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U.S., ISRAEL AND 10 OTHER NATIONS WALK OUT OF UNESCO CONFERENCE IN PROTEST AGAINST A DRAFT RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING ZIONISM WITH RACISM

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Dec. 18 (JTA)--The United States, Israel and 10 other nations walked out of the UNESCO conference here today in an angry demonstration of protest against the adoption last night of a Yugoslav-sponsored draft resolution which included a clause calling attention to the UN General Assembly vote for the measure equating Zionism with racism. Several other countries, among them Norway, Ecuador, Austria and Venezuela, remained in the hall but are refusing to participate in the proceedings or have served notice that they will vote against the final document.

The walk-out countries included eight member states of the European Economic Community--the ninth, Luxembourg, was absent--Australia and Canada, Mexico also was absent and boycotted the vote. Letters bitterly condemning the Yugoslav amendment were sent to the conference chairman by the U.S. delegate, Donald F. Stowe, and the Italian delegate, Ludovico Carducci Arzuffo on behalf of the Common Market states.

A letter stressing that the amendment was "in flagrant contradiction of the declared aims of the meeting," was submitted by the Israeli delegate, Avraham Primor. The conference chairman Joseph Grohman of Czechoslovakia, refused to read the letters to the conference on grounds that such a step was contrary to UNESCO procedure.

But the effect was obvious to all delegates and spectators. The conference hall in the UNESCO building was half empty as a result of the walk-out and the absence of many other delegates who preferred to remain outside while awaiting instructions from their governments.

Well-Oiled Machinery At Work

The crisis was precipitated last night when UNESCO voted 36-22 with seven abstentions to include in a draft resolution a reference to the UN General Assembly's Nov. 10 vote identifying Zionism as a form of racism. The resolution itself was concerned with how the world news media should deal with subjects such as racism and war propaganda. The draft resolution will go before the UNESCO general conference when it convenes in Nairobi, Kenya in October, 1974.

Adoption of the anti-Zionist reference against powerful objections from the Western states and Israel was another example of the well-oiled Arab-Communist-Third World machinery at work in a UN agency. But their "triumph" this time was less than impressive. Many countries, including Mexico, boycotted the vote with the result that the UNESCO general conference was adopted by less than a quarter of the UNESCO member states--36 out of 136.

Israel, nevertheless, took a serious view of the matter. In a statement before the vote, Primor urged delegates to defeat the amendment "so as to stop UNESCO's moral and spiritual decadence." He said the measure "is not only a reference to a General Assembly vote but is a blow

to Israel's very existence" since Zionism "is the ideology which helps Jews regain their national identity and dignity." Israeli sources said they considered the vote "serious" because it will be presented before all international organizations with unpredictable results.

Similar Resolutions Planned

Israeli sources expressed hope that today's walk-out will make other international organizations "think twice" before trying to adopt anti-Israel resolutions. The Arabs are known to be planning to submit similar resolutions to the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and several other bodies.

A senior Western source said the walk-out of the 13 nations and the non-participation of a number of others meant that the Arab-Soviet bloc could not "steam-roll through" any resolution they wanted. None of the Western states said they would return to the conference. U.S. delegate Stowe told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, however, "We reserve for ourselves the right to come back to make an additional statement if we feel this to be necessary."

In his letter to the conference chairman, Stowe said "Yesterday's vote in no way modifies the fact that Zionism is not racism...the vote simply imposes a debilitating handicap on those delegations which were trying to maintain the credibility and intellectual integrity of these deliberations." The Italian delegate's letter on behalf of the European Common Market stressed that the very "essence of the Yugoslav amendment is unacceptable" and that the vote transgressed against "the principle of a consensus" on which the conference had tacitly agreed earlier.

UNESCO Officials Perturbed

UNESCO officials seemed highly unhappy over the crisis and the ensuing walkout. The organization's director, Amadou Makhtar M'bow, said in a television interview that yesterday's vote "is not in any way a UNESCO decision. UNESCO has only two organs; the general conference which will meet next October and the executive council. It will be only after the general conference studies the draft that it can be adopted by UNESCO." He said that accusing UNESCO "is a matter of bad faith."

