

GHANA JOINS KENYA

NEW YORK (WUP) -- Ghana has become the second state in Africa to urge the African countries who broke diplomatic relations with Israel to reconsider their action and restore their diplomatic ties with Jerusalem.

The first African nation to do so was Kenya.

One of Ghana's most outstanding journalists, Ray Kakraba-Wuarshie, writing in the Ghanaian Echo, said:

"The Arabs have far too long had their way. And some of us have learned to our detriment that we have been used as mere tools in the politics of the Middle East by our Arabian brothers.

"In 1974, the Arabs were able to get member states of the OAU to break diplomatic relations with Israel. And what did we get in return for our support? Higher and higher oil prices.

"To those of us who believe in the ideals of the UN, resolutions such as the one equating 'Zionism' with 'racism' does the UN no credit whatsoever. It tends to prove the point that the organization has lost its lustre and bearing. I take consolation in the fact that Ghana abstained on the said resolutions that sets a very dangerous precedent because it means anyone or group, regional or not, that can control world economy can get a resolution through the General Assembly on any subject, no matter how silly.

"Today it is 'Zionism.' Tomorrow it will be pan Africanism; then Negritude, then Arabism and so on. It is high time African states take a critical look at some of the resolutions they support at international conferences.

"The resolution under discussion must be expunged from the records of the UN... After three years of rupture of diplomatic relations between Israel and Africa, we are no nearer a resolution than before it. If anything, those African states that used to have any influence on Israel on the Middle East problem have lost that opportunity to the detriment of peace and justice.

"Whether we like it or not, the Middle East is at war, and I am yet to be told of any war in world history in which one party is forced to make con-

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cessions before a peace treaty has been concluded.

"Why should Israel be made, in fact, forced to make concessions before the Arabs will be prepared to sit down and talk peace?

"Our national interest demands that Ghana restore diplomatic relations with Israel. Africa must take a second look at the Middle East."

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