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A DAY OF INFAMY IN THE UNITED NATIONS

ISRAEL CONDEMNS UN VOTE ON ZIONISM AS AN 'UGLY MANIFESTATION OF NEO-ANTI-SEMITISM': CITES VOTE AS MORE PROOF OF UN'S 'MORAL DECLINE'

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Israel has condemned the UN vote on Zionism as "an ugly manifestation of neo-anti-Semitism." A Foreign Ministry statement said the vote was more proof of the "moral decline" of the world organization "when the State of Israel is concerned." The resolution, equating Zionism with forms of racism, adopted Friday in the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee), by a vote of 70 in favor, 29 opposed, 27 abstentions and 16 absents, was itself "a classic expression of racism," the Foreign Ministry statement said.

The statement expressed Israel's appreciation for those states that had opposed the Arab-inspired resolution. Privately, political circles here expressed a measure of satisfaction at what was in effect the first evidence of a fissure in the Arab-African lineup since the Yom Kippur War.

With two major African states opposing the resolution and several others abstaining, the Arabs could be said to have suffered a tactical defeat in the Third World bloc, the circles said. On the other hand, there was concern that some leading Latin American states had voted for the resolution.

Much chagrin was directed in particular towards Mexico, whose President Luis Echeverria professed friendship and an understanding of the Zionist ideal during his recent official visit here. It was noted resignedly that Echeverria has his eye on the UN Secretary-Generalship and his country's vote could therefore be seen as part of his nascent campaign.

Knesset To Hold Debate On Resolution

The Knesset will soon devote a special debate on the anti-Zionist resolution. The Knesset will convene for that debate at the Cabinet's request, following a report by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon in the Cabinet's weekly session today. Allon said the Arab efforts to compare Zionism to colonialism and racial discrimination was a substitute for the attempt to suspend Israel from the UN which failed.

Although Allon expressed his regret that the anti-Zionist resolution was backed by a majority of the UN committee members, he nevertheless was satisfied with the unusual support Israel enjoyed at that committee from "countries of all continents of different ideologies and different regimes, including countries of the so-called 'Third World.'"

Turning to relations with the U.S., Allon expressed his confidence that America would honor all its commitments toward Israel, including those regarding armament and economic aid. Reviewing the situation in the Mideast, Allon quoted "various political elements" which thought there was a decline in the status of the Palestine

Liberation Organization in the Arab world.

CABAL OF ARAB, COMMUNIST, THIRD WORLD STATES FORMALIZE THEIR HATRED OF ZIONISM AND ISRAEL

By Murray Zuckoff

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 19 (JTA)--October 17 will be recalled as a day of infamy at the United Nations. It was a day when a cabal of Arab, Communist and Third World states succeeded in formalizing their hatred of Zionism and Israel by adopting a draft resolution in which Zionism was equated with racism. It was a day of infamy because the 70 countries which voted for the resolution in the Third Committee were aided and abetted, intentionally or unintentionally, by the 27 states that abstained in the vote and by the 16 states that were absent.

It was a day of infamy because the draft now provides many of these states with a legal and ethical veneer and rationale for continued actions against Israel and, possibly, for actions against Zionists and Zionist organizations within those countries where a Zionist group may now be functioning. The draft resolution now provides, in the guise of fighting racism, an onslaught against the international liberation movement of the Jewish people and the embodiment of this movement in the State of Israel. It was a day of infamy because the draft incorporates the Nazi technique of the big lie.

It was also a day of perversity in that the draft resolution and vote took place in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee. The vote and the draft is evidence that this committee is neither social, nor humanitarian nor cultural.

The vote came a little more than a week after Uganda President Idi Amin spewed his hatred in the General Assembly by calling on the American people "to rid their society of the Zionists," called for the expulsion of Israel from the United Nations and "the extinction of Israel as a state."

