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SECURITY COUNCIL VOTES 11-1, WITH 3 ABSTENTIONS, TO SEAT THE PLO WITH ALL RIGHTS OF A UN MEMBER STATE

By David Friedman

UNITED NATIONS, March 22 (JTA)--The Security Council voted 11-1 with three abstentions this morning to seat the Palestine Liberation Organization with all rights of a UN member state at its debate today on the unrest on the West Bank and East Jerusalem. William Scranton, making his debut as United States Ambassador to the UN, objected to the seating of the PLO on grounds that it violated Security Council regulations.

He said, however, that he had no objection to the Palestinians being heard because obviously they have an interest in this situation as well as in an overall Middle-East peace settlement. Israel is participating in the debate. (See related story P. 3.)

Abstentions were registered by the United Kingdom, France and Italy. The latter two countries cited violation of Security Council rules as the reason for abstaining. Scranton's argument against seating the PLO with full membership status followed the same line as that taken by his predecessor, former Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan last Dec. 4 and Jan. 12, in connection with the PLO's participation in the Security Council's Middle East debate.

Scranton said the seating of the PLO was an ad hoc measure and no matter how often it was done, it remained illegal under Council procedures. The Israeli delegation and the PLO representatives were seated at opposite ends of the horseshoe table.

FRANCE TO SELL LIBYA NUCLEAR POWER STATION, TRAIN LIBYAN TECHNICIANS

PARIS, March 22 (JTA)--France has agreed to supply Libya with a 600-megawatt nuclear power station, train Libyan technicians and help man the installations. The decision was taken yesterday at a meeting in Tripoli between French Premier Jacques Chirac and Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi.

A French official spokesman confirmed this afternoon the sale but stressed that the nuclear power station cannot be used for military purposes. He said Chirac has refused to sell Libya a unit for the production of heavy water or plutonium which could be eventually used for the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

French sources say that no new military agreements were negotiated during Chirac's trip to Libya where he also conferred at length with Prime Minister Abdel Salam Jalloud. Chirac's trip has helped Libya break the international isolation with which it is faced since its relations with Egypt, Tunisia and Lebanon have been practically broken.

3 JEWISH YOUTHS, 4 ARABS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH NETANYA FIRE

TEL AVIV, March 22 (JTA)--Three Jewish youths and four Arabs have been arrested in connection with the pre-dawn fire that swept the Park Hotel in Netanya Saturday, killing five per-

sons and injuring 40, 13 of whom were still hospitalized today. The arrests indicate that the police are pursuing two lines of investigation--one that the blaze was an act of sabotage committed by terrorists and the other that it was arson connected with the protection-extortion racket.

The four Arab suspects were all employees of the hotel. Three are from Nablus on the West Bank and one is an Israeli Arab. A Palestinian terrorist organization has claimed credit for the fire that caused an estimated IL 7 million damage to the recently built eight-story luxury hotel.

The arson angle was raised because of recent threats made to the manager of the hotel's night club where the blaze originated and to the owner of the hotel by Israeli underworld elements. Extortionists reportedly demanded payment of IL 15,000 per month for "protection." There was no indication today whether the three Israeli youths, all residents of Netanya, had underworld connections. Nor was it clear whether they were the same youngsters who threatened, the night before the fire, to burn down the place because they were refused admission to the club.

GENERAL ELECTRIC OPPOSES MOVE AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 22 (JTA)--The General Electric Company's Board of Directors has announced that it will oppose a stockholder's proposal calling on the directors "to provide a full written report to the shareholders" of the company's "policy towards compliance, tacit or overt, with the demands of the Arab boycott." The proposal was submitted by Irene Kleinberg for consideration at the meeting of GE shareholders April 28 in Kansas City, Mo.

The proposal was published in the company's notice of the meeting. Kleinberg was said to be the owner of record of 20 shares of GE stock. In her proposal that listed seven points which the company should report to shareholders within two months of the annual meeting, the stockholder said that some American corporations contrary to the official policy of the United States, are complying with the demands of the Arab League Boycott Office.

