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## WHITE HOUSE PLEDGES TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION WHEN IT COMES BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA)--The White House declared today that the United Nations draft resolution equating Zionism with racism could "undermine" the international organization and pledged to fight it in the UN General Assembly's plenary session when it will be presented for a vote. The Arab-inspired resolution was supported in the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee) by Communist and some Third World states. U.S. representatives at the UN termed the measure "obscene" and said "decent" nations oppose it.

Responding to a question from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on President Ford's view of the subject, Presidential Press Secretary Ron Nessen replied: "As a general principle the United States takes grave exception to any act which would weaken the United Nations as a creditable forum for the peaceful resolution of international disputes. We strongly oppose the recent vote characterizing Zionism as a form of racism and believe such a resolution can only undermine the principles upon which the United Nations is based and compromise its ability to function in the future. We will continue to oppose this resolution in the plenary."

Fred R. Harris, former U.S. Senator from Oklahoma who is running for the Democratic Presidential nomination, said he was urging both the State Department and the President "to come out with strong public statements condemning the resolution." Harris termed the measure "a slur against Israel and the Jewish people and a tragic disservice to the ideals of the United Nations."

## EUROPEAN JEWISH LEADERS CONDEMN THE ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION

PARIS, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Jewish organizations throughout France have protested against the vote in the United Nations Third Committee describing Zionism as another form of racism. Jean-Pierre Bloch, president of the League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA) issued a statement here today describing the vote as "outright anti-Semitism" and calling upon democratic people throughout the world to oppose it if and when it comes up before the General Assembly.

World Jewish Congress President, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in a statement also released here today called the resolution "a travesty of historical facts." He said the resolution will do "more harm to the prestige of the United Nations than it does to Zionism." He called on all member states to reverse the decision and "restore truth and sanity" in the UN.

(In London, the Board of Deputies president Lord Fisher of Camden, declared at the monthly meeting of the Board that "truth has no place in UN decisions." He said the world body is now "completely discredited and distrusted.")

(The Board unanimously condemned the resolution saying: "The equation of Zionism with racism is especially abhorrent to Jews who have so often and so recently been victims of racist

persecution... Zionism is the national liberation movement of the Jewish people... Any such attack on Zionism as at the UN committee was aimed at preparing the ideological ground for the destruction of the State of Israel.")

## Reminiscent Of Nazi Practices

(In West Berlin, Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Jewish community said today that the draft resolution is reminiscent of Nazi practices. "With horrible clarity we are reminded by this defamatory campaign of the Nazi practices of fomenting racial hatred; the Jewish fiend and world enemy is presented as the embodiment of evil, as the chief element of sub-humanity, which leads to the logical conclusion that its extermination is in the interest of mankind.")

(In New York, Jewish sources reported that a group of 27 Soviet Jewish activists sent a telegram to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim protesting the anti-Zionism draft resolution, stating: "This is unconcealed anti-Semitism raised to the rank of an international resolution. We are ashamed for the governments of the countries which signed this resolution and forgot about the many millions of victims and sufferings of the Jewish people." The Soviet Union was one of the 70 countries which voted for the resolution.)

## TEL AVIV U. STUDENTS DEMAND ECHEVERRIA RETURN THE DOCTORATE WHICH THEY RECENTLY AWARDED HIM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Tel Aviv University students demanded today that President Luis Echeverria return the honorary doctorate awarded him by the university on his recent visit to Israel because of Mexico's vote for the anti-Zionist draft resolution in the UN General Assembly's Third Committee. The demand was contained in a cable sent to the Mexican President by the University Students Association with copies to the Mexican General Kurt Waldheim and to the Mexican Embassy here. The cable declared that Echeverria was not worthy of the honor conferred on him.

Prof. Shlomo Simonson, Rector of Tel Aviv University, has also cabled Echeverria expressing shock over the Mexican vote and asking for an explanation inasmuch as Echeverria had expressed friendship for Israel when he visited here. Tel Aviv University students will leave classes for several hours later this week to demonstrate at the Mexican Embassy. Demonstrations are expected tonight at the Tel Aviv sports stadium where a Mexican soccer team, just arrived in Israel, is scheduled to play an Israeli team. The students have urged the Football Association to call off the match.

