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Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

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Issue of Terrorism Cannot Be Avoided

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- This world organization, as it prepares for the opening of the 31st session of the General Assembly next month, has no alternative. If it wishes to retain some semblance of morality and prestige in the eyes of mankind it will have to turn away from its obsession over Israel's so-called 'violations' and enter into a serious discussion on the evils of international terrorism as perpetrated by the PLO gangsters who, as the UN is fully aware of, have transformed the former peaceful Lebanon into a bloody inferno.

Many delegates here now believe -- in the light of the fact that Israel's opponents failed to condemn the Jewish State over its heroic rescue of the hostages at Entebbe during the recent Security Council meeting and because not a single Council member condoned terrorism as such -- that the hitherto continuously-postponed Assembly item on the "Measures to Prevent Terrorism which endangers or takes innocent lives..." will be resurrected and debated in depth at this session.

It goes without saying that, when the debate comes up for deliberation, Yasir Arafat's PLO and all those radical Arab states including, of course, Uganda, who have given support and sanctuary to hijackers, will find themselves in the dock as embarrassing defendants of crimes from which they will find it difficult to extricate themselves.

Of course, the guilty states, judging by their past anti-Israeli performances here -- will try to maneuver themselves out of their predicament, and in this maneuver they are certain to win the support of the Soviet Union and their numerous nonaligned friends.

However, as much as the champions and abettors of the PLO terrorists will try once again to evade and sidetrack the item on terrorism, there can be no doubt that the United States and her allies will exert all their energies to push it through for a full-scale debate and in this they are bound to win the sup-

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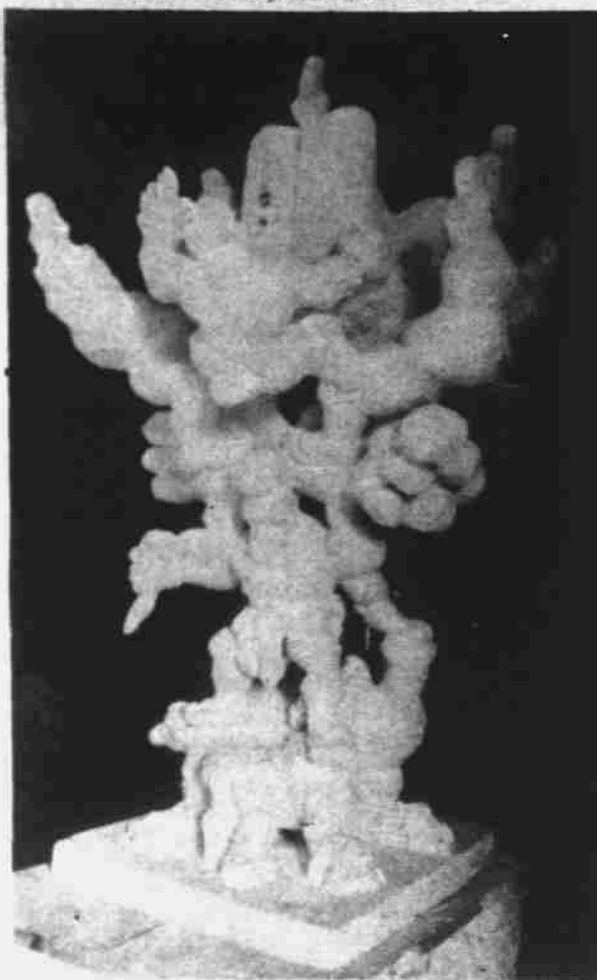
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port of those Member States who have sustained severe losses at the hands of terrorists during the past decade.

Thus, Israel's enemies here are worried that the item on "Measures to Prevent Terrorism," should it come up for a debate, will deprive them of the full use of the 'ammunition' they have amassed for their premeditated onslaught against the Jewish State as based upon several items on the Assembly agenda focusing on a number of anti-Israeli resolutions.

The most vicious of these resolutions are the two infamous drafts adopted on 10 November 1975, one "equating Zionism with racism," the other, establishing a 20-member committee on "the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People," to with, the PLO.

