

Official Statements Confirming Our Sentiments

FROM B'NAI B'RITH MESSENGER
The Censure

THE 14-0 censure of Israel by the United Nations Security Council last week was not unexpected. The Nov. 13 raid on Jordan, albeit in retaliation for deaths and destruction at the hands of infiltrators from that Arab nation, created no friends for the Jewish State.

But both the Los Angeles Times correspondent and the B'nai B'rith Messenger correspondent saw great significance in the abstention of New Zealand. Both felt that it reflected the gnawing doubt that Jordan, the plaintiff in this case, was not blameless and that it had come into court with unclean hands.

To censure Israel without mentioning the provocations of Jordan and Syria is patently unfair; yea — dishonest, and unworthy of the world organization. It is apparent that the nations wanted a resolution which Russia would not veto, so the provocations of the Arabs were left unmentioned. In such a resolution the United States joined! One nation — only one: New Zealand — possessed the basic honesty to refuse to join in that U.N. tragic comedy.

Be that as it may, the warning to Israel that the UN would invoke sanctions should any further such unilateral military action be carried out puts Israel in an uncomfortable position. Both the Soviet veto of two weeks ago and the Resolution of this past week can only encourage Arab terror on Israel's borders.

Such a condition could conceivably lead to another Vietnam with Ahmed Shukairy and his Peking-backed Palestine Liberation Organization receiving new impetus and demonstrating new boldness.

The UN may censure, the UN may veto, the UN may debate. But nothing that has been done in the United Nations in the past 10 years since the Sinai Campaign, or in the 18 years of Israel's independence, has moved in the direction of turning an armed truce into fruitful peace.

The UN has merely bottled up the poisons of passion. When loosed they can only be deadly.

STATEMENT BY ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER, MR. LEVI ESHKOL AT MEETING OF THE CABINET ON NOVEMBER 27, 1966

"I must say, with regret, that the majority in the Security Council ignored the causes of the tension that exists on Israel's borders and dealt unilaterally with the results of one incident alone.

"It must be remembered that the reason for the tension is the policy of hostility and aggression which the Arab governments conduct against Israel, while Israel only defends herself against repeated aggression.

"It is a disturbing fact that the Security Council has again ignored a policy which constitutes a violation of the United Nations Charter and the Armistice Agreements.

"So long as the Security Council has not adopted effective measures to stop the aggressor, it is the duty and the right of an attacked state to defend itself by virtue of the right reserved to every country by Article 51 of the U.N. Charter. Our experience teaches us that self-defense is imperative for our survival, it is a categorical imperative. The United Nations organization, including members from East and West, did not recognize the right of the Jewish people to re-establish its State in order that it should be left defenseless against sabotage and murder.

"This one-sided decision of the Security Council does not serve to strengthen stability and peace in the Middle East, a goal to which all peace-loving states no doubt aspire."

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (WNS) A draft resolution on Jordan's complaint against Israel has been presented to the Security Council after close to two weeks of debate during which the Arab and pro-Arab bloc in the United Nations made the international organization a rostrum for bitter and, at times, vile, anti-Israel outbursts. Submitted by Mali and Nigeria, the resolution censures Israel for its recent retaliatory action against Jordan.

While the Security Council was debating the issue, Israel's permanent representative to the U.N., Ambassador Michael S. Comay presented a letter to the U.N. body documenting the fact a report by UN truce supervisor chief Gen. Odd Bull had been based "on hearsay" and was therefore "exaggerated and inaccurate." Mr. Comay documented the fact that both the number of houses demolished in Jordan and the civilian casualties were considerably smaller than given

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EXERCISE IN FUTILITY...

Although the UN resolution of censure against Israel was considered an unusually severe one, highly informed sources both here and abroad have serious doubts about its effectiveness since it deliberately skirted the issue of cause and effect by failing to refer directly to the cause or the claimed cause of the Israeli raid on Jordan.

On its face, the resolution would seem to mean that a nation attacked or invaded by terrorist bands from a neighboring state is powerless to defend itself. This clearly is an untenable position, for it creates the dangerous precedent of giving immunity to aggression, infiltration, sabotage and terrorism. In effect it permits Israel's Arab neighbors to fire away behind a wall of immunity while exposing the Israelites as sitting ducks to their guns.

It is doubtful the international organization would have dared put such chains on a powerful member nation. Moreover, no powerful nation would abide by such a curtailment of its sovereignty.

In our own bailiwick, we remember the Pershing expedition into Mexico which, we were then told and still read in history, had been caused by forays of Mexican gangs into American soil. And, if our recollection serves us right, our men invaded Mexico in what was then described as a punitive expedition designed to convince the Mexican authorities that if they didn't crush the bandit infiltrators we would.

United Nations or not, we most likely would do the same thing in a similar situation, unless the international community of nations displayed the moral courage it must have to survive under the stresses under which it operates.

Placing chains on the hands of Israel while permitting its Arab neighbors to use clandestine swords with immunity is a macabre concept of justice even in this macabre world of ours.

in the report. At the same time he called on the Security Council "to take into account the events of terror that led up to the reprisal raid."

Even as the Security Council was nearing conclusion of

the debate, Jordanian authorities were reported to be distributing arms to villagers in areas close to the Israel border and to have opened up recruitment centers for signing up of volunteers for service with the Arab Legion.

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