## ELAZAR SAYS MRS. MEIR OVERRULED HIS RECOMMENDATION FOR A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE ON THE EVE OF THE YOM KIPPUR WAR By Yitzhak Shargil

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Israel's retired former Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar said here that he had recommended a pre-emptive strike against Egypt and Syria on the eve of the Yom Kippur War but was overruled by then Premier Golda Meir because of political considerations. He maintained that had Israel struck first on the basis

of intelligence indicating that its neighbors were preparing for war, the events of October, 1973, would have been different and many lives might have been saved.

Elazar, who was forced to resign after the first preliminary report of the Agranat Committee criticized his conduct during the early stages of the Yom Kippur War, spoke at the final session Friday of a six-day symposium on the military aspects of the Yom Kippur War which drew some 200 military officers and experts from abroad and a like number of Israeli officers and military analysts.

Most of the foreign participants are going to Cairo for a similar symposium this month. Elazar asked them to convey to the Egyptians the message that Israel, too, learned lessons from the last war and would win another war should it occur; but that Israel does not seek military victories because wars have not brought peace to the Middle East and peace is what is essential for all parties.

Elazar said the difference between a pre-emptive war and a pre-emptive strike was that the former was a calculated political decision while the latter was a tactical military move intended to reduce casualties. He said he did not under-estimate the improvement of the Arab armies in the Yom Kippur War but stressed Israel's qualitative superiority. He noted that the ratio of tanks was 2-1 in the Arabs' favor but their losses were 4-1 in Israel's favor. Similarly the Arabs enjoyed a 2-1 numerical superiority in aircraft but their losses were 5-1 in Israel's favor.

#### DRASTIC MEASURES TAKEN IN WAKE OF CONTINUING EL AL STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA)--El Al took drastic measures yesterday to reduce its expenditures in the face of a wildcat strike by workshop employees that has grounded the airline since Thursday.

The company said the measures would remain in effect as long as conditions prevent the uninterrupted, smooth operation of El Al's services. They included letters of dismissal sent yesterday afternoon to 100 temporary employees, the furloughing of 1000 other employees, the recall of all air crews now abroad and suspension of the company's subsidy to its local canteen.

The measures were announced following a meeting between Transport Minister Gad Yacobi and El Al managing director Mordechai Ben Ari at which the possibility was raised of closing down the airline altogether. The company is reportedly considering chartering its grounded fleet of 13 jets to other carriers. The strike, which began at 2 p.m. local time Thursday without advance warning, has been denounced by the government. Histadrut issued a strongly-worded call to the strikers to return to their jobs.

Maintenance workers who joined the workshop employees in their strike decided to return to work last night, but as long as the workshops are closed the airline remains grounded. Several back to work orders were issued yesterday in the hope that limited service could be restored. The employees who responded showed up at Ben Gurion Airport wearing signs that said "I am a forced laborer." Other strikers laid down on the tarmac to block planes from taking off.

The latest strike involving Israel's national air line which has been plagued by labor troubles for more than a year, is over wage scales and charges by the workers that management violat-

ed contract provisions on promotions. El Al denied the charges and produced signed contracts to support its denial.

Meanwhile, labor strife affecting foreign airlines made it more difficult for El Al to shift its passengers to other carriers. Air France has suspended flights to Israel because of its own strike, and Alitalia is also embroiled in a labor dispute. Nevertheless, El Al has managed to find seats for most of its 9000 passengers stranded by the strike, including several thousand Hadasah members who arrived in Israel from the U.S. to participate in the dedication of the Hadasah center on Mt. Scopus.