Draft Degraded The UN

The Arab-sponsored draft resolution equating Zionism with racism was denounced by Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog who told the Third Committee that the draft has "degraded" the United Nations "by introducing this anti-Semitic element into the world today and in so doing you will destroy it ultimately." Leonard Garment, a member of the U.S. delegation to the UN, speaking before the vote, called the draft resolution "obscene," a "supreme act of deceit," and "one of the most grievous errors" in the 30-year existence of the world body.

The vote for the draft resolution--70 in favor, 29 opposed, 27 abstaining and 16 absent--came after heated and prolonged discussion in the Third Committee, and after the U.S. and the nine members of the European Common Market warned they would vote against it. (See separate story for those voting against, abstaining and absent.)

The vote also came after the committee had overridden a request by two Black African countries--Sierra Leone and Zambia--to postpone until next year consideration of the resolution. The

vote was 68-45 with 16 abstentions. The operative section of the draft proposed that the General Assembly determine that "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination."

Herzog, in his statement, declared: "We have listened to the most unbelievable nonsense on the issue of Zionism and from whom? From countries who are the archetypes of racism." (See separate story for Herzog's full statement.)

Moynihan Embraces Herzog

Observers said that the Ambassador's denunciation of the countries supporting the draft resolution had a marked impact and that there was a shocked silence at the conclusion of his statement. Daniel Moynihan, the American Ambassador, walked from his seat in the committee to where Herzog was sitting and embraced him just after the vote took place. But many delegates applauded the vote.

Jewish sources in New York criticized the New York Times for its total omission Saturday in its story on the session and the vote to any reference of Herzog's statement, particularly since the Syrian delegate was quoted at length. (The Times, however, in its Sunday story, declined to devote all of one sentence to Herzog's statement.)

Will Encourage Anti-Semitism

Garment told the committee that, under the pretext of fighting racism, the UN was "at the point of officially endorsing anti-Semitism, one of the oldest and most virulent forms of racism known in human history." He added "we must also issue a warning--this resolution places the work of the United Nations in jeopardy." He described Zionism as a movement seeking to preserve "the small remnant of the Jewish people that survived the horrors of racial holocaust."

Garment said the draft would encourage anti-Semitism and group hostility and would therefore prevent the United States from cooperating with other UN members in a ten-year program to combat racism. He said the decision would have far-reaching consequences because the draft involved the "moral authority" that he said was the UN's "only ultimate claim" for support.

Moynihan expressed "profound gratification" for the support Israel received from the nations opposing the draft resolution and indicated that the African program for a 1978 conference and "action plan" against racial discrimination would suffer, at least as far as the U.S. and Western participation and possible funding is concerned. Some Western diplomats expressed concern after the vote was taken that the action would damage U.S. support for the UN.

Critical Of Chile's Role

At the same time, U.S. officials were sharply critical of Latin American countries that lined up with the Arab and Communist powers to vote in favor of a draft resolution linking Zionism with racism Friday night. One unnamed high official of the U.S. Mission flatly accused Chile of selling its vote to the Arabs in exchange for Arab support when the issue of alleged torture and political repression in Chile comes up before the General Assembly. The Chilean Mission declined immediate comment on the charge.

U.S. officials expressed disappointment that many Latin American countries "deserted us" by supporting the anti-Israel draft resolution or abstaining. At the same time, they pointed out

that some Black African countries that usually supported the Arabs on Middle East issues, either abstained or voted against the resolution.

American analysts of the vote who noted the split in the Black-African bloc, castigated the attitude of Latin American nations. One U.S. official was quoted as saying "The Fascists in Chile and some like-minded military regimes are lining up with the anti-Semites."

The American official's charge that Chile sold its vote was based on the fact that a five-member UN working group had submitted a report last week denouncing the existence of "torture cells" and other forms of political repression in Chile, ruled by a right-wing military junta. The report on the human rights situation in Chile is due to be discussed by the Third Committee and later by the General Assembly, though no dates have been set.

