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so equipped, they could wreak havoc on Israel's population in case of war. "We would shoot down many of them but you can't down them all," he said. With respect to Jordan, he said that country was already receiving British Chieftain tanks and the addition of U.S. M-60's to its armed force would pose serious problems for Israel.

In a debate on the settlement issue, it was clear how deeply the controversy runs. At the end, both sides could claim a partial victory. But Leo Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives made it clear that the debate was academic because the WZO is committed to build settlements wherever the government tells it to regardless of the sentiments expressed by the General Council.

The debate developed into a shouting match. Voices were strident and tempers were hot. On one hand, the Likud coalition delegates, headed by Mattityahu Drobless, co - chairman of the WZO's settlement department, was forced to withdraw a motion calling for the WZO to concentrate on settlements in "areas of sparse Jewish population," obviously a reference to the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Likud forces realized the motion would be defeated.

But Likud won a narrow victory when a Labor Party motion to give priority to settlements in Israel proper -- Galilee, the Negev and the Arava district -- was narrowly defeated 60-64. The first vote, by show of hands, was inconclusive and each side demanded a roll - call vote. By then, however, a number of the 170 delegates had left the hall. Dulzin noted that which ever way the vote went, it would have no effect whatever on WZO policy. He explained that the WZO is obliged by contract to implement the settlement policy of the Israeli government, irrespective of which party heads it. The WZO settlement department will build settlements regardless of what resolutions the Zionist General Council may adopt, he said.

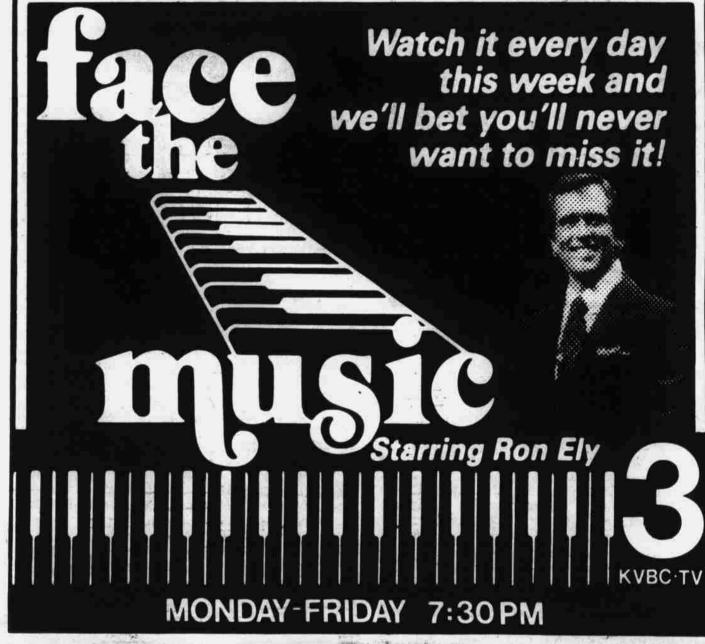
Another controversial draft resolution to require Zionist leaders abroad to settle in Israel after serving two terms in office or relinquish

their leadership roles, was quietly buried under strong pressure by Hadassah and other veteran Zionist groups.

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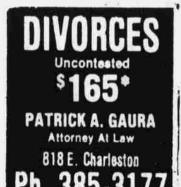
The 'young guards' of the various factions had backed the resolution and it was supported by a number of Israeli newspapers. But the older generation of the WZO leadership, both

in Israel and abroad, had it effectively shelved by referring the draft to the Constitution Committee. The same committee had reported earlier in the week that a similar resolution adopted by the 29th World Zionist Congress was "unclear and vague" and therefore could not be implemented until it was "clarified."



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