The latter resolution, submitted to the Security Council last month and which mustered a majority of nine, was vetoed by the United States whose spokesman termed it "totally devoid of balance." Having failed in the Council, the Arabs and their friends now hope to gain a majority in the Assembly.

The Arabs and their friends are also counting on another vicious anti-Israeli item on the agenda: the "Report of the 3-member Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights in the Occupied Territories." And then we have the perennial item on the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the debate of which will give Israel's enemies another opportunity to spew their venom.

However, this 31st session of the Assembly opening on September 21, four days before Rosh Hashana, is faced with great changes on the global scene that are bound to affect the deliberations here. Uppermost among these is the PLO decline in status over its bloody role in Lebanon. Next is the growing division in the Arab world itself. And we must not discount the mighty impact the unparalleled Israeli Uganda rescue operation has had upon many former wavering delegations here who have gained deep respect for Israel's death blow against terrorism. These factors are sure to make many delegates here think twice before joining the Arab anti-Israeli bandwagon to which they had been attached in previous sessions.

Moreover, still resounding strongly in the ears of many delegations is the challenging speech delivered in the recent Security Council meeting by Ambassador Chaim Herzog

against Uganda's complaint. His words, which struck deep into the hearts and minds of his listeners, are applicable to the present situation facing the world organization.

"I stand here as an accuser against the forces of evil which have unleashed a wave of piracy and terrorism threatening the very foundation of human society," he declared. "I stand here as an accuser of the countries that, because of evil design or lack of moral backbone, have collaborated with those bloodthirsty terrorists. I stand here as an accuser of all those in authority throughout the world who for cynical expediency have collaborated with terrorism..."

"I stand here as an accuser of this world organization, the United Nations, which has been unable, because of the machinations of the Arab representatives and their supporters, to coordinate effective measures in order to combat the evil of world terrorism.

"I stand here as an accuser of those delegations which, for political expediency, have remained silent on this issue -- an issue which is bound to affect every country in this organization. In so doing they have become themselves accomplices."

The dynamic voice of Israel continued to strike notes which brought a shudder into the UN chamber. "Seated in the dock today," he declared, "are all those countries which have collaborated with the terrorists and which have aided and abetted them. In the dock before us stand all those countries that cry to the high heavens when they are affected by terrorists, that fulminate at this Security Council table when their citizens or diplomats are threatened, and that remain silent when the same happens to citizens of other countries... Yes, before us stand accused this rotten, corrupt, brutal, cynical, bloodthirsty monster of international terrorism and all those who support it in one way or another whether by commission or omission..."

"Facing them today," Herzog let it be known, "are the ordinary decent human beings throughout the world who seek nothing more than to live a life free from terror and from intimidation, free from the threat of hijackers, the indiscriminate bombs of terrorists and the blackmail of criminals and murderers..."

When the General Assembly convenes, its representatives will have fully realized the veracity of what Herzog emphasized further in his speech, namely, that "Israel's action at Entebbe... has given rise to a worldwide wave of support and approval, such as has rarely been seen from every continent, including Africa, from countries hostile as well as friendly to Israel."

Thus his concluding challenge: "In more ways than one, this organization is in the accused stand today. Mankind will judge it by its behavior on this occasion, because never has the issue been clearer. There will be no excuse in history for this body, or for the constituent members of this body, if it fails to condemn terrorism. This issue before this body is not what Israel did at Entebbe Airport; this issue before this body is its own future in the eyes of mankind."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Two passengers and an Israeli soldier were slightly injured when a tourist bus was fired on as it was going from the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba toward Hebron.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel continues to be unwilling to sign a nuclear non-proliferation agreement before a regional conference is held for an area agreement on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. Egypt, which also initialed and agreement for two U. S. nuclear reactors, has also not signed a non-proliferation agreement.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Leaders of the Bedoin tribes in the Negev are seeking a meeting with Premier Yitzhak Rabin over the government's plan to go ahead with the settlement of the Bedoins' claims of ownership of nearly two million dunams of land in the northern Negev.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The National Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, proudly announces the unanimous choice of its membership for its annual "Woman of the Year" 1976, to be Ms. Virginia Kassel, eminent public broadcasting television executive, the creator, researcher, producer and director of one of the outstanding historical series ever produced by American television, "The Adams Chronicles."