

**RESPONSIBLE BLACK LEADERS REPUDIATE ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION**

Responsible Black leadership in America promptly and vigorously repudiated the anti-Israel resolutions which emerged from the National Black Political Convention, recently held in Gary, Indiana.

Those resolutions call for a suspension of aid to Israel and recommended, in effect, that the State be "dismantled." The Black Caucus, comprising 13 members of Congress, immediately thereafter issued a statement reaffirming support of Israel and implicitly disavowing the Gary resolutions.

California members of the Black Caucus are Ronald V. Dellums, of Oakland, and Augustus F. Hawkins, of Los Angeles. The other members of the black Caucus are: Shirley Chisholm and Charles B. Rangel, both of New York; William Clay (Mo.), George W. Collins and Ralph H. Metcalfe, both of Illinois; John Conyers, Jr. and Charles C. Diggs, Jr., both of Michigan; Walter Fauntroy (D.C.), Parren J. Mitchell (Maryland), Robert N.C. Nix (Pa.), and Louis Stokes, (Ohio).

Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary told the New York Times last week that the resolutions were adopted late in the session when there were few people on the floor - "a most unfortunate incident" - and that he did not think that they reflected the sentiments of the majority.

The Congressmen said:



**YUSSUF, FIVE-YEAR-OLD ARAB BOY FROM NABLUS IS SAVED FROM DEATH AT THE HADASSAH-HEBREW UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER IN JERUSALEM BY THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HIS ESOPHAGUS, INVOLVING A MAJOR OPERATION IN WHICH THE BURNED ESOPHAGUS IS REPLACED BY A SEGMENT OF THE LARGE INTESTINE, THUS ALLOWING HIM TO SWALLOW SOLID FOOD. YUSSUF, CLUTCHING BREAD, IS SEEN WITH HIS GRANNY, CHIEF NURSE MEIR GILLON, YUSSUF'S FATHER AND DR. MEDAD SCHILLER, OF THE HADASSAH PEDIATRIC SURGERY UNIT.**

As the Black elected Representatives to the U.S. Congress, we reaffirm our position that we fully respect the right of the Jewish people to have their own state in their historic National Homeland. We vigorously oppose the efforts of any group that would seek to weaken or undermine Israel's right to existence.

The American people including Black Americans, have cherished the friendship of both the peoples of Israel and the Arab states. Our Government, reflecting

that friendship, has sought to promote an Arab-Israel peace and has provided both Israel and the Arab states with economic assistance to raise the living standards of their people. Our Government has also contributed more than one-half billion dollars for the relief and rehabilitation of the Palestinian Arab refugees.

Moreover, we think it appropriate to call special attention to the cordial relationships Israel has maintained with the developing Black na-

tions in Africa and the third world nations in Asia.

Indeed it was the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 - a revolutionary development in the Middle East - which helped stimulate the national aspirations of many black people who were then under colonial rule in Africa.

As these new states were established, many were impressed and helped by Israel's example. Israel sent her teachers, technicians and experts to many countries. Thirty Black African nations, from Burundi to Zambia, have benefited from Israel's financial and technical assistance. Hundreds of Africans come to Israel each year for specialized instructions within her universities and training centers for short-term, intensive courses in social work, vocational education, scientific farming and urban development.

In the last decade more than 7,000 Black

Africans have received training in every phase of nation-building: road building, publishing, child care, higher education, and citriculture aid.

In times of crises - epidemics, wars, famines - Israel has sent tons of relief supplies and medical aid to her African neighbors.

Indeed, the example set by the Jewish people in their long struggle to overcome oppression and to win freedom, from the time of Moses to the establishment of the State of Israel, has helped inspire Black people in this country to strive for self-respect and dignity and to revive their own cultural heritage.

We pledge our continued support to the concept that Israel has the right to exist in peace as a nation.

It would be equally unfortunate if these libels against Israel were believed and circulated by Jews as representative of responsible Black leadership or opinion in the United States.

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During the Six-Day War, Mr. E'dan was a special military correspondent and was responsible for recording some of the most outstanding reports of the war, for which he received a government award.

Following the Six-Day War, Mr. E'dan, came to the United States as a correspondent for the Israeli daily newspaper, **AL-HAMISHMAR**.

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