

U.N. Mideast Debate

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- The Israeli and Egyptian representatives to the United Nations opened this year's annual Mideast debate 25 years to the day after the world body adopted its historic partition resolution on Palestine.

Israel's position that it "does not seek to freeze the existing situation or to perpetuate the cease-fire lines but to replace them in peace with secure and agreed boundaries to be established through negotiations with each of the Arab neighbors." Tekoah asserted that the Arab governments appear to have always regarded U.S. debates "as a substitute for an escape from the need for negotiations." He said the "primary issue" is that "the Arab governments are still after our blood, our life," and the main obstacle to peace is still their fundamental attitude toward Israel, "their apparent longing for Israel's downfall, their resort to and identification with means, even such as savage terrorism." Tekoah urged that the only way to break the Mideast deadlock was for consultation and dialogue, but as long as Egypt rejects dialogue Israel can have no faith in Egyptian claims that its goal is peace with Israel.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Dr. Mohamed H. el-Zayyat, who opened the debate, asserted that Israeli "aggression" and "psychological terrorism" must be stopped by the United Nations-- by expulsion from the world body if necessary. He said the UN had the authority and the "spe-

U.S. COOPERATING WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON (WNS)

-- The White House is soon expected to authorize negotiations for a formal agreement between Israel and the United States on a three point desalination program of far reaching importance to the Middle East and the U.S. Approved Congressional legislation provides \$20 million for the planning, design and construction of joint desalinating projects -- one in Eilat desalting

one million gallons a day expected to be completed by next Nov. at an estimated cost of \$3 million to be paid by the Israeli government; U.S.-Israeli construction of a similar demonstration plant at San Diego, Calif., to produce 1-1/2 million gallons of fresh water daily at a cost of about \$2 million; and a plant producing 11 million gallons daily at Israel's port city of Ashdod by 1977.

cial responsibility" to do this. Zayyat said Israel's attempt to create "new facts" in the captured territories -- must be "declared illegal," military aid to Israel must be barred as long as it occupies the lands, and there must be a "just and equitable settlement for the Palestine nation." At the same time, Deputy Ambassador Jacob Doron submitted figures to counter Arab charges Israel was depopulating the administered territories, saying the population had increased from 942,000 in 1968 to more than a million today.

Following the debate, Tekoah met with Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring and told him Israel would renounce support for Security Council resolution 242 if the General Assembly passes a resolution distorting it, reportedly saying that "one-sided" resolutions could harden the already strained Mideast deadlock.

BLACK ANTI-SEMITISM EXAGGERATED

NEW YORK (WNS)-- Kivie Kaplan, Union of American Hebrew Congregation Vice-Chairman, has urged Israelis not to exaggerate the problem of Black anti-Semitism, saying Israeli leaders have made "inflated statements regarding Black anti-Semitism, the role Blacks play in New York and other metropolitan school controversies and in inner city crime."

Kaplan of Boston, lay president of the National Association of Colored People since 1966, reported to the UAHC Board of Trustees meeting that "only a tiny minority of Blacks are bearers of the cancer of anti-semitism. The major reservoirs of

anti-Semitism in this country are still white Christians." He cited a recent Anti-Defamation League study showing that Blacks are less anti-Semitic than American white Christians and Jews are less anti-Black than Americans generally.

He said Israelis were "making a grave error in generalizations regarding Blacks, since most Blacks are favorable to Jews and Israel. Blacks represent a major public opinion resource for Israel" and "all Blacks should not be blamed for the negative action of a small group."

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