It seems, sources here say, that UNESCO officials fear that yesterday's vote and today's walk-out will widen the rift with the U.S. and consequently hit hard at UNESCO's budget. The U.S. last year cut off American funds from the organization to protest against last November's anti-Israeli resolutions.

OFFICIALS ADMIT CHAIN OF ERRORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SNAFU IN DEALING WITH MEXICO'S VOTE AT THE UN

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Government officials admitted today that a chain of errors and omissions resulted in the failure to communicate an understanding reached between Israel and Mexico over the latter's vote in the General Assembly Monday night in favor of the International Women's Year Conference declaration which included two

place in Connecticut, was arranged by Martin Peretz, chairman of the New Republic magazine and a longtime friend of Mrs. Meir.

"I was impressed by the absence of pomp and pretense in Mrs. Meir's appearance and behavior," Soyfer said in discussing the impact she made upon him. "She was warm and cooperative. She posed extremely well, with great patience. Once in a while she asked for a break to smoke a cigarette or take a sip of water," Soyfer recalled. Mrs. Meir is currently in the U.S. on speaking tours for Israel Bonds and the United Jewish Appeal.

HERZOG-MOYNIHAN DENOUNCE WORK OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 30TH SESSION

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, declared last night that the 30th session of the General Assembly just ended was a "concentration of cynicism, hypocrisy and one-sidedness" and warned that the "one-sided" resolutions it adopted against Israel have proved to be "counter-productive" and did more damage to the world body than to Israel.

At the same time, U.S. Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan, said in a speech delivered at the closing session last night that the 30th Assembly "has been a profound, even alarming disappointment." Herzog, speaking at a press conference, and Moynihan addressing the Assembly plenary, were summing up their countries' views of the three-and-a-half months of Assembly debate that began in September.

Herzog reiterated the Israeli charge that "the General Assembly turned into a tool of despotism and extremism." He declared that by declaring Zionism a form of racism it is now "the main center of anti-Semitism in the world." The Israeli envoy said the "most striking example of utter cynicism that characterizes this organization" is the fact that the UN completely ignored the plight of Christians in Lebanon and it was only Israel that raised that question.

Moynihan, in his 15-page speech, made no direct reference to the anti-Zionist resolutions which he had attacked vigorously in and out of the UN after their adoption in November and December. He observed, however, that "there are events that occurred in the 30th Assembly which the United States will never forget."

UN May Not Survive

Earlier yesterday, Moynihan made a direct reference to the anti-Zionist measures in an interview on the CBS television "Morning News" program. He said that as a result of its decision to brand Zionism as racist, the UN "may not survive in our time." He called the anti-Zionist measure "not just a lie, it's a lie that has offended people in nations all over the world. And it affects not just the General Assembly but it radiates through all the structures of the United Nations, practically paralyzing it.... UNESCO is about to jump off the cliff on the same issue."

The General Assembly ended its 30th session with the adoption by substantial majorities of four Arab-inspired resolutions dealing with the work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories.

The resolutions assailed Israel's treatment of the Arabs in those territories, condemned Israeli settlements there and the "illegal exploitation of the natural wealth and resources" in the

occupied areas. Herzog denounced the report of the Special Committee as "one-sided and inaccurate...based on a mass of falsehoods" and "a disgrace to any self-respecting organization."

AVNERI STABBED IN ATTACK

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Police are holding a 30-year-old former mental patient for the attempted murder of Uri Avneri, a former Knesset member and editor of the weekly Haolam Hazeh. Avneri was rushed to the hospital with multiple stab wounds allegedly inflicted by the suspect outside his home shortly before noon today. He was reportedly stabbed in the face, chest, stomach and legs and was undergoing surgery. The latest report from the hospital said his condition was not serious.

Although Avneri is a bitterly controversial political figure because of his advocacy of Israeli negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, police held the assault on him had no political motivation. The suspect, whose name was not immediately disclosed, is the same man who tried to kill Avneri two years ago. At that time he was not prosecuted but sent to a mental institution from which he was subsequently released. According to the police, the suspect claimed at the time that Avneri was about to publish an article in Haolam Hazeh labeling him a spy.

