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to act as soon as possible to implement the recommendations. The Council earlier this year rejected the report when the United States vetoed it. Those voting against the Assembly resolution were Israel, the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Norway, Luxemburg, Iceland, West Germany, Australia, Denmark, Belgium, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Haiti, and Nicaragua. Among those who abstained were Italy, France, Austria, Japan, Ireland, Finland, Portugal, New Zealand, Mexico, Sweden, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Nepal, Fiji, Botswana and Lesotho. Eight countries did not participate including Argentina, Brazil, Honduras, Zaire and the Central African Republic.

During the Assembly debate on the report November 23, U.S. Ambassador William Scranton called the recommendations "totally devoid of balance with conclusions that are unworkable and recommendations which prejudice the outcome of negotiations." He said the recommendations "frankly and bluntly" make the "UN look ridiculous." Scranton noted that "there is no mention of the right of an Israel to exist in the Middle East." He said "the need for the Palestinians to accept the legitimacy and reality of the State of Israel is utterly ignored. The maintenance of normal and peaceful relations with Israel within the framework of an overall peace settlement is not mentioned. Scranton also pointed out that "nowhere in the recommendation is there the stipulation that the Arab states as well as Israel must join in ending the state of war and in arriving at a peaceful settlement in the area. Even these few examples make clear the one-sidedness and lack of balance in the committee's report," Scranton said.

In Jerusalem November 25, a Foreign Ministry spokesman denounced the Assembly's resolution as a setback to Mideast peace efforts. The spokesman said the resolution demonstrates again that the Arabs can push through any Israel resolution with their built-in majority of Communist bloc and Third World countries. Rabin, who was in Geneva, said the resolution was unworthy of comment. "I have stopped counting the anti-Israel resolutions," he said.



SCHWESTER SELMA MAYER, THE 92-YEAR-OLD HEAD NURSE EMERITUS OF SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL IN JERUSALEM (ISRAEL'S FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE), WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A \$5,000 AWARD FROM THE ISRAEL VARIETY CLUB AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE GARDEN OF THE HOSPITAL'S PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT. THE AWARD WAS MADE BY DANNY ANGEL, PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL'S VARIETY CLUB.

"They no longer move me."

The U.S. voted for one resolution and abstained on another November 23 dealing with refugees. The U.S. was one of three countries to abstain when the Assembly voted 118-2 for a resolution calling for steps to be taken for the immediate return of Palestinian refugees to the camps from which they were removed in the Gaza Strip. Israel and Costa Rica voted against the resolution.

The U.S. was one of 118 countries to vote for a resolution reaffirming the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and camps in territories occupied by Israel since 1967. Israel and Costa Rica were again the lone dissenters with two countries abstaining.

RIBICOFF URGES KISSINGER ROLE

WASH. (WNS) -- Urging the continuation of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in a negotiating role for a Middle East settlement, Sen. Abraham D. Ribicoff (D. Conn.) declared November 23 that "the time was never more ripe" for an Israeli-Arab peace settlement.

Speaking at a press conference after he and 12 other Senators returned from a visit to Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Iran, Ribicoff stressed that "nothing could be achieved without U.S. intervention" in the Mideast. "I feel strongly that the best step (President-elect Jimmy) Carter could make would be to designate Kissinger as his special envoy to carry out these negotiations." Ribicoff, who first proposed retaining Kissinger as a Mideast negotiator during a press conference in Jerusalem, said here that Kissinger is the "one man" who has the respect of all leaders in the Middle East.

Sen. Howard Baker (R. Tenn.), who along with Ribicoff led the Senate delegation on the Mideast fact-find-

ing mission on the proposed sale of U.S. nuclear reactors, said that Carter told him he would meet with Ribicoff on his proposal. However, on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" November 21, Hamilton Jordan, Carter's personnel coordinator, said that it would be "premature for us" to discuss Ribicoff's suggestion before Carter is inaugurated. But he said Carter would probably seek the advice of Kissinger as Presidents have traditionally done of former Secretaries.

Explaining why he believed the time was ripe of a Mideast settlement, Ribicoff listed the situation in Lebanon which "deeply hurt the PLO," the approval by the Arab states of Syria's "take over" of Lebanon, Egypt's present economic difficulties, the realization that "Israel is here to stay as a viable nation" and "recognition of this by the Arab countries." Ribicoff said "this was demonstrated by (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat's willingness to go to Geneva without preconditions."



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