#### JDC TO ESTABLISH NEW HQ IN JERUSALEM

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA)--The American Joint Distribution Committee will establish its new Israel headquarters in Jerusalem Jan. 1, it was announced by Jack D. Weller, JDC chairman, who was in Israel with the United Jewish Appeal Study Mission. The new headquarters will formalize a major change in the nature and extent of the organization's health, welfare and education programs in Israel, involving a current annual expenditure of some IL 77 million which represents 40 percent of JDC's global expenditures.

Weller noted that during its 25 years of activities in Israel, JDC spent some \$200 million through JDC/Malben and over \$1 billion on its world-wide activities for Jews in need since its inception 61 years ago.

The new arrangement, Weller said, will enable major savings in administrative costs, despite the fact that JDC's overall budget for Israel has increased over the past 25 years of welfare activities to a record of \$11 million this year. Weller said this was made possible by the gradual shift of JDC activities in Israel to indirect programs aimed at developing new projects for the country's handicapped and disadvantaged, as well as training the skilled personnel to implement them.

These programs, now more than 60 in number, require constant contact with the people who make social policy in the country, most of whom are headquartered in Jerusalem, Weller explained. JDC's programs are primarily in aid of the disabled, both young and old, the chronically ill, the aged and the disadvantaged. Another reason for moving the JDC headquarters to Jerusalem was that several of its most important programs are located here.

#### SHENKER SAYS PROBE OF HIS DEPARTMENT NOT OVER LEFTIST TENDENCIES

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Avraham Shenker head of the World Zionist Organization's information department, said today that allegations of leftist tendencies within his department were not the subject of an investigation by a three-man committee set up last week by WZO acting chairman Leon Dulzin.

Shenker, a member of Mapam, who flatly denied the allegations, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the committee was established to examine the conduct of Moshe Gilboa, one of the department's two deputy directors, after Shenker formally complained in a letter to Dulzin that Gilboa was a disruptive influence.

Shenker's remarks were prompted by implications that the committee, consisting of Raanan Weitz, Moshe Krone and Ezra Shapiro, was charged with investigating allegations that the in-

formation department's activities abroad were leftist oriented.

### Most Shilohim Not Mapam Members

Dulzin himself had implied as much when he stated, after a visit to Argentina last month, that leftist tendencies among Jewish youth there were influencing shilohim (emissaries) from Israel and charged "Mapamization" of the WZO information department. Shenker noted that a majority of shilohim, particularly those from the information department, were not members of Mapam. He said they were selected on the basis of their professional capabilities and include journalists and diplomats.

Shenker stressed that the Gilboa issue was in no way connected with the allegations which he dismissed as unfounded. He told the JTA that he had written to Dulzin that he could no longer accept Gilboa's employment as one of his department's two deputy directors because Gilboa disturbed relationships within the department, between the department and other departments and with bodies outside the WZO.

Gilboa, a former member of the Rafi wing of the Labor Party, was appointed deputy director of the information department over Shenker's objections. The purpose of his appointment, reportedly, was to counter the alleged leftist tendencies in the Zionist information apparatus. The committee has met separately with Shenker and Gilboa and will submit its report to the WZO Executive this week.

### SCHLESINGER: U.S. TO LOOK WITH SOME SYMPATHY ON ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR PERSHING MISSILES By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger said today that the U.S. government would look "with some sympathy" on Israel's request for long-range Pershing missiles. He said that was Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's meaning when he included in the 16-point U.S.-Israeli memorandum that became part of the recent Israeli-Egyptian Sinai accord, the pledge of a "positive response" to Israel's request for Pershings.

Schlesinger stated that a joint U.S.-Israel study would be made regarding the Pershings "but it is unlikely, given all of the factors involved, a near term decision to provide Pershings to Israel is likely to be forthcoming." He said "I have noticed that Prime Minister (Yitzhak) Rabin has indicated the Pershing ground-to-ground missile was not an indispensable element of Israel's defense posture," adding that "I think that will of course be included by both sides in any study."

The Defense Secretary made his remarks at a press conference when he was asked whether the supply to Israel of the Pershings which have a 400-mile range and are capable of delivering nuclear warheads was "now a dead issue." He said the U.S. examination of the matter would include "other elements of the problem" such as "the inventory situation and the like consistent with the supply of Pershings to Israel."