\$16.5 MILLION PLEDGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (JTA)--One-hundred-fifty Jewish leaders from throughout the free world gathered in London earlier this month to celebrate Jewish unity and vowed continued support of the people of Israel and Jews still living under oppression. Sixty leaders representing 16 communities throughout the U.S. were among those pledging \$16.5 million in support of humanitarian programs in Israel at the second annual World Leadership Meeting, Dec. 1-2.

Representatives of Jewish communities in Europe, Canada and South Africa also participated in the event, which included a meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. Trevor Chinn, chairman of the United Israel Appeal for the United Kingdom, was chairman of the event, and USA national chairman Leonard R. Strelitz, was co-chairman. Edgar Bronfman of New York City led a large delegation from that city. A third World Leadership Meeting has been scheduled for Paris in 1976.

OBJECTION TO SALE OF ARMS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Rep. Clement J. Zablocki (D-Wisc.) has asked the Congress to block the sale to Israel of F-15 fighter planes for delivery in 1977 because such U.S. support for Israel begins "to equate Israel's preservation exclusively and solely in military terms." Zablocki, a House International Relations Committee member, said the proposed sale "underlines and endorses that mentality in a dramatic and forceful way."

He charged that the "contention" that the F-4 aircraft "currently in the Israeli inventory" is inferior to the Soviet MIG-25 in Egypt and Syria and that the Soviet pilots in Syria are now flying the MIG-24, "is subject to serious doubt since it has never been conclusively proven." The sale, announced to Congress Dec. 9 by the Administration, indicated the equipment involves over \$600 million. The number of F-15 planes in the contract has not been disclosed.

paragraphs condemning Zionism.

The understanding that Mexico was obliged to vote for the declaration since it had hosted the Conference last summer but that the Mexican delegation would disassociate itself from the anti-Zionist clauses, was reached with Mexican Foreign Minister Emilio Rabasa who was in Jerusalem on a reconciliation mission two weeks ago.

But this understanding was not made known beforehand either to Israel's Ambassador to the UN Chaim Herzog or to American and Canadian Jewish leaders who met with President Luis Echeverria in Mexico City Dec. 12 and received a commitment from him that Mexico would not support future anti-Zionist measures at the UN. The result was that Herzog and the American Jews sharply condemned the Mexican vote.

The Knesset was also kept in the dark. While the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and other selected news media were informed of the understanding, they were asked by the government not to report it in order to avoid embarrassing Mexico. The JTA first reported Israel's understanding with Mexico on Dec. 16.

Government sources said that a cable was sent to Herzog in advance of the voting explaining the situation but the Ambassador either did not receive it or did not have a chance to read it. Herzog and Rabasa met in New York but, apparently due to an oversight, the understanding reached in Jerusalem was not alluded to, the sources said. Meanwhile, Mexico's non-participation in the UNESCO Council's anti-Zionist vote in Paris yesterday was seen here as an affirmation of Mexico's promise henceforth to have no part in condemnations of Zionism.

**RABIN: U.S. NOT IN ISRAEL'S POCKET;
AMERICA WILL NOT SUPPORT ISRAEL IF
IT MEANS SUPERPOWER CONFRONTATION**
By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin today warned Israelis and Israel's leaders not to regard American friendship as "in our pocket." Addressing the monthly meeting of the Israel-U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Rabin said that American friendship for Israel is qualified by its own interests in the area. The U.S., he stated, will not support Israel if there is a danger of superpower confrontation.

America's interest in the Middle East is to achieve peace, the Premier said, but until that is achieved the U.S. wants the area to remain calm. In its relations with the U.S., Israel has to take into account both America's friendship and her interests in the area, Rabin observed. "The phrase used by many Israelis, including some of our leaders, that America is in our pocket, is harmful to our friendship," Rabin said. "We have to calculate our actions in ways that will avoid a confrontation with the United States."

The continued friendship with the U.S. is important for Israel, he said, and it depends on Israel to see to it that the friendship continues. He warned that Israel must avoid placing itself in a position where Americans begin to feel "that they have had enough of us." He added that unless Israel decreases its economic aid demands from the U.S., "our friendship may be damaged." But, he pointed out, if the U.S. wants peace and tranquility in the area a strong Israel is a prerequisite.

