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ISRAEL DENOUNCES UN PALESTINIAN RESOLUTION AS SETBACK TO PEACE

By Gil Sédan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- The General Assembly's overwhelming adoption of a resolution calling for a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip was denounced here today as a setback to Middle East peace efforts. A Foreign Ministry spokesman called it a futile move which ignored the basic fact that no settlement can be reached without negotiations and agreement between both sides.

The spokesman said the resolution demonstrated once again that the Arabs can push any anti-Israel action through the General Assembly with their built-in majority of Communist bloc and Third World countries. The resolution, endorsing the report of the 20-member Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, was adopted by a vote of 90-16 with 30 abstentions. Eight countries did not participate in the voting.

The Foreign Ministry indicated that Israel was disappointed that certain countries expected to vote against the resolution had abstained. The spokesman said those countries would be remembered and each case would be examined separately as part of Israel's general foreign policy review.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin, who was in Geneva today for the 13th conference of the Socialist International, dismissed the resolution as not worthy of comment when asked for his reaction. "I have stopped counting the anti-Israel resolutions. They no longer move me," he told reporters. (See separate story on Rabin in Geneva.)

B'nai B'rith Leader Raps UN

(In Washington, David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, termed the resolution "a veritable endorsement of the liquidation of Israel" and a reputation of the "reality of Israel's sovereignty and its moral character as the homeland and refuge of the Jewish people protected by international law.")

(The decision of the Assembly, Blumberg continued, "defies reason, law and morality. It subverts the UN Charter principle providing for the peaceful and just settlement of international disputes. Indeed, it can only contribute to the exacerbation of tensions and thereby undermine the efforts of those seeking a meaningful and just Middle East peace.")

ADOPTION OF PRO-PLO RESOLUTION BY VOTE OF 90-16, FINDS A NUMBER OF WESTERN, SOUTH AMERICAN, AFRICAN NATIONS OPPOSING OR ABSTAINING

By David Friedman

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly by a vote of 90-16 with 30 abstentions yesterday endorsed the report by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People which recommended that Israel evacuate from all occupied territory by June 1, 1977.

The 20-member committee's report also recommended that all Arab refugees displaced

since the Six Day War be permitted to return to their homes and those who became refugees between 1948 and 1967 be allowed to return or receive compensation for lost property. The report also called for the creation of a Palestinian State on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. The General Assembly resolution urged the Security Council to consider as soon as possible the report's recommendation. The Council rejected the report earlier this year after the United States vetoed it.

The U.S. voted against the Assembly resolution, as did Israel, Canada, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Norway, Luxembourg, Iceland, West Germany, Australia, Denmark, Belgium, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Haiti and Nicaragua.

Among those who abstained were Italy, France, Austria, Japan, Ireland, Finland, Portugal, New Zealand, Mexico, Sweden, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Nepal, Fiji, Botswana, and Lesotho. Eight countries did not participate including Argentina, Brazil, Honduras, Zaire, and the Central African Republic.

Report Ignores Israel's Rights

Prior to the vote, Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog again denounced the report by the 20-member committee as inspired by the PLO and declared that the Assembly cannot impose the report's recommendations on Israel. He said:

"We reject out of hand this report which serves only to move the area away from peace, ignoring as it does Israel's rights, ignoring as it does the fact that no dictated solution will be accepted by Israel, ignoring as it does the centrality of the process of negotiation in solving any conflict, and being in fact nothing more than a rewrite as part of the PLO Palestine Covenant."

Herzog called the General Assembly's methods of dealing with the Middle East "a tragedy of international proportions." He said that "by taking a subject which can only be solved by compromise and bringing it to the type of discussion which we are obliged to listen in the Assembly, the United Nations Organization has been maneuvered into the forefront of those elements who would sabotage every effort in the Middle East towards peace. By allowing small groups of irresponsible extremists to dictate to the UN, the tragedy of the Middle East conflict is being prolonged."

Will Not Commit National Suicide

Stressing that Israel believes that a solution can be arrived at on the basis of Resolutions 242 and 338, Herzog declared: "We will not be dictated to. We will not agree to any attempt to impose solutions. We have no intention of committing national suicide. We will not accept any alternative to the concept of the process of negotiations."

The Israeli envoy concluded his remarks by quoting from Premier Yitzhak Rabin's address in Jerusalem earlier this week in which he urged the Arabs to hold face-to-face talks with Israel for peace, and especially noted that

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had spoken with everyone except Israel of his desire for peace with the Jewish State.

More anti-Israeli resolutions are expected next week when the General Assembly begins a debate on the Mideast Monday. In addition, the Special Political Committee is expected to submit four anti-Israel resolutions to the Assembly and other committees may also do the same.

