

**BRONFMAN TALKS TO UN**

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- In an address before the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament, Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) said that "world peace cannot tolerate the denial of the legitimacy of Israel or any other nation-state." He declared that "the charge that Zionism is racism is an abomination.

The address by Bronfman marked the only Jewish organization representative to address the special session. According to Bronfman, "partial disarmament -- and possibly more peace -- can only come about when the forces of mutual destruction are sufficiently appalling. That time is now," he said. But he warned that "calls for unilateral disarmament have never created peace," asserting that nations arms "to protect their

security or to realize aggressive ambitions."

The WJC president said it was not likely that "in our lifetime we will ever totally eliminate the threat of nuclear destruction. But we Jews who experienced technological Holocaust," Bronfman continued, "insist that nuclear holocaust whether it be launched by super powers or by smaller nations which have nuclear capacity -- can, should, and must be curtailed."

Declaring that "we Jews do not have the solution nor have we illusions about the case of creating a successful process for lowering of the level of the balance of power," Bronfman declared that "in a divided world, the Jewish people can best serve their tradition by promoting mutual understanding and harmonious relations among all peoples."

**NAZI HUNTER BARRED**

PARIS (WNS) -- Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld was turned back at Damascus Airport and sent back to France, it was reported.

Klarsfeld had come to Syria to demand the extradition of one of Adolf Eichmann's former aides. Klarsfeld said upon his return that he had brought with him to Damascus official documents showing that former SS Hauptsturmfuhrer Alois Brunner was living in Syria under the name of George Fischer.

Half a dozen countries, including West Germany, Austria, France, Greece and Israel have issued international arrest warrants against the former deputy chief of the SS Jewish Department. In France, a military court sentenced him to death in absentia in 1954. The 70-year old Brunner

served as one of Eichmann's deputies first in Vienna, then in Berlin and Salonika and finally in Paris. He is believed to have lived for the last 20 years in Damascus.

Israel's massive military incursion into already war-torn divided Lebanon to push Palestinian terrorists out of artillery and rocket range of the northern settlements in the Galilee region was imminent months prior to the invasion. As far back as January, Israeli troops had massed on the Lebanese border warning repeatedly that it can no longer tolerate and acquiesce to the constant harassment and indiscriminate shelling of its civilian population. Yet the PLO rockets continued to fall. Repeated expressions of concern to the White House and the United Nations by Israeli representatives went unheeded.

"How many Israelis have to be killed by terrorists for this (UN Security) Council to be

**POPE APPEALS FOR PEACE**

ROME (WNS) -- In a statement published in the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano, Pope John Paul II issued another urgent appeal for peace in Lebanon. The Pope said he was especially concerned with the situation in the occupied sections of Beirut "for which there is fear of a definitive conflict" and "another painful and vain bloodbath would be the result." The Pope appeared also to refer obliquely to Israel when he expressed hope that "in the soul of he who seems to be prevailing, magnanimity may triumph, wisdom and far sightedness, in order not to further compromise the future negotiated solution to the problems."

The statement

noted that "the cease-fire is continuously violated. It is difficult to bring the necessary aid to so many people on whom the tempest of conflict has fallen....My fears go to the fate of so many people and above all, to the defenseless populations. I feel the duty to renew this urgent appeal to definitively and every act of war. My invocation is that the spirit of rivalry and rancour of the belligerents change into a profound sense of humanity so that more loss of human lives be avoided, and God forbid, real massacre," the Pope said.

persuaded that the limits of our endurance have been reached?" Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations said before the Security Council. "Israel cannot expect this body to even deplore PLO barbarism against Israel's civilian population, let alone take any steps with a view towards curbing that barbarism."

Palestinian terrorists have participated in some 150 acts against Israel originating from Lebanon since the cease-fire across the border was negotiated last July. And despite continued assaults into Israel on the Jewish people, an international community refrained and resisted the pleas for action. The question arises: At what point does a sovereign nation take action to defend its people from the clear provocation that exists just miles from its border.

The provocation is not simply the dastardly assassination attempt on the life of Israel's Ambassador to Britain. The provocation was the repeated and continuous assaults by Palestinian terrorists against Israel, Israelis, and Jews. The charter of the PLO speaks for itself. There is an ongoing war by the PLO against Israel and their ultimate goal is the complete destruction of the State of Israel.

Some responsibility lies on the shoulders of the Reagan Administration. For months, and since he has taken office, President Reagan has requested Israeli restraint. It hustled the Israeli government to agree to a cease-fire which not only failed to stop terrorist acts from across the Israel-Lebanon border but provided the PLO with a guise under which it could enhance its military capabilities and slowly emerge into a full-sized army. This army has but one goal: To drive the Jewish people into the waters of the Mediterranean.


All Israel has asked for in the past was to have Palestinian terrorists keep away from its borders so the shelling would finally cease. This action now by Israel is the result of the inactivity and disconcert by both the Reagan Administration and a blind international community to heed to the warnings and the realities of the volatile Middle East.

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