

US, RUSSIA AND ISRAEL CONDEMN TERRORISM AT UN

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- The U.S., the USSR and Israel strongly condemned terrorism in the UN and called for ways to combat it.

The surprise of course was the strong condemnation of the Munich murders by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

In the course of expounding his country's views on the Middle East conflict, Gromyko reiterated the Soviet Union's support for the "Arab peoples of Palestine," but added, "at the same time it is certainly impossible to condone the acts of terrorism committed by certain elements from among the participants in the Palestinian movement which have led, notably, to the recent tragic events in Munich. Their criminal actions deal a blow also at the national interests and aspirations of the Palestinians."

Gromyko's remarks were easily the sharpest slap at Arab terrorism delivered by a Soviet spokesman at this or previous sessions of the UN.

And just one day before Gromyko, U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers urged the General Assembly to act without delay against terrorism on a global scale by undertaking strong collective action --- embodied in special treaties --- that would "deter and punish international crimes of violence" through extradition.

He also called for the prosecution of the perpetrators and sanctions against countries that aid them. Rogers offered three specific proposals which he said were included in a draft treaty and a draft resolution which the U.S. submitted to the Sixth Legal Committee.

The three measures called for: a "treaty to prosecute or extradite those who attack or kidnap diplomats or officials of foreign governments;" a treaty providing for suspension of all air services to countries which fail to punish or extradite hijackers or saboteurs of civil aircraft, and "a new treaty on the export of international terrorism" which "should include universal condemnation of, and require the prosecution or extradition of persons who kill, seriously injure or kidnap innocent civilians in

a foreign state for the purpose of harming or forcing concessions from a state or from an international organization."

Rogers urged all government to give these measures their "earnest attention."

Following Gromyko and Rogers in the UN came Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

"The problem of curbing the terrorists is now our most urgent preoccupation," he told the UN.

Eban told the General Assembly that Israel would support the U.S.'s anti-terrorism proposals.

The Israeli foreign minister contended that "in maintaining the cease-fire positions until peace is obtained, we do not seek to perpetuate the cease-fire lines or to freeze the existing situation forever."

He cited as a long-standing "obstacle to progress" Egypt's "lack of response" to "Israel's willingness to negotiate a temporary Suez agreement."

Meanwhile, it was reported that Israeli diplomatic circles expressed satisfaction with the speeches of both Rogers and Gromyko.

At week's end however, there was a setback in the UN as the Sixth (Legal) Committee placed the issue of international terrorism sixth on its nine-point agenda. Israel backed the U.S. attempt to have terrorism declared a priority item, and thus to be dealt with "immediately and effectively."

But there was no setback as far as police around the world were concerned.

Israeli and Arab Police leaders apparently concurred in an American-sponsored resolution unanimously approved at the Interpol conference in Frankfurt this week urging the 110 members of the international police organization to intensify their efforts to combat "non political" terrorism. According to Martin Pollner, director of law enforcement for the U.S. Treasury Department, the resolution adopted by avote of 58 to 0, had been worked out with Israeli and Arab police officials and was "acceptable to all."

ISRAEL SECURITY WORLDWIDE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli officials in Israel tightened security and a team of Foreign Ministry officials took off for various Israeli embassies throughout the world to make sure that security regulations are strictly observed.

The Foreign Ministry team headed by the Mi-

nistry's Deputy Director General Mordechai Kidron, is expected to scrutinize the enforcement of security regulations dispatched by the Foreign Ministry.

In Israel, security officials acted in two areas to prevent any new Palestinian terrorist outrages -- in the post office where a careful check is being maintained for booby-trapped letters and at Haifa port

in response to an anonymous telephone call that a major attack was being planned on a passenger liner arriving from Europe. A search found the Israeli motor ship, Dan, clear of anything suspicious and the ship berthed this week in Israel and the passengers left promptly & quietly.

The former Air Force commander and former Cabinet minister claim-

ed that the selective bombing of terrorist bases in neighboring countries and the periodic search and destroy raids into terrorist zones were ineffective.

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TERRORISM (Continued from Page 1) ton fields belonging to Kibbutz Yad Hanna near Tulkarm, and gun fire was exchanged between terrorists and an army vehicle on the Tulkarm Jenin road in northern Samaria. No casualties were reported in any of these incidents.

West Bank and East Jerusalem Arab leaders were divided over the Sadat suggestion. Some said it would split the Palestinians, but others

supported the idea. Circles in Jordan denounced the idea, claiming it was an attempt by Egypt to shirk its responsibility to the Palestinian cause.

Observers here believe one reason the plan was given such cool reception among Arab leaders was that it would require the various terrorist groups to settle their differences and join in a formal structure something they have been reluctant to do in the past.



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