Schlesinger reiterated that the U.S. would not send Pershings to Israel from its stocks. Asked about a report that the U.S. was withdrawing 36 Pershings from its inventory in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which would suggest their availability for Israel, Schlesinger said he regarded the Pershings as "an important part of

the alliance defense posture in Europe."

### Mum On Egypt's Arms Request

He declined to discuss a reported request by Egypt for American weapons, saying he would have nothing to say "partly out of delicacy and partly out of dearth of information" on the subject. He referred reporters to the State Department on that matter.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will visit Washington at the end of this month. He has publicly opposed the supply of Pershings to Israel, saying that if Israel received large stocks of American weapons, Egypt would increase its own arsenal. Circles here believe Sadat was preparing the way to get more weapons from the U.S. than he had previously indicated or else was seeking to out the U.S. supply of military hardware to Israel in a bargaining process.

The Pentagon has confirmed, meanwhile, that it has increased its orders for Lance missiles by slightly more than \$6 million to sell them to Israel. That sum is understood to be the cost of about 100 Lance missiles.

### USSR BALKING AT EXTENDING UNEF MANDATE By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Consultations among members of the Security Council were underway this afternoon on the extension of the United Nations Emergency Force's mandate in Sinai. The current mandate of UNEF expires Oct. 24. According to sources here the extension of UNEF's mandate for an additional 12-month period "is not going to be easy," because the Soviet Union, a permanent member of the Security Council, is raising some objections about the new mandate.

The Russians reportedly object to extending the period of the mandate from six months to 12 months. They are also objecting to the increased cost of operating UNEF as requested by Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in his report on UNEF several days ago to the Security Council. The Security Council, however, is not likely to meet before Wednesday on UNEF since it is dealing presently with the issue of Spanish Sahara.

### Delegates Explain Vote On Anti-Zionist Draft

Meanwhile, during a debate today in the Third Committee in which delegates explained their votes on the resolution equating Zionism with racism, the Japanese representative who abstained during the vote said that the UN cannot sit in judgement on Zionism. She also said she hopes the resolution will not result in an upsurge of anti-Semitism. The representatives of Argentina and Thailand said had they not been absent when the vote occurred they would have abstained. Bolivia, which also was absent during the vote, declared that its ambassador would have voted against the resolution had he been present.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Israel complained Monday to United Nations Truce Observers headquarters of two Syrian violations of Israeli airspace. The latest incident occurred this morning when a Syrian plane flew over Israeli territory on the Golan Heights near Majdal Shams village. The first incident took place Oct. 17 when three Syrian aircraft crossed the buffer zone and overflew Israeli territory near Mt. Hermon. Monday's incident and that of Oct. 17 were the first since Israel and Syria signed their disengagement pact 18 months ago.

There will be no Bulletin dated Oct. 27 due to Veterans Day, a postal holiday.

### 3 RABBIS DIFFER ON WHETHER JEWISH LAW WOULD SANCTION REMOVING RESPIRATOR IN THE QUINLAN CASE

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Three rabbinical experts, one Orthodox, one Conservative and one Reform, have expressed separate conflicting opinions on whether Jewish Law would sanction the plea of the parents of a 21-year-old New Jersey woman for removal of a respirator which has sustained her life processes for more than five months.

Karen Ann Quinlan has suffered irreversible brain damage, according to doctors at St. Clare's Hospital in Denville, N.J., where she is in a coma. Her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quinlan of Landing, N.J., filed a petition, asking a Superior Court to authorize removal of the respirator so that their daughter can die "with grace and dignity." A hearing on the petition began today in Morristown before Judge Robert Muir, Jr.

The three rabbis asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for comment on the issues in the situation from the standpoint of Jewish Law and ethics are Rabbi Norman Lamm, spiritual leader of the Jewish Center in Manhattan and professor of Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva University; Rabbi Seymour Siegel, chairman of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis; and Rabbi Joseph Perman, spiritual leader of the Free Synagogue of Westchester in Mount Vernon, and chairman of the subcommittee on bio-ethics of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the association of Reform rabbis.