RABIN HOPEFUL ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS WILL BEGIN IN EARNEST NEXT YEAR

By Edwin Eytan

GENEVA, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Rabin of Israel expressed himself today as "hopeful" and certain that Arab-Israeli negotiations for a Mideast peace settlement would begin in earnest next year. Rabin, arriving for the three-day 13th conference of the Socialist International, stressed that Israel "is ready to negotiate in Geneva or anywhere else for peace or near peace with the Arab states." But he insisted that the negotiations must be conducted in the framework of Security Council Resolution 242 and without the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Rabin lunched today with Baron Edmund de Rothschild and leaders of the Israel Bonds Organization and met later with President Leopold Senghor of Senegal. The Socialist International Conference, opening tomorrow, is attended by 42 delegates representing 35 Socialist or Social Democratic parties, 12 of which control the governments of their countries and the rest opposition parties.

Rabin and other Israeli officials attach great importance to the gathering which will discuss the world economic situation, human rights, the Third World and the Middle East. They point out that "The Socialist parties are Israel's natural allies and friends" and, if nothing else, the conference will serve to strengthen Israel's and Rabin's ties with world Socialist leaders.

Importance of Conclave Noted

This view was bolstered at yesterday's preliminary conference of Socialist Women when Anne Marie Renger, president of the West German Bundestag, told the delegates, "Let us not forget when we consider the Middle East situation that Israel has been led since its creation 28 years ago by social democrats and is the only state in the region to apply democratic principles."

Senghor, addressing the same conference, said he has "remained in close contact with Israel's leaders" even though Senegal severed diplomatic relations with Israel. He urged a dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians that would lead to separate Jewish and Palestinian states co-existing in peace and "ultimately becoming part of a confederation or even a federation."

Expect Warm Response To Israel

Rabin will be one of the main speakers at the conference. He is expected to ask the Socialist "brother parties" to strengthen their support for Israel as the only parliamentary democracy in the Middle East.

That plea is expected to elicit a warm response. The mood of the Socialist International

favours greater involvement outside of Europe and more active ties with the Third World. Former Chancellor Willy Brandt of West Germany, expected to be elected the International's new president, is a stronger advocate of such a broad policy than the incumbent, Bruno Pitterman of Austria.

Rabin will confer privately here with Brandt, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria and Mario Soares of Portugal. He will also have talks with other Socialist leaders attending who include Francoise Mitterand of France, Olaf Palme of Sweden and Felipe Gonzales, of Spain. When he left Tel Aviv yesterday, Rabin told reporters that he regarded the conference as an important platform to explain Israel's position on a Middle East settlement and to discuss peace prospects in the area.

GOLDMANN REJECTS EAST GERMAN OFFER TO COMPENSATE VICTIMS OF NAZISM

Paris, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, said here yesterday he has instructed Mr. Benjamin Ferencz, the representative of the Claims Conference negotiating with the East German Committee of anti-Fascist Resistance. Fighters, to refuse to accept \$1 million offered by the Committee. The East Germans made the offer "on humanitarian grounds, as a one-time financial payment to needy U.S. citizens of Jewish faith who were persecuted by the Nazi regime."

In view of the great wrong done to tens of thousands of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution in East Germany, Goldmann said, the offer of \$1 million is not to be taken seriously, especially in view of the fact that West Germany has provided until now about \$25 billion in reparations to Nazi victims. Another reason for the rejection, Goldmann said, was that it is only for Jewish victims now living in the U.S.

The Claims Conference has never accepted any special compensation for citizens of any one country but negotiates for all Nazi victims, most of whom are now in Israel. The Claims Conference will not be a party to any attempt by East Germany to discharge its responsibility by a token amount, and will continue to claim real compensation from East Germany, Goldmann said.

In 1974, the U.S. made restitution for Nazi victims an issue in negotiations leading to the recognition of East Germany. The Conference on Jewish Claims and the East German committee began negotiations shortly after diplomatic ties were established on Sept. 4, 1974.

ISRAEL MAY RE-EXAMINE ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- Israel might re-examine its relations with The Republic of South Africa in view of increasing criticism against Israel throughout the world, according to a newspaper report yesterday. Maariv reported in an exclusive story that consultations among high level Foreign Ministry officials, to be followed by consultations with Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign

Minister Yigal Alon will take place soon, to reassess all aspects of the present ties between Israel and South Africa.

According to Maariv, some officials in Jerusalem feel that such a reassessment would be made in view of a new administration coming to Washington. In any case, the paper concluded, Israel would maintain a "low profile" in its relations with South Africa. The paper also mentioned that two ministerial visits to South Africa were recently cancelled by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Commerce Minister Haim BarLev.

HOMES OF FIVE SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTISTS RAIDED BY SECRET POLICE

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- The homes of at least five Jewish scientists planning a symposium next month on Jewish culture in the Soviet Union were raided by Soviet secret police, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today.