Recommending a vote against the Kleinberg proposal, the directors said that "your company has long and substantial commercial relations with all the countries of the Middle East, including Israel and the Arab countries" and that the proposal "is misdirected and counter-productive."

The Kleinberg proposal, the directors said, "is a form proposal which has been submitted to scores of U.S. corporations, apparently without distinction as to the character of their dealings with Israel and the Arab countries. To the extent that the proposal seeks simply to discourage discrimination, the management of your company shares that objective. However, compliance with the proposal would be burdensome and would involve the disclosure of proprietary commercial information."

The directors' response was included in the notice sent to stockholders as was the proposal itself.

JABAARI WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGNATION; WELCOMED AS POSSIBLE TURNING POINT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, March 22 (JTA)--Sheikh Mohammed Ali el-Jabaari, the Mayor of Hebron, announced today that he would withdraw his resignation tendered over the weekend. He also pledged, at a meeting with Defense Minister Shimon Peres, to use his influence to restore order in Hebron. Peres promised, for his part, that Israeli police and security forces would keep a low profile in Hebron, the largest city in the Judea region of the West Bank.

Jabaari's decision was welcomed in Israeli circles as a possible turning point in the recent wave of violence and demonstrations on the West Bank. His announcement followed a Supreme Court ruling yesterday upholding the government's ban on Jewish prayer services on the Temple Mount, the site of two Islamic shrines.

Jaabari is regarded as one of the most moderate West Bank leaders. He is close to King Hussein of Jordan and has had cordial relations with Israeli authorities. His decision to stand for re-election in the West Bank municipal elections April 12, raised hopes here that moderates might prevail over pro-PLO militants inasmuch as Jabaari enjoys considerable influence outside the precincts of his own town.

However, the Hebron-Mayor coupled his announcement that he would not resign with demands that Israeli authorities restrain the Jewish settlers of Kiryat Arba, adjacent to Hebron, and that no further Jewish settlements be permitted in the area. He also asked for the release of Arab demonstrators arrested in the recent disturbances.

Peres met today with a group of Kiryat Arba residents who protested the restraining order imposed by the Military Government on their leader, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, which prevents him from entering the Machpela Cave, the Patriarchs' Tomb in Hebron. Levinger faces possible prosecution for incitement to violence because he exhorted Kiryat Arba residents on a television interview last week to "shoot to kill" if they were menaced by Arabs.

Critical Of Media's West Bank Coverage

The Cabinet, meanwhile, was virtually unanimous in its criticism yesterday of the Israeli news media's coverage of events on the West Bank. Some ministers said that televising the disturbances and the army's measures to quell them had a demoralizing effect on Israelis.

Others contended that the presence of TV cameras incited young hotheads to take violent actions. Peres was scheduled to meet with TV news directors today to discuss the issue.

The Broadcast Authority's management committee, however, has unanimously approved the coverage of events on the West Bank. The committee endorsed the decisions of the senior news staff to present the news as it happens without censorship or whitewash.

AJCONGRESS RAPS WALLACE TV SHOW

NEW YORK, March 22 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today angrily denounced Mike Wallace's follow-up report on Syrian Jewry broadcast on the CBS-TV "Sixty Minutes" program last night but at the same time expressed "some satisfaction" that Wallace included an interview with a Syrian Jew who was able to "speak freely" about conditions in that country.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the AJCongress which had criticized the original program on Syrian Jewry 13 months ago as "inaccurate and distorted," charged that last night's follow-up sought "to support...claims of Syria's benevolent treatment" of Jews. He took Wallace to task for presenting a film "that showed Syrian Jews as uniformly and without exception successful and prosperous, giving lavish weddings and dancing the night away in Damascus nightclubs."

According to Hertzberg, "It is difficult to imagine a more deceptive and illusory portrait of Jewish life in Syria. This kind of reportage is not merely inaccurate and distorted. By presenting so narrow and so skewed a portion of the truth, it does a disservice to TV journalism itself."

On the other hand, Rabbi Hertzberg said, "The thousands of viewers who joined our protest may take some satisfaction from the fact that, as we had demanded after the first broadcast, Wallace did present an interview with a Syrian Jew outside the country who could speak freely. In Wallace's own words, this unnamed witness 'asked to be photographed in shadow to protect his family back home.'"

