov Ballet to wage and win a 2-year struggle to emigrate from the Soviet Union to Israel, were due to arrive in New York late this afternoon. They were to be met at Kennedy Airport by Russian Jewish immigrant youngsters bearing roses, and a delegation of leaders of the United Jewish Appeal, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, including former Congressman Herbert Tenzer representing the New York Jewish community. The Panovs, who will be touring U.S. cities in various concerts, will make their first public appearance as guests Nov. 25 at the inauguration of New York's first UJA-Federation Joint Campaign. They will be hosted at City Hall Nov. 26.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES DETENTE HAS FAILED IN THE MIDEAST By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21 (JTA)—The success or failure of U.S.-Soviet detente may be a debatable subject in other areas, but in the Middle East its failure is now beyond doubt. Soviet efforts to undermine Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's step-by-step peace strategy in this region are clearly visible. The Russians aren't blocking Kissinger in the political arena or on the diplomatic level. They are openly sabotaging his every move toward peace by increased incitement to war. Moscow's chief instrument in this is the Syrian regime of President Hafez Assad.

The Russians are pouring huge quantities of war materiel into Syria, fully supporting Assad's demands for total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, and the Syrian leader's all-out support of Yasir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization. If there is any doubt of the Soviet strategy one has only to note that neither the Russians nor the Syrians made any attempt to conceal the fact that last Friday alone there were 20-25 Soviet and Eastern European Communist bloc merchant ships discharging weapons and ammunition at the Syrian port of Latakia.

The Russians are also shipping increased quantities of war supplies to Egypt, not waiting for the January visit of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev to Cairo to begin rehabilitating the Egyptian war machine, especially the air force, which was severely battered in the Yom Kippur War.

### Turning Tables On Kissinger

Kremlinologists may ponder the Russians' motives. It seems clear, however, that Moscow is attempting to turn the tables on Kissinger who only last spring, was single-handedly banishing Soviet influence from the Middle East. That influence had been all-pervasive since the Six-Day War when the Russians totally supported the Arab side, broke off diplomatic relations with Israel and began re-arming Egypt and Syria. But Moscow-Cairo relations had begun to cool before the Yom Kippur War. President Anwar Sadat ousted Russian advisors and technicians and accused the Kremlin of renegeing on weapons shipments.

After the Yom Kippur War, the U.S. stepped into the breach. The Geneva peace conference at which the U.S. and USSR served as co-chairmen, was to be the setting for a Middle East peace pact. But Kissinger preferred to go it alone. He upstaged the Russians with his whirlwind personal diplomacy in the region, achieving the seemingly impossible—disengagement agreements between Israel and Egypt and Syria, both involving small, but highly symbolic Israeli territorial withdrawals.

Kissinger may have been too clever. The Russians are now retaliating by the methods they know best—increased tension, encouragement of Arab intransigence and incitement to a new war. The United States is in an extremely vulnerable position because a new war, almost inevitably will bring a renewal of the Arab oil embargo.

### Soviet Prestige Rising In Mideast

President Ford and Brezhnev will no doubt discuss the Middle East at length when they meet in Vladivostok this weekend. They are expected to seek a formula to relax tension in the area and reduce the risk of a pre-emptive strike by either side. This may be accomplished, but on

Russian terms.

Soviet prestige is rising again in the Middle East as a result of Moscow's backing of the PLO. Brezhnev's Cairo trip may completely heal the breach with the Egyptians. The U.S. continues to back Israel diplomatically and militarily, but there is growing uneasiness in Washington about American involvement in a new round of Arab-Israeli fighting. The Arab oil weapon could severely damage the U.S. and Western Europe, already under economic stress, partly as a result of the previous oil embargo.

Diplomatic observers expect a joint U.S.-Soviet statement to come out of the Vladivostok meeting. Moscow presumably will seek backing for a Palestinian state. The U.S. is considered unlikely to bend much on this matter. But the possibility exists that the Geneva conference may be reactivated with participation of the PLO at Russian insistence. Whatever becomes of detente in the rest of the world, it has already lost all meaning in the Middle East. Kissinger may still support detente, but it is apparent that the Russian definition of that high-sounding word is quite different from his.

### NO RISE IN SOVIET ALIYA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21 (JTA)—Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen told the Knesset yesterday that the anticipated increase in immigration from the Soviet Union has failed to materialize so far. There has been no rise yet in the aliya figures since Oct. 18 when letters were exchanged between Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Sen. Henry M. Jackson detailing the U.S.-Soviet understanding on emigration, Rosen said.

He said he hoped the Soviet authorities would soon lift the emigration barriers, as promised, and that tens of thousands of Jews would be allowed to leave the USSR "hopefully for Israel." Rosen acknowledged that there has been recently an increase in the number of Soviet Jews who decided to go to countries other than Israel after reaching Vienna. Reports last week by a Jewish Agency spokesman put them at 27 percent of the total number of Jews departing the Soviet Union.

Rosen did not dispute that figure. He said the problem of the immigration fall-off and of the departure of immigrants from Israel depended as much on the settled population as on the newcomers. He urged "a rise in public morale and education toward love of homeland and Zionism without condition." Rosen said that since his ministry was established in 1968, 250,000 olim had arrived in Israel and 220,000 had remained there.

### 500 PROTEST AGAINST TERRORISM

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (JTA)—About 500 survivors of Nazi concentration camps demonstrated for two hours today to protest against the latest outbreak of terrorism against Israeli civilians by the Palestine Liberation Organization. The demonstration was sponsored by the American Federation of Survivors of the Holocaust, an umbrella group which includes the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization, the Federation of Former Fighters Against Nazism, the Organization for Nazi Victims and Masada Branch 403 of the Labor Zionist Alliance. The demonstrators carried signs saying "No more Auschwitz," and "We are one with Israel," and "Arafat, assassin." The group was led by Joseph Tekulsky, chairman of the American Federation of Survivors of the Holocaust.

There will be no Bulletin dated Nov. 28 due to Thanksgiving, a postal holiday.