

AMB. DORON RIPS UN AGENCY FOR DEALING WITH TERROR GANGS

By David Horowitz

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Israeli Ambassador Jacob Doron, speaking in the Special Political Committee during the debate on the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), scored this Agency for dealing directly with the PLO leaders on the issue of the Arab refugee camps in Lebanon.

Citing a statement made by the Commissioner-General of UNRWA in his annual report to the effect that the responsibility of the refugee population in the camps rests with the PLO and that, therefore, he, the Commissioner-General, had dealt directly not with the legitimate refugees but with the PLO leaders, Mr. Doron told the Committee that the UN is faced with "an incredible situation, spelled out in a most matter-of-fact way, of the head of a UN Agency calling on the leader of the umbrella organization of an association of terror gangs, who have taken over the running of the refugee camps in Lebanon."

He then reminded the Committee what the world already knows, namely, that "these terror gangs utilize the camps, the services for

which are provided at the expense of the international community, as the base for their activities. It is in and near the camps," Doron warned, "that the terror organizations conduct the training of their murder squads, maintain their supply depots, plan their murderous operations and set out to try and carry them out.

The Israeli Ambassador made it clear that "it is the natural and unavoidable consequence of a situation created by the terror organizations...that Israel is constrained to take action in defense of its population...Such action," he declared, "is taken against the bases, training camps and other installations of these organizations...who seek to hide and protect themselves close to and among innocent people in those camps, just as they seek out their victims among the civilian population of Israel and among defenseless people abroad."

As to the perennial charge by the Arabs that Israel must bear the responsibility for the refugee problem, Ambassador Doron cited proof after proof even from Arab sources showing where the basic blame lies. "At this moment," he stated, "I would merely like to draw the attention of the Committee to a book published in Beirut in 1973 which casts an illuminating light on the events in Palestine in 1948. It is a book of memoirs of Haled al-Azm, Prime Minister of Syria in 1948 and 1949.

"Analyzing the reasons for the Arab failure in 1948, he writes, inter alia: 'Since 1948 we have been demanding the return of the refugees to their homes, but we ourselves are the ones who encouraged them to leave... We have brought destruction upon a million Arab refugees by calling upon them and pleading with them to leave their land, their homes, their work and their business, and we have caused them to become unproductive and unemployed though each one of them had been working and qualified in a trade from which he could make a living. In addition, we accustomed them to begging for hand-outs and to make do with what little the UN organization would allocate them...'

Doron then told the Committee debating the financial plight of UNRWA and the fate of the PLO-imprisoned refugees that "the words of Haled al-Azm contradict the Arab theories on the question of who caused the problem of the Palestinian Arab refugees, and thus should be accepted, as against the wild fantasies put forward here by Arab representatives..." here at the UN.

Ambassador Doron alerted the Committee to the fact that "in the last 30 years tens of millions of people in many parts of the world suffered the fate of being displaced as a result of the military, political and ethnic convulsions which have shaken our globe. With the exception of one case," he emphasized, all of these cases have found their solution. The one case is that of the Palestinian Arab refugees. All the other refugees were integrated amidst the people with whom they shared national, ethnic and religious affinities and who showed them compassion and

hospitality.

"But the Arab governments," Doron added, "refused their compassion to people they call their brothers and sisters. This is why, 27 years after 1948 the United Nations is still seized with a problem, created by the Arabs and artificially perpetuated by them..."

"And lest it be forgotten," the Israeli diplomat stated in his lengthy exposition, "let me remind the Committee that my country, at approximately the same period of time, dealt successfully with yet another human problem: that of the 800,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries...What had really happened was an exchange of ethnic communities, albeit without the benefit of formal treaties."

And what did this UN Committee do in the face of the facts presented by Doron? It took no notice of the charges he made. Instead it voted upon several resolutions to continue to finance the PLO operated camps.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A petition signed by 292,000 Americans urging President Ford to "intervene personally" to help end the "persecution" of Jews in Syria was given to Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco by a delegation of Jewish leaders.

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