The sponsors of the Dec. 21 - 23 symposium had issued a world-wide appeal to Jewish scholars in other countries to come to Moscow to participate in the symposium, an invitation which the Association of Jewish Studies in the United States had accepted. An American Academic Committee for the Moscow Conference was formed to support the goals of the symposium and delegated four American Jewish scholars to participate.

Marvin Herzog of Columbia University, Jacob Neusner of Brown University, Baruch Levine of New York University and Marshall Sklar of Brandeis, have applied for visas to make the visit.

Among those Moscow activists whose homes were searched and documents confiscated, the NCSJ reported, were Benjamin Fain, scheduled to head the symposium, Leonid Volvolsky, Vladimir Prestin, Pavel Abramovich, and Josef Begun. The NCSJ said Moscow informants had indicated that the search and seizure operation "is an effort to intimidate the group and to destroy any free discussion about Jewish culture in the Soviet Union."

The SSSJ said Anya Essas was warned by the Soviet secret agents that her husband, Ilya, a leading refusenik, should stop his Jewish organizing efforts or face prison for "a few years" for "anti-Soviet activity."

ARGENTINE RABBI SAYS PROBLEM IS ASSIMILATION, NOT ANTI-SEMITISM; RULES OUT MASS EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- The main problem of Argentine Jewry is assimilation and not anti-Semitism as many Israelis believe, Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, rector of the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires told Israel Radio yesterday.

Meyer, here for the eleventh biennial convention of the World Council of Synagogues, conceded there is anti-Semitism in Argentina but said it was hardly the main problem facing Argentine Jewry. Only 28,000 of the 300,000 Jews living in Argentina visited synagogues last Yom Kippur, an indication of the status of religion among Argentine's Jews, he said.

Meyer praised the excellent relations between the present regime and the Jewish community. "If anybody in Israel believes the Jews in

Argentina are on the eve of a pogrom, he is very wrong," Meyer said. He thus ruled out the possibility of mass emigration from Argentina. "Argentine's Jews will not emigrate in case of trouble," he said. "I don't believe in aliya without heart."

Rabbi Angel Kreiman-Brill, of Santiago, who spoke on the same program, also did not believe in "panic" emigration. In fact, he stated, many of the Jews who had left Chile five years ago under Allende's regime, have returned, among them many who emigrated to Israel.

JDL OFFICIAL CONVICTED; WILL APPEAL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- Dr. William R. Perl, founder of the Washington branch of the Jewish Defense League, was convicted yesterday by a federal jury in Baltimore on charges of conspiracy to shoot into the windows of two Hyattsville apartments rented by Soviet diplomats assigned to the Washington area.

The jury also convicted the 70-year-old retired psychology professor of obtaining a .22 caliber rifle without a license. The jury found Perl innocent of using a stolen rifle in the conspiracy. Testimony at the trial indicated that the FBI had kept him under such constant surveillance that it was able to prevent the alleged plan to shoot into the apartments of Rimgausis Malishaukas and Ivan Zavrashnov, both Soviet Embassy officials.

Perl's attorney said he would appeal the convictions which carry a prison term of up to 15 years and \$25,000 in fines. Chief U.S. district court Judge Edward Northrop said he would sentence Perl after receiving a probation report.

AMERICAN OFFICIAL KILLED AND II ARE INJURED WHEN BUS OVERTURNS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- James Dean, 36, the First Secretary of the US Embassy, was killed and 11 other persons were injured, nine seriously, when a bus carrying foreign diplomats and their families overturned last night on the Mitzpah Ramon-Beersheba road. The group was returning from a week-long tour of Sinai.

Police investigating the tragedy attributed it to a heavy sandstorm that swept over southern and central Israel yesterday. Roads in the Negev were blocked for miles by sand dunes and visibility was almost zero. The injured included Allyson Smith, 16, daughter of the Australian Ambassador and her mother, Jeanette Smith and Vaughn McPhearson of the British Embassy.

IL DEVALUED AGAIN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA) -- A new devaluation of the Israel Pound, the second in less than a month, went into effect Tuesday night. The Pound now stands at IL 8.70 to \$1, a two percent depreciation from the previous rate. The prices of basic commodities, public transportation and fuel were not affected by the latest devaluation which is intended to spur exports. Those prices rose by an average of 20 percent earlier in the month when the government sharply reduced its price support subsidies.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES A NEW LOOK AT OLD ISSUES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (JTA)--A group of prominent Labor Party members, most of whom have served in diplomatic posts and other missions abroad, have organized to press for a radical reorganization of Israel's relations with diaspora Jewry and new approaches to the problems of the Jewish people at large. The group wants to create a special government Ministry for World Jewish Affairs. It envisions roles for the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization. But it regards those bodies, and the present government set-up as well, as inadequate and bound by concepts of the past.