Testimony Was Instructive

Hertzberg said "The testimony of this witness was instructive because it confirmed our argument that when Syrian Jews are in a position to speak freely, they will verify our assertion that members of this community are deprived of basic human rights and are under constant surveillance of the secret police."

Hertzberg noted that "to answer the one witness who could speak freely, Wallace presented the testimony of two Syrian Jews who could not--one who still lives in Syria, the other who was identified by name and whose family remains in that country. As was inevitable with any Syrian Jews subject to government reprisal, both described the joys of Jewish life in Syria, repeating in essence what the first 'Sixty Minutes' program had reported," Hertzberg said.

JACOB TSUR TO QUIT JNF

JERUSALEM, March 22 (JTA)--Jacob Tsur, for 16 years world chairman of the Jewish National Fund, announced today that he would stand down to make way for a younger man. Tsur, who is 71, was immediately asked to stay on, by the JNF board, till June 1, while a successor is sought.

His resignation did not come as a surprise; it had been rumored for several months. Among the names tipped as possible successors is Akiva Levinsky, kibbutznik and senior executive of the Histadrut-owned Bank Hapoalim. The board, accepting Tsur's resignation, said in a statement his successor must be an Israeli familiar with and familiar to world Jewry. The board expressed warm praise for Tsur's work during his tenure.

Tsur himself recalled to newsmen that he had first joined JNF back in 1929 as a lowly official. Since then, of course, he rose to eminence in Israel's diplomatic service, and was first envoy to Argentina and later Ambassador to Paris during the halcyon days of Israel-French amity.

Tsur told the JNF board he felt there should be an age limit for holders of weighty public offices such as his. "Back in 1929," Tsur reminisced today, "one had to persuade people of the value of JNF's work. Today this is unnecessary. The work speaks for itself."

HERZOG CHARGES THAT WEST BANK ERUPTIONS ARE THE RESULT OF PLO EFFORTS TO PREVENT ELECTIONS APRIL 12 By David Friedman

UNITED NATIONS, March 22 (JTA)--Israel charged today that the eruptions on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem are a result of an attempt by the Palestine Liberation Organization to prevent the municipal elections from being held in the West Bank April 12. Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog made the charge as the Security Council opened a debate on the West Bank after Arab representatives said the outbreaks were a result of the Palestinians attempting to free themselves from Israeli occupation.

"The PLO by its very nature, a grouping of terrorist organizations which rules by the muzzle of the Kalachnikov rifle and the assassin's bullet, cannot possibly entertain free elections," Herzog declared. "That is not how its leaders attained their present positions. Accordingly, they are endeavoring, as they did four years ago, immediately before the previous elections, to arouse opinion to incite, and to inflame passions in order to head off the elections, the results of which might be somewhat embarrassing for them and which might well bring to the fore a new Palestinian leadership of a responsible nature.... They will not succeed."

Herzog said the disturbances on the West Bank are a result of demonstrations by school children who had been incited by false propaganda, which he said was repeated by Pakistan and Libya, the two countries that asked for the special Council meeting. He said they have claimed that Jews have been given a right to pray in the El Aksa Mosque on the Temple Mount. This is "a damnable lie," Herzog declared.

He noted that Jewish religious law forbids Jews to enter the Temple Mount while the Israel government "has to this day refrained from issuing regulations for Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount in order not to offend the susceptibilities of the Moslem population and to prevent disturbances between the religious communities."

"Israel is therefore confronted with a paradoxical situation in which Jews have not only refrained from exercising their inherent rights, but the government of Israel has even brought to justice those who have attempted to pray on the Temple Mount," he added.

Contrasts Jerusalem Now And Under Jordan

The Israeli envoy contrasted the situation in Jerusalem today when Christians, Moslems and Jews enjoy religious freedom and protection of their holy sites to the situation under Jordanian rule when Jews were not permitted to visit the Western Wall, when the Jewish quarter was "laid waste" and 58 synagogues destroyed and cemeteries desecrated. "I myself found the graves of my grandparents and my great grandmother on the Mount of Olives in June 1967 desecrated with tombstones destroyed," Herzog said.