POPE NAMES ISRAELI TO SCIENCE ACADEMY

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Michael Sela,

president of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, has been named by Pope Paul VI to fill one of the vacancies in the 70-seat Pontifical Academy of Science in Rome. It was reported here today by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute. The Academy was established for the purpose of "honoring pure science wherever it is found." Prof. Sela, who occupies the W. Garfield Weston Chair of Immunology at the Weizmann Institute, is known for research which led to a better understanding of the genetic basis of antibody formation. Also named to the Academy of Sciences was Victor Weisskopf, theoretical physicist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who serves on the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

**LATIN AMERICA ALIYA DECLINE BLAMED
ON SITUATION FACING OLIM IN ISRAEL**

NETANYA, Dec. 18 (JTA)--The 13th national conference of the Association of Immigrants from Latin American Countries opened here last night. Premier Yitzhak Rabin addressed the gathering on the importance of aliya and said Israel had the strength to overcome all its trials despite the current economic difficulties. But the main concern of the meeting was the dramatic decline in aliya from Latin American countries--only 1500 this year compared to 3000 in 1974 and 4500 in 1973.

Rafael Seroussi, chairman of the Association, suggested some reasons why Latin American aliya was drying up despite a deteriorating political and economic situation for Jews in many South American countries. He said the economic and security situation in Israel was a major deterrent and another negative factor was the alienation of Latin American Jews from their Jewish identity and hence from Zionism.

Seroussi also blamed the lack of coordination between the government's Absorption Ministry and the Jewish Agency which creates a situation in which one authority is often unaware of the promises made to olim by the other. He said the blame also had to be shared by the Zionist leadership which has mistaken notions about conditions in Latin America. He also cited harassment of olim by the Israeli bureaucracy as contributing to the decline in aliya.

The Conference is calling for the establishment of a single autonomous authority to handle immigration and absorption. It is also demanding a public investigation into the Housing Ministry's failure to provide immigrants with the flats promised them. (By Yitzhak Shargil)

GOLDA PAINTING AT NATIONAL GALLERY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (JTA)--A painting of former Israeli Premier Golda Meir, the only American woman ever to become head of a foreign government, has been accepted by the National Portrait Gallery, the Smithsonian Institution announced today. Formal presentation will take place tomorrow at the gallery with Mrs. Meir attending a luncheon there in her honor. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is to be among the speakers.

The 22x26-inch portrait by Raphael Soyer is a gift to the gallery, a part of the Smithsonian, by Mr. and Mrs. Cummings of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer P. Potamkin of Philadelphia. It will remain on view on the gallery's second floor through Jan. 4.

Russian-born, like Mrs. Meir, Soyer painted this portrait last year. The sitting, which took

MEXICO'S VOTE IN THE UN RAPPED BAN ON TOURS CONTINUES

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Mexico's affirmative vote Monday night in the General Assembly for a resolution condemning Zionism was denounced by Israel's Ambassador to the UN, the Israeli Tourism Minister and the leaders of B'nai B'rith and Young Israel. In addition, the two Jewish organizations affirmed that their ban on tour programs, ordered after Mexico voted in the Assembly last month for the resolution equating Zionism with racism, continues to be in effect.

Responding to questions at a press conference yesterday afternoon, Ambassador Chaim Herzog said of Mexico's vote that he had no reason to believe that anybody changed their mind. He said he was pained by the statement by the head of the Mexican delegation before the vote, but was disappointed by the vote. Herzog added, "I hope that they (Mexico) will move away from their original position, as expressed in their statement, and will in due course finally express it in their vote."

In a statement before the voting Monday night the head of the Mexican delegation, Mr. Aida Gonzalez Martinez, said that if Zionism means the realization of the national aspirations of the Jewish people, her delegation's vote on the resolution should not be interpreted as an acceptance of the resolution's clause condemning Zionism along with racism, colonialism and apartheid as movements to be eliminated.