According to informed sources at the UN, the Chilean delegation has been canvassing members for support on the human rights issue and found Arab diplomats responsive. The Chilean delegate rejected the report of the UN working group as "without foundation", and obtained mainly from hostile Chilean exiles. But Chile, which had promised to cooperate with the UN investigation, barred the world organization's human rights team from that country.

HERZOG: 'WE SHALL NEVER FORGET'

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The following is the text of statement by Ambassador Chaim Herzog to the Third Committee on Oct. 17.

"We have listened to the most unbelievable nonsense on the issue of Zionism and from whom? From countries who are the archetypes of racism. I ask you, does it not beg the question. Here is a small country three million in population, a free democratic country, which can be visited by anybody, in which all citizens Jewish and Arab are free and equal being castigated, hour in, hour out, by countries whose regimes practice racism, incongruate racism in their laws and their daily practice. Does it not beg the question?

"Why not examine the racism practiced in so many countries who have been speaking so profusely? Why pick on a small Jewish State? I suspect because it is Jewish and small. I doesn't surprise me...because we are a people who have lived with this form of discrimination, anti-Semitism for centuries.

'Pernicious Anti-Semitic Resolution'

"How dare you talk of racism to us, we who suffered more than any other nation in the world from racist theories and practices, a nation which has suffered the most terrifying holocaust in the history of mankind. For centuries we have suffered from racism, we suffer today from racism in a number of countries including from Arab racism as practiced in so many of the sponsor countries.

"The sponsors have the effrontery to talk of racism. It lies not in your mouths. You have degraded this world organization by introducing this anti-Semitic element into the world today, and in so doing you will destroy it ultimately. My delegation regrets its inability to vote in favor of this resolution because it is linked...to a wicked and pernicious anti-Semitic resolution. The sponsors have by their action in introducing an extraneous irrelevant matter here contrived to destroy a consensus on the issue of racism and indeed to endanger the entire Decade for Action. Therefore, we shall vote against the entire item in all its var-

ious resolutions...

"This is a sad day for the United Nations. The Jewish people will not forget this scene nor this vote. We are a small people with a proud history. We have lived through much in our history. We have survived all our oppressors and enemies over the centuries. We shall survive this shameful exhibition. But we the Jewish people shall not forget. We shall not forget those who spoke up for decency and civilization and I thank the delegations who have expressed themselves against this pernicious resolution. We shall not forget those who voted to attack our religion and our faith. We shall never forget."

THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The following states either opposed, abstained or were absent when the anti-Zionist draft resolution came up for a vote last Friday night:

OPPOSED: 29

Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Sweden, United States, Uruguay and West Germany.

ABSTAINING: 27

Botswana, Colombia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Nepal, Papua, New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Rumania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Swaziland, Togo, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Zaire and Zambia.

ABSENT: 16

Argentina, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burundi, Central African Republic, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Guatemala, Maldives, Panama, Paraguay, Sao Tome e Principe, South Africa, Thailand and Trinidad-Tobago.

Among the 70 voting in favor were: Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Chile, China, Cuba, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan, Soviet Union, Turkey, Yugoslavia and other Arab, African, Asian and Soviet bloc countries.

JEWISH, ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS

DENOUNCE UN DRAFT RESOLUTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Jewish and Zionist organizations in the United States and abroad denounced the attack on Zionism in the United Nations, which equated it with racial discrimination, as itself a form of racism and anti-Semitism, a perversion of the nature of Zionism and another step in the campaign against Israel. Spokesmen for the organizations also praised the action of the United States, the nine member states of the European Common Market and other states that voted against the resolution.

A statement adopted at an emergency meeting of the American Zionist Federation here declared: "The attack on Zionism, the national self-determination movement of the Jewish people, is an attempt at perverting the United Nations. The United Nations was established to prevent the recurrence of racism. It is now being turned into a mechanism to perpetuate racism."