Herzog also defended Israel's right to Jerusalem. "I offer no excuse for our presence in Jerusalem," he said. "I owe no apology. We are there as of right, a right that has been hallowed by our Bible; a right which has been sanctioned by our history, by our sacrifice, by our prayers and by our yearnings. A right which has been strengthened and vindicated by virtue of our creating the only liberal administration giving complete freedom of worship to all faiths which the city has known for the first time without any res-

traint whatsoever in 2000 years."

Herzog also castigated the Security Council "wasting our time" by "discussing an allegation based on malicious falsehoods" while Lebanon is disintegrating with "a million Christians" living "in dire peril of their lives."

Israel Accused Of 'Brutal' Rule

Representatives of Egypt, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization, speaking before Herzog, charged that Israel's occupation of the West Bank and "Arab" Jerusalem was "oppressive" and "brutal." The Egyptian delegate, Ambassador Ahmed Abdel Meguid, asked for a resolution affirming the "inalienable rights of the Palestinian people," a condemnation of Israeli acts on the West Bank and in Jerusalem and a demand that Israel reverse the changes it has made in those areas. All of the speakers urged a speedy end to the Israeli occupation.

Zehdi Labib Terzi, the PLO representative, said the situation was alarming because "the forces of occupation have resorted to brutal, Hitlerite measures of suppression to thwart the mass uprising, in some cases described as riots, in others as disturbances, but in effect an unarmed uprising against the forces of occupation." Terzi said that the occupation engendered the resistance and compared the latter to the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943. He called for "termination of the occupation, the sooner the better."

The PLO spokesman quoted copiously from Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports of events on the West Bank and Jerusalem as well as reports from other news media. He mentioned, among others, a recent JTA dispatch reporting that Rabbi Moshe Levinger, leader of the Jewish community of Kiryat Arba, adjacent to Hebron, had exhorted the townspeople to "shoot to kill" if they were menaced by Arabs.

He said the fact that Levinger spoke on Israeli television indicated that his words had the approval of the Israeli authorities. Terzi did not refer to JTA reports that Levinger faces prosecution. He also charged that illegal Jewish settlement on the West Bank was carried out with the approval of Israeli authorities.

Herzog Interrupted, Defended

As Herzog spoke about the civil strife in Lebanon, he was interrupted by the PLO representative on a point of order. The latter stated that Lebanon was not on the agenda and requested the President of the Security Council, Thomas S. Boya of Benin, to instruct the representative of the "Zionist entity" to confine his statement to the agenda item.

Ivor Richard, the representative of the United Kingdom, on another point of order, observed that he had listened to three or four speeches which could not be regarded as "pro-Israeli" and that he believed that the Israeli representative should be allowed to make his statement in the manner he so chooses. The Security Council president asked Herzog to continue his statement.

Other countries that were on the agenda to speak this afternoon were Syria, Saudi Arabia, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The 80th national convention of the Zionist Organization of America will take place in Israel from July 6-13, 1977, it was announced by Leon Hutovitch, ZOA executive director. The ZOA has held three previous national conventions in Israel during its 79-year history.

SENATE COMMITTEE ASKS CIA CHIEF TO PROVIDE FULL REPORT ON LEAK ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ISRAEL

Church Condemns Leak As Biggest Goof
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, March 22 (JTA)--The Senate Select Committee studying U.S. intelligence activities has called on the Central Intelligence Agency and its director, George Bush, to provide a "full report" on the CIA "leak" alleging Israel has 10 to 20 nuclear weapons, but the extent of the Senatorial investigation beyond that is uncertain.

The committee met today to complete a report of its investigations of other activities and did not discuss the "leak" about Israel which Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), committee chairman, has called the "biggest goof in the way of leaks that I can imagine, biggest that I have ever seen in Washington."

Church made the assertion yesterday on ABC's television program "Issues and Answers," in which he said his committee has "already commenced an investigation" of the "leak" but since his group is just completing its activities, it would be "difficult for us to do the kind of job that is needed." He said Congress "should investigate this leak."