Vote Termed Disappointing, Astounding

Israel Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, who just completed a tour in the United States on behalf of the State of Israel Bonds and in support of tourism to Israel, said Mexico's vote was "very disappointing," especially following the visit of Mexico's Foreign Minister, Emilio Rabasa, to Israel and the visit of 15 American and Canadian Jewish leaders to Mexico City last Friday where they met with Mexican President Luis Echeverria.

Kol said it was "very hard to understand" why Mexico did not at least abstain in the vote. "There is a lesson to be learned in this, both in Israel and elsewhere," he stated.

David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, sent a letter to Echeverria informing him that because of his nation's "astounding vote" it could not reinstate its tours there now. Blumberg recalled in his letter that only last week while he was in Israel, he had been assured by Rabasa and Mexican Ambassador Benite Berlin that Mexico "in no way regarded Zionism as a form of racism" and was committed "to the survival of Israel as a Jewish State and a genuine example of national liberation."

The B'nai B'rith leader also told Echeverria that he "continues to hope that your government will take the next opportunity to express in convincing form its commitment to the survival of Israel and its rejection of the canard that Zionism is racism." Herman Rosenbaum, president of the national council of Young Israel, said his organization was maintaining its suspension of tours to Mexico and stated that the explanation of the Mexican delegate to the UN regarding its vote was contradictory and unacceptable.

HISTADRUT REPRESENTATIVE CALLS FOR ALLIANCE OF 'FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM'

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Stressing his belief that in the coming years "the political situa-

tion of the world's democracies will become graver than ever," the American representative of the Israel Labor Federation, Histadrut, yesterday called for the formation of "an alliance of fighters for freedom."

Concluding a five-year tour of duty in this country, Uel Bloch told 300 trade unionists at a farewell luncheon at the New York Hilton, that such an alliance should be based upon the American labor movement, the Jewish community and other minority groups, young people, social democrats and intellectuals whose combined might would offset the aggressive policies and punches of the dictatorial and autocratic regimes now dominating the United Nations. The luncheon was given by the National Committee for Labor Israel and the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut.

Reviewing his five years of stewardship as Histadrut's representative to American labor, Bloch cited "the growing bond of friendship and cooperation between the AFL-CIO and Histadrut and Israel. Aside from the Jewish community, the AFL-CIO can be regarded as Israel's best friend."

Bloch is returning to Tel Aviv later this month, to assume a top-level post in Histadrut's International Affairs sector. He introduced his successor here, Yaacov Cohen, an expert on Arab workers in Israel. A native of Jerusalem, Cohen joined Histadrut's Arab Department after the establishment of the State, organizing Arab workers and peasants. Today there are 100,000 Arab members of Histadrut. Earlier this week, Bloch and Cohen were luncheon guests of AFL-CIO President George Meany in Washington.

UNHOLY ITEMS FROM THE HOLY LAND

By Yitzhak Nabl

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Lately the Holy Land has been exporting to New York a very unholy item: Israeli prostitutes. No one knows for sure how many of them are presently working in New York, but it is estimated that there are "more than a few" Israeli women here who make their living from the "oldest profession in the world."

Israeli men told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they were approached by Hebrew-speaking prostitutes in the Times Square area, the red-light district of Manhattan. One Israeli student, who attends the City University Graduate Center on 42nd Street, told the JTA of his encounter with one of the prostitutes. "She realized that I was an Israeli when I began to talk to her, and then we continued the conversation in Hebrew."

An American Jewish businessman said that Israeli call girls can be found in the bars of the big hotels in midtown Manhattan. "They are very secretive about their true identity," he told the JTA. The reason, he said, is that the women fear they will be located by the immigration authorities since they are staying illegally in the United States. According to the businessman, one of the Israeli prostitutes told him that her tourist visa has expired and she could find no job, "so I am working here and making good money," she said. Prostitutes in New York, who, according to the police, number between 25,000 to 30,000, make between \$100-\$200 a night (or day).

A spokesman at the Israeli Consulate in New York, who was asked if the Consulate is aware that Israeli women are working as prostitutes here, said with surprise: "No, Not at all."

There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated Dec. 25 due to Christmas, a postal holiday.