

ON ARAB RESOLUTION DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- As the week drew to a close, expressions of concern were mounted by the U.S. Western European nations and Canada that an Arab inspired resolution on Palestine issue was aimed at dismantling the Jewish state.

Two draft resolutions had been floated all week by the Arab and non-aligned block in the U.N. One demanded national independence and sovereignty for the Palestinian people and their right to return to their homes and property. The second resolution called upon the U.N. to give the PLO permanent observer status.

Delegates from the nine European Common Market countries, as well as Canada, expressed concern in speeches to the Assembly during the debate on the Palestine issue, and in private consultations that the draft resolutions omitted any reference to the future status of Israel or to Security Council Resolution 242, which since 1967, has been considered to be the basis of any future Middle East settlement.

In the Assembly debate, John Scali, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. said that "weaving the Palestinian interests into the give and take of the negotiating process" was the way to move toward a situation "more responsive" to those interests. At the same time, he affirmed, "it must be understood by all that Israel has the right to exist as a sovereign independent state within secure and recognized boundaries."

Without mentioning Arafat by name, Scali denounced attempts to equate terror with revolution and Arafat's professing to see no difference "between the slaughter of innocent people and a struggle for national liberation." Scali added that "there are those who wish to compare the American revolution and the many other wars of liberation of the past 200 years, with brutal and indiscriminate terrorism." Arafat had made this equation during his speech last week at the Assembly. The American Freedom fighters, Scali said, never succumbed to the easy excuse that "the end justifies the means."

Emphasizing that the primary objective of the U.S. has been to maintain the momentum of the negotiating process, Scali said only "a just and lasting solution of the Middle East conflict can stop the killing and suffering" and that the goal of the UN is to seek ways to promote movement to that end. More violence cannot bring peace, he said, adding that this only intensified the hatred and human misery in the area. He said a "fifth war" in the Mideast, "would threaten the security of every country and produce no permanent gains for any."



SEVENTEEN STUDENT NURSES FROM THE IBN SIBA SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE NURSES IN RAMALLAH ON THE WEST BANK HAVE JUST COMPLETED AN EIGHT-WEEK COURSE AT THE HADASSAH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

SISCO RECANTS "US TILT TOWARD PLO"

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Yigal Allon disclosed that Israel was about to send a sharp protest to the U.S. on Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco's statement indicating a possible U. S. tilt toward the PLO.

Sisco's remarks sent a shudder throughout Israel when he said in a United States Information agency show. "We regard the PLO as the overall umbrella organization of the Palestinians."

Sisco, however, modified his statement subsequently on NBC-TV's "Today" show, by saying that his U.S.I.A.

remarks were reflective not of the American, but of the Arab position on the PLO and that the U.S. position remains unchanged. Israel seemed to be satisfied with the Undersecretary's later remarks, Sisco even went so far as to say on the "Today" show, "I think that was an unfortunate way to put it." He added that, "we've accorded no recognition of any kind." Sisco also said that he is going to make sure that the U.S.I.A. uses what he said on the

"Today" show.

His reference to the PLO as an "umbrella" organization of the Palestinians, contained in the U.S.I.A. interview which has not yet been distributed overseas, was made in the context of a further remark by the Undersecretary that "we also believe that in order to achieve any kind of durable peace the legitimate interests of the Palestinians have to be taken into account."

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