Church, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, challenged President Ford to look into the "leak" saying, "I have not even heard of a reprimand from the President." Bush last week deplored but did not deny a statement attributed to "senior" CIA officials that Israel is estimated to have 10 to 20 nuclear weapons — "ready and available for use."

Reasons For Leak Assessed

The CIA statement is seen by some observers here as part of an orchestrated effort by Administration elements to hold down Israel's request for U.S. weapons and at the same time support the Administration's vast arms program in process for Saudi Arabia and outlined for Egypt.

The "leak" followed disclosure by the Administration of its plan to transfer six C-130 planes to the Cairo government as the opening of an American military supply relationship with Egypt. With the word spread about that Israel has nuclear weapons, these elements believe the question will arise, why should Israel worry about Egypt getting a few cargo planes?

The CIA "leak" is also seen as part of a general orchestration aimed both at putting the Administration's foreign policy in a favorable light during the election campaigning and also to improve its relationship with the Arab states.

Thus, President Anwar Sadat's abrogation of his treaty of friendship with the Soviet Union is seen as deliberately inspired at this time to help both himself and Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger. Ford has acclaimed as a "tremendous change for the better" Sadat's act of abrogation and said the United States would respond to it economically and otherwise.

In the ABC telecast, Church said that the CIA "divulged" Israel had the weapons, but when ABC reporter Roger Peterson remarked that the statement was "just a confirmation of something," Church replied "that never has been acknowledged by the U.S. government and just the confirmation of information of that kind is an ominously significant thing."

Earlier in the program, ABC correspondent Bob Clark asked Church what action he would

take, if he were President, to "assure that nuclear weapons are never used by Israel or anyone else in the Middle East." Church replied, according to a transcript of the telecast obtained by the JTA, that "I would take every action possible to assure that nuclear weapons were never used anywhere because that is the beginning of the end for civilization."

Later Church said, "I think it is a very alarming thing when any government begins to possess this nuclear capability, and the proliferation of the nuclear capability ought to be a matter of major concern to the United States. Yet we are doing very little about it."

(In Jerusalem, Premier Yitzhak Rabin reiterated at the March 14 Cabinet meeting that Israel "is not a nuclear power and will not be the first state to introduce nuclear weapons into the Mideast.")

Meanwhile, Arthur Kranish, the science writer who reported the CIA leak after hearing it at a briefing at the CIA to which he had been invited, said that he is being asked to resign from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics whose members were invited to the CIA function attended by about 150 guests. Kranish said that he is considering "further legal action" against the CIA but would not discuss his statement.

KASHRUTH BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

ALBANY, N.Y., March 22 (JTA)--Governor Hugh L. Carey of New York last week signed into law a bill (A 7271B/S6348B) strengthening the Kashruth laws in relation to the sale of non-kosher products bearing an inscription "Jewish" or "Hebrew" style or type. The new law restricts the sale of any non-kosher meat or meat preparation or food product which is labeled or advertised with the words "Jewish" or "Hebrew" unless the word non-kosher is displayed. The words non-kosher must be displayed in English, the same size lettering as the words Jewish or Hebrew.

The requirement also applies to the use of "type" or "style" or any other expression used in conjunction with "Jewish" or "Hebrew." The law applies to non-kosher food sold at hotels and restaurants and any place where food is sold for consumption on or off the premises.

The new law also extends the same protective requirements for the use of the term "kosher" to the use of the term "Kosher for Passover." The Governor, in signing the bill into law, lauded the legislation for its provisions extending consumer protection.

The measure was introduced into the Legislature by Sen. Linda Winkow of Rockland County and Assemblyman Howard Lasher of Brooklyn and was sponsored by a number of legislators. The law takes effect Jan. 1, 1977 to give manufacturers of food products time to change their labels, a spokesman for the Governor's office said today.

BARON ALBERT LILAR DEAD AT 76

BRUSSELS, March 22 (JTA)--Baron Albert Lilar, a long-standing friend of Israel and of the Jewish community here, has died at the age of 76, members of his family reported. Baron Lilar, a former Justice Minister, took part in all demonstrations in favor of Israel. A member of the Association of Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he was the father of French novelist Francoise Mallet-Joris.