Zionism, the AZF stated, "was born on the battlefield against imperialism. Zionism is the love of Zion, the Jewish people's liberation movement, the Jewish people's statement of free-

dom and equality. Zionism is as sacred to the Jewish people as the national self-determination movements are to the nations of Africa and Asia. Zionism stands for cooperation and understanding with all peoples and with their national movements."

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, termed the draft resolution "an outrageous and disgusting display of immorality." He said, "We consider the draft resolution as directed not only against Israel but against the entire Jewish people and its heritage with Israel as its center. Its fulfillment is a response to racism and genocide."

Rabbi Miller applauded the 29 nations "who voted against this latest effort to promote worldwide anti-Semitism." He said "We are particularly proud of the unequivocal stance and forthright words spoken by our country's representatives at the UN. We take seriously the warning by the U.S. that the draft resolution placed in jeopardy the work of the UN itself."

Oil Power Blinded Justice

David M. Blumberg, president of the B'nai B'rith called the vote in the UN's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee "a shameful example of racism and anti-Semitism." He declared that "Arab oil power apparently can blind many governments to plain truth and simple justice. There is no finer nor more genuine example of a national liberation movement than Israel." The B'nai B'rith leader, who is leaving on a tour of Latin American countries, observed that many of the Latin American nations which voted for the resolution and voted to establish Israel as a state in 1948 have "how diminished themselves by accepting racism."

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, said in a message cabled from Jerusalem: "The United Nations is weakening itself and destroying any possibility of fulfilling its original high purpose by permitting these lies and slanders to be circulated and given official sanction by the General Assembly." Mrs. Jacobson called on the Zionist movement and the American Jewish community to promptly and forcefully reject the Arab-inspired moves "to distort the meaning of Zionism and vilify the people of Israel and its friends and supporters as racist."

Another Step Against Israel

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared: "The action of the Third Committee is another predictable step in the campaign being waged by some member states of the United Nations against the State of Israel. The only thing new is that this campaign now has been expanded to include an assault upon the interests of the Jewish people generally.... The effort to equate Zionism with racism is as preposterous as it is arrogant.... Racism is as alien to Zionism as democracy is to many of the proponents of the resolution...."

The Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) meeting here today called the anti-Zionist draft resolution "a massive lie" which makes "a travesty of words as some of its sponsors have done with other words like Peoples Democracies," and "a deliberate effort to foment anew that most ancient and vicious of prejudices, anti-Semitism."

Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the

Zionist Organization of America, likened approval of the anti-Zionist draft resolution to "the dark days of Hitler's Germany." He said the UN, "constituted to prevent man's inhumanity to man, became once again the vehicle for the perpetuation of racism and blatant anti-Semitism." He observed that the UN action "is a direct attack on the Jewish people everywhere, a call for genocide and a challenge to all humanity."

Feeding The Hate-Mongers

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said the draft resolution "feeds the hate-mongers of the world and places the future of the international body in serious jeopardy. When this international body becomes a forum for anti-Semitic propaganda, offering encouragement to the racists of the world, its effectiveness as a peaceful agency has ceased to exist."

Mrs. Evelyn Schreiber, president of the American Mizrahi Women, praised the U.S. government today for branding as "an obscene act" the draft resolution. Addressing 500 delegates attending the 50th anniversary Jubilee Year Convention of the American Mizrahi Women which opened in Washington, Mrs. Schreiber said: "Attacks on Zionism are attacks on the Jewish people and therefore are anti-Semitic. Zionism is nothing more than the national liberation of the Jewish people in its own homeland. The Jewish people are entitled to a national homeland."

The WIZO of Brazil cabled UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today protesting against the attempt by the enemies of the Jewish people to adopt a resolution at the UN equating Zionism with racism. The motion of protest was adopted at the 11th convention of WIZO in Brazil.

In London, where he was attending the annual conference of the Council of Christians and Jews, Cardinal Heenan warned against the resurgence of anti-Semitism in the guise of anti-Zionism. He did not refer to the UN draft resolution.