#### Cannot Pull The Plug

Rabbi Lamm said that the parents "simply are not a party to the case from the point of view of Jewish Law" and that "to bestow upon them the legal right to determine the life or death of their daughter would be a reversion to ancient Roman times when parents had the absolute authority over the life and death of their progeny."

He declared that "the general principle of the Halacha with regard to the case itself is that we are not required to utilize heroic measures to prolong the life of hopelessly sick patients but we are forbidden to terminate the use of such measures once they have been begun."

In other words, Rabbi Lamm added, "if we are asked whether or not to use such extraordinary measures to prolong biologically the life of a patient who has suffered irreversible brain damage, then there are grounds, always depending on the individual case, for responding negatively." But, he asserted, "I cannot see how Jewish Law can sanction pulling the plug, which is tantamount to severing a vital organ of the patient, which is forbidden."

#### Criteria For Determining Death

Rabbi Siegel stressed, in his comment, that he was giving his personal opinion because the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards "has as yet not considered this matter, but will do so soon."

The basic question, he said, is whether the woman is to be considered dead or still alive, though in a coma. In traditional Judaism, he said, the criteria for determining death have been "the cessation of respiratory functions and

the cessation of heart beat." These criteria represented "the best scientific knowledge of the day" and once those functions stopped, the person was judged to be dead, he said.

Rabbi Siegel added that, in the judgement of Orthodox "decisors," these criteria "should not be changed since they have been enshrined in the traditional texts." But "in the judgement of more liberal decisors, such as those affiliated with Conservative and Reform Judaism, the criteria for death should reflect the best scientific knowledge of the time, not dogmatic principles." At the present time, he said, "there is near consensus in the scientific community that 'brain death' does indeed indicate the cessation of human life" and that therefore, the "basis for decision in this vital area has been established."

On the assumption that Miss Quinlan is not dead by current medical standards, the next question, Rabbi Siegel said, is the issue of euthanasia. He said there was a distinction between active and passive euthanasia. Active euthanasia is action to stop life or permitting a person to die."

Removing the respirator would be a situation of passive euthanasia, which he said would be permitted if medical opinion is that the woman is dead. Since active euthanasia is forbidden, the respirator may not be removed if the person is held to be alive. He stressed also that when dealing with such "an infinitely precious thing as human life, the most stringent precautions be taken to protect the patient."

#### Role Of Ethical Sensitivity

Rabbi Perman agreed that traditional Jewish Law does not speak of brain death because this was beyond the limits of medical knowledge at the time it was written. In any event, he added, "we do not need to go beyond the law; we need to get behind it and try to understand the ethical sensitivity and human compassion that has determined all Jewish bio-ethical decisions."

Rabbi Perman said it was his understanding that there was no present hope for a cure for Miss Quinlan nor any possibility of returning her to a normal relatively healthy life. The question, he said, was "whether artificially to prolong her condition or not to prolong it. We ought not to do it." He said it could not be "ethically justifiable to extend a vegetable state for weeks, let alone months" and that no patient "should have to suffer such indignity, regardless of state of consciousness."

Rabbi Perman also contended that "no parents, whether natural or adoptive, should ever have to beg that their child's life be taken. To my mind, there is no possible good to outweigh the anguish of these circumstances." Quoting Ecclesiastes that "there is a time to live and a time to die," Rabbi Perman declared "there is also a time to let live and, in this case, to let die."

He noted that there is not at present any structure to make an effective decision in the Quinlan case. He said the National Institute of Health has a requirement in respect to bio-medical and behavioral research establishing review committees to examine all research involving human subjects, made up of physicians, non-medical scientists "and respected medical laymen," Rabbi Perman, a member of the human subjects review committee of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, said that ideally, every hospital "should have a formalized review procedure with appropriate means of appeal" for dealing with ethical questions in general hospital practice or physician-patient relations.