Describing themselves frankly as "rebellious," one of the group's first objectives is to prevent adoption of the recommendations of a special panel chaired by Haifa Technion president Amos Horev, which would restore the immigration and absorption machinery to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Jewish Agency, although under the guidelines of a supreme government authority headed by the Prime Minister.

They claim that the Absorption Ministry, which the Horev commission recommended should be abolished, was set up due to the failure of the Jewish Agency's absorption process. Restoring that function to the Jewish Agency is a retreat to the conditions that existed before 1968, they say. But the program being put forward by the new group is much greater in scope and envisions vast changes in Israeli institutions with respect to their relations with diaspora Jews. The composition of the group is such that it cannot be denied a serious hearing.

It includes, among others, Moshe Gilboa, former Israel Consul General for the Southeastern U.S. and, until recently, director of the WZO's information department; Mrs. Esther Herlitz, former Israeli Ambassador to Denmark and former Consul in the U.S. in charge of Jewish affairs; Israel Avidor, former secretary of Habonim; Mayor Teddy Kollek, of Jerusalem; Asher Ben Nafan, Israel's former Ambassador to France; MK David Koren; Col. Assaf Yagoory; Mrs. Rachel Yanait Ben-Zvi, widow of the late President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi and many others.

Present Leadership Is Hidebound

They believe that the purpose of creating the Jewish State was to solve the problem of the Jewish people, not to have the Jewish people solve the problems of the State. They are convinced that the present leaders of the government and other institutions who deal with diaspora Jewry are no longer fit for that task because this leadership is still oriented toward the East European Jewry destroyed by the Holocaust.

These leaders are not sensitive to the tremendous changes that have taken place among the Jewish people--changes in concepts, mentality and behavior--and therefore are out of contact with the Jewish people they are supposed to serve, the new group says.

They call for giving much higher priority to the question of Israel's relations with diaspora Jews. Israel was established to help world Jewry maintain its Jewish consciousness and it should help by aliyah and absorption and by providing Jews with a proper, modern means of Jewish education, they say. But the present institutions are not efficient enough and not adapted for that task, according to the proponents of change.

Not Doing Enough

Their criticism is directed mainly at the government for not doing enough and at the WZO. The latter, they say, has no idea how to deal with the vast, fateful problem of diaspora Jewry. They think the job has to be divided between government institutions, the Jewish Agency and WZO and national Jewish organizations in the various countries.

The WZO, they point out, has ties only with Zionist parties and federations abroad and cannot deal with non-aligned Jewish groups and individuals, especially intellectuals and academicians. Therefore, the government must assume greater responsibility by creating a Ministry for World Jewish Affairs.

The Jewish Agency and the WZO would serve as tools to reach various other sections of the diaspora, working side-by-side with such major international Jewish bodies as the World Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith and with national federations and organizations such as the Jewish Welfare Board and the Israel Bond Organization.

Tasks For Education Ministry

The new group believes that the most important job lies with the Ministry of Education. What has been done so far by the Ministry and the various departments of the Jewish Agency is inadequate they say, and even work in the educational field is done according to party politics. Therefore, they are demanding the abolition of all Zionist parties abroad and the creation of an all-embracing organization to work with local Jewish organizations.

They believe the Education Ministry can save the situation by setting up a special department for education in the diaspora and equipping it with a pool of textbooks, audio-visual material and other modern educational tools. The Ministry should supervise the training of teachers to be sent abroad and a panel of top university experts on education would prepare a blue-print for Jewish education overseas. The Israeli Teachers Union is called on to maintain regular and close contacts with Jewish teachers in the diaspora.

The new group welcomed the decision to hold elections for delegates to the next World Zionist Congress. They said they hoped the election process would bring new faces and younger faces into the ranks of the Zionist leadership. They also want to see new faces in the Labor Party, noting that there has been no change in the Labor Zionist leadership for nearly 15 years.

MAPAM KIBBUTZ ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The first Mapam kibbutz on the Golan Heights, the 25th settlement on the Heights, was inaugurated Tuesday in the presence of thousands of kibbutz members, Housing Minister Avraham Ofer and Jewish Agency and Mapam leaders. G Shor, the name of the kibbutz, is Mapam's 76th kibbutz.

Nathar Peled, secretary of the Mapam-sponsored Hakibbutz Haartzi movement, said at the inauguration of the settlement that Mapam has decided to participate in the creation of a defense belt on the Golan Heights to protect the settlements in northern Israel. G Shor is comprised of young kibbutzniks and a group of individual Mapam members who joined to form a nucleus for the settlement. It was announced that Hakibbutz Haartzi will develop another kibbutz soon on the Heights near G Shor.