Canadians Instructed To Vote Against Draft

Allan McEachen, Canada's Minister of State for External Affairs, met in Ottawa with a delegation of the Canada-Israel Committee a few days before the vote in the UN took place and told them that the Canadian delegation to the UN Third Committee had been instructed to vote against any resolution linking Zionism to colonialism, racism and apartheid. He stressed that until now Canada had only abstained in action during which Israel was attacked or when anti-Israel resolutions were up for a vote. The CIC met with McEachen to express concern over the politicalization of the UN and particularly efforts to deny the legitimacy of Israel.

HERZOG, WALDHEIM TO DISCUSS EXPANSION OF UNEF CONTINGENT

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The Israel Mission here said today that Ambassador Chaim Herzog had been invited by the president of the Security Council to discuss Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's report on the United Nations Emergency Force in which the UN chief asked for an expansion of the 3987-man UNEF contingent in the Sinai.

The meeting on the report will take place tomorrow in advance of a session of the Security Council, scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday, to take up the matter of renewal of the UN mandate in the Sinai which expires Oct. 24. A similar

meeting of the Council president with the Egyptian Ambassador to the UN also has been scheduled.

In his report to the Security Council Friday, Waldheim said the expanded role of the UNEF under the second interim Sinai accord would require an increase of about 840 men. He also said the force would need four helicopters and other aircraft and four ships for naval patrol activities.

Waldheim estimated that the additional manpower and equipment needs would raise operating costs from \$65 million last year to \$87 million. He said his estimate was for the year ending Oct. 24, 1978. Under the second accord, it was specified that the Sinai agreement should be renewed annually instead of for shorter terms as in the past.

MIRIAM SACHER DEAD AT 83

LONDON, Oct. 19 (JTA)--Miriam Sacher, one of the founders of WIZO, the Womens International Zionist Organization and a close associate of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, died at her home here yesterday at the age of 83. Final rites will be held at the Golders Green Crematorium tomorrow afternoon and a memorial service will take place Nov. 12 at London's West End Synagogue.

Mrs. Sacher was the widow of Harry Sacher, a leading British Zionist and editorial writer for the Manchester Guardian when he introduced Dr. Weizmann to the Guardian's then editor, C.P. Scott, who in turn arranged for Weizmann to meet Foreign Minister Lord Balfour. Her son, Michael Sacher, is a co-president of the Joint Israel Appeal, the only British member of the Jewish Agency Executive and is a member of the Board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Her other son, Gabriel Sacher, heads the British ORT.

Mrs. Sacher and her three sisters, the late Rebecca Sieff, the late Matilda Marks-Kennedy, and Mrs. Elaine Blonde, founded the Federation of Women Zionists, the parent-organization of WIZO of which Rebecca Sieff was the first president. Her late brothers-in-law, Lord Simon Marks and Israel Sieff, were founders of Marks & Spencer, a leading British department store chain.

Mrs. Sacher lived in Jerusalem in the 1920s and early 1930s when her husband served as Jewish Agency treasurer. She was active in movements to beautify the city. Sacher Park, in Jerusalem, was named in her husband's memory. She was also active in child care and many WIZO institutions in Israel bear her name.

DEMAND PETER'S RESIGNATION

VIENNA, Oct. 19 (JTA)--The Austrian resistance movement has demanded the resignation of a top politicians who belonged to a Nazi SS unit that committed war crimes. Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal disclosed two weeks ago that he had documentary proof that Friedrich Peter, chief of the right-wing Freedom Party, had been a member of the First SS Infantry Brigade that had murdered more than 8000 Jews in occupied Soviet Union.

Peter admitted that he had been a member of that unit but said he had never taken part in any executions or murders. "Peter belonged to a criminal organization and never denounced its atrocious activities," the resistance movement said in a press release. "It is difficult to distinguish him from the SS murderers and therefore he should resign," it said.