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Young's resignation although they had earlier protested his meeting with the PLO. Israeli officials noted that this was an internal matter for the U.S. Yehuda Blum, the Israeli Ambassador to the UN, said he was "saddened" by the resignation and hoped he and young would remain friends.

Young resigned Aug. 15, a day after he had been rebuked by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance for his meeting with the PLO representative. Young said he had "acted in behalf of what I felt was the best interest of our nation" Young admitted Aug. 14 that he had talks with Terzi, a day after he had only exchanged plesantries with the PLO official when he had arrived on July 26 at the apartment of the Kuwaiti Ambassador to the UN, Abdalla Yaccoub Bishara.

Young told a news conference after his resignation that he was at the apartment to gain agreement for a postponement of a Kuwaiti resolution calling for recognition of Palestinian self-determination and an independent state. Young said he would do it again if he had to, but resigned so as not to hamper Mideast peace efforts. Before resigning Young met in Washington with President Carter and Vance. Carter accepted the resignation reluctantly. Young was the leading Black official in the Administration, a close friend, and considered largely responsible for the overwhelming Black vote Carter received in the 1976 election. Young told a press conference that "I sought to protect the State Department from the things that I was doing. And I did that in part because the State Department had very little credibility with either the Israelis or the Arabs." He said if the U.S. had voted for the Kuwaiti resolution it would have alienated the Israelis, if it had vetoed it it would have alienated the Arabs and if the U.S. abstained "it would have made everybody mad."

Young resigned a day after the State Department apologized for first stating that the meeting Young had with Terzi was coincidental. In making the apology, the Department noted that Vance rebuked the Ambassador and stressed "This development does not change our policy regarding the PLO and we have so informed the Israeli government." Earlier, Young discussed the meeting with the PLO official with Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum, apparently sticking to his explanation that it was a chance meeting. Blum told a press conference Aug. 14 that he did not accept Young's explanation. He noted that "certain questions relating to current debate of the Security Council were also discussed," which contradicted the statement that it was only a social meeting. Later that day, Young admitted that he had discussed "procedural" questions with the PLO representative, but said he had not lied but had not told the entire truth.

Just prior to Young's resignation, the State Department announced that Wolf had met three times with Issam Sartawi, a high-ranking PLO official from Beirut, two of them "chance encounters." Department spokesman Tom Reston said Wolf had been reminded of the U.S. policy on the PLO, but he did not believe the Ambassador had acted improperly. Reston said Wolf met with Sartawi in Vienna after the PLC leader called from Beirut and said he wanted to clarify PLO policy on a certain issue. During the meeting with Sartawi, Wolf "listened, but did not take any substantive position," Reston stressed. "Furthermore, in each en-

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counter with a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, he (the Ambassador) has been careful to repeat the long standing U.S. position that this government will not recognize or negotiate with the PLO until and unless it accepted United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and the right to Israel to exist at peace and with secure and recognized borders."

Black leaders in the U.S. strongly condemned Young's resignation, many charging it was due to Jewish pressure. One of the leaders who made this statement, the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson of Chicago, a civil rights leader, called for a White House meeting of Blacks and Jews to iron out relations between the two groups which he said were "more tense...than they've been in 25 years."

Young himself said he saw no reason that this issue should create a polarization between American Jews and Blacks. He said while there will be "a confrontation as friends" the two groups could continue working together. "I think that right now Black leaders are meet-

ing and will be attempting to meet leaders of the Jewish community," he said. "They will also attempt, as I am attempting to channel frustration and rage over this situation into constructive patterns of working together. The issue really is the Middle East."

It was reported that Young called up Black leaders in major cities after his resignation and urged them to "cool" Black communities and not allow resentment over his departure to be taken out against the Jews.

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, while expressing sadness at Young's resignation blamed "confusing signals" for Young's action. "What we need are firm, declarative actions that will show this country will have not truck with the PLO," he said. Some Jewish leaders such as Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, had earlier called for Young's resignation.

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BIRTH CONTROL IS TABOO BY JEWISH LAW

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Birth control is forbidden by Jewish religious law, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef declared in a halachic ruling. He said the only legitimate reason for birth control is health of the women and not such things as low income or the housing shortage.

Yosef urged all other rabbis to oppose family planning centers. "Such centers exploit the innocence of women of Mideastern origin, teach them how to use birth control devices and sometimes even encourage abortions," he said.

The first reaction to Yosef's ruling came from Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, a Labor Alignment MK, who said the birth control issue cannot be dealt with unless the special surroundings of the woman is taken into account.

Hacohen said Yosef should not have issued his statement without consulting other rabbis as well as professionals. Most Orthodox families use birth control, even the families of rabbis, Hacohen added.

ISRAEL HAS RIGHT TO ATTACK

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The United States admits Israel is "fully within" its "rights" in attacking terrorist bases in south Lebanon, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan told Likud Knesset members. But he said the Americans object when civilians are injured or when U.S.-made weapons are used in the attacks. The U.S. refused to comment on the statement

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